### Sovereign Investment Program The next level of investing





- Canada's leading full-service wealth management firm
- Advising investors on quality investment opportunities since 1901
- Full range of wealth management services available through your personal Investment Advisor

An alliance of strengths

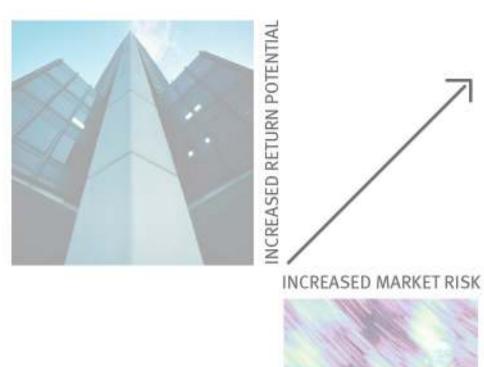
# Mr. Russell

- Russell Investment Group provides investment advice to institutions and individual investors in more than 39 countries
- Largest pension fund consultant in the world, guiding investments totaling nearly \$3 trillion
- Over \$181 billion in multi-manager funds





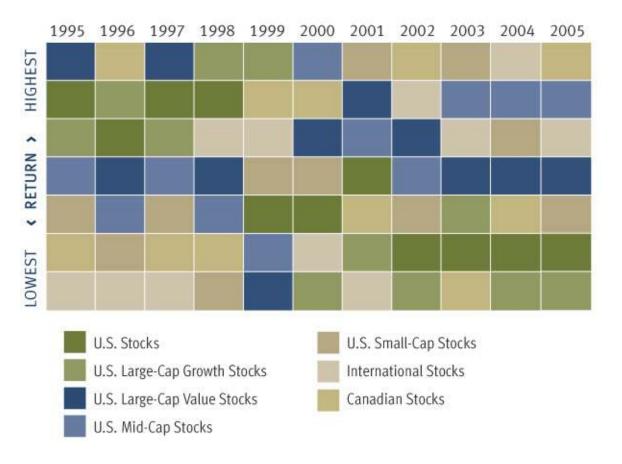
# Balancing risk and return





### Where should you invest?

It's impossible to predict with any certainty which asset type or style of investing will do better going forward.



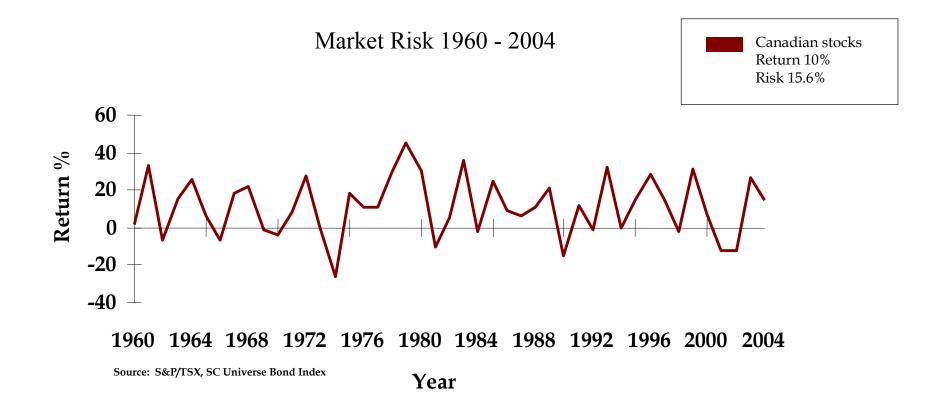


### Diversification is the key

- Sovereign uses a "multi-asset, multi-style, multi-manager" approach to investing.
- Multi-asset portfolios are diversified by asset class in proportion to your specific long-term investment objectives and risk tolerance.
- Multi-style managers who specialize in different investment styles are carefully combined in each Russell fund. Equity funds, for example, may include a combination of growth, value and small-cap managers.
- Multi-manager Russell uses a "manager-of managers" approach, selecting and monitoring some of the most talented money managers in the world.
- Overseeing the Sovereign program is Russell Investment Group, the world's largest pension fund consultant, guiding investments totaling nearly \$3 trillion.

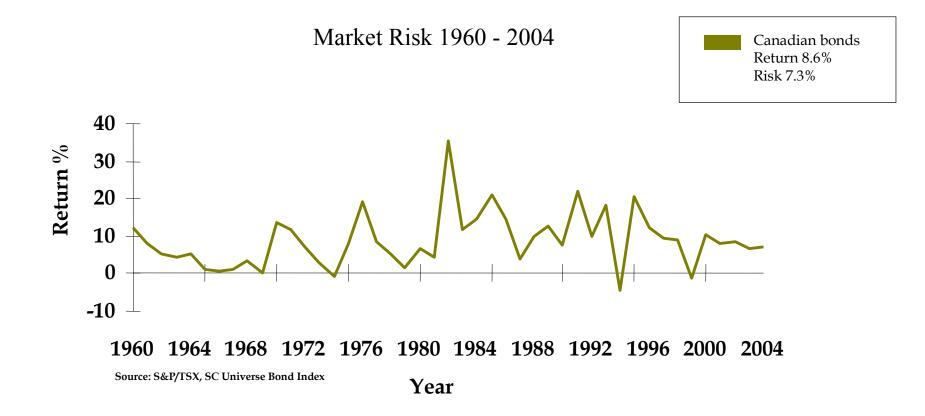


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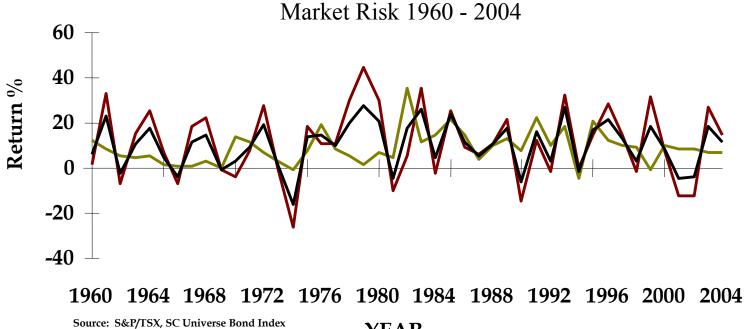


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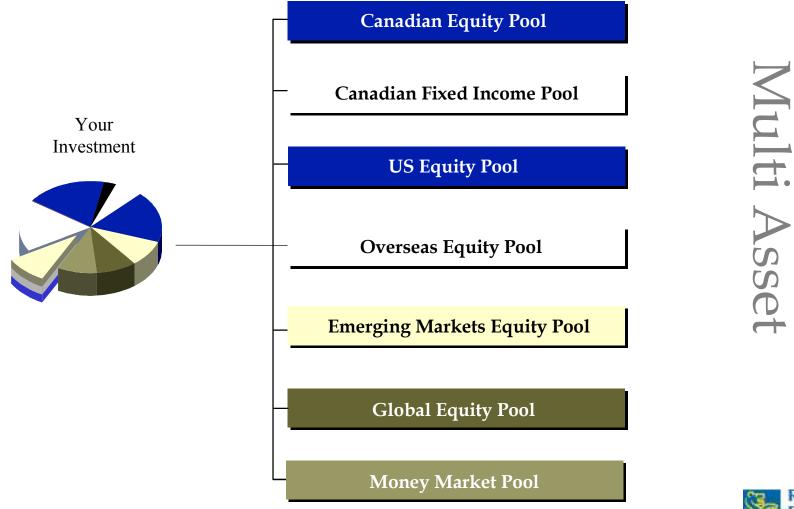
CANADIAN STOCKSRETURN10.0%RISK15.6%

CANADIAN BONDSRETURN8.6%RISK7.3%

MIX OF 60% STOCKS 40% BONDS RETURN 9.7% RISK 10.1%



### Finding the right asset mix is crucial





# Multi-style – a second level of diversification

#### The different styles of investing

#### Growth

Focuses on a stock's future growth potential on the basis of earnings, cash flows and/or revenues. Regardless of the specific measure, these stocks are always bought on future expectations.

#### Value

Focuses on buying stocks that are discounted to their market values, according to any one of a number of different valuation methods, including Price to Earnings, Price to Book, Price to Cash Flow and/or Price to NAV.

#### Market-oriented

Covers the broad market. It can include a blend of both growth and value factors in portfolios that are either well diversified or with meaningful portfolio bets. Managers will typically search out stocks that offer growth prospects at a reasonable price.

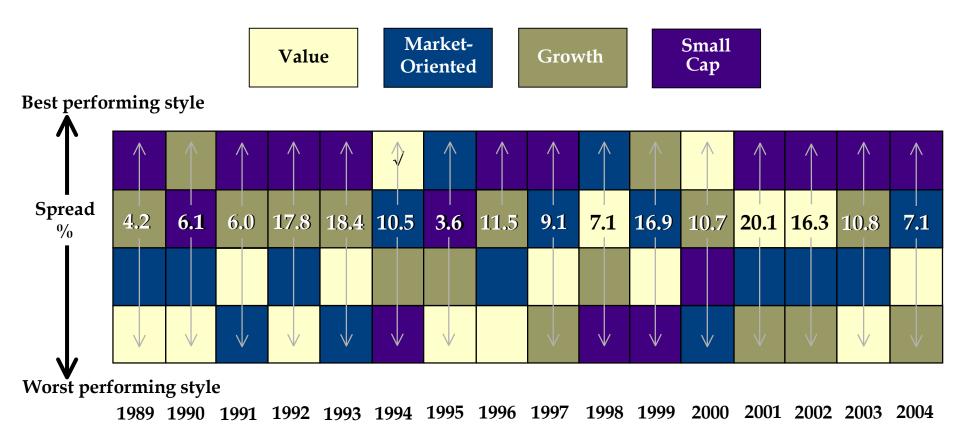
#### **Small capitalization**

Stocks that are, as the name suggests, smaller in market cap then their large cap counterparts. These companies are characterized by low dividend yields and above average volatility.



### Is one style better than the others?

### Canadian Equity Managers: 1989 - 2004:





Source: Median manager, Frank Russell Canada Limited

### Multi-style approach – a second level of diversification

Because no one can really predict what will be "in style" in future years, Sovereign diversifies your investments by investment style.





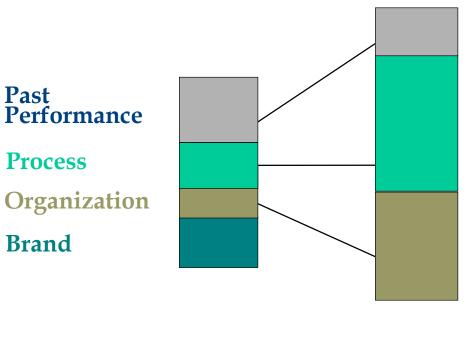
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Market-Oriented



# Multi-manager – people, process, portfolio & performance

We focus on the future – not the past

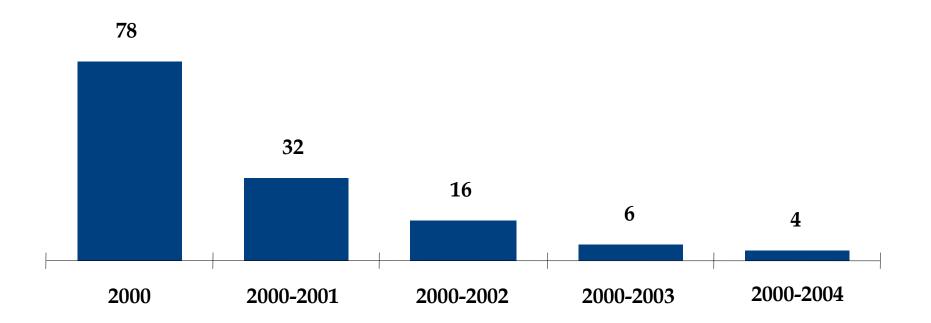


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# Why picking today's hot manager isn't the solution

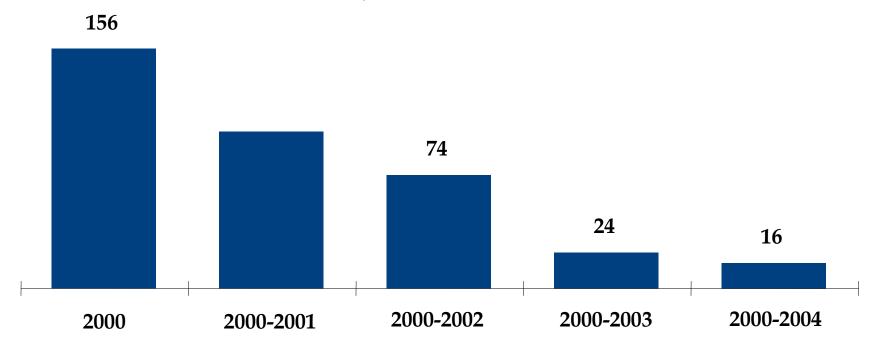
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### Why picking today's hot manager isn't the solution

Managers in the top 50% for consecutive years: 2000-2004





# Selecting your managers



Managers for the Sovereign Canadian Equity Pool



### Step 1 – We start by listening

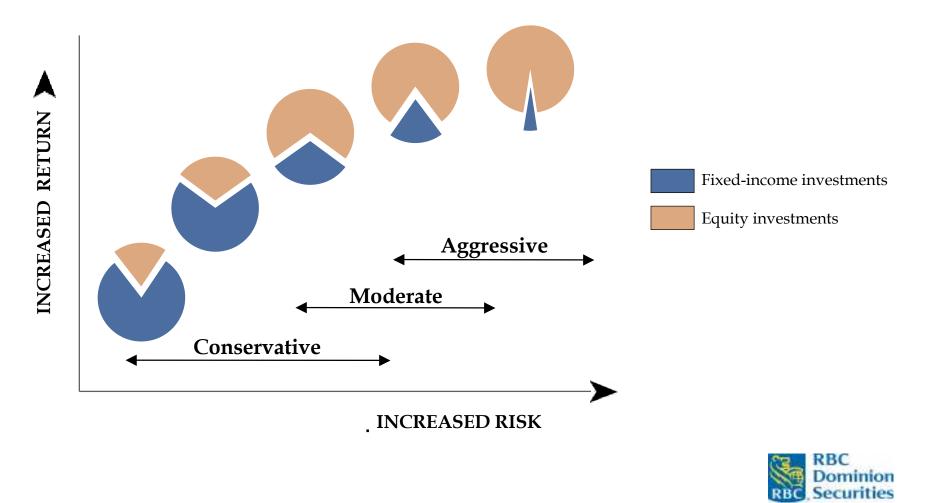
Your Investment Advisor will work with you to develop your personalized investor profile:

- Time horizon
- Assets
- Income
- Tax considerations
- Attitude toward risk

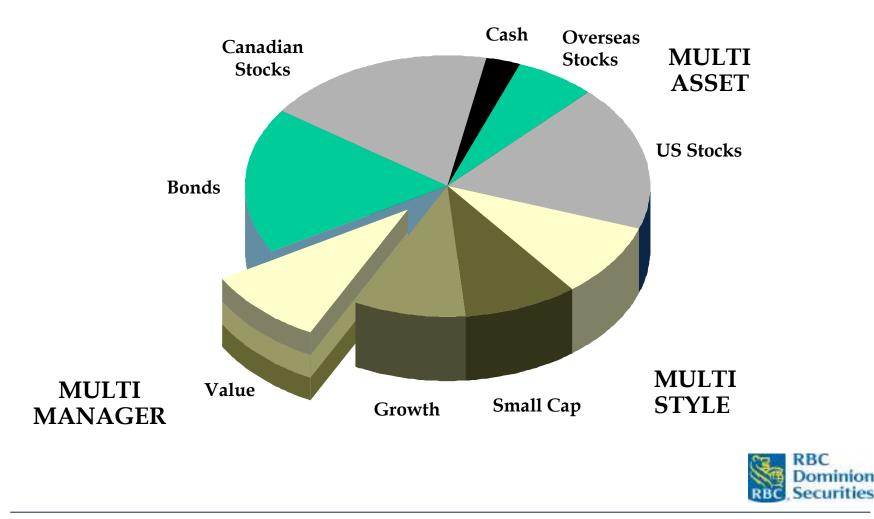




### **Step 2 – Creating an asset allocation strategy**



#### Step 3 – Implementing your strategy



#### **Step 4 – Staying on course**

- Work with your advisor
- Portfolio rebalancing as needed
- Review your investor profile
- Continuous monitoring of portfolio managers by Russell





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