



AlphaNorth
Asset Management

FUND COMMENTARY

AlphaNorth Growth Fund

August 2014

NAV
Series A (ANF010) \$4.176
Series F (ANF011) \$4.284

Fund Review The Fund returned 1.3% in August. This compared to 2.2% for the TSX Venture and 2.1% for the TSX Total Return index.

During August, weakness in the Fund's technology sector holdings was offset by gains in our energy sector investments. This occurred despite weakness in oil prices which weighed on the energy sector. We believe that oil prices are likely to trade in a range for the foreseeable future and have recently dropped to the lower end of the range. There are several stock specific catalysts, high impact drilling and well results, which we have been anticipating for some time. These have been delayed by unforeseen events. However, recent developments indicate that timing of these events should occur prior to yearend. We believe these catalysts could have a significant positive impact on our holdings in the near term. We are encouraged that junior resources are recovering as we anticipated. We believe the resource recovery to be in the early stages and that continued strength will ensue. The escalation of the recovery should translate favourably in the returns of the Fund as our holdings in this sector represent nearly 50%.

The Fund has a small cash position. We continue to have no major sector biases. The current sector mix is comprised of 30% in technology, 10% in health care, 1% in financials, 14% in consumer discretionary, 27% in energy and 17% in materials.

Outlook As one would expect following an event such as the Global Financial Crisis, investor risk aversion has remained high for longer than would otherwise be the case in a normal equity market cycle. The equity market rally was initially driven by the lowest risk components of the index: anything large cap, profitable and paying a dividend. In recent quarters, leadership has transitioned to the technology and life sciences sectors which have performed strongly and offer higher returns over the long term. In recent months, we have noted that sentiment is slowly changing to include the more speculative small cap stocks. The fact that the TSXV bottomed over a year ago and has outperformed the majority of the major equity indices worldwide on a year to date basis illustrates this point. Despite this modest improvement in the Canadian small cap space, many small cap stocks have not responded favourably to positive news events. This has been frustrating for both management and investors. We expect returns to become more broad based as the number of strong performers grows. It is interesting to note that the Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite which has traded in a similar pattern to the TSXV over the past decade has recently broken out to new short term highs. The data points continue to accumulate to support our view that Canadian small cap equities are poised for a substantial move higher.

Regards,



Steven Palmer
Steven Palmer, CFA
President and CEO

Performance (as of August 31, 2014)

| | August | YTD | 1 Year | 2 Year | 3 Year | Inception | Cumulative |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|
| AlphaNorth Growth | 1.3% | (12.7%) | (18.0%) | (21.0%) | (24.5%) | (24.1%) | (58.2%) |
| S&P/TSX Venture | 2.2% | 9.9% | 9.0% | (9.2%) | (17.3%) | (19.5%) | (45.7%) |
| S&P/TSX Composite TRI | 2.1% | 16.9% | 27.1% | 17.9% | 10.2% | 8.0% | 27.6% |

Key Reasons to Own This Fund

PROVEN LONG TERM PERFORMANCE:

- ◆ Management team has a 15 year track record of generating industry leading returns (25%+ annualized)**

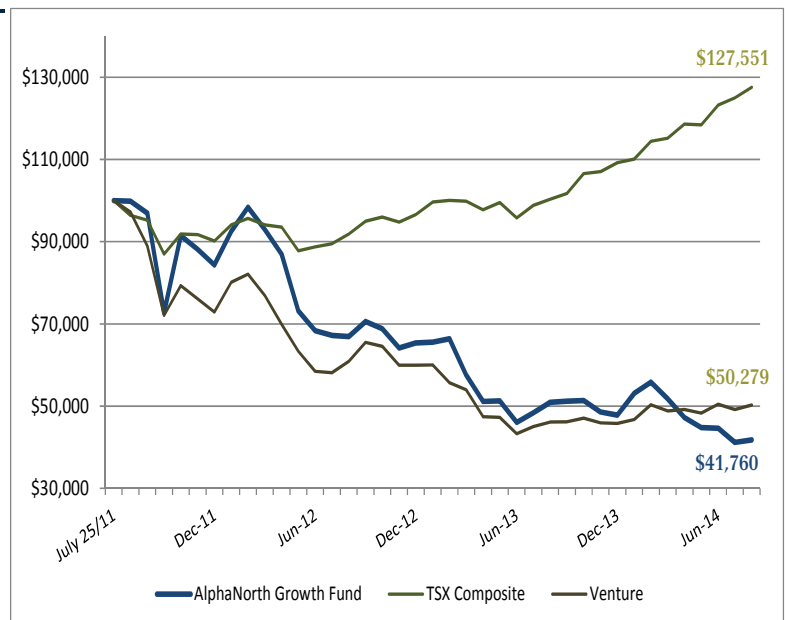
DIVERSIFICATION THROUGH SMALL/MID CAP:

- ◆ AlphaNorth Growth Fund is well diversified across the resource, technology and life sciences sectors

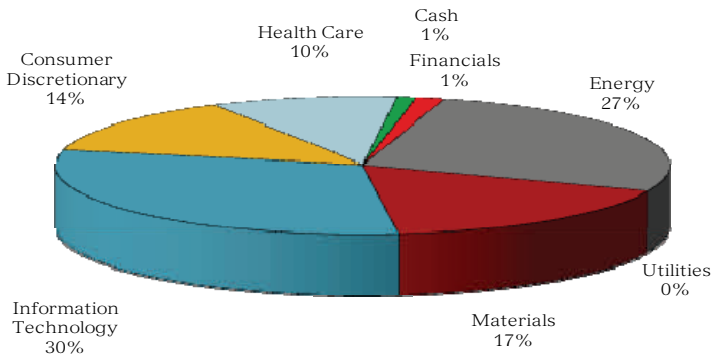
ONE OF THE BEST PERFORMING ASSET CLASSES OVER THE LONG TERM:

- ◆ Complements any investment portfolio and greatly enhances wealth accumulation over the long term

Growth of Initial Investment \$100,000



Current Sector Allocation



Fund Information

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| Lead Manager: | Steven Palmer |
| Inception: | July 25, 2011 |
| Fund Codes: | Series A - ANF010 Series F - ANF011 |
| Fund Details: | RSP/RESP eligible \$1,000 minimum investment |
| Sub/Redemption: | Daily |
| Lock-up: | None |
| Early Redemption Fee: | 2% in first 90 days |
| Management Fee: | 2% |
| Performance Fee: | 20% above TSX return High water mark (no reset) |
| Trailer: | 1% (Series A only) |
| Auditor: | Deloitte & Touche LLP |
| Administration: | State Street & IFDS |
| Legal: | Stikeman Elliott LLP |
| Fund Assets: | \$6 million |
| Account Enquiries: | 1-877-506-8122 |
| Sales and Marketing: | Tanya Ali 416-506-0776 x227 info@alphanorthasset.com |

Monthly Performance*

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Year |
|------|-------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 2011 | | | | | | | (0.2%) | (2.9%) | (24.9%) | 25.7% | (3.7%) | (4.3%) | (15.7%) |
| 2012 | 9.7% | 6.3% | (5.4%) | (6.5%) | (15.9%) | (6.6%) | (1.6%) | (0.5%) | 5.6% | (2.6%) | (6.7%) | 1.8% | (22.5%) |
| 2013 | 0.4% | 1.3% | (13.3%) | (11.2%) | 0.4% | (10.2%) | 5.0% | 5.3% | 0.6% | 0.2% | (5.4%) | (1.5%) | (26.8%) |
| 2014 | 11.0% | 5.2% | (7.2%) | (8.9%) | (5.2%) | (0.3%) | (7.7%) | 1.3% | | | | | (12.7%) |

Investment Strategy

The **AlphaNorth Growth Fund** (the "Fund") is an **open-ended mutual fund** focusing primarily on Canadian small to mid-capitalization equities, between \$100 million and \$5 billion market capitalization. The Fund employs a similar style and investment methodology as the highly successful AlphaNorth Partners Fund. The Fund's investment objective is to maximize returns over the long term through superior selection of principally Canadian securities. AlphaNorth believes that superior long term investment returns are achievable by exploiting inefficiencies in the Canadian small to medium-cap universe through careful security selection. Fundamental analysis of companies is used in combination with technical analysis techniques, have proven to be successful, to assist in the timing of buy/sell decisions. The firm combines both a bottom-up and top-down strategy in the selection of investments offering the best risk/reward characteristics.

Company Profile

Founded in 2007, AlphaNorth Asset Management's goal is to achieve superior long term returns for investors. Our value added approach combines the successful track record and investment experience of Steven Palmer and Joey Javier who have worked together as a team since 1998 in the investment industry. Presently, AlphaNorth manages the AlphaNorth Partners Fund, a long biased small cap focused hedge fund, the AlphaNorth Resource Fund and the AlphaNorth Growth Fund.

Key Personnel:

Steven Palmer is the President and CEO of AlphaNorth Asset Management. Mr. Palmer started his career in the investment industry in 1995 on the sell side of the business before transitioning to the buy side in 1997. Most recently, from July 1998 to August 2007 he was employed as Vice President - Canadian Equities at one of the world's largest financial institutions where he managed the Canadian equity assets of approximately \$350 million. Mr. Palmer managed a pooled fund focused on small capitalization companies from inception in 1998 to August 2007 achieving returns that were ranked #1 in performance by a major fund ranking service in their small cap pooled fund category (35.8% annualized over 9 years as compared to 10.0% for the S&P/TSX Composite and 13.0% for the BMO Weighted Small Cap Total Return Index) over the same period. Mr. Palmer also managed a large cap fund which was ranked in the first quartile for the following time periods: one year, two year, 3 year, 4 year, 5 year and 10 year. Mr. Palmer earned a BA in Economics from the University of Western Ontario and is a CFA.

Joey Javier is Vice President and Secretary of AlphaNorth Asset Management. Mr. Javier started his career in the investment industry in 1997 as an Equity Trader for one of the world's largest financial institutions where he worked together with Mr. Palmer as the equity team. Mr. Javier was responsible for all equity and money market trading as well as back-up for the fixed income portfolio manager. Mr. Javier has a BA in Economics from York University and is a CIM.

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