### **Financial Statements**

December 31, 2023

# Lysander-Canso U.S. Credit Fund







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### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Unitholders of Lysander-Canso U.S. Credit Fund (the "Fund")

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the statements of comprehensive income (loss), changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Report of Fund Performance.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the Management Report of Fund Performance prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

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March 27, 2024

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### **Statements of Financial Position**

Series F

Series 0

\* Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss at cost

statements of Financial Posi	tion			
As at	(	31-Dec-23 (USD)		31-Dec-22 (USD)
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*	\$	201,785,574	\$	162,624,158
Cash and cash equivalents	*	2,165,318	*	609,808
Accrued interest		1,747,949		1,936,653
Subscriptions receivable		139,124		241,000
Due from investment dealers		57,516		-
Reimbursements receivable		15,763		22,473
Dividends receivable		8,080		1,058
Total assets	\$	205,919,324	\$	165,435,150
Liabilities				
Accrued expenses	\$	170,402	\$	151,697
Due to investment dealers		2,050,337		277,825
Payable on forward exchange contracts		2,039,309		153,304
Redemptions payable		11,709		63,033
Total liabilities	\$	4,271,757	\$	645,859
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$	201,647,567	\$	164,789,291
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Series A	\$	19,497,062	\$	16,591,584
Series F		177,648,304		144,842,082
Series 0		4,502,201		3,355,625
Total net assets	\$	201,647,567	\$	164,789,291
Number of redeemable units outst	andin	_		
Series A		1,785,983		1,587,787
Series F		16,305,262		13,882,612
Series 0		506,920		394,688
Net assets attributable to holders	of red	eemahle units ne	r un	it
Series A	\$	10.92	\$	10 45

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### **Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

For the years ended	3	31-Dec-23 (USD)		31-Dec-22 (USD)
Income				
Interest for distribution purposes	\$	8,669,194	\$	7,299,672
Dividend income		434,012		380,157
Other income		47,120		48,965
Realized and unrealized gain (loss)	on in	vestments		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments sold		613,092		(401,220)
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency		304,527		5,633,208
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency		(69)		(1,999)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on forward contracts		(1,886,005)		(224,154)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		9,420,542		(23,303,412)
Total operating income (loss)	\$	17,602,413	\$	(10,568,783)
Expenses				
Management fees	\$	1,610,677	\$	1,645,347
Fund administration fees		74,687		84,159
Filing fees		20,217		29,040
Audit fees		8,536		18,830
Unitholder reporting expense		8,249		10,432
Custodial fees		3,416		7,535
Legal fees		1,611		3,590
Independent review committee fees		867		1,172
Regulatory fees expense		273		3,149
Bank charges		77		3,957
Transaction costs		-		7,640
Blended HST expense (recovery)		(37,704)		(9,020)
Total operating expenses	\$	1,690,906	\$	1,805,831
Withholding tax	\$	350	\$	-
Total net operating expenses	\$	1,691,256	\$	1,805,831
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations	\$	15,911,157	\$	(12,374,614)
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Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations per Series									
Series A	\$	1,503,488	\$	(1,411,279)					
Series F		14,023,690		(10,694,893)					
Series O		383,979		(268,442)					
Change in total net assets	\$	15,911,157	\$	(12,374,614)					

Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations per unit									
Series A	\$	0.86	\$	(0.82)					
Series F		0.95		(0.73)					
Series 0		0.83		(0.59)					

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### Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributed to Holders of Redeemable Units

All Series			
For the years ended	3	31-Dec-23 (USD)	31-Dec-22 (USD)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	\$	164,789,291	\$ 209,358,195
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations		15,911,157	(12,374,614)
Distributions to unitholders of rede	emab	le units	
From net investment income	\$	(7,377,848)	\$ (5,768,952)
From management fee rebate income		(45,498)	(47,196)
From net capital gains		(734,497)	(5,374,150)
Total distributions	\$	(8,157,843)	\$ (11,190,298)
Redeemable unit transactions			
Proceeds from redeemable units iss	ued		
Series A	\$	6,098,824	\$ 2,799,797
Series F		70,972,790	68,371,701
Series 0		1,453,389	1,188,220
Total proceeds	\$	78,525,003	\$ 72,359,718
Cost of units redeemed			
Series A	\$	(4,605,388)	\$ (6,678,981)
Series F		(50,455,403)	(92,768,762)
Series 0		(669,298)	(2,454,799)
Total cost	\$	(55,730,089)	\$ (101,902,542)
Reinvested distributions			
Series A	\$	649,745	\$ 887,004
Series F		5,467,941	7,398,132
Series 0		192,362	253,696
Total reinvested	\$	6,310,048	\$ 8,538,832
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the year	\$	36,858,276	\$ (44,568,904)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	\$	201,647,567	\$ 164,789,291

Series A				
For the years ended	,	31-Dec-23 (USD)		31-Dec-22 (USD)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year Change in net assets attributable	\$	16,591,584	\$	22,011,234
to holders of redeemable units from operations		1,503,488		(1,411,279)
Distributions to unitholders of rede	emal	ole units		
From net investment income	\$	(667,378)	\$	(471,392)
From management fee rebate income		(3,314)		(3,811)
From net capital gains		(70,499)		(540,988)
Total distributions	\$	(741,191)	\$	(1,016,191)
Redeemable unit transactions				
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	\$	6,098,824	\$	2,799,797
Cost of units redeemed		(4,605,388)		(6,678,981)
Reinvested distributions		649,745		887,004
Total redeemable	\$	2,143,181	\$	(2,992,180)
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the year	\$	2,905,478	\$	(5,419,650)
Net assets attributable to holders	· ·	2,300,170	٧	(0,115,000)
of redeemable units, end of year	\$	19,497,062	\$	16,591,584
Series F				
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For the years ended	,	31-Dec-23 (USD)		31-Dec-22 (USD)
For the years ended  Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	\$	31-Dec-23 (USD) 144,842,082	\$	31-Dec-22 (USD) 182,445,386
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### Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributed to Holders of Redeemable Units

### Series O

For the years ended	;	31-Dec-23 (USD)	31-Dec-22 (USD)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	\$	3,355,625	\$ 4,901,575
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations		383,979	(268,442)
Distributions to unitholders of rede	emal	ble units	
From net investment income	\$	(197,137)	\$ (153,600)
From net capital gains		(16,719)	(111,025)
Total distributions	\$	(213,856)	\$ (264,625)
Redeemable unit transactions			
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	\$	1,453,389	\$ 1,188,220
Cost of units redeemed		(669,298)	(2,454,799)
Reinvested distributions		192,362	253,696
Total redeemable	\$	976,453	\$ (1,012,883)
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the year	\$	1,146,576	\$ (1,545,950)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	\$	4,502,201	\$ 3,355,625

### **Statements of Cash Flows**

Statements of Cash Flows				Schedule of I	nvestment Portfo	olio a	as at Decemb	er :	31, 2023
For the years ended	31-Dec-23 (USD)		31-Dec-22 (USD)	Par Value/Num	ber of Shares		Average Cost (\$)	)	Fair Value
Cash flows from (used in) operatin	g activities								
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations	\$ 15,911,157	\$	(12,374,614)	Canadian Equi	ties (N 1%)	\$	(USD\$)	\$	(USI
Adjustments for:	0,511,107	Ų	(12,074,014)	Canadian Equit	Bird Construction				
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on cash and cash equivalents	(136)		(2,135)	9,793	Inc. Postmedia	\$	147,233	\$	106,7
Net realized loss (gain) on sales of investments	(613,092)		401,220	3,501 6,928	Network Canada X-Spectrum 1 Inc.		5,888 33,949		3,7 1,4
Change in unrealized	(010,032)		401,220	9,195	X-Spectrum 2 Inc.		13,149		1,7
depreciation (appreciation) on investments	(9,420,542)		23,311,052	Total	x-spectrum z mc.	\$	200,219	\$	111,9
Change in unrealized				Canadian Fixed	d Income (39.5%)				
depreciation (appreciation) on foreign currency	69		1,999		Air Canada 4% Jul 1, 2025 144A				
Purchase of investments	(90,215,447)		(119,828,297)	2,026,000	(USD)	\$	2,402,899	\$	2,282,5
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	61,087,665		133,995,582	16,516,000	Air Canada 4.625% Aug 15, 2029		13,124,331		11,692,2
Due to investment dealers	1,772,512		277,825		BMO (AT1) 4.8%				
Accrued expenses	18,705		(18,818)		Aug 25, 2024/Perpetual				
Receivable from forward exchange contracts	-		70,850	944,000	(USD) BMO Dep Note		992,739		910,5
Payable on forward exchange contracts	1,886,005		153,304	6,000,000	2.28% Jul 29, 2024 BNS (AT1) 3.7%		4,297,195		4,468,4
Accrued interest	188,704		(360,199)	5,165,000	Jul 27, 2026/2081		2,992,650		2,934,4
Due from investment dealers	(57,516)		300		BNS CB FRN Sept				
Reimbursement receivable	6,710		(22,473)	6,400,000	8, 2026 (CORRA +60)		4,707,842		4,853,0
Dividends receivable	(7,022)		6,742		Bombardier Inc.		, , ,		,,
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	\$ (19,442,228)	\$	25,612,338	2,415,000	6.0% Feb 15, 2028 (USD)		2,393,869		2,355,7
Cash flows from (used in) financing	g activities				Bombardier Inc. 7.35% Dec 22,				
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, net of	^ (1.0.47.70F)	٨	(0.651.466)	672,000	2026 Bombardier Inc.		426,651		511,5
reinvested distributions	\$ (1,847,795)	\$	(2,651,466)	0.000.000	7.45% May 1, 2034		0.005.040		0.407.5
Proceeds from issuances of redeemable units	78,626,879		73,390,919	3,000,000	REGS (USD)		3,005,840		3,427,5
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	(55,781,413)		(101,924,584)	1,281,000	CIBC FRN Jul 15, 2026 (CORRA+58)		1,028,130		962,3
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	\$ 20,997,671	\$	(31,185,131)	520,000	Cineplex Inc. 2nd Lien 7.5% Feb 26, 2026 144A		423,627		396,3
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on cash and cash equivalents	\$ 67	\$	136		Corus Entertainment Inc. 6% Feb 28, 2030				
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year	1,555,443		(5,572,793)	2,489,000	REGS FLINT Corp. 8%		1,956,603		1,226,4
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	609,808		6,182,465	489,259	Mar 23, 2026 Ford Credit		361,944		314,3
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year  Supplementary disclosures on cash	\$ 2,165,318 in flow from operating		609,808 rities	721,000	Canada Co. 4.46% Nov 13, 2024 Ford Credit		545,281		539,7
Interest received	\$ 8,857,898		6,939,473		Canada Co. 7.375% May 12,				
Dividends received	426,990		386,899	1,948,000	7.375% May 12, 2026		1,457,883		1,537,3
Withholding tax	350		-		Ford Credit				
Interest paid	77		3,957	0.440	Canada Co. FRN Mar 21, 2024 (Q		0.014.1		

Par Value/Number of Shares			Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	
		\$	(USD\$)	\$	(USD\$)
Canadian Equit	ties (0.1%)		(** 1,)	Ė	.,
9,793	Bird Construction Inc.	\$	147,233	\$	106,766
3,501	Postmedia Network Canada		5,888		3,751
6,928	X-Spectrum 1 Inc.		33,949		1,416
9,195	X-Spectrum 2 Inc.		13,149		_
Total		\$	200,219	\$	111,933
2,026,000	d Income (39.5%) Air Canada 4% Jul 1, 2025 144A (USD)	\$	2,402,899	\$	2,282,552
	Air Canada 4.625%	Ų		Ų	
16,516,000 944,000	Aug 15, 2029 BMO (AT1) 4.8% Aug 25, 2024/Perpetual (USD)		13,124,331 992,739		11,692,272 910,587
6,000,000	BMO Dep Note 2.28% Jul 29, 2024		4,297,195		4,468,483
5,165,000	BNS (AT1) 3.7% Jul 27, 2026/2081		2,992,650		2,934,440
6,400,000	BNS CB FRN Sept 8, 2026 (CORRA +60)		4,707,842		4,853,084
2,415,000	Bombardier Inc. 6.0% Feb 15, 2028 (USD)		2,393,869		2,355,786
672,000	Bombardier Inc. 7.35% Dec 22, 2026		426,651		511,580
3,000,000	Bombardier Inc. 7.45% May 1, 2034 REGS (USD)		3,005,840		3,427,500
1,281,000	CIBC FRN Jul 15, 2026 (CORRA+58)		1,028,130		962,362
520,000	Cineplex Inc. 2nd Lien 7.5% Feb 26, 2026 144A		423,627		396,317
2,489,000	Corus Entertainment Inc. 6% Feb 28, 2030 REGS		1,956,603		1,226,445
489,259	FLINT Corp. 8% Mar 23, 2026		361,944		314,359
721,000	Ford Credit Canada Co. 4.46% Nov 13, 2024		545,281		539,733
1,948,000	Ford Credit Canada Co. 7.375% May 12, 2026		1,457,883		1,537,367
3,660,000	Ford Credit Canada Co. FRN Mar 21, 2024 (Q CDOR+314)		2,916,133		2,784,984

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Par Value/Num	ber of Shares	Average Cost (\$)		Par Value/Num	ber of Shares	Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)
Canadian Fixed	l Income (39.5%)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		American Airlines		, , ,
Cont'd					Inc. IP Notes 10.75%/12% Feb		
	Great West Life Co Inc. (AT1) 3.6%			967,000	15, 2026(USD) Avis Budget	1,126,555	1,017,767
6,195,000	Dec 31, 2026/2081 Manulife Financial	4,910,226	3,612,745		Car/Finance 4.75% Apr 1, 2028 144A		
5,842,000	Corp (AT1) 3.375% Jun 19, 2026/2081	4,630,919	3,457,181	2,326,000	(ÚSD)	2,353,857	2,143,694
3,042,000	Manulife Financial	4,030,919	3,437,101		Avis Budget Car/Finance		
5,445,000	Corp (AT1) 4.1% Mar 19, 2027/2082	4,375,603	3,157,724	1,787,000	5.375% Mar 1, 2029 144A (USD)	1,831,748	1,655,036
4,150,000	RBC (AT1) 3.65% Nov 24, 2026/2081	3,285,486	2,379,780	2,430,000	Avis Budget Car/Finance 5.75% Jul 15, 2027 (USD)	2,461,593	2,331,348
1,400,000	RBC (AT1) 4% Feb 24, 2026/2081	1,152,366	967,872		Avis Budget Car/Finance 5.75%		
10,900,000	RBC CB 4.256% Dec 21, 2026	8,128,129	8,286,556	362,000	Jul 15, 2027 144A (USD)	379,195	351,366
	RBC FRN Jun 29, 2085(Q			47,000	Boeing Co 2.25% Jun 15, 2026	41,994	44.056
270,000	LIMEAN+25)(USD) SNC Lavalin 3.8%	219,992	246,669	47,000	(USD) Boeing Co 3.1%	41,994	44,056
883,000	Aug 19, 2024	679,200	659,636	1,968,000	May 1, 2026 (USD) Continental	2,048,453	1,892,114
2,498,000	SNC Lavalin 7% Jun 12, 2026	1,863,507	1,944,821		Resources 5.75% Jan 15, 2031 144A		
	Sunlife Financial Inc. (AT1) 3.6%			433,000	(USD)	433,000	431,336
3,388,000	Jun 30, 2026/2081	2,758,430	1,996,954	056,000	Gannett Holdings LLC 6.0% Nov 1,	055 (00	750 105
3,313,000	TD (AT1) 3.6% Oct 31, 2026/2081	2,618,816	1,901,771	856,000	2026 144A (USD) GE Capital Corp	855,690	758,185
3,507,000	Transcanada Pipelines 1.0% Oct 12, 2024 (USD)	3,277,963	3,383,636		FRN Aug 15, 2036 (Q SOFR+74.161)(US		
	TransCanada Pipelines 3.8% Apr			1,254,000	D) Goldman Sachs	927,300	1,136,556
4,425,000	5, 2027 TransCanada	3,144,253	3,284,882	10,665,000	FRN Apr 29, 2025 (CDOR+37)	7,844,387	8,056,708
	Pipelines FRN May 15, 2067 (Q			1,829,000	Hertz 5% Dec 1, 2029 144A (USD)	1,823,009	1,502,712
3,433,000	LIBOR+221)(USD)	2,815,562	2,756,571	1,029,000	Hertz Litigation,	1,823,009	1,302,712
F0C 000	Videotron Ltee Sr Notes 4.50% Jan	440.070	410.050	1,574,000	Hertz 5.5% Oct 15, 2024 (USD)	-	43,285
586,000	15, 2030 Videotron Ltee Sr	442,078	419,259		Hertz Litigation, Hertz 6% Jan 15,		
298,000	Notes 5.625% Jun 15, 2025	237,154	226,584	1,310,000	2028 (USD)  Hertz Litigation,	-	121,175
Total		\$ 87,573,301	\$ 79,880,492	146,000	Hertz 6.25% Oct 15, 2022 (USD)	_	4,015
Foreign Fixed I	ncome (46.1%)			1 70,000	Hertz Litigation,		7,010
	AMC Entertainment Holdings 7.5% Feb			286,000	Hertz 7.125% Aug 1,2026 (USD)	-	26,455
3,454,000	15,2029 144A (USD) American Airlines	\$ 3,437,500	\$ 2,402,226	3,482,000	Latam Airlines Group SA 13.375% Oct 15, 2029 144A (USD)	3,241,846	3,990,898
557,500	Inc. 5.5% Apr 20, 2026 144A (USD)	581,891	553,888	3,402,000	Met Life Global Funding I FRN Jan	3,241,040	3,220,070
958,000	American Airlines Inc. 5.75% Apr 20, 2029 144A (USD)	965,200	934,919	5,087,000	7, 2024 (SOFR+32)144A(U SD)	5,101,221	5,087,036
83,000	American Airlines Inc. 8.5% May 15, 2029 144A (USD)	83,000	87,700	Continued on nex	t page		

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Par Value/Num		Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	Par Value/Num		Average Cost (\$	)	Fair Value (\$)
Foreign Fixed I Cont'd	ncome (46.1%)				Delta Airlines SkyMiles TL Oct			
Cont u	MetLife Global			3,200,000	20, 2027 (Q LIBOR+375)	3,399,500		3,282,000
	Funding I FRN Jun 15, 2026			0,200,000	Hertz Corp. TL B	0,012,000		0,202,000
3,200,000	(CORRA+106)	2,386,560	2,435,773	1,127,101	Jun 30, 2028 (Q L+350)(USD)	1,126,686		1,125,692
	Natwest Group			1,127,101	Hertz Corp. TL B	1,120,000		1,120,032
	7.472% Nov 10, 2025/26 144A			1,281,000	Jun 30, 2028 (SOFR +375) (USD)	1,255,380		1,284,203
2,614,000	(USD)	2,614,000	2,707,484	1,201,000	Hertz Corp. TL C	1,200,000		1,204,200
	Navient Corp 5.625% Aug 1,			218,000	Jun 30, 2028 (Q L+350)(USD)	217,921		217,727
186,000	2033 (USD)	159,193	152,865	Total	2.000)(000)	\$ 6,273,713	\$	6,323,256
	Pacific Life Global Funding II FRN Feb				ked Securities (6.0%)	·		5,225,255
7,940,000	1, 2027 (Q CDOR+38)	6,281,332	5,926,078	Mortgage back	Merrill Lynch NHA			
, ,,,,,	Spirit Aerosystems			378,687	MBS (97514361) 1.75% Jun 1, 2024	\$ 273,885	\$	283,506
552,000	Inc. 3.85% Jun 15, 2026 (USD)	560,623	531,116	3/0,00/	Merrill Lynch NHA	\$ 273,000	ş	203,300
002,000	Spirit Aerosystems	000,020	55.,6		MBS (98004816)			
2,595,000	Inc. 4.6% Jun 15, 2028 (USD)	2,390,696	2,298,270	1,093,364	FRN (M CDOR-20) Nov 1, 2026	810,476		823,467
_,,,,,,,,	Spirit Aerosystems	_,,,,,,,,			Scotia Capital Inc.			
1,623,000	Inc. 9.75% Nov 15, 2030 144A (USD)	1,623,000	1,746,712		NHA MBS (97514581) 1.9%			
1,020,000	UBS Group AG	1,020,000	1,7 10,7 12	1,674,921	Jul 1, 2024	1,220,485		1,249,287
983,000	1.305% Feb 2, 2026/27 (USD)	773,495	902,125		Scotia Capital NHA MBS FRN			
300,000	UBS Group AG	770,130	702,120	4,213,863	(98005098) Apr 1, 2027(M CDOR-12)	3,335,946		3,174,985
	2.193% Jun 5, 2025/26 144A			, .,	Scotia Capital	,,,,,		
502,000	(USD)	420,753	477,684		NHA MBS FRN (98100013) Jun 1,			
	US TIPS 0.125% Apr 15, 2026			2,852,202	2027 (CORRA+35)	2,190,637		2,154,609
457,552	(USD)	430,717	435,595		Scotia Capital NHA MBS FRN			
3,242,736	US TIPS 0.125% Oct 15, 2026 (USD)	3,054,661	3,079,972	2,476,133	(98100041) Aug 1, 2027 (CORRA+42)	1,887,148		1,871,700
3,242,730	US TIPS 0.625%	3,004,001	0,075,572	2,470,133	Steinbach CU NHA	1,007,140		1,071,700
1,864,613	Jan 15, 2026 (USD)	1,799,599	1,799,362	3,559,470	MBS (97521491) 1.45% Jan 1, 2026	2,506,594		2,571,100
1,004,010	US Treasury	1,755,055	1,755,002	Total	1.45% Jail 1, 2020	\$ 12,225,171	\$	12,128,654
19,561,000	0.125% Feb 15, 2024 (USD)	18,804,002	19,439,675	Preferred Shar	ros (2.1%)	¥ 12,226,171	_	,,
13,001,000	US Treasury	10,004,002	15,405,070	Preferred Silar	BCE Inc.			
6,950,000	0.375% Aug 15, 2024 (USD)	6,694,785	6,750,935	65,100	(BCE.PR.AD)	\$ 781,833	\$	899,492
0,930,000	US Treasury	0,094,703	0,730,933	18,100	BMO (BMO.PR.S)	296,171		265,163
2,200,000	0.375% Jan 31, 2026 (USD)	2,032,594	2,032,895	6,900	BMO (BMO.PR.W)	121,024		92,778
2,200,000	US Treasury	2,032,394	2,032,093	2,400	CIBC (CM.PR.O) Enbridge Inc.	43,112		33,343
0.221.000	0.625% Aug 15,	7 106 605	7 570 500	7,200	(ENB.PF.V) (USD)	113,733		156,528
9,331,000 <b>Total</b>	2030 (USD)	7,196,685 <b>92,760,134</b>	7,570,502 \$ 92,859,518	84,700	Enbridge Inc. (ENB.PR.V) (USD)	1,440,118		1,781,241
	2002 (2.1%)	72,700,104	72,007,010	04,700	FLINT Corp. Series	1,440,110		1,701,241
Foreign Bank L	oans (3.1%)			560	1 Preferred Share	434,552		219,590
	Entertainment			268	FLINT Corp. Series 2 Preferred Share	203,120		105,089
400 500	Holdings TL B Apr 22, 2026(M	A	A		Manulife Financial			
493,523	LIBOR+300)USD	\$ 274,226	\$ 413,634	40,400	(MFC.PR.P)	513,251		480,978

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Par Value/Number of Shares

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Average Cost (\$)

Fair Value (\$)

Preferred Shar	es (3.1%)		
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807,000	RBC (AT1) pref 4.2% (5y GoC + 271) Feb 24, 2027	650,684	471,191
107,900	Sun Life Financial Inc. (SLF.PR.K)	1,976,872	1,696,725
Total		\$ 6,574,470	\$ 6,202,118
Private Placem	nents (2.1%)		
292,256	Black Press Group Ltd. 12% Mar 31, 2024	\$ 206,554	\$ 210,204
4,100,000	Honda Canada Finance Inc. FRN Sep 27, 2024 (Q CDOR+20)	3,204,560	3,105,670
27,000	Kruger Packaging Holdings L.P. 6% Jun 1, 2026	19,131	19,764
1,217,000	WTH Car Rental ULC (AVIS) 6.028% Feb 20, 2027	882,325	943,965
Total		\$ 4,312,570	\$ 4,279,603
Total investme (100.0%)	nt portfolio	\$ 209,919,578	\$ 201,785,574
	Cash and Cash Equivalents (1.1%)	\$	\$ 2,165,318
	Other Assets less Liabilities (-1.1%)		(2,303,325)
Net assets		\$	\$ 201,647,567

### **Foreign Exchange Contracts**

Counterparty	Settlement Date	Buy	Par Value	Sell	Par Value	Forward Rate	Current Rate	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce <sup>1</sup>	2024-03-07	USD	\$ 90,761,235	CAD	\$ 122,770,000	0.739	0.755	\$ (1,985,526)
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce <sup>1</sup>	2024-03-07	USD	9,419,577	CAD	12,540,000	0.751	0.755	(53,783)

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### 1. Formation of Fund

The address of the Fund's registered office is 3080 Yonge St., Suite 4000, Toronto, Ontario.

Lysander Funds Limited (the "Manager" or "Lysander") is the manager and trustee of the Fund and is responsible for providing or arranging 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.

Lysander-Canso U.S. Credit Fund (the "Fund") is an open-end fund formed under the laws of the Province of Ontario by an amendment dated December 30, 2014 to a master declaration of trust dated December 8, 2011, as the same was amended and/or consolidated from time to time. At the time it was formed, the Fund's name was "Lysander U.S. Credit Fund". On December 30, 2014, the Fund commenced operations and became a reporting issuer, with its units qualified for distribution under a simplified prospectus. On December 31, 2015, the Fund changed its name to "Lysander-Canso U.S. Credit Fund".

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve long term capital growth of returns consisting of income and some capital gains primarily through investments in U.S. debt and money market securities either denominated in U.S. dollars or hedged to U.S. dollars using forward currency contracts.

The portfolio manager of the Fund is Canso Investment Counsel Ltd, ("Portfolio Manager"), a company under common control as the Manager.

### 2. Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") effective as at December 31, 2023.

The financial statements were authorized for issue by Lysander's board of directors on March 26, 2024.

### 3. Material Accounting Policy Information

Effective January 1, 2023, the Fund adopted the International Accounting Standard 1 Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1") amendment with regards to disclosure of material accounting policies. This amendment did not have a material impact on these financial statements. There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2023, that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Funds.

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise indicated.

The material accounting policies of the Fund are as follows:

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term investments in an active market with original maturities of three months or less, bank overdrafts and money market funds with daily liquidity and all highly liquid financial instruments that mature within three months of being purchased.

### **Financial instruments**

The Fund accounts for its financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"), which include cash and cash equivalents, investments at fair value through profit or loss, accrued interest, reimbursement receivable, subscriptions receivable, redemption payable, due to/from investment dealer, receivable/payable from forward exchange contracts and accrued expenses.

# Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"):

Financial Assets

The Fund classifies its investments in debt and equity securities and open-ended investment funds based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

These financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund also manages these financial assets with the objective of realizing cash flows through sales. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any of its equity securities at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI"). Consequently, these financial assets are mandatorily measured at FVTPL.

#### Financial Liabilities

Financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading are those acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near future or on initial recognition are a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Fund manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short term profit-taking.

All derivatives and short positions are included in this category and mandatorily measured at FVTPL.

The Fund does not apply general hedge accounting to any of its derivatives positions.

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#### Financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost:

The financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost include cash collateral posted on derivative positions, accrued income, due to and from brokers and other short term receivables and payables.

IFRS 9 requires the expected credit loss model ("ECL") as the impairment model for financial assets measured at amortized cost. At each reporting date, the Fund measures the loss allowance on cash collateral held, amounts due from broker, accrued income and other short term receivables at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to the 12 month expected credit losses. Given the short-term nature of the receivables and the high credit quality, the Fund has determined that the expected credit loss allowances are not material or considered impaired.

The Fund classifies financial instruments carried at fair value using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified as Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is reclassified as Level 3. The Manager assesses transfers at the time of an event that may cause reason for re-assessment of levelling. The classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability. The determination of what constitutes observable requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and

verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources. The classification of the Fund's financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, as applicable, is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements of the Fund. Significant transfers between levels are also disclosed in the notes to the financial statements of the Fund, where applicable. The reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, if applicable, are included in the notes to the financial statements of the Fund.

### **Recognition/Derecognition**

At initial recognition, financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value. Transaction costs on financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed as incurred in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.

Gains and losses arising from changes in their fair value are included in the statement of comprehensive income (loss) for the year in which they arise. Dividend or interest income earned on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and dividend or interest expense on the financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are disclosed in a separate line item in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Financial assets are derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are derecognized when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses on the disposition of investments, and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments, are determined on an average cost basis and are included in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Realized gains and losses related to options are included in net realized gain/(loss) on options at fair value through profit or loss. Realized gains and losses relating to written options may arise from expiration of written options whereby realized gains are equivalent to the premium received and from the exercise of written covered call options in addition to the realized gains or losses from disposition of the related investments at the exercise price of the option.

#### Fair value measurements

The securities in the Fund's Portfolio are measured at FVTPL. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active

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markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the year-end date. The quoted market price used for financial assets and financial liabilities of the Fund is the last traded price provided such price is within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bidask spread, the Fund will determine the points within the bid-ask spread that are most representative of the fair value. A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of observable inputs and relying as little as possible on unobservable inputs. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date.

Where available, valuation techniques use market observable assumptions and inputs. If such data is not available, inputs may be derived by reference to similar assets in active markets, from recent prices for comparable transactions or from other observable market data. When measuring fair value, the Fund selects the non-market-observable inputs to be used in its valuation techniques, based on a combination of historical experience, derivation of input levels based on similar products with observable price levels and knowledge of current market conditions and valuation approaches. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. However, the fair value measurement objective remains the same, i.e., an exit price at the measurement date from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or owes the liability. Therefore, unobservable inputs reflect the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including model risk, liquidity risk and counterparty risk. Unlisted debt securities are valued based on observable inputs such as the prices provided by an independent reputable pricing services company who prices the securities based on recent transactions and quotes received from market participants and through incorporating observable market data and using standard market convention practices. Unlisted debt securities for which current quotations are not

readily available are valued using another valuation technique as described below.

The Fund uses widely recognized valuation techniques for determining the fair value of financial instruments that are not actively traded and quoted. The most frequently applied valuation techniques include: i) discounted value of expected cash flows, ii) relative value, iii) option pricing methodologies, iv) private placement financing technique, v) internally developed models and vi) market activity. In some cases, it may be reasonable and appropriate to value at cost, where there has been no material subsequent event affecting value. Discounted value of expected cash flows is a valuation technique that measures fair value using estimated expected future cash flows from assets or liabilities and then discounts these cash flows using a discount rate or discount margin that reflects the credit and/or funding spreads required by the market for instruments with similar risk and liquidity profiles to produce a present value. When using such valuation techniques, expected future cash flows are estimated using an observed or implied market price for the future cash flows or by using industry standard cash flow projection models. The discount factors within the calculation are generated using industry standard yield curve modeling techniques and models. Relative value models measure fair value based on the market prices of equivalent or comparable assets or liabilities, making adjustments for differences between the characteristics of the observed instrument and the instrument being valued. Option pricing models incorporate assumptions regarding the behavior of future price movements of an underlying referenced asset or assets to generate a probability-weighted future expected payoff for the option. The resulting probability-weighted expected payoff is then discounted using discount factors generated from industry standard yield curve modeling techniques and models. The option pricing model may be implemented using a closed form analytical formula or other mathematical techniques (e.g., binomial tree or Monte Carlo simulation). For more complex instruments and instruments for which there is no active market, fair values may be estimated using a combination of observed transaction prices, if any, consensus pricing services and relevant broker quotes. Consideration is given to the nature of the quotes (e.g., indicative or firm) and the relationship of recently evidenced market activity to the prices provided by consensus pricing services. Private placement financings are instances where a company raises capital through an offering of additional securities in the private markets. Pertinent details of such offering, including the terms of such offering, the issue price, and total capital raised are considered when assessing the reasonability that the issue price of such offering approximates fair value. In contrast to public offerings on a recognized exchange, private placement financings are not available to the general public. The Fund also uses internally developed models, which are typically based on valuation methods and techniques

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recognized as standard within the industry. Assumptions and inputs used in valuation techniques include benchmark interest rate curves, credit and funding spreads used in estimating discount rates, bond and equity prices, equity index prices, foreign exchange rates, levels of market volatility and correlation. In situations where there is limited market activity for the asset or liability near the measurement date, the most recent transaction price may be used.

### Income recognition

Dividend income is recognized when the Fund's right to receive the payment has been established, normally being the exdividend date. Dividend income is recognized gross of withholding tax, if any.

The interest income for distribution purposes shown on the statement of comprehensive income (loss) represents the coupon interest received by the Fund accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds which are amortized on a straight line basis. The interest income for distribution purposes is the tax basis of calculating the interest received and which is subject to tax.

### Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Accounting estimates**

In the application of the Fund's accounting policies, the Fund is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily available from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered relevant. The most significant estimates relate to the valuation of investments. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the year in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that year, or in the year of the revision and future years, if the revision affects both current and future years.

### Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units

Units issued and outstanding represent the capital of the Fund, with units in each series representing an equal and rateable share in the assets allocated to each series. The management fee rates are different for each of the series. Please refer to Note

6 for discussion of management fee rates. The redeemable units are classified as financial liabilities and are measured at the redemption amounts.

Units of the Fund may be purchased or redeemed at a price per unit equal to the net asset value ("NAV") of a unit of the applicable series of the Fund on each valuation date.

### Net asset value per unit

The net asset value per unit of each series of units of the Fund is computed by dividing the NAV of a series of units by the total number of units of the series outstanding at the time. The Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments and derivatives are identical to those used in measuring its NAV for transactions with holders of redeemable units.

### Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency amounts are translated into the Fund's functional currency as follows: fair value of investments, forward currency contracts and other financial assets and liabilities, at the closing rate of exchange on each business day; income and expenses, and purchases, sales and settlements of investments, at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

#### **Foreign currency forward contracts**

The value of the foreign currency forward contracts is the gain or loss that would be realized if the position in the forward contract was closed out in accordance with its terms. The unrealized gains or losses on the forward contract are reported as part of the change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on forwards in the statement of comprehensive income (loss). Foreign currency forward contracts manage exposure to foreign currency gains and losses arising from short and long-term investments denominated in foreign currencies.

### **Taxation**

The Fund is a mutual fund trust within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada). The Fund is subject to tax on its net taxable income, including net realized capital gains, for the calendar year which is not paid or payable to its unitholders as of the end of the calendar year. It is the intention of the Fund to pay all of its net taxable income and net realized capital gains so that the Fund will not be subject to income taxes other than foreign withholding taxes, if applicable. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been made in these financial statements.

As at December 31, 2023, the Fund had no net capital losses (December 31, 2022 - Nil) and no non-capital losses (December 31, 2022 - Nil).

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#### Distributions

The Fund makes distributions of net income quarterly and any net realized capital gains annually. These are recognized in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units.

### Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

### **Determination of Functional Currency**

'Functional currency' is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates. If indicators of the primary economic environment are mixed, then the Fund uses its judgment to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of the underlying transactions, events, and conditions. The Fund's subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in U.S. Dollars ("USD"). Accordingly, the Fund has determined that the functional and presentation currency of the Fund is USD unless noted otherwise.

Fair Value Measurement of Derivatives and Securities Not Quoted in an Active Market

The Fund may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. Fair values of such instruments are determined as disclosed in Fair Value Measurement section in Note 3.

### **Future changes in accounting standards**

As of December 31, 2023, the Fund has determined there are no new IFRS standards that are issued, but not yet effective, that could materially impact the Fund's financial statements.

### 4. Expenses

The Fund is responsible for the payment of all expenses related to its operations, including but not limited to audit fees, Independent Review Committee fees, fund administration fees, filing fees, redeemable unitholder reporting and custodian fees plus harmonized sales tax. At their discretion, the Manager or the Portfolio Manager may pay certain of the expenses of the Fund but any such payments shall not oblige the Manager or the Portfolio Manager to make similar future payments. All expenses are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income (loss) on the accrual basis.

Service fees may be paid by the Manager from the management fees it receives from the Fund. Service fees may be paid to

brokers and dealers to compensate them for providing ongoing services to redeemable unitholders holding Series A units, if applicable.

The maximum service fee is 0.50% per annum on the Series A units, exclusive of any applicable taxes.

### 5. Issuance and Redemption of Units

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of transferable, redeemable units of beneficial interest, each of which represents an equal undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund. Each unit entitles the holder to the same rights and obligations as a holder of any other unit and no holder of units is entitled to any privilege, priority or preference in relation to any other holder of units. Each holder of units is entitled to one vote for each whole unit held and is entitled to participate equally with respect to any and all distributions made by the Fund, including distributions of net income and net realized capital gains, if any. On termination or liquidation of the Fund, the holders of outstanding units of record are entitled to receive on a pro rata basis all of the assets of the Fund remaining after payment of all debts, liabilities and liquidation expenses of the Fund. The units of the Fund are issued and redeemed at their NAV.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the number of units issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follows:

#### Series A

For the years ended	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Units outstanding at beginning of year	1,587,787	1,860,127
Redeemable units issued	567,296	246,113
Redeemable units redeemed	(429,691)	(601,816)
Redeemable units issued on reinvestments	60,591	83,363
Units outstanding at end of year	1,785,983	1,587,787

#### Series F

Units outstanding at end of year	16,305,262	13,882,612
Redeemable units issued on reinvestments	510,912	695,747
Redeemable units redeemed	(4,711,968)	(8,303,455)
Redeemable units issued	6,623,706	6,077,375
Units outstanding at beginning of year	13,882,612	15,412,945
For the years ended	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22

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#### Series O

For the years ended	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Units outstanding at beginning of year	394,688	508,562
Redeemable units issued	166,635	129,234
Redeemable units redeemed	(76,448)	(272,228)
Redeemable units issued on reinvestments	22,045	29,120
Units outstanding at end of year	506,920	394,688

### 6. Related Party Transactions

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investment portfolio in compliance with the Fund's constating documents. The Manager pays for certain investment management services and provides certain administrative services required by the Fund. As compensation for its services the Manager is entitled to receive a management fee.

The Manager may offer a reduced management fee to selected investors who (among other considerations) hold large investments in the Fund. This is achieved by reducing the management fee charged to the Fund based on the assets held by such investors and the Fund distributing the amount of the reduction in additional units of the same series of the Fund to the investor.

At December 31, 2023, the Manager, the majority shareholder of the Manager, the Manager's directors and officers together with certain immediate family members had an ownership interest in the Fund amounting to 0.6% (December 31, 2022 - 0.7%).

The Manager is entitled to receive from the Fund a management fee which is calculated daily and payable monthly at an annualized rate of up to 1.25% on Series A and up to 0.75% on Series F units, exclusive of applicable taxes, based on the net asset value of each respective series. Series O has no management fees because investors pay a negotiated management fee directly to the Manager.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Manager paid the Portfolio Manager, an affiliate of the Manager, USD \$665,770 (December 31, 2022 - USD \$684,380) for managing the portfolio of the Fund. As at December 31, 2023 the amount payable to the Portfolio Manager was USD \$61,735 (December 31, 2022 - USD \$51,534).

### 7. Fair Value Hierarchy

The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Fund's assets measured at fair value, as described in Note 3, as at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Total	\$ 5,218,110	\$ 156,973,205	\$ 432,843	\$ 162,624,158
Preferred shares	5,155,722	462,989	407,765	6,026,476
Fixed income	-	156,510,216	-	156,510,216
Equities	\$ 62,388	\$ -	\$ 25,078	\$ 87,466
Investments				
As at December 31, 2022	Level 1 (USD\$)	Level 2 (USD\$)	Level 3 (USD\$)	Total (USD\$
Total	\$ 5,516,765	\$ 195,732,510	\$ 536,299	\$ 201,785,574
Preferred shares	5,406,248	471,191	324,679	6,202,118
Fixed income	-	195,261,319	210,204	195,471,523
Equities	\$ 110,517	\$ -	\$ 1,416	\$ 111,933
Investments				
As at December 31, 2023	Level 1 (USD\$)	Level 2 (USD\$)	Level 3 (USD\$)	Total (USD\$

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Balance, end of year	\$	536,299	\$	432,843
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)		(103,097)		(20,045)
Realized gains and losses		1,573		-
Transfers Out		-		-
Transfers In		236,015		-
Sales		(31,035)		-
Purchases		-		-
Balance, beginning of year		432,843		452,888
	\$	USD\$	\$	USD\$
Level 3 reconciliation				
As at	31-Dec-23			31-Dec-22

The Portfolio Manager's internal valuation team is comprised of individuals from across the functional areas of the firm (Trading, Settlements, Research, Portfolio Management, Compliance, and Fund Administration) who have broad and deep experience in the fair value techniques for debt and equity investments. The team reports to the Chief Investment Officer of the Portfolio Manager and the internal valuation team's valuation processes and results are reviewed by the Portfolio Manager's management on an ongoing basis. Security valuations are discussed on a case-by-case basis with a view to establish the most suitable valuation method. During the year ended December 31, 2023, there was \$236,015 transferred from level 2 to level 3 due to the use of an internally developed model since observable inputs either directly or indirectly were no longer available.

The following sections provides information regarding Level 3 securities. It includes a summary of the valuation techniques used and the sensitivity of the fair value of these securities to changes in input values.

FLINT Corp. Series 1 Preferred Share

Price: \$517.93 CAD

Valuation Technique: The relative value technique.

Unobservable Inputs: FLINT Corp. Senior Secured Bond price (from third party).

Change in input values: A reasonably possible change to the value of the next private placement financing could result in an increase or decrease of 30%, or an increase or decrease in the security price of \$155.38, or an increase or decrease in net assets of \$87,012 CAD.

FLINT Corp. Series 2 Preferred Share

Price: \$517.93 CAD

Valuation Technique: The relative value technique.

Unobservable Inputs: FLINT Corp. Senior Secured Bond price (from third party).

Change in input values: A reasonably possible change to the value of the next private placement financing could result in an increase or decrease of 30%, or an increase or decrease in the security price of \$155.38, or an increase or decrease in net assets of \$41,642 CAD.

X-Spectrum 1 Inc. Price: \$0.27 CAD

Valuation Technique: The relative value technique.

Unobservable Inputs: The primary unobservable inputs for this security were the expected sale prices of the spectrum assets. Change in input values: A reasonably possible change to the value of the assets that make up the business could result in an increase or decrease of 40%, or an increase or decrease in the security price of \$0.11, or an increase or decrease in net assets of \$762 CAD.

X-Spectrum 2 Inc. Price: \$0.00

Valuation Technique: The relative value technique.

Unobservable Inputs: Company is being wound up and with all assets being liquidated. The liquidation value is likely to be zero as we believe that the liquidation value of assets will likely be less than the amount of liabilities. The primary unobservable input is the liquidation value of assets.

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Change in input values: The portfolio manager believes it is highly unlikely that the salvage value of assets will exceed the company's liabilities and therefore believe the possibility of any recovery on this security is remote.

Black Press Group Ltd. 12% Mar 31, 2024

Price: \$95.00 CAD

Valuation Technique: Internally developed model

Unobservable Inputs: The primary unobservable input for this security is the recovery expected to be received on the notes and consideration of prices on similarly rated companies.

Change in input values: Change in input values: A reasonably possible change to our expected recovery of the notes could result in a decrease of 50%, or a decrease in the security price of \$47.50, or a decrease in net assets of \$138,822 CAD.

### 8. Risk Management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks in the normal course of operations. These include credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk. The value of the investments in the Fund's portfolio can fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates, general economic conditions, supply and demand conditions relating to specific securities, or news relating to a specific issuer. In order to manage risk, the Portfolio Manager will diversify the portfolio based on industry and credit rating category. Significant risks that are relevant to the Fund are discussed below.

### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss that could arise from a security issuer or counterparty to a financial instrument not being able to meet its financial obligations. The Fund's main exposure to credit risk consists of investments in debt instruments, such as bonds. The Fund is also exposed to counterparty risk from other assets, such as amounts due from investment dealer or subscriptions receivable. To manage this risk, the Portfolio Manager monitors the Fund's credit exposure and counterparty credit ratings.

The Fund measures credit risk and lifetime ECLs related to these trade receivables using historical analysis and forward looking information in determining the ECL.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund had directly invested in debt instruments with the following credit ratings:

As a % of net assets		31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	
Credit exposure				
AAA	%	33.4	%	21.2
AA		8.9		6.5
A		8.6		5.7
BBB		17.1		26.5
BB		13.1		18.0
В		10.2		14.9
CCC		3.3		3.4
Not Rated		1.8		2.4

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations, including any redemption of units for cash. The Fund is exposed to possible daily redemptions at the then current NAV per unit. Liquidity risk is managed by investing a significant portion of the Fund's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and that can be readily sold. All liabilities of the Fund are due within one year.

The following table presents the Fund's liabilities according to their maturity date as at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

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As at 31-Dec-2023	Less Than One Month	1-3 Month	S	3 Months - 1 Year
Liquidity exposure				
Redemptions payable	\$ 11,709	\$ -	\$	-
Due to investment dealers	2,050,337	-		-
Accrued expenses	-	170,402		-
Payable on forward exchange contracts	-	2,039,309		-
As at 31-Dec-2022	Less Than One Month	1-3 Month	S	3 Months - 1 Year
Liquidity exposure				
Redemption Payable	\$ 63,033	\$ -	\$	-
Due to investment dealers	277,825	-		-
Accrued expenses	-	151,697		-
Payable on forward exchange contracts	-	153,304		-

#### Market risk

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a fund asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. If applicable, to manage interest rate risk, the Portfolio Manager monitors exposures and maintains the portfolio duration within the limits specified in the investment policies and objectives of the Fund. If applicable, the Fund has calculated the sensitivity analysis below. Actual results may differ materially from this analysis.

The table below summarizes the Fund's exposure to interest rate risks based on the remaining term to maturity of the investments.

	Less than 1 year (USD\$)	nan 1 year (USD\$) 1-5 years (USD\$)			D\$) More than 5 years (USD\$		
Interest rate exposure							
December 31, 2023	\$ 48,873,372	\$	105,494,234	\$	41,575,108		
December 31, 2022	8,153,723		99,889,990		48,929,492		

If interest rates had increased or decreased by 1% at December 31, 2023, with all other variables remaining constant, net assets of the fund would have decreased or increased by approximately \$3,937,915 (December 31, 2022- \$3,760,490).

#### Currency risk

Currency risk arises when the value of investments denominated in currencies other than CAD fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. If applicable, the currency risk will typically be hedged by entering into foreign currency forward contracts, however some moderate currency exposure may be assumed if deemed to be beneficial to the Fund. If applicable, the Fund has calculated the sensitivity analysis below. Actual results may differ materially from this analysis.

The table below summarizes the Fund's net exposure (before hedging, if any) to currency risk as at:

		31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Currency exposure			
Canadian Dollars	%	50.5 %	41.6

As at December 31, 2023, if the U.S. Dollar had strengthened or weakened by 1% in relation to the above currencies, with all other factors remaining constant, the Fund's net assets would have decreased or increased by 0.5% (December 31, 2022 - 0.42%).

#### Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. If applicable, this risk is managed through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within the parameters of the investment strategy and by maintaining a well-diversified portfolio. Exposure to price risk arises from investments in equity securities. If applicable, the Fund has calculated the sensitivity analysis below. Actual results may differ materially from this analysis.

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As at December 31, 2023, approximately 3.2% (December 31, 2022 - 3.7%) of the Fund's net assets were invested in equity securities. If prices of these investments had increased or decreased by 5% as at December 31, 2023 with all other factors remaining constant, net assets would have increased or decreased, by approximately \$315,703 (December 31, 2022 - \$305,697).



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