

# Small cap fund. Big opportunities.

## Franklin ClearBridge Canadian Small Cap Fund

June 2025

The Canadian equity landscape offers compelling opportunities for small cap investors, with our 40+ year legacy reflecting a steadfast commitment to expressing only our highest-conviction small cap ideas through authentic active management.

## **Quick facts**

### A distinctive approach to GARP

- Quality-growth bias with disciplined valuation framework
- Proprietary investment research, supplemented by third-party resources, produces a competitive edge
- Long-term investment horizon provides a time arbitrage versus a short-term focused market

### Concentrated portfolio

- High conviction approach to investing: holdings typically range between 40 and 50 (currently 46)
- True active management running high active share<sup>1</sup> (currently 87%)
- Patient approach shown by low turnover (15-30% annually)

## Strong focus on risk management

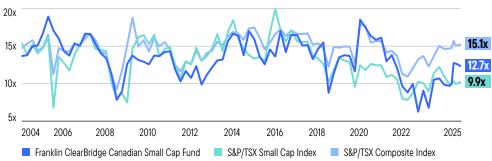
Participate in strong markets and protect capital in challenging markets

## **Compelling valuations**

#### Valuation disconnect between small and large cap Canadian companies

The Bank of Canada initiated rate cuts after over two years of hikes. Since 2000, in five similar rate cuts, the Franklin ClearBridge Canadian Small Cap Fund outperformed major equity indices (S&P/TSX Composite, S&P 500, MSCI EAFE) in four out of five instances over the following three years.

## Forward P/E Ratio<sup>2</sup>





## LSEG Lipper Fund Awards\*

Best Fund Over Three Years
Canadian Small/Mid Cap Equity 2024
Franklin Templeton
ClearBridge Canadian Small Cap
Fund Series F

### Investment team



Mike Richmond, CFA
Portfolio Manager
24 years industry experience
Joined firm in 2013



Michael Shaw, CFA
Vice President, Portfolio Manager
14 years industry experience
Joined firm in 2023

## **ClearBridge**

ClearBridge is a leading fundamental equity manager committed to delivering long-term results through authentic active management across channels, geographies and investment vehicles. Canadian equities are managed by a dedicated team based in Calgary (formerly Franklin Bissett), known for its disciplined, value-oriented approach and more than four decades of experience managing Canadian equities.

## **Navigating the Canadian small cap market**

Inefficient markets offer boundless opportunities, while demanding a disciplined and repeatable approach to navigating Canada's small-cap space.

### Complex market with limited sell-side research coverage

- Few thousand issuers with approximate market value of \$275 billion
- Non-diversified market. Greater than 50% weight towards resource sectors (energy, precious metals, and base metals)
- Vulnerable to trends (cannabis, crypto, green tech)

#### Poor fundamental criteria

- · Limited liquidity magnifies price volatility
- Valuations highly sensitive to liquidity flows
- Susceptible to speculation and severe corrections

## Why invest in this fund?



## Small caps provide diversification

Ideal for investors seeking to add small caps to an investment portfolio to complement large- and mid-cap holdings and help generate superior risk-adjusted returns over time.



## Investing for the long term

The fund invests in companies with proven management and a long-term growth plan. In a less efficient market, such as the small-cap sector, active management can offer more substantial opportunities to generate alpha.



# Franklin ClearBridge's time-tested process

Understanding the volatility associated with small cap investing, ClearBridge Investments employs a disciplined "Growth at a Reasonable Price" (GARP) approach which seeks to maintain a balance between risk and return.

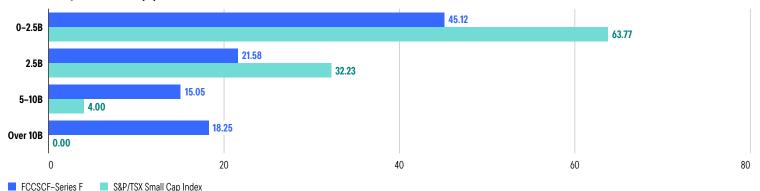
## Top 10 Equity Holdings (%)

Security	(%) of Total Representative Portfolio
Propel Holdings, Inc.	4.02
Headwater Exploration Inc.	3.62
EQB Inc	3.57
Kelt Exploration Ltd.	3.56
AltaGas Ltd.	3.4
Empire Co Ltd Class A	3.32
Kinaxis, Inc.	3.22
Sandstorm Gold Ltd.	3.17
Enerflex Ltd.	3.09
Winpak Ltd.	2.87
Total	33.84

## **Sector Weightings (%)**

		S&P/TSX Small Cap		
Security	Fund (%)	Index (%)		
Energy	21.10	20.50		
Materials	18.00	34.90		
Industrials	16.00	11.50		
Real Estate	10.70	9.10		
Financials	10.00	6.10		
Information Technology	7.40	2.60		
Consumer Staples	7.00	3.10		
Utilities	6.90	2.70		
Consumer Discretionary	1.10	3.00		
Health Care	1.00	5.10		
Communication Services	0.00	1.50		
Cash	0.90	0.00		

## Market Capitalization (\$)



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## **Performance statistics**

### **Trailing Returns & Rankings**

Series	Inception Date	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	Since Inception*
Franklin ClearBridge Canadian Small Cap Fund - Series F	8/30/1993	10.34	5.17	14.50	15.42	17.19	2.99	7.57
Canadian Small/Mid Cap Equity Category	_	11.95	7.01	17.25	11.91	12.47	6.41	8.26

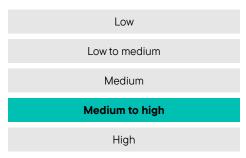
Ratings/Rankings	Overall	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Risk-Adjusted Return Rating <sup>3</sup>	***	***	***	*
	3-Star	3-Star	5-Star	1-Star
Risk - Percentile Ranking (%)³	_	77	50	8

## Select fund codes & Management Expense Ratio (MER)<sup>4</sup>

Fee Type	Fund Series	CDN\$	MER (%)
Commision-Based	Series A	TML223	2.85
Fee-Based	Series F	TML253	1.75

t\*ADM" refers to the Investment Advisory Services Fee purchase option for series F, FT, PF, PF (Hedged) and PFT. Please see the simplified prospectus for further details.

## **Risk classification**



#### \*Annualized

- 3. Morningstar quartile rankings show how well a fund has performed compared to all other funds in its peer group. Each fund within a peer group is ranked based on its performance, and these rankings are broken into quarters or quartiles. Within a group, the top 25% (or quarter) of the funds are in the first quartile, the next 25% are in the second quartile, the next group in the third quartile, and the bottom 25% of funds with the poorest relative performance are in the fourth quartile. The point in which half the funds had better performance and half had worse performance is the median. If 100 funds are being compared, there would be four quartiles of twenty-five funds each. The median would be the fiftieth fund. For more details on the calculation of Morningstar star ratings or quartile rankings please, see www.morningstar.ca. © Morningstar Inc. All Rights Reserved.
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