

TRADE UPDATE

From Chips to Scripts

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On August 8th, we sold our position in Intel and added the proceeds to Pfizer.

Our investment in Intel has been a disappointment. Our belief when we first purchased shares of Intel was that the company could regain a leadership position in the computer chip industry through its commitment to R&D. To support its aspirations, Intel had financial support from the US government and was gaining a foothold in new markets within chip production. Unfortunately, those expectations just haven't been met. With last week's quarterly results release, we are less confident Intel will ever regain its leadership position. The chip industry has shifted again and different types of chips, especially those designed for AI, are in vogue. Intel continues to trail its competition. We don't have confidence in future revenue or profit margin targets for Intel, which is a clear indication that it's time for us to sell.

We are adding the proceeds to Pfizer, a pharmaceutical company whose stock we first purchased earlier this year. In contrast to Intel, Pfizer is hitting or exceeding the targets we've expected and continues to make progress with debt repayment and the advent of new drugs. With more confidence, we increase our position sizes. With less confidence, we reduce or eliminate our position sizes. This risk management approach is ingrained in our investment discipline.

The Verecan Global Equity Fund portfolio as of August 8th is listed here.

Current Verecan Global Equity Fund Portfolio

Holdings*	Weight
Mawer Global Equity	22.3%
Capital Group Global Equity	20.2%
EdgePoint Global Portfolio	14.5%
Vanguard FTSE Global All Cap ex Canada ETF	8.9%
NBI Active Global Equity	7.8%
iShares MSCI Minimum Volatility Canada ETF	7.6%
TD Canadian Small Cap	4.8%
Generac	1.6%
Paylocity	1.5%
Baxter International	1.4%
American Tower	1.4%
Shopify	1.4%
Pfizer	1.3% (+0.7%)
Skechers	1.1%
Algonquin	1.1%
Hanesbrands	1.0%
Saputo	0.8%
Intel	0.0% (-0.7%)
Cash	0.7%
IBM	0.6%



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