

#### As of April 30, 2024

# **FUND OBJECTIVE**

### Defensive Equity Portfolio

#### Target Risk Band: Low to Medium Risk Profile

The Forge First Multi Strategy LP fund seeks to provide consistent long-term capital appreciation from superior security selection and focuses on capital preservation via an active shorting strategy. This fund is broadly diversified and holds Canadian and US publicly traded stocks, bonds and options. Given the fund's focus on capital preservation and risk management, volatility is expected to be lower than that of the S&P/TSX, making this fund a suitable investment for investors seeking lower risk exposures.

**RISK/RETURN ANALYSIS** 

	Class F Lead Series	S&P/TSX
Cumulative return (since inception):	227.60%	166.13%
Annualized return (since inception):	10.63%	8.69%
Annualized volatility:	6.21%	12.02%
Sharpe Ratio:	1.55	0.64
Alpha:	7.82%	0.00%
Beta (vs. S&P/TSX):	0.24	1.00
Correlation (vs. S&P/TSX):	0.46	1.00
Best monthly return:	6.21%	10.79%
Worst monthly return:	-7.00%	-17.38%
Largest drawdown:	-7.57%	-22.25%
Average return when S&P/TSX is up:	1.16%	2.59%
Average return when S&P/TSX is down:	0.30%	-2.68%
Cumulative return in positive S&P/TSX months (92 months):	106.70%	237.97%
Cumulative return in negative S&P/TSX months (49 months):	14.69%	-131.16%
Upside capture:	45%	100%
Downside capture:	-11%	100%

# **ABOUT FORGE FIRST**

Forge First Asset Management was founded in August 2012 by Andrew McCreath and was created to help investors find a balance between asset protection and capital enhancement. In 2012 we looked at the asset management industry globally and drew the conclusion that the sector was on the cusp of significant change. Demographics, radical and unconventional monetary policy, doubts about future economic growth and intensifying global macro risks have conspired to change investors' appetite for risk and expectations for return. Simply put, investors are keenly focused on preserving their capital while earning a competitive rate of return. We are on the same page. To help investors navigate the uncertainty in today's world, we created investment solutions that utilize all investment tools to prudently and responsibly manage capital. Our goals are simple; manage risks, minimize capital drawdowns and earn a competitive return for investors.

# WHY INVEST IN THIS STRATEGY?

- Aims to strike a balance between asset protection and capital enhancement.
- Exposure to a broadly diversified portfolio of Canadian and US listed securities.
  - Proven track record of generating positive net returns in down markets.
  - Focuses on preserving capital via portfolio construction, risk management, and active adjustment of net exposure.
  - Goal of strong risk-adjusted returns in all types of market environments.
    Targets lower volatility and lower correlation to traditional equity markets.

# TRAILING RETURNS

	YTD	1-mo	3-mo	6-mo	1-year	3-year*	5-year*	10-year*	Inception
Class F Lead Series	5.70%	0.76%	4.44%	10.35%	12.42%	5.14 %	9.24%	7.53%	10.63%
S&P/TSX	4.68%	-1.82%	4.10%	16.91%	8.73%	7.59%	8.86%	7.22%	8.69%
S&P 500	10.44%	-2.54%	7.11%	19.90%	24.50%	12.21%	13.77%	15.00%	16.91%

\*Annualized | S&P/TSX = S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index | S&P 500 = S&P 500 Total Return Index (C\$)

# **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS**

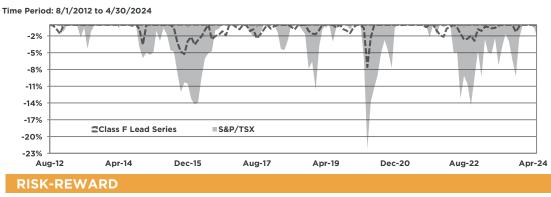
2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012*
5.70%	6.95%	1.34%	10.30%	20.64%	5.58%	5.44%	-0.06%	4.76%	10.89%	9.60%	40.80%	7.75%
4.68%	11.75%	-5.84%	25.09%	5.60%	22.88%	-8.89%	9.10%	21.08%	-8.32%	10.55%	12.99%	7.99%
10.44%	23.27%	-12.41%	28.71%	18.40%	31.49%	-4.38%	21.83%	11.96%	1.38%	13.69%	32.39%	4.50%
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# INVESTMENT GROWTH

## Time Period: 8/1/2012 to 4/30/2024. Value of \$100,000 Investment in CAD\$



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#### Time Period: 8/1/2012 to 4/30/2024



### **MONTHLY RETURNS - NET OF FEES**

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		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	YTD
Class F Lead Series	2024	1.21%	1.72%	1.90%	0.76%									5.70%
	2023	0.77%	-0.02%	-0.26%	0.07%	0.42%	0.59%	0.12%	0.62%	1.42%	-1.28%	0.99%	3.37%	6.95%
	2022	-0.32%	1.50%	0.31%	0.99%	-0.52%	-1.09%	-1.08%	0.15%	0.56%	-0.93%	2.15%	-0.32%	1.34%
	2021	1.43%	4.51%	0.66%	1.89%	0.38%	1.48%	0.17%	-0.44%	1.25%	0.52%	-0.97%	-0.88%	10.30%
	2020	0.35%	-0.61%	-7.00%	5.62%	2.71%	0.81%	2.56%	3.00%	0.67%	0.98%	6.21%	4.28%	20.64%
	2019	0.73%	1.74%	0.37%	0.59%	0.59%	-0.50%	0.81%	-0.79%	-0.26%	-0.47%	1.03%	1.64%	5.58%
	2018	0.55%	0.52%	0.30%	1.23%	-0.41%	-0.45%	0.94%	-0.07%	4.49%	-1.11%	-0.49%	-0.10%	5.44%
	2017	-0.45%	-0.36%	1.00%	-0.11%	-1.04%	0.32%	-1.63%	0.73%	0.90%	0.91%	-0.71%	0.42%	-0.06%
	2016	-1.43%	0.89%	0.65%	1.19%	1.49%	-2.63%	0.61%	0.23%	0.64%	-0.76%	2.17%	1.71%	4.76%
	2015	3.18%	2.41%	2.26%	0.47%	2.35%	2.02%	-0.60%	-2.66%	-1.62%	-0.47%	2.45%	0.78%	10.89%
	2014	0.89%	1.94%	0.17%	1.40%	1.08%	0.98%	-0.20%	0.94%	-0.73%	-2.87%	4.18%	1.58%	9.60%
	2013	4.79%	1.96%	1.66%	2.49%	1.82%	3.02%	5.86%	4.82%	1.87%	2.93%	1.60%	2.01%	40.80%
	2012								-0.16%	-0.66%	-0.82%	5.19%	4.13%	7.75%
	2024	1.10%	1.58%	1.75%	0.68%									5.22%
	2023	0.69%	-0.06%	-0.29%	0.03%	0.36%	0.52%	0.07%	0.54%	1.30%	-1.25%	0.90%	3.14%	6.06%
	2022	-0.36%	1.40%	0.25%	0.89%	-0.53%	-1.07%	-1.12%	0.10%	0.55%	-1.01%	2.08%	-0.34%	0.80%
	2021	1.31%	4.22%	0.59%	1.75%	0.32%	1.36%	0.12%	-0.46%	1.14%	0.45%	-0.96%	-0.88%	9.21%
	2020	0.30%	-0.65%	-7.05%	5.57%	2.66%	0.73%	2.38%	2.80%	0.59%	0.89%	5.84%	4.03%	18.92%
Class A Lead Series	2019	0.65%	1.61%	0.31%	0.52%	0.52%	-0.51%	0.72%	-0.79%	-0.29%	-0.48%	0.93%	1.51%	4.78%
	2018	0.55%	0.46%	0.24%	1.12%	-0.42%	-0.46%	0.85%	-0.10%	4.20%	-1.09%	-0.50%	-0.13%	4.71%
	2017	-0.50%	-0.41%	0.96%	-0.16%	-1.10%	0.28%	-1.68%	0.69%	0.85%	0.89%	-0.78%	0.37%	-0.63%
	2016	-1.48%	0.84%	0.62%	1.09%	1.37%	-2.55%	0.56%	0.18%	0.57%	-0.76%	2.01%	1.57%	3.99%
	2015	2.96%	2.24%	2.10%	0.41%	2.19%	1.87%	-0.61%	-2.56%	-1.58%	-0.49%	2.28%	0.70%	9.75%
	2014	0.80%	1.79%	0.12%	1.29%	0.98%	0.89%	-0.23%	0.85%	-0.73%	-2.76%	3.91%	1.46%	8.54%
	2013											1.43%	1.80%	3.26%

Note: Returns for the Forge First Multi Strategy LP are based on the August 2012 Class F Lead Series and the November 2013 Class A Lead Series. In a year, up to 12 series can be created within a class of units. Unitholders are advised to refer to their monthly statement for the net return of their respective series.

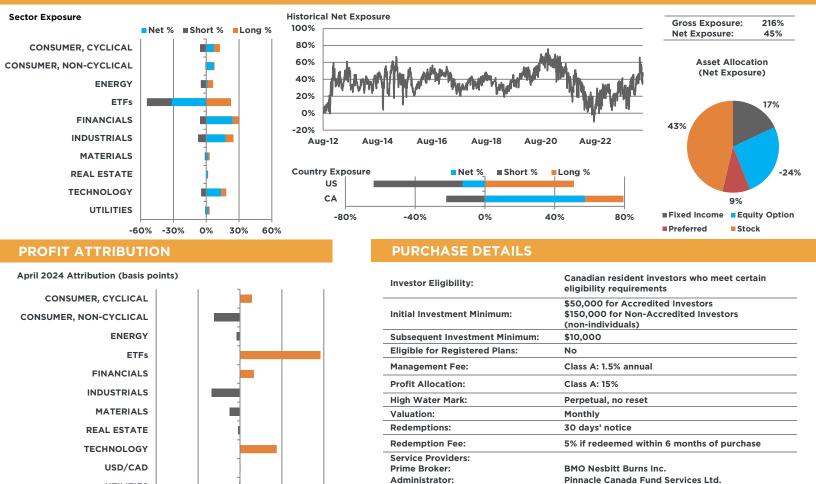
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