VERTEX GROWTH FUND



- Unconstrained Investing -

\$887 Million

\$35 Million

Firm Assets

Fund Assets

Standard Deviation	Total Cumulative Return	5-Year Return	Since Inception	
14.61%	50.46%	-6.79%	4.39%	

Investment Objectives

Primary objective is to acheive long-term capital growth by investing in growth-oriented equities. The Vertex Growth Fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securites of North American companies. Investment may focus on assets in specific industry sectors and asset classes based on analysis of business cycles, industry sectors and market outlook.

Investment Strategy

To achieve the above objectives, fundamental analysis will be used to identify superior investment opportunities with the potential for above average capital appreciation over the long term. Vertex One will seek inefficiently priced companies backed by strong management teams with solid business models that have the potential to benefit from both industry and macro-economic trends.

Performance (Net of all fees and includes reinvested distributions)

Cumulative Return Comparison

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	Fund	Benchmark	
1 month	1.15%	1.90%	
3 month	7.69%	8.94%	
YTD	7.69%	8.94%	
1 year	-22.74%	7.21%	
3 year	-6.38%	11.35%	
5 year	-6.79%	9.99%	
Since Inception	4.39%	11.31%	
Cumulative Return	50.46%	179.27%	

Growth of \$1,000 Since Inception



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2019	3.28%	3.08%	1.15%										7.69%
2018	2.39%	-4.73%	-2.76%	0.40%	5.09%	-3.08%	-2.35%	-0.05%	0.49%	-15.29%	-7.17%	-9.04%	-31.96%
2017	1.10%	-0.76%	-0.46%	-0.25%	0.33%	-1.04%	-1.83%	-4.26%	2.67%	3.43%	-1.22%	3.43%	0.87%
2016	-9.30%	-0.06%	3.27%	0.28%	2.27%	2.02%	3.75%	-0.83%	1.76%	-4.92%	2.01%	4.48%	3.91%
2015	5.32%	6.06%	-2.56%	-1.70%	4.06%	-2.43%	3.72%	-3.98%	-5.71%	7.89%	-1.95%	-1.26%	6.54%
2014	6.10%	6.77%	1.27%	-0.17%	-1.80%	0.21%	0.56%	0.65%	-3.39%	-1.31%	-5.81%	-3.71%	-1.37%
2013	1.66%	0.68%	4.13%	0.19%	5.32%	-2.92%	1.68%	0.62%	4.23%	2.57%	4.88%	3.09%	29.12%
2012	6.59%	1.98%	3.03%	-3.90%	-3.58%	-0.79%	2.97%	3.97%	4.14%	0.43%	0.52%	1.92%	18.11%

Benchmark: 50% S&P 500 Total Return Index, 50% S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index

Pricing Schedule Offer Document Lock up Redemption Fee Distribution Performance Fee Management Fee Fund Codes Inception Date Inception Date Auditor No PriceWaterhouseCoopers NAVPU - Class B Minimum Investment Maing Simplified Prospectus No 2% fee within 30 days of purchase 20% of the amount exceeding the Benchmark Annual 20% of the amount exceeding the Benchmark VRT 400(B), VRT 401(F) VRT 402 (Low Load) Administration/Trustee CIBC Mellon PriceWaterhouseCoopers \$12.6429 NAVPU - Class B \$500.00 (initial) \$50.00 (subsequent)	Type of Fund	North American Growth			
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Portfolio Manager John Thiessen

Mr. John Thiessen is a founding partner and director of Vertex One Asset Management. He has operated as the lead manager of the Vertex Fund since its inception on February 6, 1998. Mr. Thiessen has significant investment experience with 25 years of equity, fixed income and arbitrage investing. He began his career with the Alberta Treasury Investment Management Division, after which he became an Investment Officer with National Trust. He was a Portfolio Manager with HSBC Asset Management before co-founding Vertex One Asset Management. Mr. Thiessen holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of the CFA Institute and CFA Society of Vancouver.

Commentary

2018 had the appearance of a relatively uneventful year until October arrived like an uninvited guest. The perceived effects of eight interest rate hikes over a two-year period, combined with the Federal Reserve reducing its balance sheet by \$50 Billion-per-month, initiated a massive global sell-off. These were not new data points but once paired with an unpredictable trade-war it enacted fear-driven selling.

So, with so many asset classes flashing red, where does that leave our investment opportunity?

To increase our M&A weight we sold some equities, including JPMorgan warrants, which were a long-term holding.

Our overweighting in energy was the biggest factor in our underperformance in 2018, particularly in the fourth quarter. We remain extremely bullish on these positions with our companies still cash flow positive at these lower oil prices. Even after the recession of 2008, global oil demand increased and the recent announcements from OPEC and the Alberta Government stepping-in to bring back order to the supply chain, reassures our optimism for 2019.

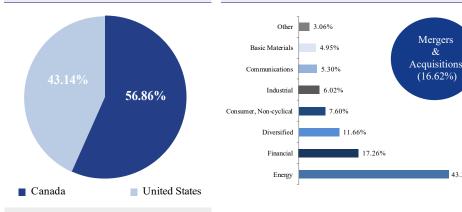
The other noteworthy weight in the portfolio is Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPAC's) which now sit at over 15% of our portfolio, led primarily by Chamath Palihapitiya's Social Capital Hedosophia. We recently spoke to management and we expect a deal to be announced in the first quarter of 2019. Palihapitiya's track record is second to none and we expect his first deal to be one for the record books, which would be a welcomed lift to the portfolio.

Example Holdings

Company Name	Country	Sector/Strategy	Weight
Petroshale	Canada	Energy	10.42%
Social Capital	US	Financial	9.72%
Brookfield Property Partners	Bermuda	Real Estate	6.53%
Diversified Royalty Corp.	Canada	Financial	6.02%
EnBridge	Canada	Energy	5.97%

Geographic Allocation

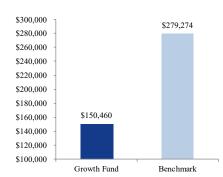
Sector Allocations



Statistical Analysis

	Fund	Benchmark
Beta	0.98	1.00
Sharpe	0.19	1.01
Standard Deviation	14.61%	8.56%
Largest monthly gain	13.95%	5.67%
Largest monthly loss	-15.29%	-6.00%
% positive months	55.65%	68.70%
rf = LIBOR, 1M, USD		

Total Cumulative Return of \$100,000



Corporate Profile

We are an independent investment firm that seeks to offer investors a different approach to fund management, one based on capital preservation in both good and bad markets. We offer investors a full spectrum of risk and return profiles, actively managed by asset class and strategy exposure. Vertex employees are collectively the largest investors across its funds.

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