



AlphaNorth
Asset Management

FUND COMMENTARY

AlphaNorth Growth Fund

October 2014

NAV
Series A (ANF010) \$3.639
Series F (ANF011) \$3.739

Fund Review The Fund returned (6.5%) in October. This compared to (15.4%) for the TSX Venture and (2.1%) for the TSX Total Return index.

Although general market weakness during October resulted in an overall decline for the portfolio, there were several positions that bucked the trend, contributing to the Fund's strong relative performance as compared to the TSX Venture index. Slyce Inc. (TSXV:SLC) continued to be a top performer for the Fund in October, gaining 4%. This has been one of our top picks and has performed well in recent months. Despite significant declines in most Canadian energy companies due to the decline in oil prices, Blackbird Energy (TSXV:BBI) gained 6% during the month after raising over \$37 million in an oversubscribed financing. The company has recently initiated a drill program and is now well capitalized to execute its business plan. We continue to believe the risk/reward for this company is highly favourable and look forward to the drill results in Q1/15.

The new month got off to a great start. Eastern Platinum (TSX:ELR) has doubled in price as a result of an agreement to sell its platinum asset for a large premium to the share price. The stock had been trading at or below cash (US\$80m) for the past several months. This will have a positive impact on November returns.

We continue to have no major sector biases. The current sector mix is comprised of 38% in technology, 4% in health care, 2% in financials, 16% in consumer discretionary, 22% in energy and 15% in materials.

Outlook We believe that tax loss selling contributed to the recent market weakness for Canadian small cap stocks. Although this is painful in the short term, it is encouraging to get this out of the way as we enter the seasonally strong period of December through February for small caps. Returns over this period have been positive 80% of the time since 1982 and averaged 9.3%. We believe that the odds of positive returns are particularly likely given the strong negative returns leading up to this period which has reset valuations to extremely low levels.

The broader economic backdrop of strong corporate earnings continues as we have predicted with the majority of the strength due to higher margins. Q3 earnings have largely been driven by margin expansion and have surprised to the upside resulting in 11% earnings gains year over year for the S&P 500 companies. This is a normal event for this stage of an economic cycle. The later half of an economic cycle is typically driven by capital expenditures which increase capacity and allow for revenue growth and continued earnings gains. This usually does not occur until after efficiencies are maximized through cost cutting as we are seeing now. We believe that the equity market cycle has lots of time left and it is inevitable that valuations for small caps will begin to catch up as investors look to reallocate funds into undervalued assets.



Regards,

Steven Palmer
Steven Palmer, CFA

Performance (as of October 31, 2014)

	October	YTD	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	Inception	Cumulative
AlphaNorth Growth	(6.5%)	(23.9%)	(29.1%)	(27.3%)	(26.4%)	(26.2%)	(63.6%)
S&P/TSX Venture	(15.4%)	(17.4%)	(19.7%)	(23.5%)	(21.9%)	(24.7%)	(62.2%)
S&P/TSX Composite TRI	(2.1%)	9.9%	12.6%	11.8%	9.3%	6.8%	19.9%

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)**

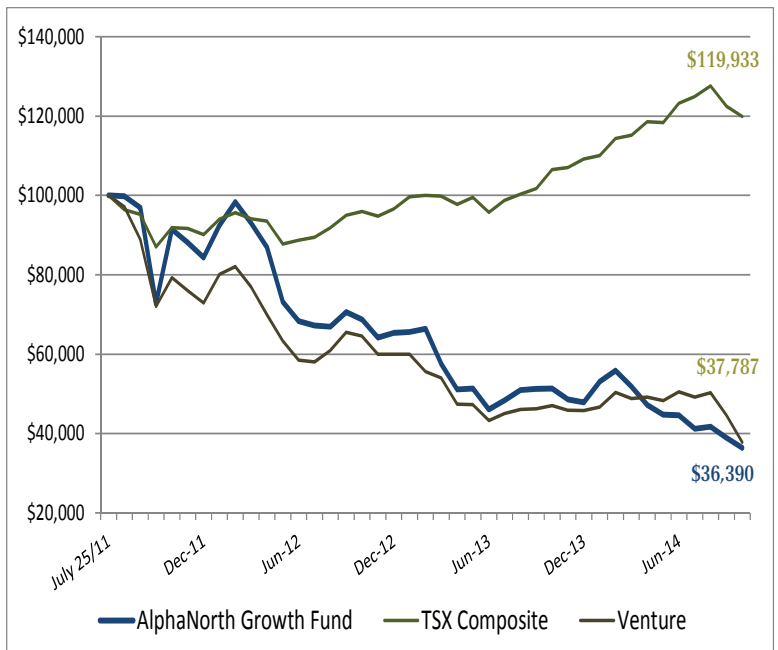
DIVERSIFICATION THROUGH SMALL/MID CAP:

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

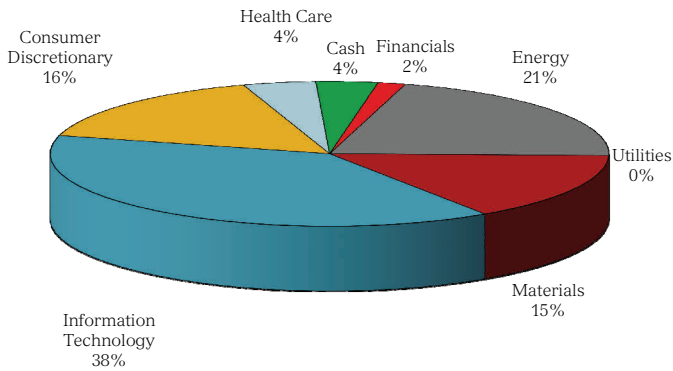
ONE OF THE BEST PERFORMING ASSET CLASSES OVER THE LONG TERM:

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

Growth of Initial Investment \$100,000



Current Sector Allocation



Fund Information

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:	\$5 million
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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%	(6.8%)	(6.5%)			(23.9%)

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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