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

As at December 31, 2021

# Lysander-Canso Balanced Fund





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### **About This Report**

This annual Management Report of Fund Performance of Lysander-Canso Balanced Fund (the "Fund") contains financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2021 but does not contain the complete financial statements of the Fund. This report should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2021. 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 3037, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 3N1, by visiting our website at www.lysanderfunds.com or at SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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 above average, long-term total returns consisting of both income and capital gains by investing primarily in a portfolio of fixed income securities and equities.

### **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's fixed income holdings are not restricted by credit ratings. Canso engages in opportunistic buying and selling of securities using a contrarian approach. Canso believes that it is able to access market segments and

exploit inefficiencies in the corporate bond market that are not available or apparent to most investors, due to its proprietary credit analysis and trading expertise. Canso also applies its credit analysis expertise to the selection of equity securities for the Fund.

Canso tends to take a "bottom up" approach to portfolio construction, focusing on security selection. The exposure to credit risk in the Fund will depend on the phase of the credit cycle and the bottom up valuation of individual securities. In the selection of equity securities for the Fund, Canso focuses on identifying companies trading below what Canso judges to be their intrinsic value. Some of the Fund's portfolio positions will, under normal circumstances, be invested in securities of foreign issuers. It also may invest in debt securities convertible into common stock, and convertible and non-convertible preferred stock, and fixed income securities of governments, government agencies, supranational agencies and companies.

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. The Fund may invest up to 100% of its net assets in foreign securities. 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.

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### **Results of Operations**

During the year, 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.

The Fund returns for the year were 32.59% for Series A and 33.68% for Series F.

The net assets of the Fund increased to \$39.0 million at December 31, 2021 from \$29.0 million at the beginning of the year. There were net subscriptions of \$739 thousand during the year.

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 have been described below.

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

### **Recent Developments**

Investors entered the new year concerned with medical, economic and political challenges. In the U.S., the Democrats won control of the Senate, paving the way for the new administration to pass a larger stimulus package. Fiscal policy relief did not immediately allay investor concerns over increased COVID-19 cases and the impact of renewed lockdown measures. However, views changed rapidly as the vaccine rollout gathered pace and the prospect for an economic reopening crystallized. Economists quickly altered forecasts predicting a stronger recovery and higher inflation. Reassurance from the Federal Reserve that short rates would remain near zero, coupled with government support for the economy proved good news for equity markets but less so for bond markets as yields moved sharply higher for much of the year.

As inflation pushed to its highest level since the 1980s, government bond yields rose. Central bankers began to increasingly signal that higher interest rates were on the way some time in 2022. The view that higher inflation was only transient increasingly fell by the wayside as cost pressures and higher wage demands were also drivers of the higher inflation numbers.

In Canada, the housing market continued to be strong. Continued low mortgage rates was the main driver. Higher commodity prices also brightened the prospects for exports and business investment. Low interest rates also propelled risky

assets upward and equity markets posted double digit returns for the year.

Signs of rampant speculation were increasingly apparent as the year wore on, whether it was in crypto-currencies, growth in very speculative venture capital deals, or the low and shrinking compensation lenders earned from high yield bonds.

The emergence of the Omicron variant late in the year contributed to a market sell-off, especially in technology names with high valuations and for bonds to regain some of the value lost from earlier in the year. However, the bond rally was short lived and Canso expects selloffs to continue as rising yields will deflate asset values for some time. This will come as a shock to younger investors who have never experienced negative returns from bonds. In Canso's view, the outlook for financial asset returns is not optimistic, with the greatest risk in highly valued or highly levered investments.

During the year, the equity side of the portfolio continued to decrease from 74.4% to 59.3% despite strong performance from equities. This is due to an active decrease in equities. The Fund bought two new equities during the year, BT Group PLC and Transcontinental. The Fund also increased its weight in Hertz. The Fund sold its entire position of Wabtec and sold down some of its position in Apple, Bombardier and General Electric. Overall, the equity exposure of the fund is conservative as market valuations continue to be stretched.

On the fixed income side of the portfolio, the portfolio became more conservative as the duration was brought down further to 3.9 years on the traditional fixed income side but with additional high quality short dated floating rate notes to provide liquidity and downside protection for the Fund. The increase in underlying government yields during the later part of the year helped offset conservative positioning which saw the portfolio yield increase to 2.8%.

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.

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

### **Related Party Transactions**

The Manager provides or arranges 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

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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 \$354,470 (including HST) in management fees to the Manager for the year ended December 31, 2021 (December 31, 2020 - \$276,521).

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. Fees for providing these services are included in the management fee.

The Manager paid \$146,823 (including HST) to the Portfolio Manager for the year ended December 31, 2021 (December 31, 2020 - \$107,899)

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

Year ended	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2017
Net assets per unit <sup>1</sup>					
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 16.24	\$ 15.22	\$ 13.29	\$ 16.47	\$ 14.57
Operations:					
Total revenue	0.43	0.38	0.43	0.42	0.30
Total expenses	(0.38)	(0.27)	(0.28)	(0.33)	(0.29)
Realized gains (losses)	3.72	(0.54)	(0.01)	1.49	0.12
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.67	1.06	1.73	(3.24)	1.63
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 5.44	\$ 0.63	\$ 1.87	\$ (1.66)	\$ 1.76
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From dividends	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.01)
From capital gains	(2.44)	-	-	(0.95)	(0.01)
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ (2.47)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.12)	\$ (1.07)	\$ (0.02)
Net assets, end of year <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ 18.82	\$ 16.24	\$ 15.22	\$ 13.29	\$ 16.47

Ratios and supplemental data										
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	7,250,710	\$	7,180,616	\$	9,200,510	\$	13,883,005	\$	20,649,347
Units outstanding		385,358		442,094		604,680		1,044,425		1,253,517
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	1.81	%	1.86	%	1.83	%	1.89	%	1.83
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		1.81		1.86		1.83		1.89		1.83
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		26.87		45.03		33.41		44.88		19.3
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.07		0.04		0.11		0.16		0.12
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$	18.82	\$	16.24	\$	15.22	\$	13.29	\$	16.47

#### Notes

- 1 The information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. All per unit figures presented are referenced to net assets determined in accordance to IFRS.
- 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.
- 3 Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units, or both.
- **4** This information is provided at the end of the period shown.
- 5 The management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the period ended and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset values during the period.
- 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 represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

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#### Series F

Year ended	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020	31-Dec-2019	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2017
Net assets per unit <sup>1</sup>					
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 18.12	\$ 17.07	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.49	\$ 16.34
Operations:					
Total revenue	0.48	0.43	0.47	0.48	0.33
Total expenses	(0.25)	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.21)	(0.18)
Realized gains (losses)	4.15	(0.68)	(0.18)	1.57	(0.07)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.59	1.85	2.30	(3.95)	2.11
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 5.97	\$ 1.43	\$ 2.41	\$ (2.11)	\$ 2.19
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.02)	\$ -
From dividends	(0.22)	(0.20)	(0.30)	(0.21)	(0.13)
From capital gains	(3.46)	-	-	(1.18)	(0.01)
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ (3.69)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.36)	\$ (1.41)	\$ (0.14)
Net assets, end of year <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ 20.62	\$ 18.12	\$ 17.07	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.49

Ratios and supplemental data										
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	31,761,195	\$	21,862,658	\$	19,929,667	\$	17,860,529	\$	20,576,955
Units outstanding		1,540,426		1,206,364		1,167,823		1,190,381		1,112,771
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	0.98	%	1.04	%	1.01	%	1.03	%	1.01
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		0.98		1.04		1.01		1.03		1.01
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		26.87		45.03		33.41		44.88		19.3
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.07		0.04		0.11		0.16		0.12
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$	20.62	\$	18.12	\$	17.07	\$	15.00	\$	18.49

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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 of 1.50% per annum for Series A units and 0.75% per annum for Series F units.

Service fees or trailing commissions of a maximum of 0.75% per annum are paid on Series A units to dealers. This comprises 50% of the management fee of Series A units, exclusive of applicable taxes.

### **Past Performance**

The Fund became a reporting issuer on December 23, 2011. The commencement date of being distributed under a prospectus for Series A was December 28, 2011 and for Series F was December 23, 2011. Accordingly, returns are shown for the relevant year/years as indicated below.

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



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### **Annual Compound Returns**

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound return for each period indicated, compared with the Fund's index ("Index) which is 50% FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index and 50% MSCI World (CAD) Index. The FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index is divided into sub-indices based on credit rating: a combined AAA/AA sector, a single A sector, and a BBB sector. The MSCI World (CAD) Index captures large and mid cap representation across 24 Developed Markets countries. The returns of the Index are calculated without the deduction of fees and expenses, whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses.

For years ended December 31, 2021		1 Year		3 Year <sup>2</sup>		5 Year <sup>2</sup>		10 Year <sup>2</sup>
Annual Compound Return								
Series A <sup>1</sup>	%	32.59	%	17.85	%	10.32	%	10.54
Series F <sup>1</sup>		33.68		18.81		11.23		11.47
Index <sup>3 4</sup>	%	7.79	%	11.21	%	8.48	%	9.16

#### Notes

- 1 Returns are based on the net asset value per unit of the relevant series of the Fund and assume that all distributions were reinvested.
- 2 Compound period returns are annualized.
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### **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

Total

		% of NAV
Top 25 Issuers		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	9.3
Hertz Global Holdings Inc. (Equity)		6.7
Cenovus Energy Inc. (Equity)		5.2
Manulife Financial Corporation (Equity)		3.7
Apple Inc. (Equity)		3.6
Bank Of Montreal (Debt)		3.4
Yellow Pages Limited (Equity)		3.3
Ovintiv Inc. (Equity)		2.8
Bird Construction Inc. (Equity)		2.8
SNC Lavalin (Equity)		2.8
Enbridge Inc (Equity)		2.8
NatWest Group plc (Equity)		2.5
Honda Canada Finance Inc. (Debt)		2.4
Linamar Corp (Equity)		2.3
Unicredit SPA (Equity)		2.2
Bombardier Inc. (Equity)		2.2
Met Life Global Funding I (Debt)		2.1
Kraft Heinz Co. (Equity)		2.0
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (Debt)		2.0
MDA Ltd (Equity)		1.9
Spirit Aerosystems Inc. (Equity)		1.9
Commerzbank AG (Equity)		1.8
Transcanada Pipelines (Debt)		1.8
Generac Holdings Inc. (Equity)		1.6
Bank Of Nova Scotia (Debt)		1.4

%

		% of NAV
Asset Mix		
Canadian Equities	%	33.8
Canadian Fixed Income		21.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents		9.3
Foreign Equities		24.6
Foreign Fixed Income		10.3
Preferred Shares		0.9
Other Assets less Liabilities		0.1
Total	%	100.0
Sector		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	9.3
Communication Services		6.8
Consumer Discretionary		5.0
Consumer Staples		3.0
Energy		16.1
Financials		26.5
Industrials		27.3
Information Technology		5.2
Other Assets less Liabilities		0.1
Provincial		0.3
Real Estate		0.3
Utilities		0.1

100.0

Total

74.5



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