



James Cole, CFA

Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager

James joined Portland Investment Counsel Inc./AIC Limited in February 2000. James has 35 years of investment experience including 26 years as a portfolio manager responsible for Canadian and U.S. equities. Investment funds managed by James have received several national awards. In 2019, one of the funds (the “Fund”) was winner of the Canadian Hedge Fund Award for achieving 1st place for Best 5 Year Return in the Equity Focused Category, 2nd place for Best 1 Year Return in the Equity Focused Category and 3rd place for Best 3 Year Return in the Equity Focused Category. In 2018, the Fund won the Canadian Hedge Fund Award for achieving 3rd place for Best 5 Year Return in the Equity Focused category. In 2017, the Fund also received the Private Capital Markets Association of Canada (PCMA) Investment Fund of the Year Award. In addition, Canadian balanced funds lead-managed by James won Lipper Awards in 2018 and 2007 and FundGrade A+ Awards in 2019, 2018 and 2017 for having among the best risk-adjusted performances in their category.

Prior to joining Portland, James was a portfolio manager with Gluskin Sheff + Associates Inc. and prior to this was Vice President and Portfolio Manager with Beutel, Goodman & Company Ltd. James also was a securities analyst for nine years culminating in 1992 with being ranked in the Brendan Wood survey of institutional investors as the #1 communications and media analyst in Canada.

James was formerly the treasurer of CFA Society Calgary and previously served for three years as a director of CFA Society Toronto and chairman of its accounting and disclosure committee. James holds a degree in Economics from Trent University and earned his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 1986.