# BARRANTAGH

**Investment Management** 

**Update – Sept. 30, 2023** 

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



**ICS Program** 

## Firm Update

#### **FIRM PROFILE**

- 100% employee-owned investment managers since 1995
- 17 employees, firm ownership expanded to 7 employeeshareholders
- AUM: \$1.3 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**

#### **PROMOTIONS:**

- Robert Vidinovski from Associate Portfolio Manager to Portfolio Manager
   – Fixed Income
- Kevin Chu from Associate Portfolio Manager to Portfolio Manager – Global Equities

#### **Diversification Strategies:**

- Small Cap new prospectus fund launched in Q2/19
  - 'F' Class 1.0% MER, 14-year composite track-record
  - 'A' Class 2.0% MER launched in Q2/2021
- Mid Cap reached 5-year track record end of Q2/22

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

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

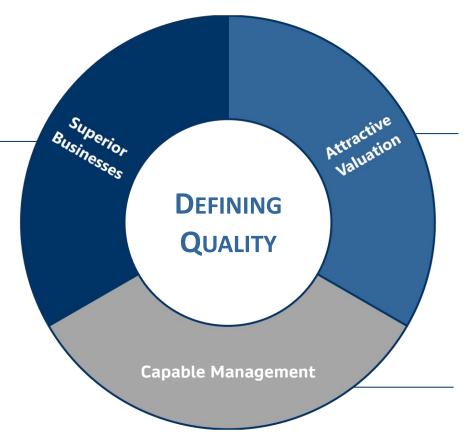


## **Investment Philosophy**

#### **Defining Quality Value**

#### **IDEA GENERATION**

- Competitive advantages
- Industry leaders
- Pricing Power
- High return on capital
- Low capital intensity
- ESG Profile



#### INDEPENDENT VALUATION

- Cashflow analysis
- Independent valuation
- Forecast use of leverage
- Quality reduces risk
- Buy/Sell Targets

#### **MANAGEMENT INTERVIEWS**

- Aligned with shareholders
- Clear business strategy
- Record of value creation
- Low cost operators
- Conservative use of leverage





### **MANDATE REVIEW**

**Small Cap Canadian Equities** 



### **Performance Review**

### **2023 Key Themes**

- 1. Small Caps underperform large caps
- 2. Quality underperforms cyclicals
- 3. Cyclical stocks led the small cap Canadian market in 2023
  - Higher rates had less impact on cyclical companies where earnings are viewed on shorter time horizons (momentum)
- 4. Current environment has delivered outsized corrections relative to the scale of negative revisions



# **Small Cap Canadian Equity**

Performance at September 30, 2023

For Periods Ending Sept. 30, 2023	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	-8.9%	-0.6%	-6.9%	4.7%	7.0%	5.0%	6.2%	5.4%	7.6%	5.7%	7.7%
S&P/TSX Small Cap Index	-1.1%	7.2%	-3.9%	10.0%	6.6%	3.8%	3.2%	2.9%	6.5%	3.0%	4.0%
S&P/TSX Composite Index	3.4%	9.5%	1.8%	9.9%	7.3%	7.3%	7.0%	7.3%	8.2%	6.2%	7.5%

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
BIM Canadian Small Cap S&P/TSX Small Cap Index		-					-								

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



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

**Small Cap Quality Lags in Cyclical-Led Markets** 

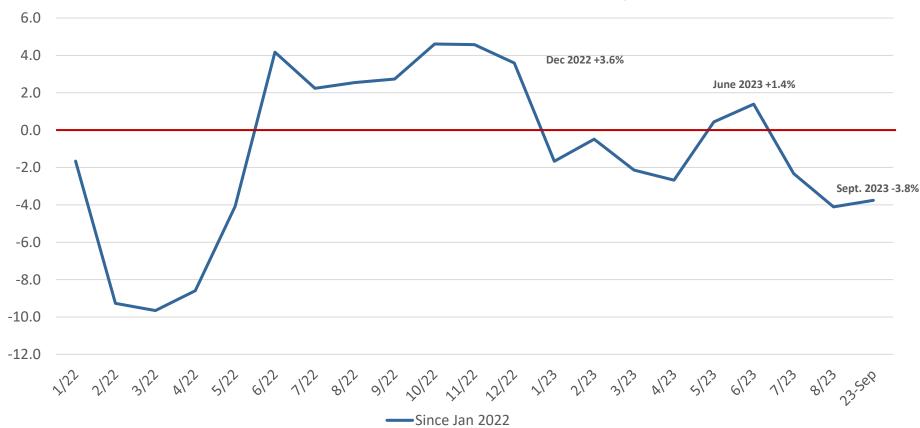
#### Rolling One-Year Excess Return vs TSX Small Cap Index





**End Period Sensitivity Since Jan. 2022 – Tightening Cycle** 

#### **Cumulative Excess Return vs TSX Small Cap Index**

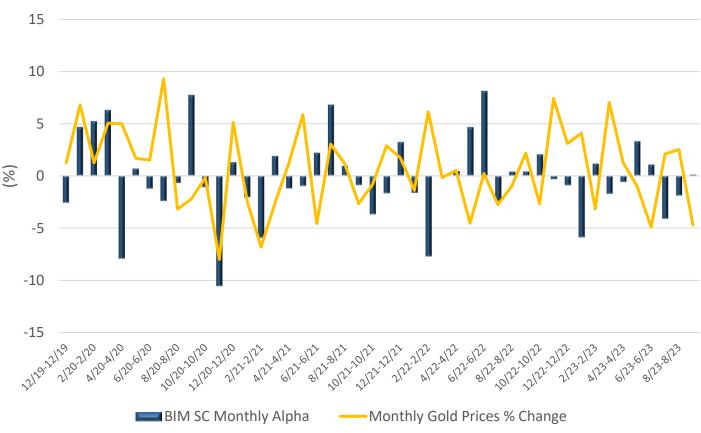




## **Small Cap Canadian Equity**

### **Gold Price Volatility is Heightened**







**2023 YTD: Narrow Cyclical-Led Market – Top 10 Contributors** 

% of Index	Top 10 S&P TSX Small Cap		Contribution	Return 2023	Index Weight
	Contributors (YTD 2023)			(%)	(%)
	Celestica	AI Theme	0.91	93.0	0.82
	Athabasca Oil	Commodity Cyclical	0.70	80.5	1.18
	<b>Dundee Precious Metals</b>	Commodity Cyclical	0.41	31.4	1.10
	Chartwell Retirement	COVID Recovery	0.31	28.0	0.93
00/	EQB	Portfolio Holding 3.9%	0.31	39.3	0.75
8%	MDA	Industrial Cyclical	0.29	80.2	0.48
	Denison Mines	Commodity Cyclical	0.28	43.9	0.83
	Ero Copper	Commodity Cyclical	0.28	25.6	1.24
	Sabina Gold & Silver	Commodity Cyclical	0.27	60.2	0.22
	Cascades Inc.	Commodity Cyclical	0.24	<u>49 5</u>	<u>0.55</u>
	TOP 10 Contrib.		4.0%	53.2% <sup>1</sup>	8.1%
92%	Remaining 274 Companies		-5.1%	-3.6% <sup>1</sup>	91.9%
100%	S&P TSX Small Cap Index		-1.1%	-1.1%	100.0



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Average Return

### **2023 YTD:** Narrow Cyclical-Led Market – Top 10% of Companies

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	Contributors (YTD 2023)			(%)	(%)
8%	TOP 10 Contrib.		4.0%	53.2% <sup>1</sup>	8.1%
	Hut 8 Mining	Crypto Mining	0.23	130.2	0.3
	Nuvista Energy	Commodity Cyclical	0.22	20.7	0.8
	Well Health	-50% from COVID peak	0.22	46.1	0.6
	Energy Fuels	Commodity Cyclical	0.21	33.2	0.9
	AG Growth Int'l	Portfolio Holding 2.3%	0.2	23.9	0.7
	Eldorado Gold	Commodity Cyclical	0.2	7.4	1.6
	Badger Infra.	Industrial Cyclical	0.19	323	0.7
	North American Construction	Commodity Cyclical	0.19	64.6	0.4
9%	Kelt Exploration	Commodity Cyclical	0.18	44.7	0.6
	Russell Metals	Industrial Cyclical	0.18	15.5	0.9
	Oceanagold	Commodity Cyclical	0.17	4.1	1.3
	Aecon Group	Industrial Cyclical	0.16	30.3	0.5
	Headwater Exploration	Commodity Cyclical	0.16	26.5	0.8
	CES Energy Solutions	Commodity Cyclical	0.15	42.8	0.5
	Computer Modelling	Commodity Cyclical	0.15	48.7	0.4
	Uni-Select	Consumer Cyclical	0.14	11.8	0.8
	Freehold Royalties	Commodity Cyclical	0.13	12.8	0.7
	Top 10% of Contributors		7.2%	42%1	17.3%
83%	Remaining 257 Companies		-8.1%	-6.2% <sup>1</sup>	83%
100%	S&P TSX Small Cap Index		-1.1%	-1.1%	100.0



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Average Return

**2023 YTD: Quality Stocks Lag Cyclicals** 

	Portfolio Holding	Comment	Revision	Stock Reaction
Macro/Rates	Neighbourly Pharmacy Dentalcorp Cargojet Boralex Softchoice	Oct – offer to take private – 70% Premium +10% Oct. – readthrough from NBLY Slowdown in freight volumes Rate sensitive, renewables out of favour Slowdown in IT spending		
Both	Dye & Durham	Housing activity slowdown, FQ4 missed mid-point of guidance	-4% (EBITDA vs consensus )	-34% (multiple contracted ~25% to 7x EBITDA)
Negative Revisions	Jamieson Wellness	Trimmed top-end guidance	-1% 2023 RE. & EBITDA, -5% on EPS	-22% (multiple contract 16% to 9X EBITDA
	Storagevault	Slowing organic growth	Q2 FFO/share -3% miss  Q2SPNOI +2% (down from +6%q/q, +14%y/y)	-17% (multiple contracted ~17% to 19X FFO
	Calian Group	Q3 Earnings miss – IT segment	-14% on 2023 EBITDA guidance (fwd estimates down ~5%)	20% (multiple contracted ~15% to 7.5X EBITDA
	Trisura	Reinsurance receivable write-down (Feb) ~3.5% of total reinsurance recoverable	Fwd EPS estimates are +17% since pre-announcement	-28% (multiple contracted ~40% to 12X Fwd P/E



# **Small Cap Canadian Equity**

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

Sept. 30, 2023	Barrantagh Small Cap Cdn. Equites <sup>1</sup>	TSX Small Cap	Median
Annualized Return	10.9%	2.4%	8.1%
Standard Deviation	13.7%	20.9%	17.0%
Sharpe Ratio	0.7	0.1	0.4

#### **Barrantagh Small Cap Canadian Equity**





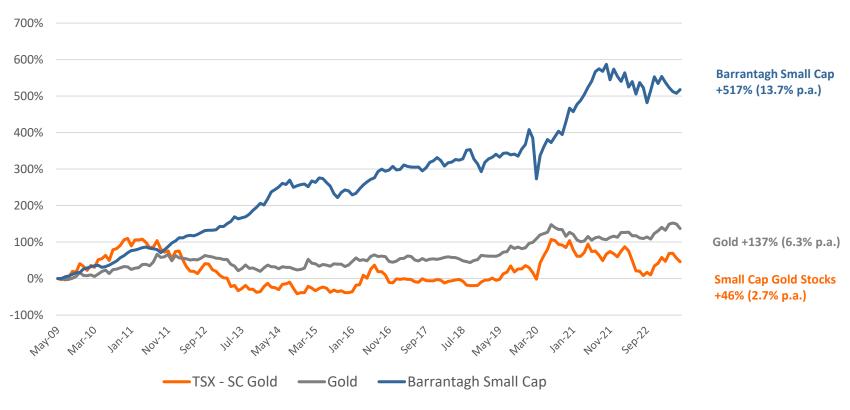
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Since Inception Jan. 1, 2008

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> vs. Evestment Small Cap Universe

## **Small Cap Canadian Equity Mandate**

Junior Gold Miners: Underperforming/Volatile & Poor Commodity Tracking

#### Cumulative Returns ~ 14 Years to June 30 2023



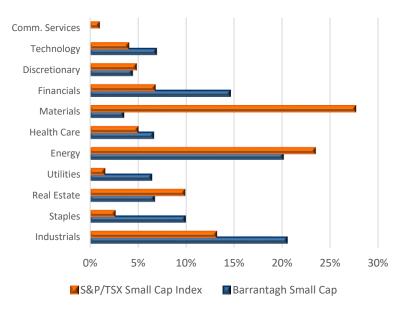


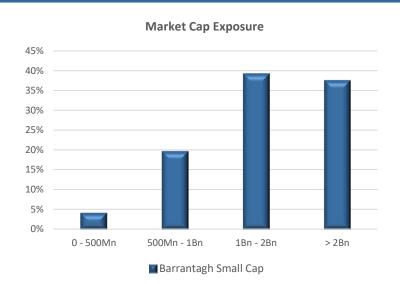
# **Profile: Small Cap Canadian Equities**

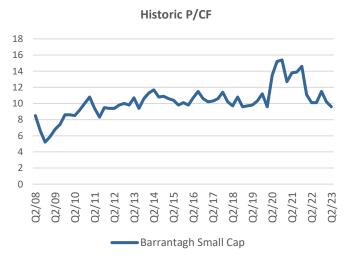
### Portfolio at September 30, 2023

CHARACTERISTICS	
Number of Holdings	29
Avg. Market Cap	\$2.5 Bn
# Industry Sectors	10
Dividend Yield	2.3%

#### **Barrantagh Small Cap Industry Weight vs. Index**









### Portfolio at September 30, 2023 | Q3 Transactions

	Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight
Consumer Discretionary		Industrials		Utilities	
MTY Food Group	4.3%	AG Growth (+)	2.3%	Boralex	3.3%
	4.3%	Boyd Group (-)	5.2%	Superior Plus	2.9%
<b>Consumer Staples</b>		<b>Brookfield Business</b>	3.2%		6.2%
Jamieson Wellness	2.8%	Cargojet	2.6%	Materials	
Neighbourly Pharmacy	2.7%	Calian Group	3.6%	Chemtrade Logistics	3.4%
Premium Brands	4.0%	Savaria	2.8%		3.4%
	9.5%		19.7%		
Energy		Real Estate		Cash & Equivalent	3.9%
Arc Resources (-)	3.7%	Minto Apartment REIT	3.0%	Total	100.0%
Gibson Energy	2.8%	Storagevault Canada	3.5%		
Enerflex	3.1%		6.5%		
Logan Energy (NEW)	2.0%	<b>Health Care</b>		<u>Sold</u>	
Tamarack Valley (+)	4.6%	Andlauer Healthcare	4.2%		
Tidewater Midstream	3.1%	Dentalcorp	2.2%		
	19.3%		6.4%		
Financials		Information Technology			
Definity Financial	4.7%	Dye & Durham	3.2%		
EQB Group	3.9%	Softchoice	3.5%		
Propel Holdings	1.4%		6.7%	TRIM = (-)	
Trisura Group	4.1%			ADD = (+)	
	14.1%				





### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**



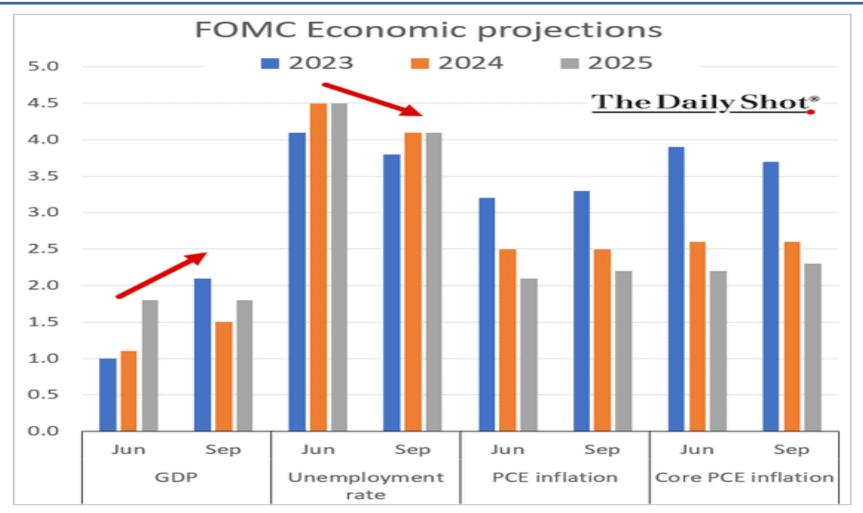
### **Outlook**

#### World:

- Higher rates reduce consumer & manufacturing activity
- Soft landing/moderate recession
  - Employment & wage increases remain resilient
  - Inflation is moderating off multi-decade peak
- Equity markets fell in 2022 on the expectation of weakening economy
  - Growth indices remain expensive vs. Value
  - Small cap and Income stocks are supported by falling inflation & current valuations



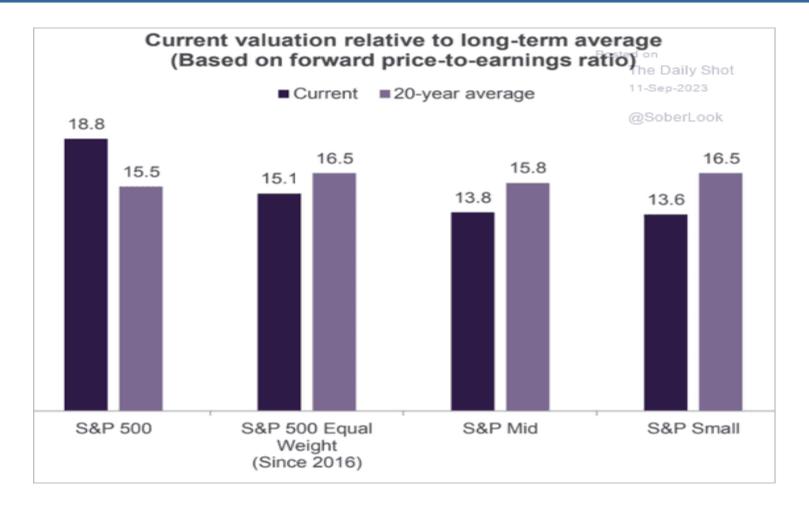
## **U.S. Fed Economic Projections**



# **U.S. Leading Index Suggests Mild Recession**



## **Market Valuations**

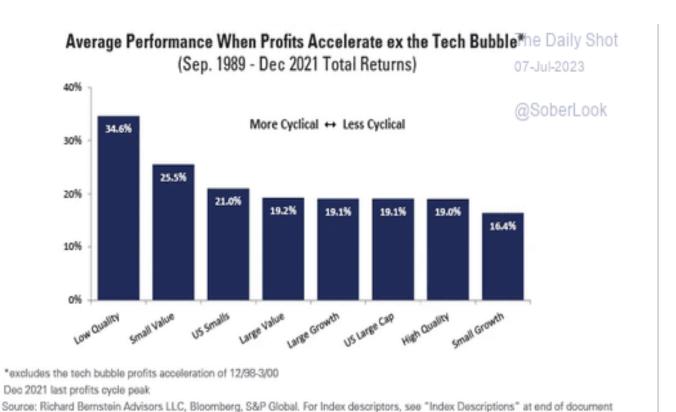




# **Small Cap – Widest Valuation Gap Since Tech Bubble**

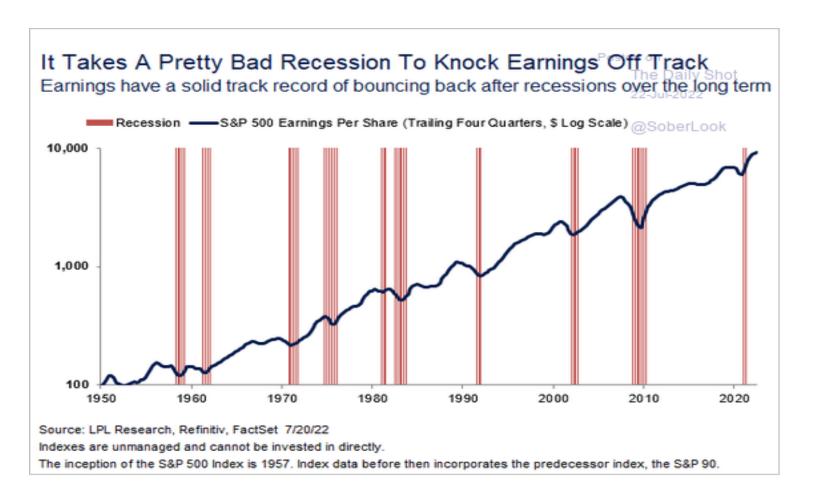


## **Profit Acceleration Phases Favour Small Cap and Value**





# Take a Long Term View – Earning are Resilient





## **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)
- SMA Minimum: \$80,000
- Advisor Portal available www.barrantagh.com Password: CIBC3

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