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

As at June 30, 2022

# Lysander-Canso Bond 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.

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#### **About This Report**

This semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance of Lysander-Canso Bond Fund (the "Fund") contains financial highlights for the period ended June 30, 2022 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, 2022. 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 principally of interest income by investing primarily in high-quality Canadian dollar denominated fixed income securities of Canadian and foreign issuers.

#### **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 portfolio will primarily be invested in Canadian dollar denominated fixed income securities of Canadian and foreign issues. It also may invest in debt securities convertible into common stock, and fixed income

securities of governments, government agencies, supranational agencies, companies, trusts and limited partnerships. The Fund will not be leveraged. The Fund may invest up to 60% of its assets at the time of purchase 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.

#### **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.

The Fund returns for the period were -4.01% for Series A, -3.74% for Series F and -3.39% for Series O.

The net assets of the Fund were approximately \$91.6 million at June 30, 2022 from \$109.1 million at the beginning of the period. There were net redemptions of \$13.5 million 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 have been described below.

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

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#### **Recent Developments**

The aggressive tightening of monetary policy around the world marks a complete turnaround from central bank policies of only a year ago. Policies put in place to support economies during the pandemic have now turned out to be major contributors to very high inflation. The year-over-year inflation numbers in North America and elsewhere are the highest in decades and central banks are moving to slow it down through interest rate hikes and a reversal of quantitative easing (QE).

QE involves the central banks buying their own country's government bonds to push down yields and put money directly into people's hands. QE is not a new approach to monetary policy but its scale reached records during the pandemic. It is not clear what will happen as central banks stop reinvesting maturing bonds and possibly start selling bonds they hold.

In this environment of high inflation, rising interest rates, and reduced liquidity, financial assets have not performed well. The big question is how much further the monetary and fiscal authorities have to go to get inflation under control. The risk of an economic recession continues to become more likely. This will be negative for unemployment and credit markets.

Canso is positioning the Fund increasingly conservatively. This helps to preserve capital in a market decline and makes it easier to take advantage of future investment opportunities

During the first half of 2022, the focus of the fund was to increase liquidity and reduce credit risk. The Fund purchased high quality and highly liquid securities as interest rate risk and credit risk remained high. The Fund holds a large position in short-dated Government of Canada bonds (21.6%), purchased Pacific Life Global Funding II FRN Feb 1, 2027, and participated in the new issue offering of Scotia Capital NHA MBS FRN (98100013) Jun 1, 2027. The duration of 1.2 years is much shorter than its Universe benchmark, as the Fund continues to only take on duration when it believes it's being compensated for the risk. The Fund remains conservatively positioned to take advantage of future opportunities.

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 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 \$330,834 (including HST) in management fees to the Manager for the period ended June 30, 2022 (June 30, 2021 - \$327,552).

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 \$152,886 (including HST) to the Portfolio Manager for the period ended June 30, 2022 (June 30, 2021-\$146,779).

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	30-Jun-2022	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 period	\$ 10.90	\$ 11.20	\$ 10.46	\$ 10.36	\$ 10.48	\$ 10.49
Operations:						
Total revenue	0.10	0.19	0.35	0.32	0.31	0.27
Total expenses	(80.0)	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.15)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.03)	0.21	0.24	(0.07)	(0.01)	(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.43)	(0.38)	0.48	0.16	(0.14)	0.01
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ (0.44)	\$ (0.13)	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.11
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.09)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.12)	-	-	-	-
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.09)
Net assets, end of period <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ 10.43	\$ 10.90	\$ 11.20	\$ 10.46	\$ 10.36	\$ 10.48

Ratios and supplemental data												
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	8,421,681	\$	9,820,616	\$	11,016,769	\$	6,255,564	\$	6,305,982	\$	8,817,734
Units outstanding		807,158		901,097		983,428		598,032		608,873		841,028
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	1.39	%	1.39	%	1.41	%	1.41	%	1.43	%	1.43
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		1.39		1.39		1.41		1.41		1.43		1.43
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		29.66		59.92		97.7		27.2		35.8		24.4
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		-		-		-		-		-		-
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$	10.43	\$	10.90	\$	11.20	\$	10.46	\$	10.36	\$	10.48

#### 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.
- 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

Period ended	30-Jun-2022	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 period	\$ 10.74	\$ 11.04	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.16	\$ 10.32	\$ 10.37
Operations:						
Total revenue	0.10	0.18	0.34	0.32	0.31	0.27
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.03)	0.17	0.22	(0.07)	(0.01)	(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.43)	(0.32)	0.49	0.16	(0.14)	(0.01)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ (0.40)	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.15
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.23)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.23)	\$ (0.18)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.15)	-	-	-	-
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.23)	\$ (0.24)	\$ (0.23)	\$ (0.18)
Net assets, end of period <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ 10.28	\$ 10.74	\$ 11.04	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.16	\$ 10.32

Ratios and supplemental data												
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	69,299,396	\$	85,084,726	\$	61,452,464	\$	57,102,955	\$	52,683,065	\$	52,767,933
Units outstanding		6,740,324		7,922,517		5,565,588		5,569,118		5,183,054		5,113,564
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	0.83	%	0.81	%	0.83	%	0.84	%	0.85	%	0.86
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		0.83		0.81		0.83		0.84		0.85		0.86
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		29.66		59.92		97.7		27.2		35.8		24.4
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		-		-		-		-		-		-
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$	10.28	\$	10.74	\$	11.04	\$	10.25	\$	10.16	\$	10.32

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#### Series O\*

Total expenses	-	(0.01)	0.01
Realized gains (losses)	(0.03)	0.16	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.39)	(0.3)	0.03
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ (0.33)	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.17)	\$ -
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.17)	-
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.34)	\$ -
Net assets, end of period <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ 9.32	\$ 9.74	\$ 10.04

Ratios and supplemental data						
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	13,930,309	\$	14,200,339	\$	9,511,254
Units outstanding		1,493,925		1,457,268		947,592
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	0.09	%	0.10	%	0.11
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		0.09		0.10		0.11
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		29.66		59.92		97.7
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		-		-		-
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$	9.32	\$	9.74	\$	10.04

#### **Notes**

- \* Series O commenced operations on December 21, 2020
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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 1.15% per annum for Series A units and 0.65% 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 0.50% per annum are paid on Series A units to dealers. This comprises 43.5% of the management fee of Series A units.

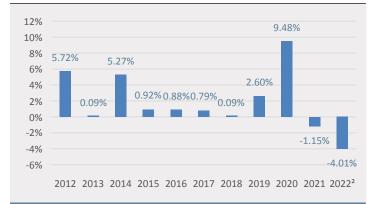
#### **Past Performance**

The commencement date of being distributed under a prospectus for Series A and F was December 28, 2011. Accordingly, returns are shown for the relevant period/years as indicated below.

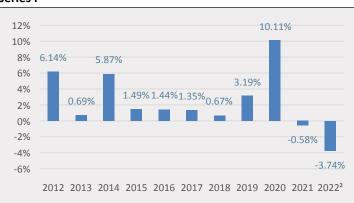
The performance information assumes that any distributions are reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance does not necessarily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

#### Year-by-Year Returns

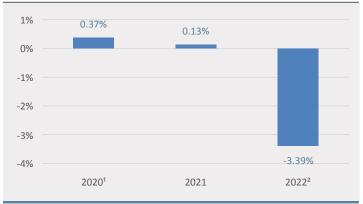
#### Series A



#### **Series F**



#### Series O



1 For the period December 21 to December 31, 2 For the period January 1 to June 30

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### **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

		% of NAV
Top 25 Issuers		
Government of Canada	%	21.6
Morgan Stanley		5.9
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.		5.8
Transcanada Pipelines		5.7
Apple Inc.		5.7
Honda Canada Finance Inc		4.9
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce		3.7
Pacific Mutual Holding Company		3.2
Bank of America Corporation		3.2
Manulife Financial Corporation		3.2
NatWest Group plc		3.1
Toronto Dominion Bank		3.1
WTH Car Rental ULC (AVIS)		2.9
Great-West Lifeco Inc		2.5
Royal Bank of Canada		2.1
Delta Air Lines Inc		2.1
Loblaw Companies Ltd		1.9
Scotia Capital Inc. NHA MBS (98100013)		1.7
Boeing Co.		1.7
Heathrow Funding Limited		1.7
Scotia Capital Inc. NHA MBS (98005098)		1.3
G.T.A.A.		1.3
Merrill Lynch NHA MBS (98004601)		1.2
First National NHA MBS (98004522)		1.1
JP Morgan Chase & Co		1.0
Total	%	91.6

		% of NAV
Asset Mix		
Canadian Fixed Income	%	65.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents		0.4
Foreign Fixed Income		34.3
Total	%	100.0
Sector		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	0.4
Communication Services		0.6
Consumer Staples		1.9
Energy		5.7
Federal		28.8
Financials		47.8
Industrials		7.6
Information Technology		5.7
Provincial		0.9
Real Estate		0.6
Total	%	100.0



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