

**Fund Review** In January, the Fund returned 5.5%, as compared to the TSX Venture index and TSX Total Return index, which returned 6.4% and 0.8% respectively during the month.

The largest contributor to performance during the month of January was **LibertyStream Infrastructure Partners (TSXV:LIB)**, which had another strong month, gaining 32%. The Canadian listed company raised another \$12.5 million to accelerate development of its initial direct lithium extraction facility in the Permian Basin in Texas. Commercial lithium production is expected in 2026. We expect this to be the first of several facilities in the U.S. LibertyStream is the only domestic source of near-term lithium production in the U.S. We expect that the shares will continue to perform well as investors appreciate the magnitude of the coming revenue ramp.

The value of the warrant portfolio has grown to approximately 7% weighting with the majority being comprised of precious metals company warrants which are in-the-money. These will provide substantial leverage to returns as precious metals appreciate.

Current sector allocations are as follows: 15% technology, 17% life sciences, 7% consumer, 5% precious metals, 45% metals, 4% energy, 0% short and 7% warrants.

**Outlook** Canadian equities have entered a period of improving fundamentals after a long period of risk aversion and capital scarcity. Financing activity has improved dramatically, and many small cap companies have raised funds which has improved balance sheets and allowed resource companies to ramp up exploration and development expenditures.

Valuations for Canadian small caps remain compelling by both historical standards and relative to large cap peers. Many companies are trading at discounts that reflect conservative assumptions for growth, commodity prices and financing availability. This creates asymmetry for investors: downside risk is limited while upside is meaningful if even modest operational or macro improvements materialize. Small cap equities stand to benefit disproportionately as institutional capital rotates back into the sector. On a year over year basis in January, TSXV volume increased by 128% while value traded increased by 387%. Financing activity also increased substantially in January. These metrics reflect the return of risk capital to the small cap sector. We expect that M&A activity will also accelerate, providing a further tailwind for the small cap sector. **It is at this point in the cycle that the Fund has historically excelled.**



Regards,



Steve Palmer, CFA  
President and CIO

### Performance\* (Class A)

	January	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception	Cumulative
<b>AlphaNorth Partners</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>(4.6%)</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>(4.9%)</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>176.8%</b>
S&P/TSX Venture	6.4%	6.4%	68.5%	18.8%	2.7%	7.7%	(5.1%)	(61.6%)
S&P/TSX Composite TRI	0.8%	0.8%	28.3%	18.9%	18.4%	12.9%	7.9%	301.3%

### Key Reasons to Own This Fund

#### PROVEN LONG TERM PERFORMANCE:

- Management team has a 27+ year track record of generating industry leading returns of 14.7% annualized compared to 0.5% 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

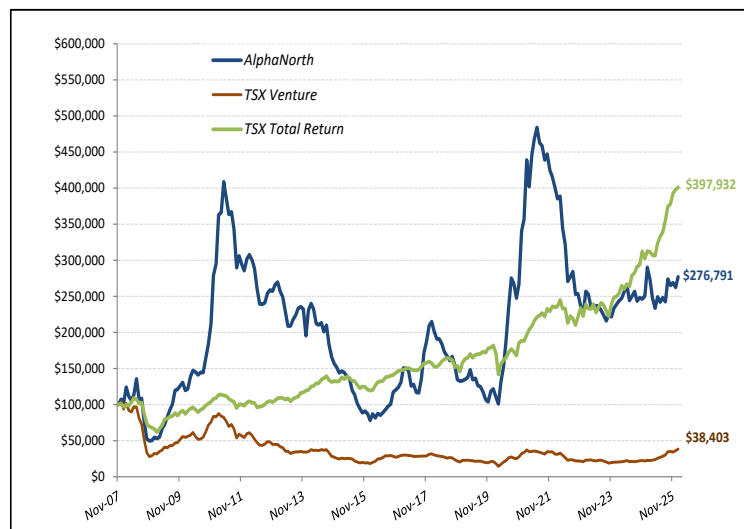
#### UNIQUE ASPECTS:

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

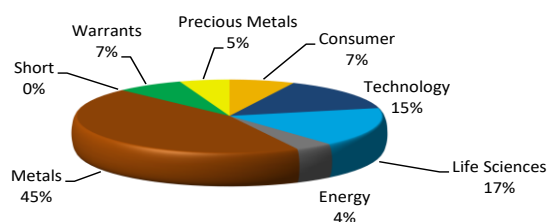
#### LEVERAGE WITH WARRANTS:

- 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>													<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%	(3.2%)	1.4%	(2.4%)	<b>4.8%</b>
<b>2026</b>	5.5%												<b>5.5%</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).

## Disclaimer

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