## BARRANTAGH

**Investment Management** 

#### Update – Mar. 31, 2021

- Firm Update
- Small Cap Canadian Equities
  - Observations
  - Diversification
  - Mandate Review
- Economic Update



#### **ICS Program**



### **FIRM UPDATE**



# **Firm Update**

#### **FIRM PROFILE**

- 100% employee-owned investment managers since 1995
- 17 employees, firm ownership expanded to 6 employeeshareholders
- AUM: \$1.2 Bn (private wealth, institutional, sub-advisory)
- Fundamental quality value style

#### **STRATEGIES OFFERED**

- Balanced Mandates active asset mix mgmt.
- Fixed Income Credit barbell + active duration mgmt.
- Equity Strategies Focus Portfolios (20 40 stocks in a strategy):
  - Small Cap quality/yield focus
  - Mid Cap S&P TSX Completion Index
  - All Cap Cdn Equities
  - Income yield focus
  - Global Equities Global leaders + Special situations

#### FIRM UPDATE

#### **COVID 19:**

- Operating remotely with full trading, portfolio accounting, investment team and client service capability
- Rotating limited office schedule & video conferencing

#### **Diversification Strategies:**

- Small Cap new prospectus fund launched in Q2/19
  - 'F' Class 1.0% MER, 13-year composite track-record
  - 'A' Class 2.0% MER launching in Q2/2021
- Mid Cap reached 3-year track record end of Q2/20

#### **ESG Integration Update:**

 Completed UN PRI signatory process (2019) & formalized BIM Responsible Investing Policy

#### **Sub-Advisory News:**

• Awarded new SMA mandate (Global Equities) continuing to broaden our offerings with 5 leading IIROC firms

#### Website Upgrade 2020:

- Launched July, 2020
- Improved navigation, functionality & content
- Advisor Portal



## **Investment Philosophy**

**Defining Quality** 







### **OBSERVATIONS:**

**Small Cap Canadian Equities** 



### **Small Cap Canadian Equity**

#### Performance at March 31, 2021

For Periods Ending Mar. 31, 2021	YTD	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs	6 Yrs	7 Yrs	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs
BIM Canadian Small Cap	3.6%	68.1%	16.5%	<b>12.0%</b>	9.3%	11.1%	8.3%	8.2%	<b>11.2%</b>	1 <b>2.0</b> %	<b>12.5%</b>
S&P/TSX Small Cap Index	9.8%	100.2%	13.9%	8.4%	4.4%	9.0%	6.4%	3.9%	5.3%	3.8%	1.8%
S&P/TSX Composite Index	8.1%	44.3%	11.3%	10.2%	8.0%	10.1%	7.1%	7.1%	8.1%	7.9%	6.0%

	1 Yr Mar 31	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
BIM Canadian Small Cap S&P/TSX Small Cap Index	<mark>68.1%¹</mark> 100.2%													- <b>22.9%</b> -45.5%

<sup>1</sup> Periods where index performance was driven by commodity rallies (Mining & Oil Exploration & Production) Green indicates periods that Barrantagh Small Cap outperformed

Returns are gross of fees. Composites include actual accounts managed by Barrantagh. Past performance is no guarantee of future returns.



### **Small Cap Canadian Equity**

#### **Returns: Down Market Protection Trumps the Beta Rally**

Last 2 Years: BIM Small Cap vs. TSX Small Cap



- Outperformance in the COVID selloff has outweighed the recent shortfall on the commodity rally
- Including the market sell off & recovery the strategy has returned +16.5% over the last 2 yrs vs. the TSX small cap index at +13.9% annualized



### **Small Cap Canadian Equities**

**Conservative Exposure to Commodities Delivers Much Lower Portfolio Risk vs. Market** 

	Barrantagh Small Cap Cdn. Equites <sup>1</sup>	TSX Small Cap	Median
Annualized Return	13.2	3.0%	9.2%
Standard Deviation	13.8	21.5%	16.6%
Sharpe Ratio	0.88	0.09	0.41





<sup>1</sup> Since Inception Jan. 1, 2008

<sup>2</sup> vs. Evestment Small Cap Universe



## **Small Cap Canadian Equity**

**Excess Returns: Substantial Commodity Rallies are Infrequent & Short-Lived** 



Rolling 1 Yr Excess Returns: BIM Small Cap Annual Alpha vs. TSX Small Cap



## **Small Cap Canadian Equity**

#### **Quality Lags the Index During Commodity Rallies**

#### **HIGH RISK/LOW QUALITY:**

- Levered balanced sheets
- Negative free cashflow, no dividends
- Weak mgmt. teams
- Unpredictable & volatile

		2016	1 Yr Mar/2021
lall <	Metals & Mining	26.5%	19.4%
X Sm Inde> ights	Oil E&P	<u>14.1%</u>	9.9%
S&P TSX Small Cap Index Weights	Total Index Weight	40.6%	29.3%
LT I	BIM SC Return	19.8%	68.1%
1 Yr Return	TSX Small Cap	<u>38.5%</u>	<u>100.2%</u>
1 Yr	Alpha	-18.7%	-32.1%
SU	Mining & E&P	-26.4%	-35.9%
Major Contributors to Alpha	All Other Industries	<u>+7.7%</u>	<u>+3.8%</u>
Cor		-18.7%	-32.1%





### **Small Cap Canadian Equity Mandate**

Junior Gold Miners: Underperforming/Volatile & Poor Commodity Tracking



#### **Cumulative Returns ~ 12 Years**



### **Small Cap Canadian Equity Mandate**

Small Cap Energy: Underperforming/Volatile & Poor Commodity Tracking



#### **Cumulative Returns ~ 12 Years**



# **Canadian Equity Markets**

#### Small Cap Median Beats the Large Cap Median 70% of the time Since 1985



**Rolling 5 Year Annualized Performance** 

<sup>1</sup>Evestment Large Cap Canadian Equity <sup>2</sup>Evestment Small Cap Canadian Equity



## **Small Cap Median Manager Outperforms on Rebounds**

Beats the Large Cap TSX Composite on Market Recoveries





#### **RETURNS:** Small Cap Canadian Equities

Strong Performance vs. Large Cap Core & Cdn Dividend Strategies (for Periods Ending Mar. 31, 2021)





#### **RETURNS:** Small Cap Canadian Equities

Strong Performance vs. Large Cap Cdn & Global Equities (for Periods Ending Mar. 31, 2021)







### **DIVERSIFICATION:** Small Cap Canadian Equities

#### Improve Returns & Lower Risk by Combining with Large Cap Managers



**Canadian Equity Allocation** 

Most large-cap Cdn. Equity managers are *highly correlated (>0.9)* – with each other and the index

Barrantagh small cap offers *very low correlation with large cap (0.6)* and indices

 Allocation can reduce overall portfolio risk + increase return







### **MANDATE REVIEW**

**Small Cap Canadian Equities** 



### **Profile: Small Cap Canadian Equities**

#### Portfolio at March 31, 2021

CHARACTERISTICS	
Number of Holdings	29
Avg. Market Cap	\$2.1 Bn
# Industry Sectors	10
Dividend Yield	2.2%

Barrantagh Small Cap Industry Weight vs. Index





Barrantagh Small Cap



# **Canadian Small Cap Equity Portfolio**

#### Portfolio at March 31, 2021 | Q1 Transactions

	Portfolio		Portfolio	
	Weight		Weight	
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>		Industrials		SOLD
MTY Food Group (NEW)	0.5%	Aecon Group	3.4%	North West Co.
Diversified Royal	2.5%	Badger Daylighting	3.4%	Parkland Fuel
	3.1%	Boyd Group <mark>(-)</mark>	4.1%	People Corp.
Consumer Staples		Cargojet <mark>(-)</mark>	3.6%	
Primo Water	3.8%	Calian Group	2.7%	
Jamieson Wellness	4.1%	Savaria (+)	3.1%	
Premium Brands	3.7%	Mullen Group (NEW)	2.0%	TRIM = (-)
	11.6%	Morneau Shepell	4.7%	ADD = (+)
			27.0%	
Energy		Real Estate		
Arc Resources (NEW)	2.9%	Minto Apartment REIT (-)	3.4%	
Gibson Energy	3.2%	Storagevault Canada (-)	3.6%	
Enerflex (NEW)	2.8%	Summit Industrial REIT	3.0%	
Tidewater Midstream	3.0%		10.0%	
	11.9%	Utilities		
Financials		Boralex (-)	3.2%	
Equitable Group (NEW)	2.7%	Superior Plus	3.9%	
Trisura Group	5.6%	Transalta Renwables	3.4%	
	8.3%		10.5%	
Health Care		Materials		
Andlauer Healthcare	4.3%	Altius Minerals	2.8%	
	4.3%	Intertape Polymer (-)	3.9%	
Information Technology			6.7%	
Dye & Durham	3.7%			
	3.7%	Cash & Equivalent	2.9%	
		Total	100.0%	



# **Canadian Small Cap Equity Portfolio**

**Select Holdings – Brand Recognition** 



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### **ECONOMIC REVIEW**



# Outlook

World:

- Response has been quick
- Rate cuts, fiscal stimulus, monetary support, credit supports, regulatory burden relief
- Fiscal policy response expected to add 1.3% to global GDP
- U.S. Example fiscal policy between ~\$5.2tn
  - The U.S. response is about 25% of current GDP
  - In 2008 the response was \$830bn or 6% of GDP

Canada:

Fiscal support ~11% of GDP





Source: The Daily Shot, Moody's



# **U.S. & Canada Manufacturing PMI**

#### U.S. Mfg. PMI



#### Canada Mfg. PMI



Source: The Daily Shot



## **Working with You**

- Why Small Cap Canadian Equities
  - 1. Adds low-risk alpha & yield to client portfolios
  - 2. Diversification *reduce* overall client portfolio *risk* (low correlation)
  - 3. Exploit the opportunity in small cap stocks (limited sell-side coverage)
- SMA Min. Investment Small Cap: \$80,000
- Advisor Portal available <u>www.barrantagh.com</u> Password: CIBC3

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