## **VPI CANADIAN BALANCED POOL**

BALANCED GROWTH



## STICK TO THE PROCESS

#### AN INVESTMENT STRATEGY YOU CAN COUNT ON

The quarter began with a wave of uncertainty. The announcement of so-called "Liberation Day" tariffs rattled markets and sparked a sharp uptick in volatility. Investors were on edge, and headlines drove a lot of short-term reactions.

At Value Partners, we don't invest based on headlines. The portfolio management team of the VPI Canadian Balanced Pool follow a disciplined investment process. They don't chase stocks just because they've dropped, or sell them just because they've gone up. Instead, they stay focused on business quality and long-term return potential.



HIGH QUALITY
BUSINESSES



STRONG COMPETITIVE POSITIONS



DISCIPLINED MANAGEMENT TEAMS



ABILITY TO COMPOUND CAPITAL OVER TIME

# **BUILT TO GROW AND PROTECT**OUT-PERFORMANCE IN KEY YEARS

The pool is built to grow and protect wealth by investing in businesses with sustainable cash flows, strong leadership, and durable competitive advantages. The pool has outperformed in 12 of the last 14 years, and has protected capital during past market downturns.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
VPI Canadian Balanced Pool <sup>1</sup>	1.1%	7.8%	16.4%	9.2%	-0.4%	11.0%	7.2%	-1.5%	13.5%	9.6%	18.4%	-5.8%	15.1%	15.4%
Category*	-3.3%	7.4%	12.5%	8.0%	-2.4%	12.0%	6.9%	-6.6%	14.7%	5.4%	16.0%	-7.6%	10.0%	14.5%

Disclaimer: Table shows total return % for the indicated calendar years. Series A units. \*Category is Canadian Equity Balanced. Please see the disclaimer at the end for more information on the category comparison. Source: Value Partners Investments, Morningstar, Dixon Mitchell Investment Counsel.



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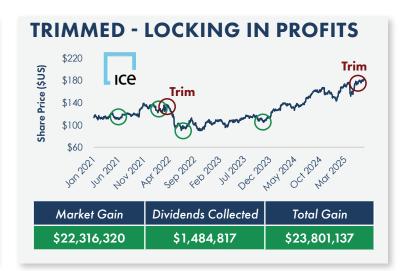
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## **FOCUS ON THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES**

#### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

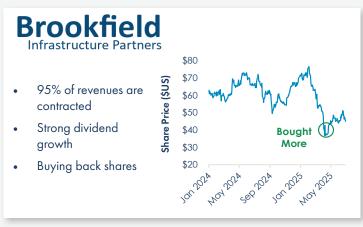




## **ADDED TO - GREAT BUSINESSES AT GREAT PRICES**









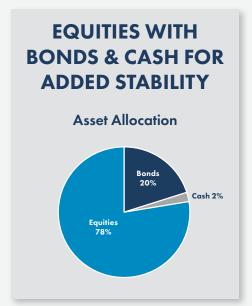
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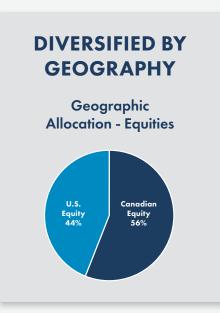
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## THE POOL IS DIVERSIFIED IN MANY WAYS

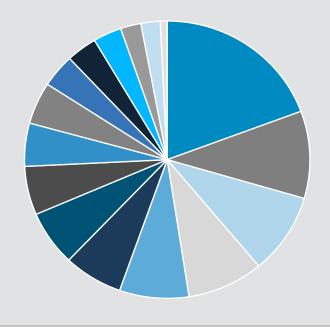






### **DIVERSIFIED ACROSS VARIOUS SECTORS**

**Sector Allocation - Equities** 



- Financial Services
- Banks
- Commercial & Professional Services
- Software & Services
- Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail
- Materials
- Capital Goods
- Transportation
- Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences
- Media & Entertainment
- Consumer Services
- Utilities
- Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail
- Energy
- Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment
- □ Technology, Hardware & Equipment

Disclaimer: All charts as of June 30, 2025. Asset allocation - cash includes short-term investments, other assets less liabilities and cash. Geographic allocation - data is for equity allocation of the pool and excludes cash. Market capitalization - Large Cap = > \$10 billion, Mid Cap = \$2 billion to \$10 billion, Small Cap = <\$2 billion. Market capitalization brackets based on USD. Sources: Value Partners Investments, Morningstar, S&P Capital IQ.



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Page 2 Notes: Aritzia initial purchase date was May 24, 2023 and the final sale date was May 22, 2025. ICE initial purchase date was June 14, 2021 and the most recent trim date was May 21, 2025. Market Gain, Dividends Collected and Total Gain as of June 11, 2025. ThermoFisher addition was made on May 21, 2025. TFI International addition was made on May 9, 2025. Brookfield Infrastructure Partners addition was made on May 22, 2025. Methanex addition was made on May 22 and June 20, 2025. All figures in \$CA unless otherwise stated. Source: Value Partners Investments, S&P Capital IQ. Company stats/information sourced from Dixon Mitchell Investment Counsel Q2 2025 Commentary.

## STANDARD PERFORMANCE DATA

	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	15 YEAR
SERIES A	11.0%	13.5%	11.4%	8.2%	8.2%

Note: Returns as of June 30, 2025. Source: Value Partners Investments Inc., Dixon Mitchell Investment Counsel.

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