### SEPARATELY MANAGED ACCOUNTS (SMA) PROGRAM





## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the mandate is to provide positive long-term total returns with the MSCI USA Index serving as its benchmark.

# **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

### **Framework**

Five Laws of Wealth Creation:

- 1. Own a few high quality businesses
- 2. Thoroughly understand these businesses
- 3. Ensure these businesses are domiciled in strong, long-term growth industries
- 4. Use other people's money prudently
- 5. Hold these businesses for the long run

Ten Criteria (Attributes of Successful Private Businesses) are employed to filter out what the Manager believes are the best public/traditional and private/alternative investment opportunities.

- 1. Owner of the business is also the Operator of the business
- 2. Ownership is heavily concentrated
- 3. Key stakeholders are personified in the company and vice versa
- 4. Authoritative management style
- 5. Entrepreneurial management style
- 6. Low turnover in management positions
- 7. Symmetrical risk and reward for management
- 8. Business set goals for the long term
- 9. Board focus on growth
- 10. Value of the business is based on fundamentals: sales, market share and margins

### How the Mandate is Managed

- The investable universe, primarily U.S. listed equity securities, is reviewed for the 15 investment criteria.
- Investment decisions incorporate fundamental analysis and adhere to a value discipline.
- The Manager seeks to leverage the team's unique capabilities to identify special situations where the public market capitalization of a company is less than the value that would be attractive to a private investor.

# **QUICK FACTS**

Asset Class	North American Focused				
Style	Large Cap Growth at a Reasonable Price ("GARP")				
Manager	Portland Investment Counsel Inc.				
Lead Portfolio Manager	Robert Almeida, B.Comm., CPA, CA				
Mandate Minimum	\$50,000				
Mandate Currency	USD				
Mandate Code	PROM				

# ESEG Style Score (2.0), LSEG Size Score (2.0), Weight (9/30/2023 - 9/30/2024) 100.00 75.00 50.00 50.00 Energy 25.00 Information Technology 100.00 Financials 100.00 Information Technology 100.00 Financials 100.00

-50.00

-75.00

STYLE FACTOR

Growth

-50.00

-75.00

SCORES

-100 to -33

-33 to +33 +33 to +100 0.00 LSEG Style Score (2.0)

SIZE FACTOR

Small Cap

Mid Cap

Large Can

The above chart depicts the mandate's investment strategy in terms of the investment style, the typical size of the company, and the portfolio weight of each sector in the mandate.¹ The portfolio weights of each sector is depicted by the size of the bubbles. The style and size of the companies in the mandate can be used as a guide for the mandate's risk-return profile, for example, investments in small cap growth companies usually have more risk but potentially greater returns compared to large cap value companies.

Key Metrics <sup>2</sup>				
For the 12 months ended September 30, 2024				
Standard Deviation	12.8			
Realized Beta	0.8			
Dividend Yield	1.5			
Sharpe Ratio	2.2			

# **PERFORMANCE**

Gross Performance (as at September 30, 2024)	Start Date	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	Since Inception*
R Opportunities Model	Apr. 1, 2020	1.39%	5.26%	34.63%	8.32%	-	-	15.28%
MSCI USA Index <sup>3</sup>	-	2.12%	5.82%	35.64%	10.59%	-	-	20.78%



# PORTLAND R OPPORTUNITIES

Top 25 Holdings	
As at September 30, 2024	
SPDR Bloomberg 1-3 Month T-Bill ETF	8.5%
Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Class B	7.4%
Meta Platforms Inc., Class A	7.2%
Alphabet Inc., Class A	6.5%
Amazon.com, Inc.	6.4%
Liberty Latin America Ltd., Class C	6.3%
iShares Treasury Floating Rate Bond ETF	6.1%
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	6.1%
Apple Inc.	5.7%
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	5.4%
Brookfield Corporation	5.2%
SoftBank Group Corporation - ADR	4.8%
Microsoft Corporation	4.4%
Capital Power Corp	3.4%
Mastercard Inc., Class A	3.2%
Parkland Corporation	1.9%
Cargojet Inc.	1.7%
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	1.6%
MDA Space Ltd.	1.3%
CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc.	1.2%
Brookfield Asset Management Ltd	1.2%
HEICO Corp	1.1%
Ulta Beauty Inc	1.0%
Okta Inc	0.9%
Zscaler Inc.	0.9%
TOP 25 TOTAL	99.42%



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- 1. Investment style can be classified as value (companies which are undervalued in the market), growth (companies that offer strong earnings growth), and growth at a reasonable price or GARP (companies that show consistent earnings growth but don't sell at overly high valuations). Typical company size denotes if the typical investment is in large cap companies (market capitalization greater than \$10 billion), mid cap companies (market capitalization between \$2 and \$10 billion), and small cap companies (market capitalization less than \$2 billion). Within the style matrix, there are investments within the mandate that are unclassified as they are either ETFs (exchange traded funds) or funds on funds. These unclassified securities are not expected to impact the style matrix.
- 2. Dividend Yield: The dividends per share for the most recent 12-month period divided by the current market price per share.
  - Standard Deviation: A measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean to measure an investments volatility. It is calculated as the square root of variance by determining the variation between the monthly returns.
  - Realized Beta: A measure of systematic risk of a security or portfolio that allows you to calculate the expected return within the Capital Asset Pricing Model. It is calculated by taking the covariance between the returns of a security or portfolio with the returns of the market portfolio divided by the variance of the returns of the market portfolio.
  - Sharpe Ratio: A measure for calculating risk-adjusted returns. The Sharpe ratio is the portfolio return in excess of the risk-free rate divided by the volatility of the portfolio.
- 3. Benchmark weight and return from the MSCI USA Index, which seeks to track the investment results of an index composed of U.S. equities.

Since the Mandate does not necessarily invest in the same securities as the benchmark or in the same proportion, the performance of the Mandate may not be directly comparable to the benchmark. The use of a benchmark is for illustrative purposes only, and is not an indication of performance of the Mandate.

Fees may be associated with this investment program. Indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns and do not include fees. Investment returns are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

Risk tolerance measures the degree of uncertainty that an investor can handle regarding fluctuations in the value of their portfolio. An investor's tolerance for risk depends largely on their personal financial circumstances including time horizon, liquidity needs, portfolio size, income, investment knowledge and attitude toward price fluctuations. Clients should only make investments that are suitable and consistent with their individual risk tolerance.

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<sup>\*</sup> Annualized