# Investment Fund #3 5 Year Review Jan 2015 to Dec 2019

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# Principles of Investment Management

- 1. Active Managers get higher fees than a 'pure' track the Index ETF because they are supposed to provide higher net returns.
- 2. These higher returns should <u>not</u> be purely a result of your Investment Fund (IF) taking on more risk.
- 3. These higher returns should <u>not</u> be purely a result of 'luck' (random) as this is not sustainable for your Investment Fund.

# Our Approach

- We utilize the science of Analytics.
- 2. This will tell you if it is 'just luck' or 'skill' (i.e., a better methodology) when your Investment Fund (IF) outperforms the market.
- 3. I want your pension plan funds to out perform the market!
- 4. Hire Investment Funds that are most likely to outperform the market & have reasonable fees Spend Wisely!

#### The Index

- 1. The first step in the analytics is to determine the appropriate Index against which to compare your Investment Fund.
- 2. The Russell 3000 is an excellent broad base index for US and Canadian Equities it includes 98% of the total market cap; it had a annual return of 31.02% for 2019.
- 3. We can compare to any (sub) Index that you prefer.

# Which Analytics?

#### **Excess Return**

- Are you receiving enough return for increased risk in the portfolio?
  Value at Risk
- How is your Fund performing when the Index is struggling?
  <u>Underperformance Ratio</u>
- ► How often does your IF underperform the Index in a 5 year period? <u>Likelihood to Outperform</u> - the most critical in my opinion
- ▶ Is it random (50% ish) or 'almost science' (90% ish over 3 years)?

#### **Excess Return**

- This Investment Fund has generated an average excess return (risk adjusted) of 256 basis points over the past 5 years as of 31 Dec 2019.
- ► This Investment Fund assumed 5.5% more risk & generated 19.5% more return than the Index.

	IF 3	Russell 3000	T.E. Data	Difference	Comments
Avg. Monthly Returns	1.18	0.98			
Avg. Monthly Std. Dev'n.	3.68	3.48			
Avg. Annual Return	14.13	11.82		19.53%	not CAGR
Avg. Annual Std. Dev'n.	12.73	12.07		5.50%	
Intercept	0.22				
Slope (Beta)	0.97				
Expected Return	11.57				
Excess Return (Alpha)	2.56				
Tracking Error	4.97		1.44		
Information Ratio	0.51				

#### Value at Risk

- Stress test how did the Investment Fund perform when the Index had its worst months (i.e., months in which the Index lost at least 2%).
- ► The Investment Fund was better than the Index on 7 of 12 occasions, and is 913 basis points ahead of the R3000 (cumulative).

Monthly Returns								
Date	IF 3	R3000	Difference					
Dec-18	-7.96	-9.31	1.35					
Oct-18	-8.89	-7.36	-1.53					
May-19	-4.09	-6.47	2.38					
Aug-15	-6.20	-6.04	-0.16					
Jan-16	-6.55	-5.64	-0.91					
Feb-18	-1.44	-3.69	2.25					
Sep-15	-2.42	-2.91	0.49					
Jan-15	0.60	-2.78	3.38					
Oct-16	-2.61	-2.16	-0.45					
Dec-15	-1.55	-2.05	0.50					
Aug-19	0.32	-2.04	2.36					
Mar-18	-2.54	-2.01	-0.53					
VAR 5 yrs	-43.33	-52.46	9.13					

# Underperformance Ratio (5 years)

Even the best performing funds will regularly under perform the Index; a Quartile 1 fund will typically underperform the Index in 2 of 5 years (Mercer).

Annual return	IF 3	R1000	Difference	R3000	Difference
2015	6.76	5.67	1.09	0.48	6.28
2016	1.17	7.08	-5.91	12.74	-11.57
2017	29.04	30.21	-1.17	21.13	7.91
2018	2.06	-1.51	3.57	-5.24	7.30
2019	36.44	36.39	0.05	31.02	5.42
Performance			-2.37		15.34
Annual Fees			5.62		5.62
Front Load / 5 years			5.75		5.75
Net Performance			-13.74		3.97

- ▶ IF 3 has underperformed the R 1000G twice and the R 3000 once in 5 years.
- ▶ IF 3 has significantly outperformed the R3000 (gross of fees) but the fees consume 74% of the excess return.

#### Performance - is it 'Random' or 'Skill'?

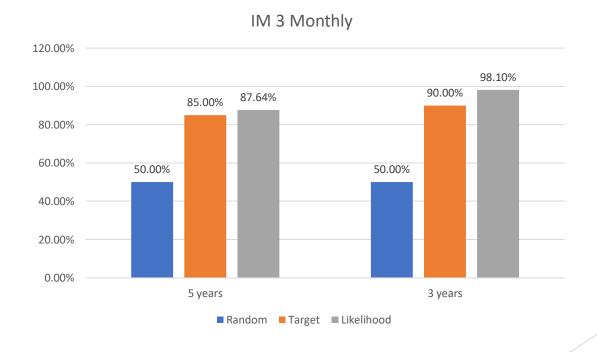
- 1. If your Fund out performs the market, they will tell you it is 'skill'.
- 2. If your Fund under performs the market, they will tell you it is 'bad luck'.
- 3. The reality is that either statement could be true or false.
- 4. How do you know?
- 5. The 'science of Analytics' can determine if out performance (or under performance) is random (luck) or skill (better process / meaningful).
- 6. The Analytics looks at the returns, the various risk profiles, the correlation, and then runs a regression analysis to determine the probability of the results being more than just luck.

# 'Random' or 'Skill' - What is the Threshold?

- 1. Scientists expect a 95% confidence level, it is a very rigorous standard.
- 2. We look for a 90% confidence level over 3 years, 85% over 5 years, and 80% over 10 years.
- 3. We believe it is worth reviewing if the results are within 5% of target (e.g., 76% confidence level over 10 years).
- 4. We know that Investment Fund 3 outperformed the market over the past 5 years based on having generated excess return. Was it luck or skill? That is the critical question...

# Analytics Results - 3 and 5 years

► We are very confident (98% for 3 years and 87% for 5 years) that IF 3 results are statistically significant - likelihood to outperform.



# Value of \$100 (net of fees) - 5 years

▶ The Russell 3000 grew to \$169, the Investment Fund grew to \$175.



► The IF's results are better but the very high fees (>2% per annum) substantially reduce the net results.

### **Exec Summary**

- 1. IF 3 outperformed the market as they generated an average excess return (risk adjusted) of 256 basis points per annum.
- 2. The Value at Risk results were positive 913 basis points ahead of the Index in the worst 12 months with losses greater than 2%.
- 3. IF 3 underperformed the Index (R 3000) once in 5 years (good).
- 4. There is between a 87% (5 year) and 98% (3 year) likelihood that the outperformance is not random (i.e., a better methodology).
- 5. The fee structure is excessive and significantly reduced the Fund's return the IF gets 11+% and you get < 4% of the excess return.
- 6. A very good fund (Tier 2) but the fees are simply too high and prevent it from being a Tier 1 fund. Eliminate the front load fees (5.75%) = Tier 1

# Review Meeting

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  to book our 90 minute review meeting.
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