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### **Ewing Morris Opportunities Fund LP**

An investment partnership managed by Ewing Morris & Co. Investment Partners Ltd.

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# Who is Ewing Morris & Co.?

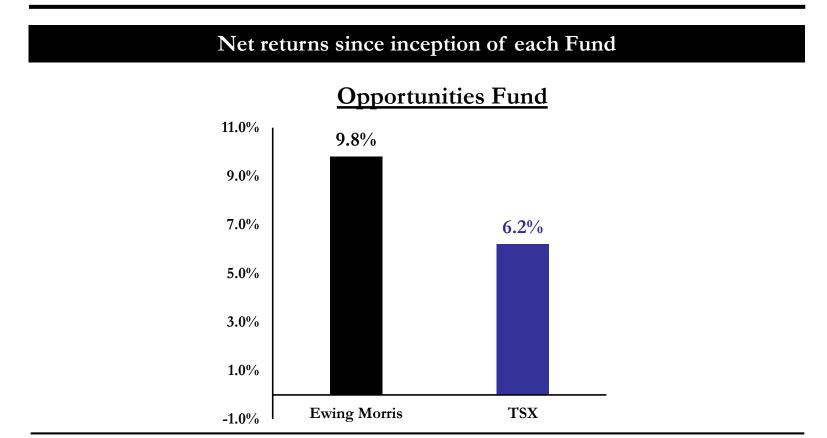
### <u>Our Firm</u>

- ► Toronto-based; founded in 2011
- Manage \$338 million for individuals & institutions
- ► We are our biggest client (\$50mm)
- Partner-owned firm; no succession risk
- 6 investment professionals; 80 years of cumulative experience

### **Our Philosophy**

- Capital preservation is top priority
- Target less competitive market niches (small cap stocks)
- Concentrated portfolio
- Business analysts, not traders

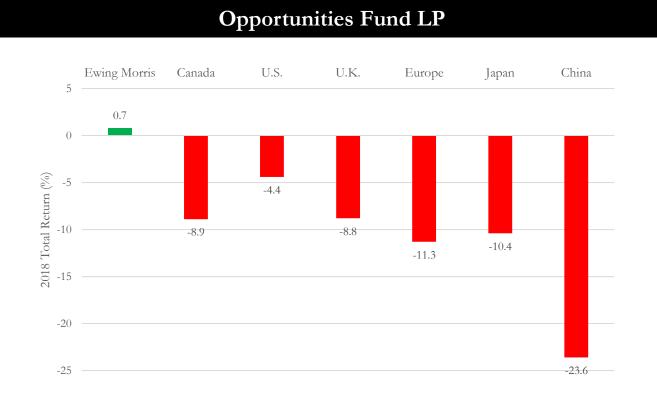
### How Have We Done?



Returns as of January 31, 2019. Past returns are not indicative of future performance. Fund returns are net of all fees and expenses. Inception date for the Opportunities Fund LP was September 9, 2011. The net return of the TSX is since the inception date of the Opportunities Fund. The benchmark return is represented by the S&P/TSX Total Return Index. We have listed this fund as it is representative of a widely known & followed Canadian equity benchmark

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### How did we do in 2018?



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### What Makes Us Different?

#### Where do we play? How do we win?

- Unique portfolio composition
  - Small/mid cap focus
  - Focused portfolio
  - Flexible mandate
- Deep research (Boyd example)
- Fund size advantage
- Integrated debt/equity team

### How Do We Do It?

Unique "Playbook" investment strategy used to classify each investment and help maintain a disciplined investment approach

Great Businesses	Great Capital Allocators
<i>= Good Economics</i>	<i>= People</i>
Broken Businesses	Cheap Assets
<i>= Poor Economics</i>	<i>= Price</i>

### Case Study – Mattel

#### **Messy Situation**

- ► Lost Disney license in 2014
- ► Toys "R" Us bankruptcy (2017)/liquidation (2018)
- ► Four CEOs in three years

#### Credit Market Perspective: Scared

- Long bonds (due 2041) trade at  $\sim 80\%$  of face value
- Bonds downgraded to junk in Q4 2017
- ► Leverage is high vs. trailing EBITDA

#### Equity Market Perspective: Optimistic

Market believes in the turnaround

#### Ewing Morris Perspective: They're both wrong

Data source: Capital IQ



- We anticipate positive catalysts across a number of investments in the next 12-18 months
- Maintain strong defensive position
  - Short book = 31% gross short\*
  - Fixed income  $\geq 20\%$  of the portfolio\*

\*As of January 31, 2019

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## Key Terms

Alignment of interests	100% of John Ewing and Darcy Morris investable assets are invested in the Fund			
Fees	<b>Class A:</b> 1.50% annual fee + profit allocation <sup>(1)</sup> , 15-day redemption notice period <b>Class MT:</b> 1.25% annual fee + profit allocation <sup>(1)</sup> , 12-month redemption notice period <b>Class LT:</b> 1.00% annual fee + profit allocation <sup>(1)</sup> , 24-month redemption notice period			
Perpetual High Water Mark	If an investor suffers a loss, the 20% profit allocation does not start accruing until after the previous losses have been recouped + 4% hurdle rate			
Lockup provision	None			
Liquidity	Monthly (2% early redemption fee payable to LP)			
Reporting	Monthly investment statements and pricing Quarterly commentary Annual Limited Partners Meeting			
Custodian/Prime Broker	TD Securities			
Legal	Borden Ladner Gervais LLP			
Auditors	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP			
Fund Administrator	SS&C Commonwealth Fund Services			

(1) 20% of profits over a 4% hurdle rate.

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### Appendix

## Portfolio Manager



John Ewing, CFA

- Chief Investment Officer and Opportunities Fund Portfolio Manager
- Co-founded Ewing Morris & Co. Investment Partners in June 2011
- ► Former V.P. and Director of Research at Burgundy Asset Management
- ► Honours BSc(Eng), University of Guelph, 2005:
  - Minor in Business Administration
  - President's Trophy as Guelph's top student-athlete in 2005
- ► Investment Committee, University of Guelph

## Experienced Team

Investment Team								
Investment Partner	Background	Industry Experience	<u>Investment</u> <u>Partner</u>	Background	Industry Experience			
John Ewing	Burgundy	12 years	Randy Steuart	Norrep, Marret	13 years			
Darcy Morris	Burgundy	12 years	Alex Ryzhikov	Burgundy	9 years			
Lee Matheson	Broadview, AIC	16 years	Anthony Hammill	Broadview, AIC	20 years			

#### **Advisory Board**

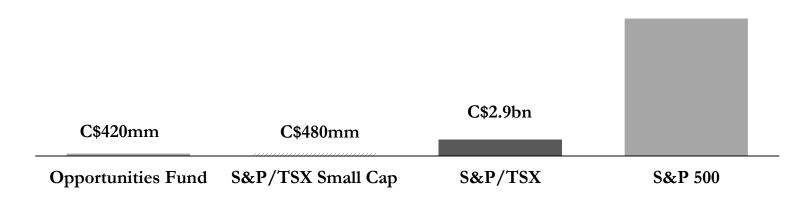
Martin Connell, O.C.	Former CEO & Chair of Conwest Energy, Co- Founder of Ace Bakery	Rosamond Ivey	Head of JRS Investments	Harry Rosen, O.C.	Founder of Harry Rosen, Inc.
Ira Gluskin	Co-Founder of Gluskin Sheff	John MacIntyre	Founder & Principal of Birch Hill Private Equity	Bill Stedman	Former CEO of Pembina Pipeline, former CEO of ENTx Capital
Linda Haynes, O.C.	Co-Founder of Ace Bakery	David Peterson, O.ONT.	Chair of Cassels Brock, former Premier of Ontario	David Wilson	Former Vice-Chairman of Scotiabank, former Head of Ontario Securities Commission

### Size Advantage

Focused on overlooked and undervalued small capitalization companies

The median market capitalization of the Opportunities Fund is C\$420 million

Median Market Capitalization



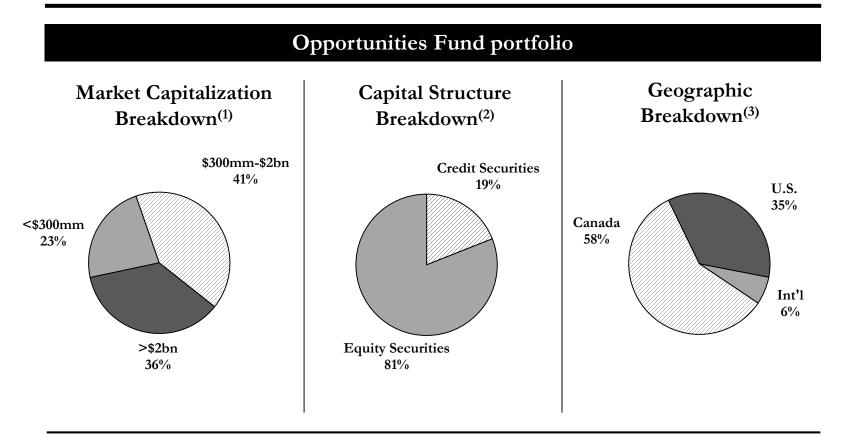
C\$24.2bn

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Source: Capital IQ, December 31, 2018. We have listed these indices because they are representative of widely known & followed North American equity benchmarks.

# Flexibility Advantage

Unconstrained from traditionally rigid and inflexible investment mandates



(1) Market capitalization breakdown of equity positions

- (2) In terms of gross exposure, December 31, 2018.
- (3) In terms of net exposure [gross long gross short], December 31, 2018.

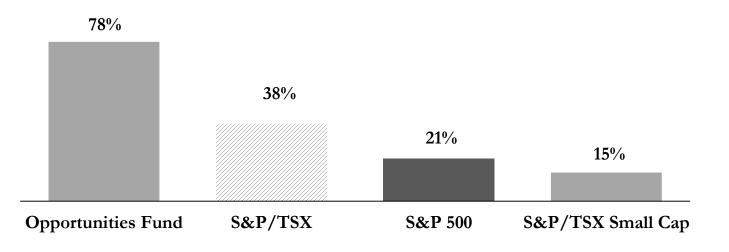
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### Focus Advantage

Meaningful holdings in highest conviction investments

The Top 10 investments account for 78% of the Opportunities Fund portfolio\*

#### Top 10 Investments\*



\*Breakdown of Top 10 Investments provided later in presentation. We have listed these indices because they are representative of widely known & followed North American equity benchmarks.

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices as of December 31, 2018.

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