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#### The INK Canadian Insider Index

V.I.P.'s find the value & price momentum stocks preferred by insiders

#### 50 stocks equally weighted

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### **Distinguishing Features**

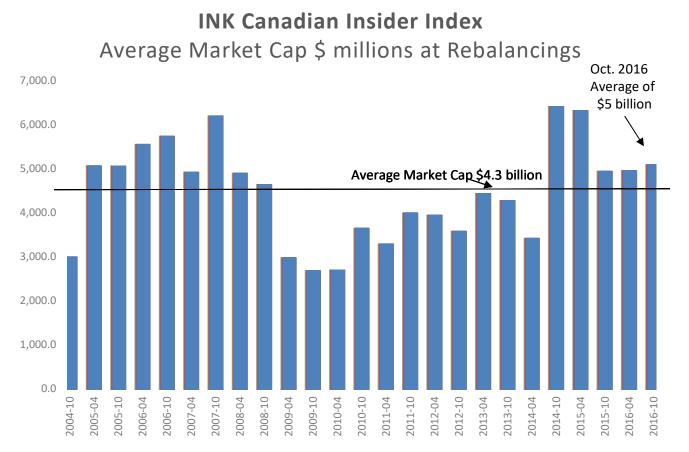
- Combines the power of insider signals with the benefits of an equally-weighted index
- INK Edge<sup>®</sup> V.I.P. index construction based on
  - Valuations
  - Insider commitment
  - Price momentum
- Mid-cap bias

### **Key Benefits**

- Focuses on insider opportunity, not size
  - Identifying genuine value & price momentum (expected growth) stocks
- Style and size diversification
- Equal weighting avoids over concentration in any one name

#### Mid-cap Bias

- Insider commitment stronger in small firms, yields a mid-cap bias
- Median stock \$1,347.6 billion market cap
- Smallest stock \$261 million market cap, largest \$41.8 billion



### Equal Weight Benchmarks

- Better benchmark for small investors: treats all investable stocks equally
  - Unlike large institutions, small investors are not forced into big stocks
  - Equal weight tends to outperform market cap indices during periods of broad equity participation
  - Will lag during periods of narrow market leadership
- Disciplined: buy-low and sell-high to return to equal weight on rebalancing dates
- Index re-balancings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in May and November

# Semi-annual rebalance: sticks with winners

Semi-annual rebalancing lets the winners run: Teck Resources

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<b>Teck Resources</b>	Semi-annual	Quartely	Pickup	
Aug. 19th Weight	2.90%	2.00%		
Excess Return*	50.37%	50.37%		
Contribution	1.46%	1.01%	0.45%	

\*From Aug. 19th to Nov. 18th

- Teck added value would have been almost 0.5% less had the index rebalanced quarterly on Aug 19<sup>th</sup>
- Semi-annual approach lets the losers fade

### **INK Philosophy**

• The best way to benchmark opportunity in the Canadian market is to track valuations, insider commitment and price momentum

• Meet the V.I.P.'s driving our approach...

#### Valuations



"All intelligent investing is value investing - acquiring more than you are paying for. You must value the business in order to value the stock."

Charlie Munger

#### Insider Commitment



"When you're investing in stocks, your chances for success are greatly improved when you pick companies where officers and directors own a large amount of stock."

Seymour Schulich

#### Price Momentum



"It seems reasonable that high returns over the last year signal high expected cashflows"

> Dissecting Anomalies, Eugene F. Fama and Kenneth R. French<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> CRSP Working Paper No. 610, June 2007; depicted: Eugene Fama, "Father of Modern Finance"

## INK Edge V.I.P.'s

#### **Objective: capture value & growth stocks preferred by insiders**

For each stock, INK determines the percentile rank for key factors within our three V.I.P. categories:



#### Generate a composite stock ranking by equally weighting each V.I.P category

#### Leaders & Losers

#### Top/bottom Index stocks 9 months ending Sept. 30<sup>th\*</sup>

Stock	Industry	Excess Return %
Premium Brands Holdings Corporation	Food Processing	48.13
First National Financial Corporation	Corporate Financial Services	28.84
New Flyer Industries Inc.	Heavy Machinery & Vehicles	25.54
Morguard Corporation	Real Estate Development & Operations	14.88
Pure Industrial Real Estate Trust	Commercial REITs	12.40
The North West Company Inc.	Food Retail & Distribution	-23.56
Martinrea International Inc.	Auto, Truck & Motorcycle Parts	-36.15
Empire Company Limited	Food Retail & Distribution	-37.66
Linamar Corporation	Auto, Truck & Motorcycle Parts	-40.39
Canam Group Inc.	Steel	-41.34

Italics indicates stock left Index in November

\*Includes stocks that were in the Index continuously in 2016 until at least September 30<sup>th</sup>.

# Long-term Winning: Annualized to September 30, 2016 (price series)

	Live*	1-year	5-years	10-years	Inception**
Canadian Insider	6.54%	14.54%	9.50%	6.16%	7.68%
S&P/TSX Composite	-0.19%	10.66%	4.84%	2.27%	4.23%
Canadian Insider Excess	6.73%	3.88%	4.65%	3.89%	3.45%
Other Excess Returns vs:					
S&P/TSX 60 Capped Index	1.21%	5.11%	2.18%	2.66%	3.02%
S&P/TSX Completion Index	6.88%	-0.19%	5.58%	4.27%	4.01%
S&P/TSX Smallcap Index	1.89%	-17.83%	7.59%	6.65%	7.21%

\*November 14, 2014 to September 30, 2016 \*\*Annualized since December 31, 2004

- Outperformed during Obama-Bernanke-Yellen Years
- November 8<sup>th</sup> likely marked a major shift in the investing environment

#### Long-term Winning (price series)

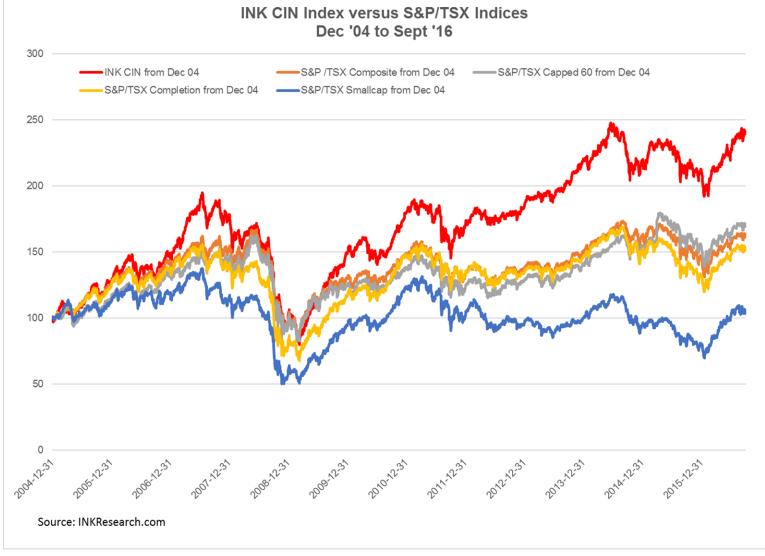
	S&P/TSX	Canadian	
Excess	Composite	Insider	
5.26%	21.91%	27.17%	2005
2.57%	14.51%	17.08%	2006
12.63%	7.16%	19.80%	2007
-7.74%	-35.03%	-42.77%	2008
15.06%	30.69%	45.75%	2009
6.22%	14.45%	20.67%	2010
5.85%	-11.07%	-5.22%	2011
4.29%	4.00%	8.30%	2012
10.16%	9.55%	19.72%	2013
-7.90%	7.42%	-0.47%	2014
7.05%	-11.09%	-4.04%	2015
0.50%	13.19%	13.69%	YTD*
13.10%	-0.36%	12.74%	Live**

\*To September 30, 2016

\*\*Nov. 14, 2014 to Sept. 30, 2016 non annualized

• Canadian Insider outperformed in 9 of 11 calendar years

#### Beating S&P/TSX Indices(price series)



Results from Dec. 31 2004 to Sept. 30, 2016; live performance starts Nov. 14, 2014.

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#### Setting up for the Trump years

#### INK Cdn Insider Index vs. S&P/TSX Composite since Nov. 8th



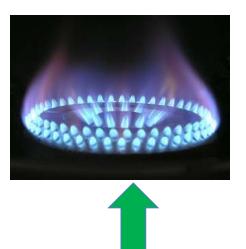
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- Will it be real (gold negative), inflationary, stagflationary or bust?

#### Setting up for the Trump years





Gold down (but not out)

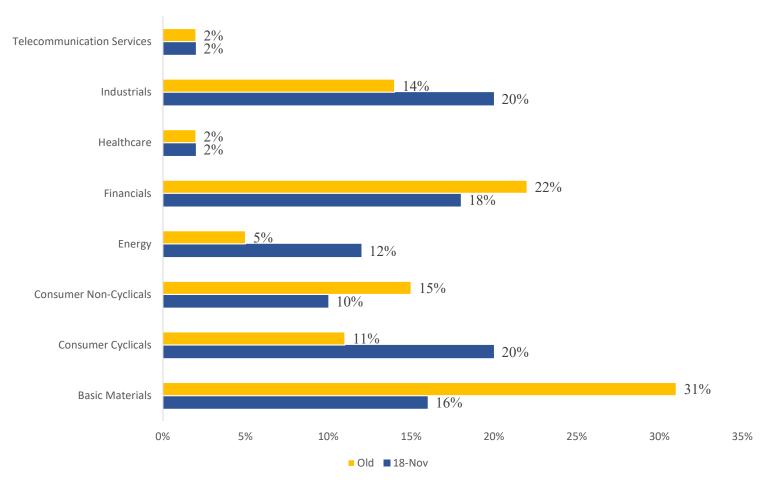


Warming up to natural gas

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#### More exposure to AB/SK

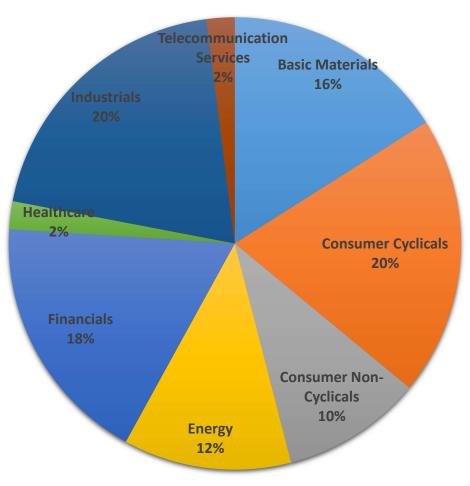
INK Cdn Insider Index Sector Allocation



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#### Fall 2016: Betting on old #Cdnecon

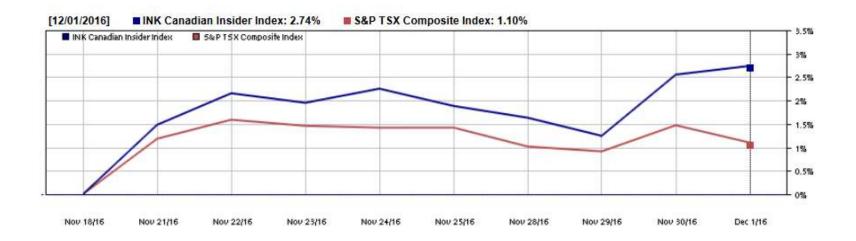
November 18 2016 INK Cdn Insider Index Rebalance



• No Tech, Utilities or Banks

#### Positive performance since rebalance

#### INK Cdn Insider Index vs. S&P/TSX Composite since Nov. 18th



- Pro-growth trends already picking up pre-Trump (higher yields)
- Will it be real (gold negative), inflationary, stagflationary or bust?

# INK Edge V.I.P. Rankings

#### Stocks are assigned one of 5 category rankings



**Sunny** (top 10%)



Mostly sunny (next 20%)



Mixed (middle 40%)



CLOUDY

Cloudy (next 70%-90%)



Rainy (bottom 10%)

#### November 2016 Adds

	Overall	Valuations	Insider Commitment	Price Momentum
Ag Growth	SUNNY	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY
Air Canada	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	Mixed	SUNNY
AutoCanada	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	SUNNY	Міхер
Badger Daylighting	SUNNY	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	SUNNY
CanWel Building	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY

#### November 2016 Adds (cont'd)

	Overall	Valuations	Insider Commitment	Price Momentum
Encana	*	*	MOSTLY SUNNY	- <del>``</del>
Enerflex	SUNNY			SUNNY
Gamehost	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	SUNNY	MIXED
goeasy	SUNNY	MIXED	SUNNY	
MTY Food Group	×	*	×	*
	SUNNY	MIXED	SUNNY	SUNNY

### November 2016 Adds(cont'd)

	Overall	Valuations	Insider Commitment	Price Momentum
Paramount Resources	SUNNY	CLOUDY	SUNNY	SUNNY
Rogers Sugar	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY
Saputo	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY
TMX Group	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY
Trilogy Energy	-×	*	×	*
	SUNNY	MIXED	SUNNY	SUNNY

### November 2016 Adds (cont'd)

	Overall	Valuations	Insider Commitment	Price Momentum
West Fraser Timber	SUNNY	SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	MIXED
Westshore Terminals	SUNNY	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	SUNNY

#### November 2016 Drops

	Overall	Valuations	Insider Commitment	Price Momentum
Alimentation Couche- Tard	Mixed	MIXED	Mixed	
Brookfield Business	N/A	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	N/A
Canam Group	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	MIXED	RAINY
Chemtrade	Mixed	SUNNY	MIXED	MixeD
Clearwater Seafoods	Mixed	Міхер		міхер

### November 2016 Drops (cont'd)

	Overall	Valuations	Insider Commitment	Price Momentum
Cott	Mixed	Міхер	CLOUDY	Міхер
Equitable Group	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	CLOUDY
Intact Financial	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	MIXED	міхер
Morguard REIT	Mixed	MOSTLY SUNNY	MIXED	MIXED
Nevsun	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	CLOUDY

### November 2016 Drops (cont'd)

	Overall	Valuations	Insider Commitment	Price Momentum
New Flyer	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	RAINY	MOSTLY SUNNY
Newmarket Gold	MIXED	MIXED	RAINY	MOSTLY SUNNY
Premium Brands	MIXED	MIXED	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY
Silver Standard	MIXED	MIXED	CLOUDY	Міхер
The North West Co.	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	CLOUDY

## November 2016 Drops (cont'd)

	Overall	Valuations	Insider Commitment	Price Momentum
Uni-Sélect	MIXED	MOSTLY SUNNY	CLOUDY	CLOUDY
Yamana Gold	MIXED	Міхер	MIXED	CLOUDY
ZCL Composites	MIXED	MIXED	RAINY	SUNNY

#### Value & Growth Characteristics

November 11, 2016

S&P/TSX Composite	INK CIN	INK CIN vs S&P/TSX Composite
19.9x	16.8x	Lower
15.6x	12.2x	Lower
1.8x	1.4x	Lower
1.7x	0.8x	Lower
8.6x	6.6x	Lower
2.88%	3.03%	Lower
0.7%	-2.1%*	Lower*
	Composite   19.9x   15.6x   15.6x   1.7x   8.6x   2.88%	Composite INK CIN   19.9x 16.8x   15.6x 12.2x   1.8x 1.4x   1.7x 0.8x   8.6x 6.6x   2.88% 3.03%

Source: Morningstar

\*Untrimmed average for the INK CIN is 5.1%

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### Betting on revival

- Insiders stay upbeat on growth
- Natural gas stocks preferred over oil & gold
- Opportunities in the old economy:
  - Manufacturing (Autos & Aerospace)
  - Retail with Western Canada exposure

## Thank you !

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## Power of Insider Signals

- Professor H. Nejat Seyhun landmark study in 1998 found using 20 years of U.S. data:
  - Stocks with net insider buys outperformed the market 4.5%
  - Small firm CEOs had the strongest outperformance (by nearly 8%)
  - Insider trades appeared to reinforce short-term momentum growth and long-term mean reversion value signals
  - INK's early work with Canadian data was consistent with Seyhun's findings
- Numerous follow-up studies demonstrating evidence of insider signals including:
  - Lakonishok, J. and F. Lee, 2001
  - Scott, J. and P. Xu., 2004
  - David Veenman, 2012
- INK Research believes Canadian insider signals are as strong or stronger than U.S. insider signals

### INK Edge V.I.P Index Construction

- Rules-based
- Equal-weight approach throughout process
- Three steps:
  - 1. Rank all TSX stocks meeting minimum criteria using INK Edge V.I.P. process
  - 2. Apply eligibility rules
  - 3. Final cut-off: eligible top-ranked stocks

# 1. INK Edge V.I.P. Rankings

#### Initial ranking selection pool universe includes TSX stocks with:

- Minimum market cap \$25 million
- Minimum monthly trade volume \$25,000
- Minimum price 20 cents
- SEDI<sup>®</sup> filings
- No officer or director insider reporting exemption
- Sufficient fundamental stock data (Morningstar<sup>®</sup> universe coverage)

# 2. Apply Index Eligibility Rules

#### **Eligibility criteria for Index Constituent stocks**

- To be eligible to be included in the Index the stock must:
  - have an INK selection pool V.I.P. ranking (step 1)
  - meet minimum market capitalization and float criteria
  - meet minimum trading value criteria
  - be an eligible security

# 2. Apply Index Eligibility Rules

#### Minimum market capitalization, float & trading:

- At time of inclusion:
- \$250 million market cap
- \$100 million float
- Average monthly trading value of \$2 million over the past year and in the past month
- Share price must be \$3.00 or more
- No more than 10 non-trading days in past 6-months unless temporarily halted for dissemination of news

# 2. Apply Index Eligibility Rules

#### **Eligible securities:**

- Equity type securities such as
  - Common shares, ordinary shares, and trust units
  - If there is more than one class of equity security that meets the criteria, the Index will first include the security with the most active monthly trading volume
  - Additional classes of equities may also be considered based on liquidity considerations
- Preferred shares, warrants, options and similar derivatives as well as fixed income securities including convertible debentures are not eligible
- The security must trade on the TSX

## 3. Top 50 Cut-off & Weight

# Constituent selection: the 50 highest INK Edge V.I.P ranked eligible securities

- Must be either a sunny or mostly sunny stock as determined by the V.I.P. composite ranking process
- Buffer rule to reduce turnover:
  - Stocks which are already Constituents of the Index that are within the top 30% of the Selection Pool ranked in the INK Edge V.I.P composite ranking process will remain in the Index at rebalancing as long as they continue to meet market cap, float and trading rules.
- Liquidity considerations: Index Construction Team may include:
  - More than 50 stocks (typically due to multiple share classes of an issuer)
  - A stock that falls within the top 50% of all stocks ranked (if illiquid stocks dominate rankings)

# 3. Top 50 Cut-off & Weight

#### **Semi-Annual Rebalance**

- Each May and November, rebalance to equal weight
- Automatic profit-taking in outperformers
- Re-allocate exposure to underperformers
- Stocks no longer having sunny or mostly sunny rankings are dropped
- Rules-based: no emotions!

### Identifying Genuine Value

#### Linamar (LNR) April 2013



- Overall composite rank: **mostly sunny**
- Strong insider rankings validated low valuations
- Subsequent 6-month return: 47%

#### **Avoid Value Traps**

#### Colabor Group (GCL) April 2013



- Overall composite rank: **mixed** (misses cut-off)
- Strong value ranking not confirmed by insiders
- Subsequent 6-month return: -31%

### Identifying Genuine Growth

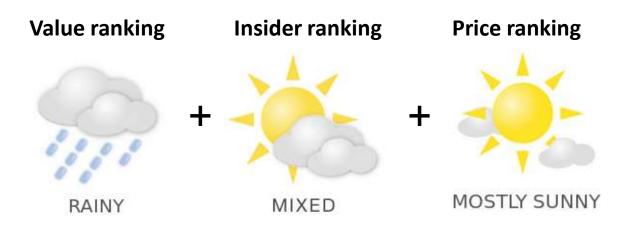
#### Canfor (CFP) October 2012



- Overall composite rank: mostly sunny
- Strong insider rankings validated price momentum
- Subsequent 6-month return: 48%

#### Avoid over-bought Growth

#### Allied Nevada Gold (ANV) October 2012



- Overall composite rank: **mixed** (misses cut-off)
- Strong price momentum not confirmed by insiders
- Subsequent 6-month return: -71%

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