## **Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

As at June 30, 2025

# Lysander-Canso Equity Fund





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#### **A Note About Forward Looking Statements**

This semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance includes certain statements that are "forward looking statements". All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this Management Report of Fund Performance that address activities, events or developments that the Fund expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, including such things as anticipated financial performance, are forward looking statements. The words "may", "could", "would", "should", "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "forecast", "objective" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward looking statements.

These forward looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including the risks described in the simplified prospectus of the Fund, which could cause actual financial performance and expectations to differ materially from the anticipated performance or other expectations expressed.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward looking statements. All opinions contained in forward looking statements are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith but without legal responsibility.

The Fund has no specific intention of updating any forward looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by securities legislation. Certain research and information about specific holdings in the Fund, including any opinion, is based upon various sources believed to be reliable, but it cannot be guaranteed to be current, accurate or complete. It is for information only, and is subject to change without notice.

#### **About This Report**

This semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance of Lysander-Canso Equity Fund (the "Fund") contains financial highlights for the period ended June 30, 2025 but does not contain the complete financial statements of the Fund. This report should be read in conjunction with the interim financial statements of the Fund for the period ended June 30, 2025. Lysander Funds Limited (the "Manager") is the manager of the Fund. You can get a copy of the financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling toll-free 1 877 308 6979, by writing to Lysander Funds Limited, 3080 Yonge St., Suite 4000, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 3N1, by visiting our website at www.lysanderfunds.com or at SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

Unitholders may also contact Lysander Funds Limited using one of these methods to obtain a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

#### **Investment objective**

The Fund's objective is to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of companies anywhere in the world.

#### **Investment Strategies**

The Fund's portfolio manager is Canso Investment Counsel Ltd. ("Portfolio Manager" or "Canso"), a company under common control as the Manager. The Fund invests primarily in equity securities of small, medium and large companies. The Fund may also hold cash and fixed income securities. The Fund will not be constrained by geographic or sector considerations and could be

substantially exposed to equity securities of issuers not in developed markets.

Canso tends to take a "bottom up" approach to portfolio construction, focusing on security selection. The Portfolio Manager selects securities based on its independent, proprietary research and valuation of individual companies.

The Fund may invest in debt securities convertible into common stock, fixed income securities of governments, government agencies, supranational agencies, companies, trusts, limited partnerships and other funds including ETFs. The Fund will not be leveraged. The Fund may invest up to 100% of its net assets in foreign securities.

The Fund may hold all or a portion of its assets in cash or cash equivalents or invest in short term bonds or money market instruments in response to adverse market, economic and/or political conditions or for liquidity, defensive or other purposes. As a result, the Fund may not always be fully invested in accordance with its investment objectives. More details are contained in the Fund's simplified prospectus.

#### **Risks**

The risks of this Fund remain as discussed in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

### **Results of Operations**

During the period, Canso employed its bottom-up process to buy and sell securities for the Fund. The Fund's positioning and performance is consistent with the Fund's fundamental investment objective and strategies.

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The Fund returns for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025 were 7.31% for Series A and, 7.89% for Series F. For the period February 3 to June 30, 2025 the return was 9.28% for Series O.

The net assets of the Fund were approximately \$18.1 million at June 30, 2025 from \$17.0 million at the beginning of the period. There were net redemptions of approximately \$149 thousand during the period.

There were no unusual changes to the components of revenue and expenses of the Fund and there were no unusual events or transactions, economic changes or market conditions that affected performance beyond what would be reasonably expected or as described below.

The Fund did not borrow money during the period except for immaterial short-term cash overdrafts.

#### **Recent Developments**

Early in the period, markets in both Canada and the US experienced a brief honeymoon period, driven by greater economic growth expectations following the inauguration of US President Trump. However, economic growth expectations were pared back later in the period, and replaced with greater levels of economic uncertainty with the announcement of certain US trade and economic policies - namely, the announcement of the "Liberation Day" reciprocal tariffs in the US on April 2nd, and the subsequent pause on those tariffs announced on April 9th; and the announcement of the One, Big, Beautiful Bill in the US on May 20,2025.

During the period, the Bank of Canada reduced its overnight policy rate twice, each by 25bps, to end the period at a level of 2.75%. In their March 2025 policy rate announcement, the Bank of Canada noted: "Economic growth in the first quarter of 2025 will likely slow as the intensifying trade conflict weighs on sentiment and activity".

During the period, the Federal Reserve (the "Fed") kept the upper bound of the Fed Funds Target Rate steady at a level of 4.5%. The Fed's policy stance reflected cautiousness over mixed economic data releases – especially between "soft" surveybased data and "hard" real economic data – and the potential for a resurgence of inflation.

During the period the Fund added a new position in Match Group Inc. The Fund also added to its position in BCE Inc. Purchases were funded through reductions in Spirit AeroSystems, Enbridge Inc, Meta Platforms, and Hertz. With the additional opportunistic sells this was reinvested in increasing the weight in Canada bonds which ended the period at 11.1% up from 7.1% at the end of the period.

There have been no changes to the Manager or Portfolio Manager, or change of control of the Manager, or of the Fund. There have been no actual or planned reorganizations, mergers or similar transactions involving the Fund.

There were no changes to the membership of the Fund's Independent Review Committee ("IRC").

#### **Related Party Transactions**

The Manager provides or arranges to provide for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations, including but not limited to, calculating and reporting the net asset value of the Fund and its series, preparing all offering documents, unitholder recordkeeping and other administrative services. The Manager receives a management fee for these services. The fee is calculated based on a percentage of the net asset value of the Fund as disclosed in the simplified prospectus.

The Fund paid \$78,491 (including HST) in management fees to the Manager for the period ended June 30, 2025 (June 30, 2024 - \$75,415).

The Portfolio Manager is responsible for all investment advice provided to the Fund including providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions and arranging for the acquisition and disposition of portfolio investments. Portfolio management fees for the Portfolio Manager's services are paid from the management fee.

The Manager paid \$36,540 (including HST) to the Portfolio Manager for the period ended June 30, 2025 (June 30, 2024 - \$34,985).

The Manager relied, or may rely on standing instructions from the IRC in respect of securities traded amongst mutual funds, closed end funds, managed accounts or pooled funds managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager. In such cases the Manager is required to comply with the Manager's written policies and procedures presented to the IRC and provide periodic reports to the IRC in accordance with National Instrument 81-107.

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#### **Financial Highlights**

#### Series A

Period ended	3	30-Jun-2025	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Net assets per unit <sup>1</sup>							
Net assets, beginning of period	\$	14.92	\$ 13.37	\$ 11.75	\$ 15.60	\$ 12.03	\$ 11.20
Operations:							
Total revenue		0.17	0.29	0.28	0.38	0.24	0.18
Total expenses		(0.17)	(0.32)	(0.28)	(0.32)	(0.36)	(0.22)
Realized gains (losses)		0.36	1.64	0.19	9.08	2.24	0.24
Unrealized gains (losses)		0.65	1.27	1.25	(10.82)	3.44	(0.75)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	1.01	\$ 2.88	\$ 1.44	\$ (1.68)	\$ 5.56	\$ (0.55)
Distributions:							
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From dividends		-	(80.0)	(0.07)	(0.25)	-	-
From capital gains		-	(1.27)	(0.10)	(2.57)	(2.65)	(0.06)
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$	-	\$ (1.35)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (2.82)	\$ (2.65)	\$ (0.06)
Net assets, end of period <sup>2 3</sup>	\$	16.01	\$ 14.92	\$ 13.37	\$ 11.75	\$ 15.60	\$ 12.03

Ratios and supplemental data												
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	1,029,373	\$	1,043,658	\$	916,659	\$	420,805	\$	227,422	\$	141,145
Units outstanding		64,296		69,953		68,569		35,828		14,578		11,731
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	2.14	%	2.13	%	2.13	%	2.13	%	2.13	%	2.13
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		2.28		2.23		2.26		2.38		2.32		2.40
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		8.2		40.9		36.5		29.6		5.1		12.3
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.01		0.02		0.01		0.05		0.03		0.07
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$	16.01	\$	14.92	\$	13.37	\$	11.75	\$	15.60	\$	12.03

#### Notes

- 1 The information is derived from the Fund's unaudited semi-annual and/or audited annual financial statements. All per unit figures presented are referenced to net assets determined in accordance to IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").
- 2 Net assets and distributions are based on the actual numbers of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.
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- 6 The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund. The portfolio turnover rate is calculated based on the lesser of purchases or sales of securities divided by the weighted average market value of portfolio securities, excluding short term securities.
- 7 The trading expense ratio ("TER') represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. Where the Fund invests in any underlying fund, the TER includes the Fund's proprotionate share of the commissions of any underlying fund in which the Fund invested.

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#### **Series F**

Period ended	30-Jun-2025	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Net assets per unit <sup>1</sup>						
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 16.95	\$ 15.05	\$ 13.23	\$ 16.51	\$ 12.64	\$ 11.70
Operations:						
Total revenue	0.20	0.35	0.33	0.39	0.25	0.20
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.18)	(0.15)	(0.17)	(0.20)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses)	0.41	1.85	0.24	2.52	2.41	0.15
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.81	1.41	1.67	(3.51)	3.87	1.48
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1.33	\$ 3.43	\$ 2.09	\$ (0.78)	\$ 6.33	\$ 1.71
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From dividends	-	(0.09)	(0.16)	(0.21)	(0.06)	(0.08)
From capital gains	-	(1.49)	(0.21)	(2.15)	(2.41)	(0.16)
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ -	\$ (1.58)	\$ (0.37)	\$ (2.36)	\$ (2.47)	\$ (0.24)
Net assets, end of period <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ 18.29	\$ 16.95	\$ 15.05	\$ 13.23	\$ 16.51	\$ 12.64

Ratios and supplemental data												
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	16,729,775	\$	15,950,212	\$	14,008,541	\$	10,623,832	\$	13,790,627	\$	9,261,160
Units outstanding		914,932		941,087		930,837		803,162		835,147		732,963
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	1.01	%	1.00	%	1.00	%	1.00	%	1.00	%	1.00
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		1.15		1.16		1.12		1.23		1.18		1.29
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		8.2		40.9		36.5		29.6		5.1		12.3
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.01		0.02		0.01		0.05		0.03		0.07
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$	18.29	\$	16.95	\$	15.05	\$	13.23	\$	16.51	\$	12.64

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#### Series O\*

Period ended	30-Jun-2025
Net assets per unit <sup>1</sup>	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.00
Operations:	
Total revenue	0.11
Total expenses	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.25
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.59
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.93
Distributions:	
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -
From dividends	-
From capital gains	-
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ -
Net assets, end of period <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ 10.93
Ratios and supplemental data	
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$ 403,169
Units outstanding	36,891

Ratios and supplemental data		
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	403,169
Units outstanding		36,891
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	0.11
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		0.26
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		8.2
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.01
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$	10.93

#### Notes

- \* Series 0 commenced operations on February 3, 2025.
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#### **Management Fees**

The Manager provides or arranges the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund, and as described in the section "Related Party Transactions" above.

In consideration for such services, the Manager receives a management fee, based on the net asset value of each Series, calculated daily and payable monthly. The Fund pays a management fee at a rate of 1.80% per annum for Series A units and at a rate of 0.80% per annum for Series F units. No management fee is charged to the Fund with respect to Series O units, but investors are charged a negotiated management fee.

Service fees or trailing commissions of a maximum of 1.00% per annum were paid on Series A units to dealers. This comprises approximately 55.6% of the management fee of Series A units.

#### **Past Performance**

The Fund commenced operations on September 18, 2013. Accordingly, returns are shown for the relevant period/years as indicated below. Effective January 1, 2020, the management fee for Series A changed from 2.00% to 1.80% and Series F changed from 1.00% to 0.80%. This change could have affected the performance of the Fund had this change been in effect throughout the performance measurement period.

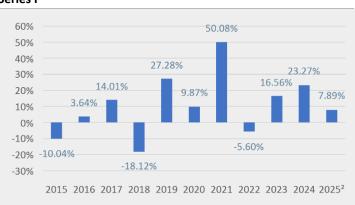
The performance information assumes that any distributions are reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the series will perform in the future.

#### Year-by-Year Returns

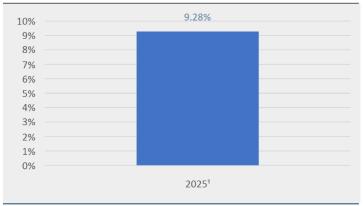
#### Series A



#### Series F



#### Series O



1 For the period February 3 to June 30, 2 For the period January 1 to June 30

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### **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

% of NAV	% of NAV

Asset Mix

Total

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Top 25 Issuers		
Government of Canada (Debt)	%	11.1
Bird Construction Inc.		7.0
BT Group PLC		6.4
AtkinsRealis Group Inc.		5.1
Boeing Co.		4.8
Air Canada		4.8
Manulife Financial Corp.		4.3
BCE Inc.		4.0
Spirit AeroSystems Holdings Inc.		3.7
Cineplex Inc.		3.6
Nintendo Company Ltd.		3.3
Starbucks Corp.		3.1
Delta Air Lines Inc.		3.0
Cenovus Energy Inc.		2.9
Meta Platforms Inc.		2.8
Linamar Corp.		2.6
CAE Inc.		2.6
Cash and Cash Equivalents		2.6
Match Group Inc.		2.5
Bombardier Inc.		2.4
Transcontinental Inc.		2.3
Apple Inc.		2.2
Empire Company Ltd.		2.0
Verizon Communications Inc.		1.9
Givaudan SA		1.8
Total	%	92.8

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Asian Equities	%	3.3
Canadian Equities		49.9
Canadian Fixed Income		11.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents		2.6
European Equities		8.2
Other Assets less Liabilities		(2.3)
Preferred Shares		0.1
US Equities		27.1
Total	%	100.0
Sector		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	2.6
Communication Services		18.6
Consumer Discretionary		23.0
Consumer Staples		3.2
Energy		6.0
Financials		4.3
Government		11.1
Industrials		28.0
Information Technology		3.6
Materials		1.9
Other Assets less Liabilities		(2.3)

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