

# Veritas Next Edge Premium Yield Fund

Monthly Commentary as of March 31, 2025



Award-winning research that formulates a diversified Canadian equity portfolio with a bias towards yield and capital appreciation.

Our top performers in March 2025 included Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. (S&P/TSX, NYSE: WPM), Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (S&P/TSX: AEM, NYSE: AEM) and Barrick Gold Corp. (S&P/TSX, NYSE: ABX). These stocks benefited from a further 9% increase in gold prices in March to US\$3,124, as investors continued to accumulate safe-haven assets in response to proposed U.S. tariffs. With geopolitical and economic risks on the rise, we also expect central banks to continue their recent gold buying as they attempt to diversify their assets and hedge U.S. dollar risks.

Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (S&P/TSX, NYSE:CNQ) rose in March as WTI crude reached US\$71.50/barrel and the discount for Western Canada Select (WCS) narrowed to US\$9.75 a barrel, the smallest discount since late November 2020. We expect Canadian oil to be exempt from U.S. tariffs as a USMCA-compliant export. More recently, recession fears have driven WTI to a one-year low of US\$61/barrel with the WCS differential holding near US\$9. With significant free cash flow, as well as natural gas and overseas production, CNQ is partly hedged against WTI risks.

Cogeco Communications Inc. (S&P/TSX: CCA) rose in March as investors flocked to safety in advance of U.S. tariff announcements. Cogeco is managing well through industry headwinds and should reach its deleveraging target of 3.0x Debt-to-EBITDA over time.

## HOLDING ANALYSIS<sup>3</sup>

Holdings Analysis	% Held
% Top 10 Holdings	44.29%
% Top 20 Holdings	86.20%
Cash Position	2.03%

## TOP CONTRIBUTORS<sup>3</sup>

Top 5 Contributors						
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp						
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd						
Barrick Gold Corp						
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd						
Cogeco Communications Inc						

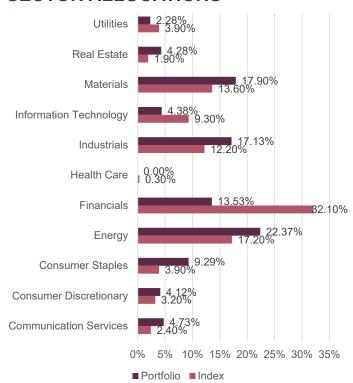
## TOP DETRACTORS<sup>3</sup>

Top 5 Detractors						
Canada Goose Holdings Inc						
Air Canada						
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd						
AtkinsRealis Group Inc						
Nutrien Ltd						

# PORTFOLIO SECTOR ALLOCATION<sup>3</sup>

Sector Performance	# of Holdings	March 31, 2025
Communication Services	1	0.31%
Consumer Discretionary	1	-0.91%
Consumer Staples	2	0.49%
Energy	5	0.38%
Financials	3	-0.14%
Health Care	0	0.00%
Industrials	4	-1.45%
Information Technology	2	0.03%
Materials	4	1.18%
Real Estate	1	0.03%
Utilities	1	0.14%

## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS<sup>3</sup>



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Market Cap Long Positions	% Breakdown	# of Holdings
Large Cap ( >10 Billion)	60.89%	14
Mid Cap (>= 2 Billion & <= 10 Billion)	34.99%	9
Small Cap (>= 300 Million & <= 2 Billion)	4.12%	1
Totals	100.00%	24

Our goal is to buy the best companies in sectors where we identify positive investment catalysts. We evaluate each company's ability to navigate good and bad economic environments, looking at the sustainability of cash flows; balance sheet strength; financial reporting transparency and governance.

## HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

Class A

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
2025	0.62%	0.45%	-0.29%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.77%2
2024	0.63%	1.16%	4.16%	-2.34%	2.70%	-1.59%	4.73%	1.73%	1.40%	1.08%	3.42%	-3.95%	13.53%
2023	4.93%	-3.04%	0.63%	2.05%	-3.32%	2.11%	0.36%	-1.39%	-3.36%	-0.94%	4.33%	2.41%	4.41%
2022	-	-	-	_	_	-1.67%*	3.87%	0.47%	-5.15%	6.87%	3.87%	-2.38%	5.46% <sup>2</sup>

#### Class F

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
2025	0.71%	0.54%	-0.20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.05% <sup>2</sup>
2024	0.74%	1.25%	4.25%	-2.24%	2.80%	-1.50%	4.83%	1.82%	1.50%	1.18%	3.51%	-3.84%	14.85%
2023	5.04%	-2.96%	0.72%	2.14%	-3.22%	2.20%	0.45%	-1.29%	-3.27%	-0.84%	4.43%	2.51%	5.61%
2022	-	-	-	_	-	-1.67%*	3.93%	0.57%	-5.06%	6.97%	3.96%	-2.29%	6.03%2

	1 Month	YTD²	1 Year	Annualized Since Inception	Inception Date	Monthly Distribution	
Class A <sup>1</sup>	-0.29%	0.77%	7.90%	8.73%	June 2022	\$0.0465	
Class F <sup>1</sup>	-0.20%	1.05%	9.15%	9.97%	June 2022	\$0.0480	

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- 1. Veritas Next Edge Premium Yield Fund returns are net of all fees and expenses associated with Class A Units and Class F Units charged from June 28, 2022. Returns for 2025 are unaudited. Therefore, performance statistics containing 2025 figures shown in this material are subject to final confirmation. The historical annualized rates of return for the Veritas Next Edge Premium Yield Fund Class A Units as of March 31, 2025 are 1 yr 7.90%, 3 yr N/A, 5 yr N/A, 10 yr N/A, and CARR 8.73%; for Class F Units are 1 yr 9.15%, 3 yr N/A, 5 yr N/A, 10 yr N/A, and CARR 9.97%.
- Part Year
- \* Part Month start date June 28, 2022 to June 30, 2022.
- 3. Source: Next Edge Capital Corp. & Bloomberg LLP. All portfolio and index returns and statistics are as of the last business day of the previous month.

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