# BRISTOL GATE CANADIAN EQUITY STRATEGY



# **ABOUT BRISTOL GATE**

As at February 28, 2025

Bristol Gate is a Toronto-based Investment Manager that combines fundamental analysis with data science to identify companies with the highest predicted dividend growth over the next 12 months. Bristol Gate uses machine learning and other data science techniques in constructing portfolios aimed at reducing risk and improving returns while avoiding emotional bias in the investment process. Bristol Gate was founded in 2006 and is a privately owned company.

# **OBJECTIVE**

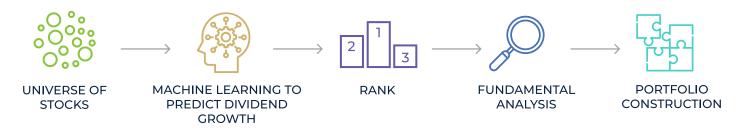
The Bristol Gate Canadian Equity Strategy seeks to generate long-term growth of income and capital by investing primarily in a concentrated portfolio of publicly traded equity securities of Canadian companies that pay a dividend.

# HOW WE FIND THE BEST DIVIDEND GROWTH # of Companies S&P/TSX Composite TRI 163 currently pay dividends 128 have dividend growth over the past 3 years 55 meet criteria for further fundamental analysis Only a handful of great companies can demonstrate an ability to grow their dividends

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 22 positions.
- Rebalanced to an equally weighted model, generally quarterly.
- Our proprietary methodology uses Machine Learning to predict the highest dividend growers looking forward over the next 12 months.
- The dividend hurdle rate is set annually. If a portfolio company falls below the dividend hurdle rate, a full due-diligence process on the company will be triggered.

### HOW DATA SCIENCE FITS INTO THE INVESTMENT PROCESS

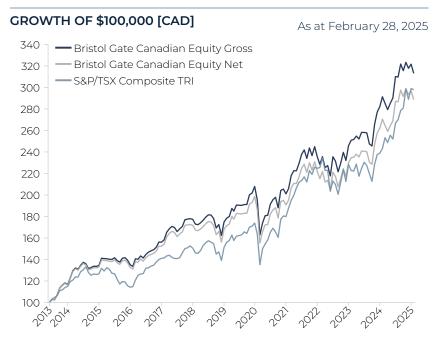


### WHY WE ARE DIFFERENT

- Concentrated portfolio of the highest predicted dividend growers primarily in the S&P/TSX Composite TRI
- Truly active management with high Active Share
- Measureable reduction in downside risk

### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	Port	Index	
	Gross	Net	Gross
Number of Securities	22	22	220
Dividend Yield	1.7%	1.7%	2.9%
TTM Dividend Growth	14.2%	14.2%	5.0%
P/E	22.5	22.5	22.1
Forward P/E	17.0	17.0	15.9
Standard Deviation	11.4%	11.4%	12.2%
Sharpe Ratio	0.41	0.35	0.34
Sortino Ratio	0.82	0.71	0.68
Information Ratio	0.05	(0.06)	-
Up Capture	87.5%	85.3%	100%
Down Capture	72.9%	75.1%	100%
Tracking Error	6.39	6.39	-
Portfolio Alpha	1.78	1.07	-
Portfolio Beta	0.86	0.86	-
Active Share	84.8%	84.8%	-



The table shown above is used only to illustrate the effects of the compound growth rate and is not intended to reflect future values of the Strategy or returns on investment in the Strategy.

PERFORMANCE RESULTS [CAD] - Inception: July 1, 2013						ANNUALIZED					
Trailing Returns		1	М	3M	YTD	1YR	3YF	R 5'	YR	10YR	Since Inception
Bristol Gate Canadian Equity Gross		-2.	7%	-3.2%	-1.5%	7.5%	11.19	% 9.9	9%	8.3%	10.3%
Bristol Gate Canadian Equity Net		-2.	7%	-3.3%	-1.6%	6.7%	10.39	% 9.	1%	7.5%	9.5%
S&P/TSX Composite TRI		-O.	4%	-0.3%	3.1%	22.5%	9.79	% 12.	7%	8.5%	9.8%
Calendar Returns	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Bristol Gate Canadian Equity Gross	13.0%	4.3%	12.1%	13.9%	-8.8%	24.3%	1.8%	19.2%	-5.2%	19.4%	14.7%
Bristol Gate Canadian Equity Net	12.2%	3.6%	11.4%	13.1%	-9.4%	23.4%	1.1%	18.4%	-5.9%	18.6%	13.9%
S&P/TSX Composite TRI	10.6%	-8.3%	21.1%	9.1%	-8.9%	22.9%	5.6%	25.1%	-5.8%	11.8%	21.7%

TMX Group Ltd.	6.21%
Element Fleet Mgmt. Corp.	5.34%
Brookfield Corp.	5.24%
Intact Financial Corp.	5.13%
Dollarama Inc.	5.05%
FirstService Corp.	4.89%
Waste Connections Inc.	4.89%
Thomson Reuters Corp.	4.78%

4.56%

4.49%

Aliment Couche-Tard Inc.

Stella-Jones Inc.

**TOP 10** 

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS	(%
Industrials	

Industrials	26.2%
Financials	21.0%
Consumer Staples	13.1%
Information Technology	11.7%
Real Estate	9.2%
Materials	8.8%
Consumer Discretionary	5.0%
Health Care	4.4%
Energy	0.0%
Communication Services	0.0%
Utilities	0.0%

# **RELATIVE TO BENCHMARK**

Sector Exposure vs. S&P/TSX Composite TRI at February 28, 2025





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