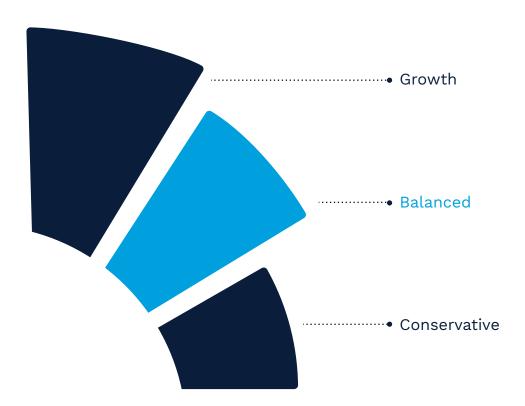


### It's time to evolve.

**Be SectorWise.** 



# Independence ensures higher returns.

### SECTOR WISE

Since 1997, RGP Investments has provided its clients with innovative investment solutions. Our team of portfolio managers combines experience, creativity, and a science-based approach to help investors achieve their financial goals. As an investment fund manager specializing in the active management of sectors, we advocate a thoughtful, proven and integrated approach.

To leverage our independence, in 2018 RGP Investments launched its Sectorwise Portfolios, providing managed solutions for a range of investor profiles. This unique model maximizes the many benefits demonstrated by sector-specialist managers for over 20 years.

This business review presents the sector specialist managers and the mandates of the underlying funds. Find out more about the key elements that foster the growth of SectorWise Portfolios.

### Independence ensures higher returns

We build profitable and long-lasting portfolios.

We take advantage of the knowledge and complementary strengths of the top portfolio management firms.

Complete independence delivers maximum results.

# Where do the returns come from?

The potential for higher returns offered by SectorWise portfolios derives from three key elements: the **strength of the market** combined with two separate, proven and innovative components: **strategic** and **tactical**.





#### **The Stock Market**

- ✓ The stock market is up 6 months out of 10
- ✓ Results are random from month to month
- Remain invested at all times to take advantage of long-term market growth



#### **Strategic Component**

- ✓ Portfolio structure
- ✓ Fundamentals
- ✓ Convictions
- ✓ Long-term vision



#### **Tactical Component**

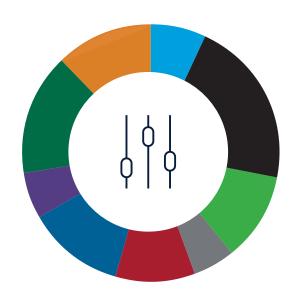
- ✓ Empirical research
- ✓ Selection of the best stocks
- ✓ Economic forecasts
- ✓ Short-term opportunities

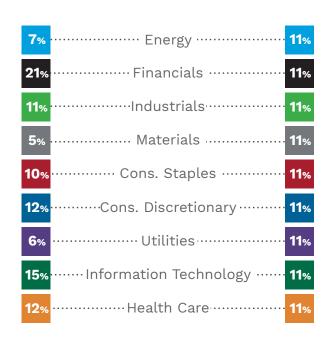
# Strategic Component<sup>(1)</sup>

Historically, portfolios invested equally in each market sector have achieved higher returns than their reference index.

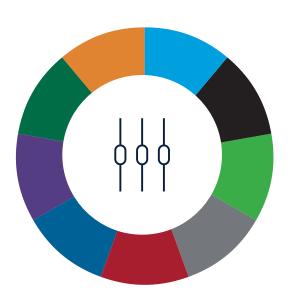
Studies have shown that this management model improves long-term performance while reducing portfolio volatility.

### Sectors Weighted in Accordance with MSCI World Index





#### **EQUALLY Weighted Sectors**





# Changes in sector returns over the past 12 years (2)

#### "No need to predict the unpredictable!"

Historically, equally invested portfolios in each of the equity sectors outperformed their benchmark<sup>(3)</sup>.



## Added Value of Strategic Component<sup>(1)</sup>

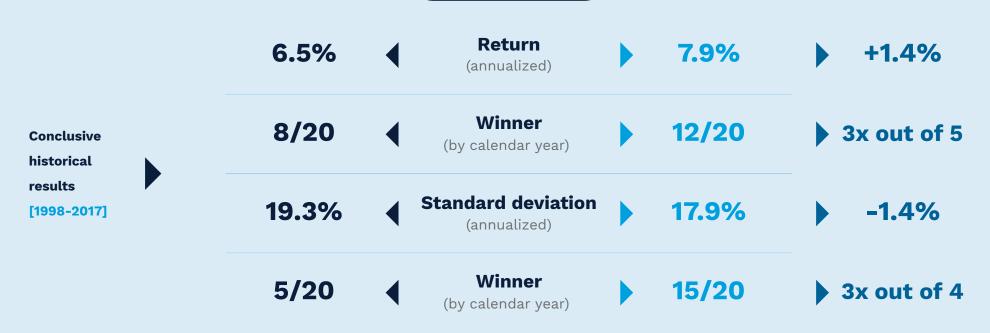


Sectors Weighted in Accordance with MSCI World Index



**EQUALLY Weighted Sectors** 

### 20 YEARS



# Tactical Component<sup>(4)</sup>

Historically, sector specialist managers have outperformed the industry average. Our team of portfolio managers, in collaboration with our team of actuaries and CFAs, carefully groups these specialist managers based on our criteria of excellent of consistency in results.

#### **Our Goal**

Select the best specialist managers to take advantage of their active sector management.

#### **Traditional Management**

Large Cap Stocks

	Number of Mandates	Annualized Return (15 years)
Canadian Equity	95	8.9 %
Global Equity	219	7.7 %
U.S. Equity	200	7.6 %
International Equity	94	6.5 %
Total	608	7.7 %

#### **Specialized Management**

By Economic Sector

	Number of Mandates	Annualized Return (15 years)
Cyclical Sectors (Materials, Consumer Discretionary,	12 Financials)	8.4 %
Sensitive Sectors (Energy, Information Technology)	19	8.0 %
Defensive Sectors (Health Care, Cons. Staples)	7	9.8 %
Sectors (Multiple Man (Industrials, Utilities, etc.)	dates) 17	9.0 %
Total	55	8.8 %



67% of annual returns by specialist managers outperform traditional management.

+1.1%

### **Selection Process**

#### Specialist Manager Selection

- Managers with at least 5 years of performance history.
- Returns better than the reference index.

#### **2** ETF Selection

- Round out active management.
- Benefit from innovative approaches to ETF (Smart Beta, Momentum and other actively managed ETFs).

#### **3** Quantitative Analysis

- Analysis of return per unit of risk (information ratio).
- Analysis of consistency of added value.

#### 4 Final Assembly

■ Ensure the complementary nature of the model by maintaining equal sector weighting, management quality and consistent results.

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## SectorWise Portfolios

Only complete independence, combined with recognized expertise, unparalleled consistency and proven strength, generates maximum results. We have selected top sector specialist managers in order to deliver a well thought-out and unique asset mix that meets the needs of every kind of investor.

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#### Conservative

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**40%** Equity

60% Fixed Income

This asset mix is primarily focused on fixed-income securities. It also has a stock component to offer good growth in capital and increase the portfolio's potential for long-term growth.

#### **Balanced**



**60%** Equity

**40%**Fixed Income

This asset mix is weighted more toward long-term growth of capital. To reduce overall portfolio volatility it also has a significant component in fixed-income securities.

#### Growth



80% Equity

20% Fixed Income

This asset mix is for investors who are looking for a significant increase in capital over the long term. This portfolio has a bond component to balance out the short-term volatility of the equity component.

		Series A	Series F
Conservative SectorWise Portfolio	Codes	RGP300	RGP303
	Management Fee <sup>(*)</sup>	1.70%	0.70%
	Trailer Fee	1.00%	N/A
Balanced SectorWise Portfolio	Codes	RGP400	RGP403
	Management Fee <sup>(*)</sup>	1.80%	0.80%
	Trailer Fee	1.00%	N/A
Growth SectorWise Portfolio	Codes	RGP500	RGP503
	Management Fee <sup>(*)</sup>	1.90%	0.90%
	Trailer Fee	1.00%	N/A

<sup>(\*)</sup> Trailer Fees are included in Management Fees.

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(1) The strategic component presents the findings of a study by RGP Investments in which the behaviour of the market index was compared to that of an equally weighted model. The study was based on the monthly returns of the MSCI World Index (in US dollars) and the monthly returns of the underlying sectors of that index. Data were obtained from FactSet. The study covers the period from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2017 (20 years).

The performance of the MSCI World Index was determined using total index returns (including dividends) for the studied period. The performance of the equally weighted model takes into account monthly rebalancing among the sectors within the index used. The top performer (per calendar year) shows the number of occurrences in which each option obtained the highest return in one calendar year for the period covered.

- (2) Sector return variation of the different sectors within the MSCI World Index (CAD). Sector performance data provided in this chart come from the MSCI World Index (CAD). Data was obtained from FactSet.
- (3) Result of an internal study covering the period from January 1st, 2008 to December 31, 2020.
- (4) The tactical component presents the findings of a study measuring the added value of sector specialty funds compared to large cap equity funds (traditional mandates). All calculations are based on series F mutual funds as at December 31, 2017. For each of the four traditional management categories, the annualized return (15 years) is the composite return of all monthly returns for the period from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2017. Each of these monthly returns corresponds to the average return for all mutual funds in the category, where a monthly performance was published. The total return (7.7%), shown at the bottom of the traditional management section, is the average return for the four categories weighted to reflect the geographic distribution in the full (55 mandates equally weighted by sector) of specialized management portfolio. As at December 31, 2017, the geographic distribution was as follows: 25% Canadian Equity + 25% Global Equity + 25% U.S. Equity + 25% International Equity.

For each of the nine sectors used to represent specialized management, the annualized return (15 years) is the composite return of all monthly returns for the period from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2017. Each of these monthly returns corresponds to the average return for all mutual funds in the sector, where a monthly performance was published. The total return (8.,8%), shown at the bottom of the specialized management section, is the average return for the nine sectors used. For your information, we have provided the average annualized return for the sectors grouped by sector category, i.e., Cyclical, Sensitive, Defensive and Multiple Mandates. Based on the calculations as described in the two preceding paragraphs, 67%, or 113 of the 169 12-month rolling returns published by sector specialized management, covering the period from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2017, outperformed those published by traditional management (56/169).

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