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Portfolio Manager

Dragos Berbecel has 20 years of experience, both as an investment professional and a business operator. He has devoted the last 10 years to being a student and practitioner of focused value investing. Dragos leverages more than a decade of experience as a marketing and sales executive working in diverse industries in Europe and North America. He played a leading role in starting up a new subsidiary for Syngenta, the largest global agribusiness, in a key European market. He was also instrumental in improving the performance metrics for KBC Tools and Machinery, a top North American industrial distribution company. Having worked with thousands of clients from individual farmers to distributors and large industrial corporations, his ground level understanding of what it takes for a company to be successful in the marketplace has been greatly enhanced.

Dragos joined Portland Investment Counsel in 2008 when he conducted research in the field of investment alternatives with a socially responsible investing mandate and amassed a body of knowledge necessary to introduce the environmental, social and governance performance and risk factors analysis in the firm's investment process. Since then, Dragos has been involved in developing and managing a number of public equity, balanced and alternative assets investment strategies.

Dragos holds an MBA degree from the University of Toronto, with a major in Finance. He earned a BComm and an MSc in Marketing Management from the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, as well as an MA from the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest. He passed the professional accreditation exams to be licensed as a broker/trader on the BSE (Bucharest Stock Exchange) by the Brokers' Association and the Romanian Financial Institute.

Dragos is a CFA charterholder and has been a member of CFA Society Toronto since 2009.