

PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

No new positions were added to DM mandates in February and none were removed.

FEATURE STOCK

Berkshire-Hathaway Inc. (BRK.B)

One of the most anticipated investment events each year is the release of BRK's shareholder letter. Many of Warren Buffett's most famous quotes originated in these missives and they're invariably brimming with reminders that durable investment wealth is built on research, fundamentals, and patience. Below are some of the notable parts of this year's letter:

- Buffett attributes his company's extraordinary success to "a dozen truly good decisions", or about one every five years throughout his 58 years at the helm of the firm; without these, BRK would have been just an average capital allocator.
- From Charlie Munger: "The world is full of foolish gamblers and they will not do as well as the patient investor"; "Don't focus on the froth in the market. We seek out good long-term investments and stubbornly hold them for a long time."
- Market predictions are a fool's errand; instead, Buffett wrote, "our job is to manage BRK's operations in a manner that will preserve the company's unmatched staying power when financial panics or severe worldwide recessions occur."
- Share buybacks are good.

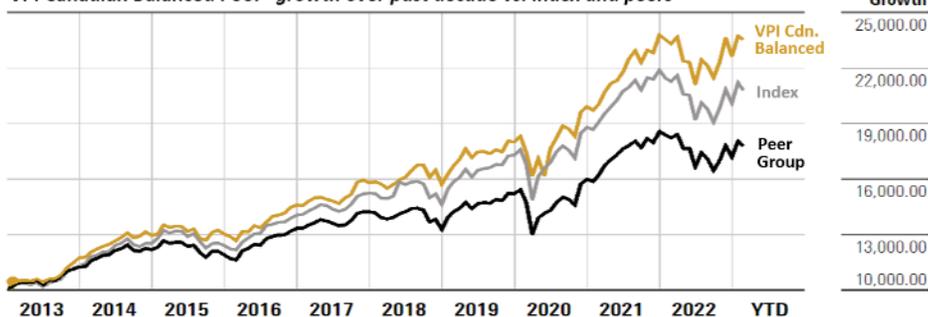
In 2022, BRK shares gained 3.3% while the S&P 500 fell by 18.1%.

VPI BALANCED POOL WINS INDUSTRY AWARD – for 5th straight year

In late 2007, Value Partners Investments launched its *VPI Canadian Balanced Pool* and hired DM as the mandate's sole manager. In VPI's words, the intent of the fund was to "deliver long-term capital appreciation and income generation by investing primarily in large, medium, and small companies that generate sustainable cash flow, are operated by competent management teams, and have track records of wealth creation. The portfolio manager will also purchase fixed income securities that provide attractive returns through both capital appreciation and interest payments." Needless to say, DM couldn't have found a better fit with our investment approach and philosophy and so we jumped at the management opportunity.

Since that time, the VPI Canadian Balanced Pool has grown to nearly \$1bn in assets and has helped countless families and individuals across the country meet their financial and retirement goals. Part of the fund's growth and success can be attributed to its relatively reliable record of performance, which has seen it exceed its benchmark in 10 of the last 12 years. According to financial research and rating agency, Morningstar, VPI Balanced also holds a premier position within its peer group, consistently outperforming the average in its category and achieving a top quartile ranking in all measurement periods over the past decade. In recognition of these achievements, the VPI Canadian Balanced Pool recently received the FundGrade A+ Award for the fifth consecutive year. This award is presented annually by investment fund analytics company FundData to "investment funds and their managers who have shown consistent, outstanding, risk-adjusted performance throughout the year." Because FundGrade A+ status is earned by less than 6% of the investment funds available in Canada, we are very pleased to be part of this exclusive group once again.

VPI Canadian Balanced Pool - growth over past decade vs. index and peers



To 31-Dec-2022	3mo	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
VPI Cdn. Balanced	5.4%	-4.9%	7.9%	7.4%	8.5%
Peer average	4.4%	-7.6%	4.3%	4.1%	5.9%
VPI Balanced quartile rank	1	1	1	1	1
# funds evaluated	370	367	325	297	198

Source: Morningstar Inc., VPI Cdn. Balanced Fund Series F