



**AlphaNorth**  
Asset Management

# FUND COMMENTARY

## AlphaNorth Partners Fund

September 2025

NAV

Class A \$27.388

Class D \$20.719

**Fund Review** In September, the Fund returned 12.9%, as compared to the TSX Venture index and TSX Total Return index, which returned 14.3% and 5.4% respectively during the month.

**Sterling Metals (TSXV:SAG)** was our top performer during the month after reporting an exceptional drill hole containing copper and gold from their Soo Copper Project in Ontario. We added to our position in the company in March purchasing units at 25c. The units have returned 1,356% as of the end of September when including the value of the warrant. During the month of September the shares gained by 456%.

**Emerita Resources (TSXV:EMO)** was also a strong performer, gaining 33% during the month as anticipation grows for a Spanish criminal court decision on corruption of government officials related to the award of the Aznacollar mine. This asset has substantial value and if criminal activity is found relating to the award, Spanish rules dictate that the asset will be awarded to Emerita. This is a multibillion dollar asset and would result in a major rerating in the share price.

Private placement activity has continued to increase, particularly in the resource sectors. We have a solid pipeline of new resource investments which are trading substantially above the private placement pricing. As we close these deals over the coming weeks, they will provide positive contributions to returns. There has been a significant shift in the junior market in which most deals are getting upsized and orders are getting cutbacks. This is a big shift from the environment a year ago where most deals traded below deal price as short term investors immediately sold to hedge and keep the warrant.

**Outlook** The TSXV bull market has progressed as we have expected, albeit a little slower than we would have originally thought. However, now it is accelerating rapidly and many investors will no doubt start scrambling to get exposure. Precious metal companies continue to be the primary driver of positive returns for the TSX Venture index. The TSX Venture index leads the major equity market indices in 2025. Despite these strong gains in 2025, the TSXV remains more than 70% below its all-time high while the large cap equity indices are setting all-time highs on a regular basis in recent months. Ironically, the Trump administration has been a further catalyst to the Canadian junior market. The U.S. government has recently made significant investments in three junior resource companies starting with **MP Materials (NYSE:MP)**, a rare earth producer. Subsequent investments in **Lithium Americas (TSX:LAC)** and **Trilogy Metals (TSX:TMQ)** have highlighted the strategic importance of developing domestic supplies of critical minerals. These investments have spurred significant rallies in these stocks, bringing further media and investor attention to the urgent need to source domestic supplies of these critical minerals. The junior resource sector has suffered a long period of underinvestment over the past decade as the megacap U.S. technology companies have held the spotlight. Leadership is now shifting and many investors have begun scrambling to get exposure. **We believe that it is still early in the TSXV bull market. The AlphaNorth Partners Fund is one of the best ways to capitalize on this.**

Regards,

Steve Palmer, CFA  
President and CIO

### Performance\* (Class A)

	September	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception	Cumulative
<b>AlphaNorth Partners</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>173.9%</b>
S&P/TSX Venture	14.3%	58.5%	63.1%	16.8%	6.1%	6.1%	(5.8%)	(65.4%)
S&P/TSX Composite TRI	5.4%	23.9%	28.6%	21.3%	16.7%	11.8%	7.7%	274.5%

### Key Reasons to Own This Fund

#### PROVEN LONG TERM PERFORMANCE:

- Management team has a 26+ year track record of generating industry leading returns of 14.8% annualized compared to -1.4% for the BMO Small Cap/TSXV\*\*

#### DIVERSIFICATION THROUGH SMALL CAP:

- AlphaNorth Partners Fund is well diversified across the resource, technology and life sciences sectors
- One of the best performing asset classes over the long term which compliments any investment portfolio and greatly enhances wealth accumulation

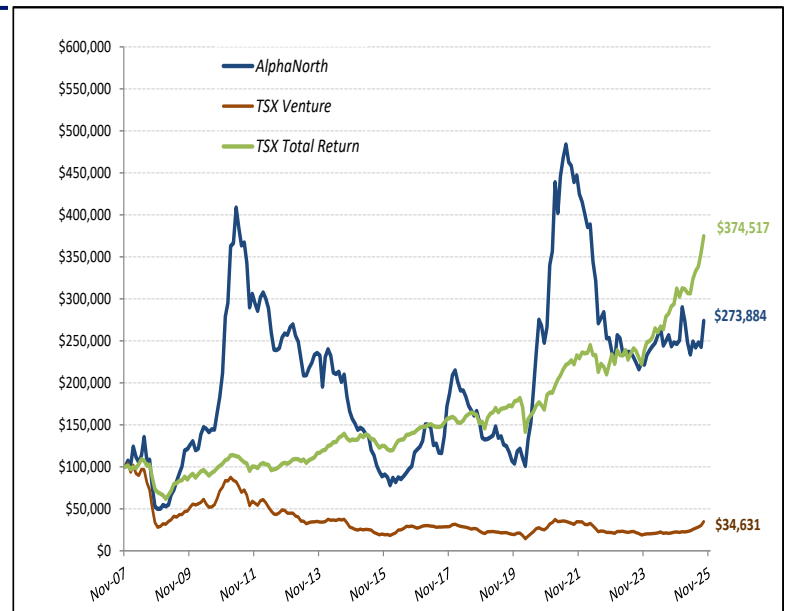
#### UNIQUE ASPECTS:

- Management owns a significant portion of fund assets
- All performance fees are reinvested into the fund

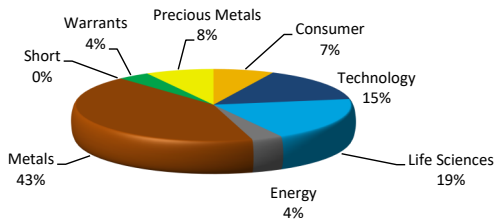
#### LEVERAGE WITH WARRANTS:

- Participate in numerous private placements to accumulate warrants for upside leverage

### Growth of \$100,000 Initial Investment



## Current Sector Allocation



## Fund Information

<b>Fund Type</b>	Alternative Strategies (Long biased small cap)
<b>Fund Codes</b>	Class A: AAM100/101, Class D: AAM200/201
<b>Eligibility</b>	Accredited Investors only; RRSP eligible
<b>Fund Details</b>	Management Fee Class A- 2%, Class D- 2.5%
<b>Sub/Redemption</b>	Monthly, 90 day notice
<b>Lock-up</b>	None
<b>Redemption Fee</b>	Class A: none; Class D: 3% yr 1, 1.5% yr 2
<b>Beta vs. TSXV/TSX</b>	0.91/1.37

## Monthly Performance\*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
<b>2007</b>												7.4%	<b>7.4%</b>
<b>2008</b>	(5.0%)	21.6%	(10.1%)	(5.6%)	8.1%	19.2%	(20.7%)	0.7%	(29.1%)	(31.9%)	(4.9%)	0.7%	<b>(53.3%)</b>
<b>2009</b>	9.0%	(3.5%)	4.0%	21.2%	9.0%	14.1%	11.5%	9.0%	19.1%	1.2%	4.1%	3.7%	<b>160.6%</b>
<b>2010</b>	(8.5%)	1.7%	14.0%	6.4%	(1.6%)	(2.7%)	2.6%	(0.4%)	14.2%	11.3%	15.4%	31.9%	<b>113.6%</b>
<b>2011</b>	5.8%	23.0%	0.9%	11.7%	(5.7%)	(5.7%)	1.0%	(6.5%)	(15.6%)	5.6%	(3.8%)	(2.9%)	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>2012</b>	5.6%	2.0%	(2.4%)	(3.9%)	(9.9%)	(7.9%)	(0.1%)	0.9%	5.3%	1.8%	(0.7%)	3.6%	<b>(6.8%)</b>
<b>2013</b>	1.3%	(4.9%)	(2.9%)	(8.4%)	(8.4%)	0.2%	4.1%	2.9%	4.2%	1.0%	(1.3%)	(16.0%)	<b>(26.6%)</b>
<b>2014</b>	18.1%	4.1%	(3.3%)	(8.6%)	(0.9%)	1.4%	(5.7%)	4.3%	(12.5%)	(9.5%)	(5.5%)	(3.6%)	<b>(22.6%)</b>
<b>2015</b>	(4.9%)	1.8%	(1.6%)	(3.8%)	(1.6%)	(12.1%)	(5.3%)	(10.7%)	(6.9%)	(6.1%)	2.5%	(3.95)	<b>(42.3%)</b>
<b>2016</b>	(10.8%)	11.4%	(5.8%)	7.0%	(2.6%)	4.4%	4.9%	4.6%	3.0%	16.6%	2.8%	2.8%	<b>41.6%</b>
<b>2017</b>	5.8%	15%	(0.3%)	(2.3%)	(14.2%)	1.5%	(8.4%)	(0.6%)	17.6%	25.8%	9.3%	11.4%	<b>69.0%</b>
<b>2018</b>	2.7%	(6.3%)	(5.1%)	0.0%	(3.9%)	(5.9%)	(3.2%)	(3.7%)	3.5%	(7.7%)	(12.5%)	(1.6%)	<b>(36.7%)</b>
<b>2019</b>	0.4%	1.5%	1.7%	7.9%	(9.1%)	1.4%	(7.5%)	(1.4%)	(5.8%)	(8.7%)	(3.3%)	14.3%	<b>(10.5%)</b>
<b>2020</b>	2.5%	(9.2%)	(8.5%)	31.8%	14.7%	25.3%	23.1%	17.1%	(2.7%)	(7.7%)	7.7%	27.7%	<b>187.3%</b>
<b>2021</b>	4.8%	23.1%	(8.4%)	10.9%	5.0%	3.4%	(4.4%)	(0.9%)	(4.3%)	1.9%	(5.0%)	(2.2%)	<b>22.0%</b>
<b>2022</b>	(3.5%)	(3.8%)	0.9%	(11.4%)	(6.7%)	(16.8%)	2.4%	2.5%	(11.0%)	0.2%	(6.6%)	(5.1%)	<b>(45.9%)</b>
<b>2023</b>	14.3%	(1.4%)	(6.9%)	(0.7%)	1.1%	(0.2%)	(2.6%)	(2.7%)	(3.6%)	3.6%	(0.9%)	5.2%	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>2024</b>	2.5%	2.0%	1.4%	3.7%	3.6%	(8.1%)	2.3%	2.8%	(5.3%)	2.0%	(0.8%)	1.7%	<b>7.4%</b>
<b>2025</b>	15.9%	(5.7%)	(9.5%)	(5.7%)	6.7%	(2.9%)	2.5%	(2.2%)	12.9%				<b>9.4%</b>

## Investment Strategy

The AlphaNorth Partners Fund Inc. (the "Fund") is a long-biased, small cap hedge fund which focuses primarily on Canadian companies. 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 cap universe through careful security selection on both a long and short basis. Fundamental analysis of companies is used in combination with technical analysis techniques, which has 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 managing small cap portfolios. AlphaNorth manages the AlphaNorth Partners Fund, a long biased small cap focused hedge fund.

Prior to founding AlphaNorth, Steve and Joey managed an award winning small cap equity fund at one of the largest investment firms in North America for 9 years that had an annualized return of 35.8% over their term significantly beating all relevant benchmarks. Founding AlphaNorth Asset Management in 2007, Steve and Joey launched the AlphaNorth Partner Fund which is a two-time winner for best 3 year return at the Canadian Hedge Fund Awards. The Fund recently won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for best one year return at the 2020 Canadian Hedge Fund Awards. Steve Palmer is President and CIO and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). Joey is the trader and is a Chartered Investment Manager (CIM).

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