

Desjardins

Canadian Small Cap Equity Fund



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FIERA CAPITAL

PORTFOLIO MANAGER:

Fiera Capital

INCEPTION DATE:

January 1, 1994

CIFSC CATEGORY*:

Canadian Small/Mid Cap Equity

Contributors to relative performance

- Underweight in materials
- Security selection in real estate
- Security selection in financials

Detractors from relative performance

- Security selection in information technology
- Security selection in energy
- Security selection in consumer staples

Major changes to portfolio in the period

- We initiated a new position with Exchange Income Corp. It is a diversified, acquisition-oriented company with exposure to aerospace, aviation, and manufacturing. Its businesses lines have proved to be resilient during previous economic challenges as many of its operations are focused on niche areas. Management has been focused on strategic and accretive acquisitions and will likely benefit from a more challenging economic environment as better valued targets may arise.
- We exited our position in resource companies, Tamarack Valley and Copper Mountain, for higher conviction ideas. In addition, we exited the engineering consulting company IBI Group at a 32% premium after it was acquired by the global engineering firm Arcadis.

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