

## Spartan Overview

Established in 2006, Spartan Fund Management is an asset manager that specializes in providing, through pooled funds, a broad selection of alternative investment solutions that meet a variety of investment needs. We believe that niche, non conventional investment strategies tend to outperform more traditional strategies and/or add needed diversity. We also believe that alternative investment strategies provide better risk-return opportunities for investors than do conventional strategies. Spartan accesses alternative investment strategies through internal investment teams or by way of feeder fund arrangements with external registrants.

## Fund Overview, Objectives and Strategy

The MM Fund invests utilizing a "core and more" approach. The core portfolio consists of sustainable high yielding or dividend paying Canadian equity securities and, to a lesser extent, real estate investment trusts, convertibles, debt securities, preferred shares and U.S. equity securities.

The "more" consists of equity and debt, plus potentially warrants, small and micro capitalization stocks, that will likely have more volatility but a higher potential for capital gains. We will focus on inexpensive secular growth securities or beaten down stocks that have turnaround potential, because of new management, or because of an improvement in their macro-economic factors. We may also look to shorter-term event driven trading opportunities around, for instance, earnings, politics, war, famine, scandal, seasonality, apathy, etc. Investments will mostly be made in Canadian equity securities and, to a lesser extent, debt securities and U.S. equity securities. The holdings in the core portfolio will typically be held for longer periods.

## Monthly Performance<sup>1</sup>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	TSX
2025	+0.10%	-3.72%											-3.62%	+3.06%
2024	+4.92%	+2.96%	+9.00%	+0.15%	+1.33%	-3.66%	+5.50%	-2.01%	+2.20%	+1.86%	+3.89%	-1.81%	+26.39%	+21.65%
2023	+8.37%	-1.63%	+0.54%	+0.14%	-4.57%	+1.09%	+8.38%	-0.71%	-2.92%	+1.32%	+5.11%	+1.80%	+17.27%	+11.75%
2022	-1.14%	+2.95%	+2.21%	-4.78%	+0.92%	-9.33%	+6.18%	-2.52%	-6.53%	+8.34%	+0.98%	-3.18%	-7.13%	-5.84%
2021	+7.45%	+6.55%	+0.57%	+1.94%	-0.44%	-1.26%	-1.95%	+1.25%	-1.02%	+3.58%	-3.25%	+1.29%	+15.09%	+25.09%
2020	+0.30%	-7.54%	-23.34%	+19.79%	+11.07%	+4.95%	+8.08%	+3.50%	-2.21%	+2.85%	+10.98%	+11.25%	+37.90%	+5.60%
2019	+8.01%	+7.55%	+4.14%	+0.83%	-4.33%	+1.10%	+0.95%	-4.72%	+1.49%	+1.76%	+3.43%	+1.91%	+23.54%	+22.88%
2018	+0.20%	-2.07%	-1.86%	+1.54%	-0.22%	+0.29%	-0.22%	-1.24%	-1.29%	-9.57%	-4.79%	-6.07%	-21.32%	-8.89%
2017	-0.72%	+1.54%	+0.68%	+5.44%	+4.30%	+1.41%	-1.65%	-0.67%	+1.45%	+2.38%	+2.80%	+0.61%	+18.79%	+9.10%
2016	-6.98%	+5.47%	+4.15%	+0.68%	+3.53%	+0.50%	+0.97%	+5.78%	+3.49%	+3.17%	+1.08%	+1.73%	+25.52%	+21.08%
2015							-2.26%	-7.08%	-4.17%	+7.06%	+3.69%	+1.56%	-1.87%	-9.93%

## Statistics<sup>1</sup>

Cumulative Return (since inception) 199.46%  
 Annualized Compound Return 12.08%  
 Last 12 Months Return 12.76%  
 Sharpe Ratio 0.69  
 Avg. Monthly Gain 3.56%  
 Avg. Monthly Loss -3.83%  
 Max. Drawdown 31.03%  
 Annualized Std. Deviation 17.50%  
 % of Winning Months 66.38%  
 Correlation 0.79

## MM Fund

## TSX

199.46% 132.11%  
 12.08% 9.15%  
 12.76% 22.45%  
 0.69 0.70  
 3.56% 2.80%  
 -3.83% -2.86%  
 31.03% 22.25%  
 17.50% 12.99%  
 66.38% 64.66%  
 0.79

## Fund Information

RSP Eligible? Yes  
 Minimum Investment \$500  
 Invest/Redeem Frequency Weekly  
 Short Term Trading Fee 2% if < 30 days  
 Redemption Notice 1 day  
 'A' Class Fees (SPA520) 2.00% pa  
 'F' Class Fees (SPA521) 1.00% pa  
 Incentive Fee 10%  
 Hurdle  
 TSX Total Return Index

## Service Providers

Advisor Spartan Fund Management Inc.  
 Custodian Laurentian Bank Securities  
 Auditor Deloitte LLP  
 Administrator SGGG Fund Services  
 Legal Counsel Borden Ladner Gervais

## NAV/Unit

- Class A 270.2615  
 - Class F 299.4632

<sup>1</sup> Performance numbers are net of management and performance fees for the period commencing July 15, 2015 for the Class F units, but do not take into account early redemption fees if investments are held less than 1 year. Returns and statistics for other classes are available on request. 'Monthly' returns are simple returns and are not annualized. 'Annualized Std. Deviation' is the standard deviation, which measures the amount of variability of returns that has historically occurred relative to the average return. 'Max. Drawdown' is the maximum percentage decline, from the highest point to the lowest point. 'Sharpe Ratio' is the Annualized Compound Return divided by the Annualized Std. Deviation, both measured since inception. 'Correlation' measures the degree to which two securities move in relation to each other.

## Monthly Commentary

February was a challenging month for investors. Unlike his first presidential term, Trump II is making the tough and unpleasant decisions first: aggressive DOGE cost cuts and disruptive tariff announcements. The stimulative changes to cut taxes and regulations will come later. US and Canadian stock markets crave stability and didn't appreciate the noise around these rapid-fire moves. There are legitimate concerns that the layoffs and spending cuts could cause a recession. These worries have already caused bond yields to plunge 50 basis points since January, while oil prices dropped by \$14. The economy and consumers will benefit from lower long-term interest rates, mortgage rates, and oil prices. Fed Chair Jerome Powell signaled he is ready to cut short-term rates if the economy weakens further. The Fed is now expected to cut rates 3 times in 2025.

Canadian small-cap stocks were hit particularly hard. The MM Fund has only one Canadian manufacturing company directly affected by the tariffs. The MM Fund has faced these corrective phases before and has bounced back strongly. The Fund rose +21% over seven months from the lows of January 2016, +18% from the lows in December 2018 after Powell signaled more rate hikes, +70% from the COVID-19 lows in March 2020, and +13.5% from the lows in December 2022 as the Fed started tightening monetary policy to fight soaring inflation.

Our strategy during these corrective phases is to accumulate more of our best ideas at discounted prices

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