

Why Invest in Canadian Equities?

Canadian equities are relatively inexpensive compared with their U.S. peers when measured by price-to-book and price-to-sales ratios. Our Canadian ex-energy equity strategy is meant to provide investors with long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of major Canadian companies, excluding those in the energy sector (as per GICS classification), in order to provide broad exposure to economic growth opportunities in Canada.

Philosophy

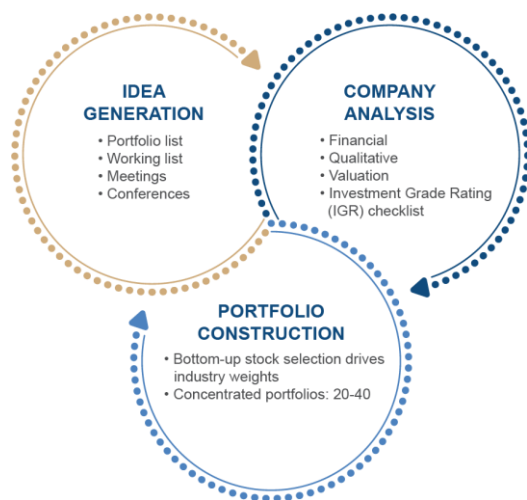
We believe that superior investment returns are achieved by taking a long-term, bottom-up, value-oriented approach to investing based on detailed fundamental research and analysis. Our proven philosophy revolves around two long-standing core concepts:

Understanding Quality

- Focus on key business drivers (competitive advantage, pricing, cost structure, growth etc.) and the predictability of those drivers
- Assessing business performance in the last downturn and subsequent changes to business model
- Analyzing true free cash flow conversion of the business
- Assessing capital allocation history and balance sheet strength
- Track record on governance and shareholder alignment

Disciplined on Valuation

- Wait until expectations are low and risk/return more attractive
- Assess value relative to:
 - The company's historic valuation
 - The broader market and its global peers
 - The quality of the company
- Understand changes in the market and/or business and their structural impact on valuation
- Apply absolute valuation cap to reduce downside risk



Investment Grade Rating (IGR) Checklist Summary

	1	3	5	RATING
Business Fundamentals				
Growth (past 10 years)				
Financial Strength				
Profitability				
Corporate Governance				
Share Liquidity				
Overall Investment Grade				

FGP ranks the quality of a company from 1 to 5

1 - Highest Quality

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5 - Acceptable Quality

Portfolio Management Team

Team Member	Roles and Responsibilities	Year Joined FGP	Year Joined Industry
Bryan Pilsworth, CFA, MBA	Lead Portfolio Manager (large cap)	2007	2002
Tom Duncanson, CFA	Portfolio Manager (small cap) Research – Materials	2004	2004
Brandon Tu, CFA, CPA, CA, MAcc	Portfolio Manager (equity income) Research – Banks, REITs	2008	2001
John Berry, CFA, MBA, P. Eng	Research – Canadian Equities	1998	1998
Zubaida Mirza, CFA, MBA	Research – Energy, Utilities, Telecom	2008	1996
Ben Lambert, BBA	Junior Research Analyst	2024	2023
Graeme Lang, BA	Trader	2017	2001

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