

We sat down with Tim Godin, Senior Associate, to discuss his current role at Altera, why he believes Altera's investment offering differentiates the firm from others in the industry, and what he feels is his most notable achievement so far at Altera.

## **Q: Tell us more about your experience in the industry.**

I have a bit of an unconventional background, in that I would consider myself a career allocator. Prior to Altera, I spent several years as a consultant and research analyst at an investment consulting firm, advising large institutional investors on fund selection and asset allocation. Following that, and most recently, I spent several years as an investment strategist at a large asset manager, advising RIAs on market dynamics, asset allocation, and model portfolio design.

## **Q: What led you to Altera?**

My previous experience amounted to quite a lot of advisory work. I was largely responsible for providing solutions to clients' problems, with no expectation that any suggestions would be implemented, or any actionable insights were drawn from my work. While this is a valuable service, I didn't feel as though I had ownership over my ideas, particularly if no action was taken. Altera afforded me the opportunity to directly participate in the investment research and decision-making process, and have ownership over my ideas internally, not just related to investments, but also at the corporate level.

## **Q: What do you think differentiates Altera from other firms?**

Our investment offering – we are investing in truly differentiated, lower-market investment opportunities that require a great deal of sourcing and underwriting effort. Our investment process is what has allowed us to put best-in-class investment opportunities in front of our clients, while being thoughtful about asset allocation, sector exposures, and current market conditions. As the sole, trusted alternatives provider for many of our clients, the value proposition starts with investments.

*“Our investment process is what has allowed us to put best-in-class investment opportunities in front of our clients, while being thoughtful about asset allocation, sector exposures, and current market conditions.”*

## **Q: What's the best piece of career advice you have ever received?**

*“Always advocate for yourself; no one will do it better than you.”*  
*Translation: you should always have confidence in yourself and your abilities, because at the end of the day, you are responsible for the type of person you want to be and the type of career you want to have.*



**Tim Godin**  
Senior Associate

## **Q: What is your role at Altera?**

I am a Senior Associate on the Investment team, and a member of the Investment Committee. I serve as a Generalist on the team, and my day-to-day consists of investment due diligence, sourcing sponsor relationships, and conducting market research across all asset classes. I also regularly contribute to Altera's thought leadership and support our client relationship efforts.

## **Q: Recount a notable achievement, experience, or your favorite initiative so far at Altera.**

Since joining the firm at the beginning of the year, so much has happened, and we've collectively accomplished so much! For me, I think I'm most proud of the first investment we approved in Investment Committee where I was a contributing voter. In my mind, that was a turning point in my career where I could definitively say I was an "investor," and not just an "advisor."

## **Q: Describe Altera in 3 words.**

Thoughtful. Flexible. Committed.

## **Q: What is something you would like someone to know about you?**

I've been described as living in rabbit holes – I'm a very curious person, constantly interested in exploring new ideas or understanding how pieces fit together. I enjoy going deep into different concepts, trying to understand the foundation of everything I can. At the end of the day, I'm always trying to become a better investor.