# **Barrantagh Small Cap Canadian Equity Fund**



#### **EQUITY MANAGEMENT**

- Value bias
- Quality focus (strong Balance Sheet / full cycle profitability)
- Disciplined bottom up research process
- Management interviews
- Low turnover
- High conviction portfolios
- Minimum 7 GICS sectors
- F Series 1.0% MER

### **SMALL CAP CANADIAN EQUITIES**

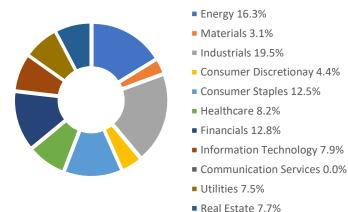
- 20 40 small cap Canadian stocks
- Average market cap at time of purchase <\$2bn, dividend yield >1%

Fund Code:	Min Investment: \$1,000 initial,	Fund Size:	CUSIP:
BMI105	\$200 subsequent	\$98.3M	993565548

Barrantagh Investment Management Inc. is a bottom-up, value driven investment manager with over 20 years history of offering investment services to both high net worth and institutional clients. Our investment philosophy is based on three key values. When we As of March 31, 2023 look for investment ideas we start with superior businesses with clear competitive advantages and the ability to sustain their profitability throughout the full cycle. Once identified, we look to interview  $\frac{S8}{100}$ management and ensure they are quality people with goals and targets that align with shareholders. This includes a proven track record of conservative and clear business strategy. The final tenet is our buy and sell discipline around attractive prices, based our independent valuation. We use our own cash flow analysis to establish both buy and sell targets in order to build our high conviction and focused portfolios.

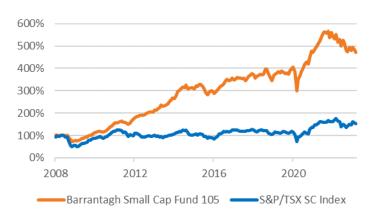
### Current Portfolio – Equity Sectors (GICS)

Portfolio Date: March 31, 2023



### Investment Growth (CDN\$) \*

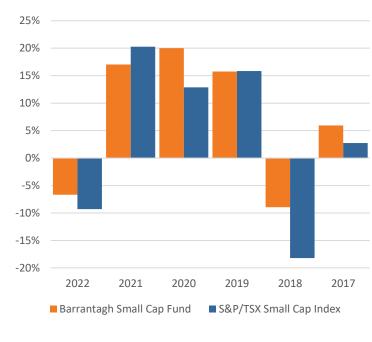
Time Period: Jan 1 2008 to Mar 31, 2023



## Trailing Returns \*

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
arrantagh Small Cap Fund	-2.1%	-7.2%	19.5%	6.9%	8.8%
&P/TSX Small Cap Index	4.5%	-12.6%	27.6%	5.7%	4.6%

#### Investment Annual Performance Chart \*

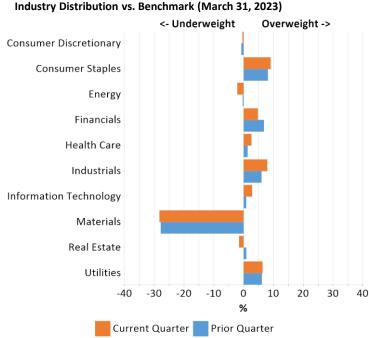


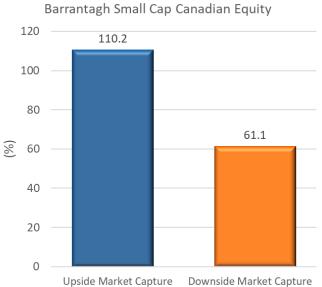
<sup>\*</sup> Barrantagh Small Cap Canadian Equity Composite performance is used to reflect periods prior to Fund Inception. Investment returns shown are provided for informational purposes only and are calculated net of management fees, trading and operating expenses. Returns are annualized for periods greater than 1 year and calculated on a total return basis which includes changes in net asset value, income and capital gains (losses). Returns do not include the impact of any sales, redemption, optional charges, or any income taxes payable by the unitholder. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance and future performance will fluctuate with future market outcomes.

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Top 10 Holdings				
As at Mar 31, 2023	Portfolio			
	Weighting %			
Boyd Group Services Inc.	6.1			
Andlauer Healthcare Group Inc.	4.9			
Storagevault Canada Inc.	4.5			
Neighbourly Pharmacy Inc.	4.5			
Boralex Inc.	4.4			
Trisura Group Ltd	4.4			
MTY Food Group Inc.	4.3			
ARC Resources Ltd	4.2			
Definity Financial Corp.	4.2			
Premium Brands Holdings Corp.	4.1			





## Risk Measures - Barrantagh Small Cap Composite

(Since Inception to March 31, 2023)

Std Dev	13.8%
Downside Deviation	16.4%
Alpha	9.9%
Beta	0.53
Sharpe Ratio	0.78
Tracking Error	12.8%

### First Quarter Commentary

Amid much volatility, global equity markets delivered further gains during the first quarter. Sentiment shifted to risk-on to start the year, followed by risk-off in February, and finally large swings in March with investors gravitating to both defense (size, liquidity, stability) and growth (on views that interest rate hikes had peaked). Small caps lagged during the period outside of precious metals, where weaker USD, falling rate expectations, and flight to "safety" all aligned to lift gold prices. In this environment we lagged as our focus on quality small cap, cash flow compounding businesses at attractive valuations did not check the in favour "style" box for the quarter.

As we have noted in the past, we avoid the gold space, specifically in the small cap arena where the Canadian market is flooded with junior exploration companies with a history of sinking large swaths of investor capital into the ground at subpar long-term returns. Going back to 2009 (as long as we have segmented data for junior gold equities) the commodity has returned just under 7% annually, while the related equities delivered less than 4% annually. Not only do the gold equities trail the commodity, but by contrast, capital invested in our small cap strategy has appreciated by more than ~7x over that same period. During the short term, there are times it can be painful for a Canadian small cap manager to avoid golds; over market cycles we believe this discipline provides strong addition by subtraction.

Outside of materials, financials was the other main detractor from relative performance during the period where an overweight position and negative selection hurt. This was partially offset by relative strength in the more "defensive" sectors including real estate, consumer staples, utilities, and health care.

With market sentiment shifting strongly in one direction, some individual high-quality small caps have fallen out of favour, providing an opportunity to deploy capital at increasingly attractive valuations. One example is a long-term holding, Cargojet (CJT). This previous high-flyer (pun intended) has been trimmed over the years (most recently Feb/21 and Jun/20 at much higher prices) to manage position size given the accelerated pace at which CJT grew intrinsic value. Fast forward to today, the market has a myopic focus on the slowing freight environment, growing international competition, and deferral of the fleet expansion plans. We don't discount these challenges, but an overly short-term and pessimistic outlook loses sight of (1) the strength of the franchise (near-monopoly in overnight air-freight, long-term contracts, e-commerce tailwinds, etc.) and (2) the high likelihood that the current grey skies will pass. We added to our position in CJT during the quarter. We can't control when or how deep the pendulum will swing from euphoria to despair, but we can check our emotions and seek to take advantage of the opportunities when it does.