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# Lysander-Canso Bond Fund





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### **About This Report**

This annual Management Report of Fund Performance of Lysander-Canso Bond Fund (the "Fund") contains financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2024 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, 2024. Lysander Funds Limited (the "Manager") is the manager of the Fund. You can get a copy of the financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling toll-free 1 877 308 6979, by writing to Lysander Funds Limited, 3080 Yonge St., Suite 4000, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 3N1, by visiting our website at www.lysanderfunds.com or at SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

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### **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 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 ended December 31, 2024 were 5.57% for Series A, 6.18% for Series F.

The net assets of the Fund were approximately \$100.8 million at December 31, 2024 from \$97.3 million at the beginning of the year. There were net subscription of approximately \$871.4 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.

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

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### **Recent Developments**

The U.S. Federal Reserve made two additional quarter-point interest rate cuts during the fourth quarter. The central bank acknowledged that economic activity is strong, and the labour market reasonable. While inflation has come down, it remains higher than their two percent objective. Investors were surprised when the Federal Reserve cautioned about continued aggressive rate cuts into the future. Inflation numbers going forward may be muddied with the President-elect imposing tariffs and deporting unauthorized immigrants. His other election promises of tax cuts and looser regulation may also prove inflationary.

The Bank of Canada reduced its overnight interest rate as economic activity softened due to lower business investment and exports. However, consumer spending and housing activity picked up following lower interest rates. Employment growth has slowed, but wage growth remains elevated. Lower immigration and tariffs from the incoming U.S. administration are expected to weaken our economic growth. The Canadian dollar has depreciated significantly against the U.S. dollar, which may affect consumer sentiment and increase import prices.

The Fund continues to maintain a large position in liquid government bonds, particularly Real Return Bonds. At the end of the year, the Fund held 33.3% in Federal Government bonds which include Government of Canada bonds, NHA MBS and RRB's. These issues are AAA rated and offer strong liquidity and will allow the Fund to take advantage of future market opportunities. At the end of the year, the weight in AAA/AA issues was 49.3%.

The Fund continued to focus on improving liquidity only adding credit risk when compensated. The Fund participated in new issues including long dated issues of Pembina Pipeline. RBC and BNS issued 11-year senior unsecured notes, the first time this tenor has been issued in the Canadian market. The Fund also participated in new AAA rated issues of both BNS and TD covered bonds.

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

Effective June 30, 2024, Paul Fahey resigned as a member of the Fund's Independent Review Committee ("IRC"). Effective July 1, 2024, Donna Peters-Imbrogno was appointed as a member of the IRC.

### **Related Party Transactions**

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

The Fund paid \$686,128 (including HST) in management fees to the Manager for the year ended December 31, 2024 (December 31, 2023 - \$655,215).

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. Portfolio management fees for the Portfolio Manager's services are paid from the management fee.

The Manager paid \$326,071 (including HST) to the Portfolio Manager for the year ended December 31, 2024 (December 31, 2023 - \$307,067).

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-2024		31-Dec-2023		31-Dec-2022		31-Dec-2021		31-Dec-2020
Net assets per unit <sup>1</sup>										
Net assets, beginning of year	\$	10.44	\$	10.51	\$	10.90	\$	11.20	\$	10.46
Operations:										
Total revenue		0.39		0.43		0.26		0.19		0.35
Total expenses		(0.14)		(0.14)		(0.14)		(0.15)		(0.15)
Realized gains (losses)		(0.03)		(0.24)		(0.10)		0.21		0.24
Unrealized gains (losses)		0.33		0.09		(0.32)		(0.38)		0.48
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.55	\$	0.14	\$	(0.30)	\$	(0.13)	\$	0.92
Distributions:										
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.31)	\$	(0.09)	\$	(0.03)	\$	(0.26)
From dividends		-		-		-		-		-
From capital gains		-		-		-		(0.12)		-
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.31)	\$	(0.09)	\$	(0.15)	\$	(0.26)
Net assets, end of year <sup>2 3</sup>	\$	10.76	\$	10.44	\$	10.51	\$	10.90	\$	11.20
Ratios and supplemental data										
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	6,157,082	\$	6,539,211	\$	8,906,322	\$	9,820,616	\$	11,016,769
Units outstanding		572,234		626,225		847,117		901,097		983,428
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	1.37	%	1.33	%	1.34	%	1.39	%	1.41
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		1.37		1.33		1.34		1.39		1.41
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		54.7		31.6		137.8		59.9		97.7
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		-		0.01		0.04				-
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$	10.76								

#### Notes

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#### Series F

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Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	94,647,370	\$	76,126,322	\$	94,399,492	\$	85,084,726	\$	61,452,464
Units outstanding		8,932,383		7,410,353		9,131,845		7,922,517		5,565,588
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	0.82	%	0.80	%	0.80	%	0.81	%	0.83
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		0.82		0.80		0.80		0.81		0.83
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		54.7		31.6		137.8		59.9		97.7
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		-		0.01		0.04		-		-
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$	10.60	\$	10.27	\$	10.34	\$	10.74	\$	11.04

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#### Series O\*

Year ended	3	1-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2021	31-Dec-2020
Net assets per unit <sup>1</sup>						
Net assets, beginning of year	\$	9.35	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.74	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.00
Operations:						
Total revenue		0.03	0.39	0.24	0.17	0.01
Total expenses		-	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	-
Realized gains (losses)		0.01	(0.08)	(0.12)	0.16	-
Unrealized gains (losses)		(0.16)	0.03	(0.26)	(0.3)	0.03
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	(0.12)	\$ 0.33	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	-	\$ (0.38)	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.17)	\$ -
From dividends		-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains		-	-	-	(0.17)	-
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$	-	\$ (0.38)	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.34)	\$ -
Net assets, end of year <sup>2 3</sup>	\$	-	\$ 9.35	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.74	\$ 10.04
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	-	\$ 14,681,068	\$ 13,716,480	\$ 14,200,339	\$ 9,511,254
Units outstanding		-	1,570,217	1,459,045	1,457,268	947,592

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Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	-	% 0.09	% 0.09	% 0.10	%	0.11
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		-	0.09	0.09	0.10		0.11
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		-	31.6	137.8	59.9		97.7
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		-	0.01	0.04	-		-
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$	-	\$ 9.35	\$ 9.40	\$ 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 at a rate of 1.15% per annum for Series A units and at a rate of 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. Series O no longer has any unitholders as at January 30, 2024. 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



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#### **Annual Compound Returns**

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound return for each period indicated, compared with the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index (the "Index"). The Index is designed to be a broad measure of the Canadian investment-grade fixed income market. 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, 2024		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>	%	5.57	%	1.69	%	2.62	%	1.83
Series F <sup>1</sup>		6.18		2.26		3.20		2.41
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index <sup>3</sup>	%	4.23	%	(0.60)	%	0.79	%	1.98

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.	d and assume that all distributions were reinvested.	s of the Fund and	unit of the relevant s	net asset value per u	1 Beturns are based on t
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**2** Compound period returns are annualized.

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### Summary of Investment Portfolio

		% of NAV
Top 25 Issuers		
Government of Canada	%	28.1
Enbridge Inc.		6.7
Metropolitan Life Global Funding		5.5
Nestle Holdings Inc.		4.1
Honda Canada Finance Inc.		3.9
Heathrow Funding Ltd.		3.9
Pembina Pipeline Corp.		3.8
Manulife Financial Corp.		3.7
TD Bank Group		3.5
Bank of Nova Scotia		3.2
Equitable Bank		2.8
Toyota Credit Canada Inc.		2.5
Bell Canada		2.5
AltaLink LP		2.2
Loblaw Companies Ltd.		2.0
Hydron One Ltd.		1.6
407 International Inc.		1.5
Lloyds Banking Group PLC		1.4
Delta Air Lines Inc.		1.2
WTH Car Rental ULC		1.2
TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.		1.2
Great-West Lifeco Inc.		1.2
Government of USA		1.2
Sobeys Inc.		1.1
Maritime Link Financing Trust		0.9
Total	%	90.9

		% of NAV
Asset Mix		
Canadian Fixed Income	%	44.7
Cash and Cash Equivalents		0.3
Foreign Fixed Income		18.5
Inflation Bonds		20.4
Mortgage Backed Securities		3.9
Other Assets less Liabilities		0.2
Private Placements		9.6
Zero Coupon Bonds		2.4
Total	%	100.0
Sector		
Sector Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	0.3
	%	0.3 3.2
Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	
Cash and Cash Equivalents Communication Services	%	3.2
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