

**QUARTERLY OUTLOOK & REVIEW**

- > In Q4 2019, the Fund's Class A units returned 2.39% (2.65% for Class F). The largest positive contributor to performance was the Allergan/AbbVie spread which tightened materially in the quarter as several required approvals were gained and the path to closure became clearer. Another material contributor was the acquisition of Celgene by Bristol Myers successfully closing.
- > Special Purpose Acquisitions Companies (SPACs) as an asset class had a healthy Q4 as well. One small SPAC that was a notable standout in terms of performance is Immunovant (previously Health Sciences Acquisition) that has traded up to \$16 post de-SPACing. The fund maintains some warrant exposure to this company. The unlevered exposure to SPAC's currently seeking acquisitions is just under 40%.
- > New M&A deal activity was healthy during the quarter, perhaps aided by the easing of trade tensions with China, as a Phase One deal was finally negotiated. In the US, the pharmaceutical sector was particularly active for acquirers as large pharma companies look to buy new drugs being developed by smaller companies. In Canada, there were a number of mining deals announced, notably Detour Mining by Kirkland Lake, as well as the agreement for Cineplex to be acquired by Cineworld Group from the UK. The robust deal activity allowed the fund to be fully invested throughout the quarter.

**PERFORMANCE: VALUE OF \$100,000 INVESTED IN CLASS A ON FEBRUARY 2017**

— Picton Mahoney Arbitrage Fund Plus Class (A)  
— HFRI ED Merger Arbitrage Index (Hedged to CAD)



	1 Mon	3 Mon	6 Mon	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr*	5 Yr*	10 Yr*	Since Inc*
Picton Mahoney Arbitrage Fund Plus Class (A)	-0.18	2.44	4.00	1.36	6.43	5.27	--	--	5.27
HFRI ED Merger Arbitrage Index (Hedged to CAD)	-0.06	0.84	2.67	-0.16	4.34	4.54	--	--	4.54

Note: (\*) refers to average annualized performance.

**Highlight**

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate consistent, positive returns, with low volatility and low correlation to equity markets.

**Strategy**

The Fund utilizes leverage to enhance returns and intends to gain 200% exposure to the Picton Mahoney Arbitrage Fund, net of borrowing and/or dealer costs. The underlying fund primarily employs arbitrage strategies, which are specialized investment techniques designed to profit from the successful completion of mergers, takeovers, tender offers, leveraged buyouts, spin-offs, liquidations, and other corporate reorganizations. The most common arbitrage activity the Manager intends to use is merger arbitrage, which involves purchasing the shares of an announced acquisition target company at a discount to the expected merger consideration.

**Fund Information**

Fund Assets: \$229.3M  
 Firm Assets: \$7.7B  
 Fund Details: 2.0% Mgmt Fee (A)  
 15.0% Performance Fee  
 High Water Mark  
 Monthly Liquidity  
 RSP Eligible  
 Prime Broker: TD Securities Inc.  
 Administrator: CIBC Mellon  
 Auditor: PricewaterhouseCoopers  
 Lawyer: McMillan LLP

**Fund Code**

A Class: VRT992



## RETURN & RISK ANALYSIS

FUND HIGHLIGHTS	PICTON MAHONEY ARBITRAGE FUND PLUS CLASS (A)	HFRI ED MERGER ARBITRAGE INDEX (HEDGED TO CAD)
NAV per Unit	11.5	
Net Assets	229.3 M	
MTD Return	-0.18%	-0.06%
YTD Return	1.36%	-0.16%
2018 Annual Return (Calendar Year)	5.82%	3.29%
2019 Annual Return (Calendar Year)	5.43%	6.80%

## PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Maximum Drawdown	-2.4%	-1.16%
Period of Maximum Drawdown	Nov-17	Mar-18 - Apr-18
Time Under Water	6 Months	2 Months
Percentage of Positive Months	83.33%	72.22%
Beta	0.72	1
Standard Deviation (%)	2.54%	2.28%
Sharpe Ratio	1.53	1.39
Worst Month	-2.4%	-1.05%

## EXPOSURES

Gross	179.42%
Long	158.52%
Short	-20.9%
Net	137.62%

## ALLOCATION

### HOLDINGS INFORMATION

Average Market Cap	# of Deals	# of SPACs <sup>2</sup>
\$18.30 billion	27	114

### GEOGRAPHIC BREAKOUT

Net exposure	%
Canada	23.5
United States	86.3
Other	21.8

33 Yonge Street, Suite 830  
Toronto, ON M5E 1G4

Bankers Hall - West Tower  
888 3rd Street SW, 10th Floor  
Calgary, AB T2P 5C5

1250 René Lévesque West,  
Bureau 2200  
Montréal, QC, H3B 4W8

666 Burrard Street, Suite 600  
Vancouver, BC V6C 2X8

www.pictonmahoney.com  
service@pictonmahoney.com  
institutional@pictonmahoney.com  
416.955.4108 1.866.369.4108

## Disclaimer

<sup>1</sup> Picton Mahoney Arbitrage Plus Fund (formerly, Vertex Arbitrage Fund Plus) effective on January 13, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Special Purpose Acquisition Companies ("SPACs") are companies formed to raise capital in an initial public offering ("IPO") with the purpose of using the proceeds to acquire one or more unspecified businesses or assets to be identified after the IPO.

The inception date of the Class A Units of the Fund is February 28, 2017. Performance and Performance Analysis data is presented since inception for Class A Units of the Fund. Net Assets are reported for Class A, Class F and Class I combined. Maximum Drawdown, Period of Drawdown, Time Under Water, Beta, standard deviation and Sharpe Ratio are calculated using monthly data. Performance data is compared to the HFRI ED Arbitrage Merger Index (Hedged to CAD), the standard benchmark for arbitrage strategies in Canada. The composition of the Fund's portfolio will significantly differ from the Index due to the Fund's investment strategy. Please see the Fund's Confidential Offering Memorandum for more information, including investment strategies, risk factors and investor eligibility. This material is for informational purposes only, is subject to change and is not an offer or solicitation to sell units of the Fund. Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with fund investments. The Fund is not guaranteed, its value changes frequently and past performance may not be repeated.