

## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

As at December 31, 2024

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## About This Report

This annual Management Report of Fund Performance of Lysander-Canso U.S. Short Term and Floating Rate 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](http://www.lysanderfunds.com) or at SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

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

## Investment objective

The Fund’s objective is to provide total return by investing primarily in investments in U.S. dollar denominated short term fixed income and floating rate debt 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 positions will primarily be invested in fixed income securities, including those

of foreign issuers. The Fund will not be leveraged. More details are contained in the Fund’s simplified prospectus.

Unless otherwise noted, all dollar amounts and returns in this document are expressed in USD.

## 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 4.47% for Series A and 5.08% for Series F.

The net assets of the Fund were approximately \$4.7 million at December 31, 2024 from \$6.1 million at the beginning of the year. There were net redemptions of approximately \$1.6 million during the year.

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

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

## 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 muddled 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.

During the year, the Fund continues to maintain a sizeable position in short dated, liquid government securities as both credit and interest rate risks remain elevated. The Fund focused on improving liquidity and only adding credit risk when compensated. The Fund established weights in high-quality, short-term corporates including new of a AAA rated A2 tranche of BMW Canada Auto Trust and a AAA rated TD Bank covered bond.

The Fund participated in a new 3.25-year BBB rated Volkswagen Credit Canada issue at an attractive spread. The Fund continues to hold a large position in Federal bonds (13.2%). Canso reduced the Fund's weight in Limited Recourse Capital Notes from 8% at the beginning of the year to 3.5% as at year end; this was done by reducing names such as Great West Life and Manulife.

The Fund continues to take duration when it believes it's being compensated for the risk. The Fund remains conservatively positioned and its higher quality liquid holdings will allow it to take advantage of future market opportunities. The Fund's duration was 2.5 years at the end of the year and relatively inline with the FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index duration of 2.7 years.

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 USD \$31,790 (excluding HST) in management fees to the Manager for the year ended December 31, 2024 (December 31, 2023 - USD \$52,048).

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

The Manager paid USD \$17,534 (including HST) to the Portfolio Manager for the year ended December 31, 2024 (December 31, 2023 - USD \$28,489 including HST).

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 (USD)	31-Dec-2023 (USD)	31-Dec-2022 (USD)	31-Dec-2021 (USD)
<b>Net assets per unit<sup>1</sup></b>				
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 9.74	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.89	\$ 10.00
Operations:				
Total revenue	0.34	0.47	0.26	0.13
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.13)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses)	(3.32)	0.17	(0.07)	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	3.54	0.22	(0.45)	(0.13)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.41</b>	<b>\$ 0.72</b>	<b>\$ (0.39)</b>	<b>\$ (0.06)</b>
Distributions:				
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.39)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.06)
From dividends	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.05)
<b>Total distributions<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.20)</b>	<b>\$ (0.39)</b>	<b>\$ (0.08)</b>	<b>\$ (0.11)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9.97</b>	<b>\$ 9.74</b>	<b>\$ 9.46</b>	<b>\$ 9.89</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>				
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$ 228,848	\$ 126,112	\$ 863,141	\$ 1,547,827
Units outstanding	22,953	12,950	91,258	156,522
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	% 1.49	% 1.42	% 1.41	% 1.35
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	1.64	1.42	1.41	1.35
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	226.86	47.04	160.98	45.18
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-
<b>Net assets, end of year<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9.97</b>	<b>\$ 9.74</b>	<b>\$ 9.46</b>	<b>\$ 9.89</b>

### Notes

\* Series A was first made available under a prospectus on May 12, 2021

<sup>1</sup> The information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. All per unit figures presented are referenced to net assets determined in accordance to IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units, or both.

<sup>4</sup> This information is provided at the end of the period shown.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

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## Series F\*

Year ended	31-Dec-2024 (USD)	31-Dec-2023 (USD)	31-Dec-2022 (USD)	31-Dec-2021 (USD)
<b>Net assets per unit<sup>1</sup></b>				
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 9.74	\$ 9.44	\$ 9.92	\$ 10.00
<b>Operations:</b>				
Total revenue	0.34	0.40	0.26	0.13
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	0.06	(0.39)	(0.02)	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.17	0.72	(0.49)	(0.13)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.48</b>	<b>\$ 0.66</b>	<b>\$ (0.33)</b>	<b>\$ (0.02)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>				
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.37)	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.07)
From dividends	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.04)
<b>Total distributions<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.25)</b>	<b>\$ (0.37)</b>	<b>\$ (0.18)</b>	<b>\$ (0.11)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9.98</b>	<b>\$ 9.74</b>	<b>\$ 9.44</b>	<b>\$ 9.92</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>				
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$ 4,484,841	\$ 6,032,050	\$ 12,229,311	\$ 13,540,593
Units outstanding	449,500	619,240	1,295,041	1,365,103
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	% 0.92	% 0.74	% 0.83	% 0.80
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	1.12	0.74	0.83	0.80
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	226.86	47.04	160.98	45.18
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-
<b>Net assets, end of year<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9.98</b>	<b>\$ 9.74</b>	<b>\$ 9.44</b>	<b>\$ 9.92</b>

## Notes

\* Series F was first made available under a prospectus on May 12, 2021

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## Management Fees

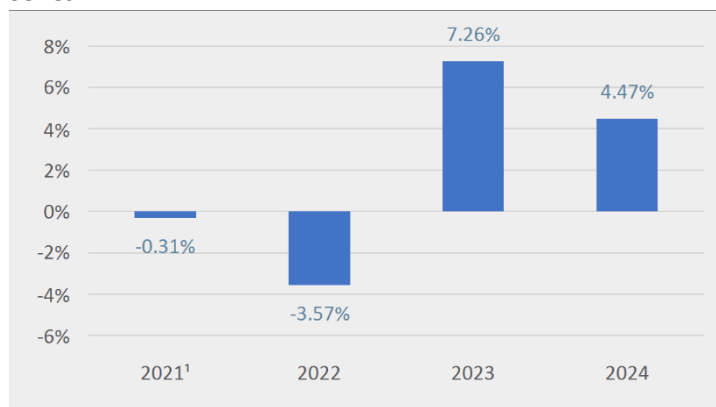
The Manager provides or arranges the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund, and as described in the section “Related Party Transactions” above.

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 1.05% per annum for Series A units and at a rate of 0.55 % per annum for Series F units.

Service fees or trailing commissions of a maximum of 0.50% per annum are paid on Series A units to dealers. This comprises 47.6% of the management fee of Series A units.

## Year-by-Year Returns

### Series A

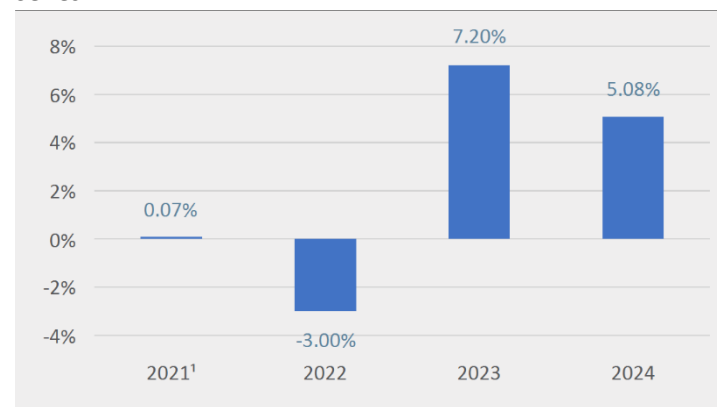


## Past Performance

Series A and Series F were first made available under a prospectus on May 12, 2021. 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.

### Series F



<sup>1</sup> For the period May 12 to December 31

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## Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound return for each period indicated, compared with the ICE BofA 1-5 Year US Corporate and Government (the "Index"). 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>		Since Inception <sup>2</sup>	
Annual Compound Return							
Series A <sup>1</sup>	%	4.47	%	2.61	%	2.04	
Series F <sup>1</sup>		5.08		3.00		2.46	
ICE BofA 1-5 Year US Corporate and Government <sup>3</sup>	%	3.90	%	0.96	%	0.60	

## Notes

<sup>1</sup> Returns are based on the net asset value per unit of the relevant series of the Fund and assume that all distributions were reinvested.

<sup>2</sup> Series A and Series F Period starting from May 12, 2021. Since inception returns are annualized. Compound period returns are annualized.

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio

% of NAV			% of NAV		
Top 25 Issuers			Asset Mix		
Government of USA	%	13.2	Canadian Fixed Income	%	33.3
Royal Bank of Canada		7.0	Cash and Cash Equivalents		2.6
JPMorgan Chase & Co.		6.9	Foreign Fixed Income		53.4
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.		6.6	Inflation Bonds		2.2
TD Bank Group		6.0	Mortgage Backed Securities		2.1
Bank of America Corp.		5.7	Other Assets less Liabilities		(0.9)
Manulife Financial Corp.		5.6	Private Placements		7.3
Bell Canada		5.2	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>
UBS Group AG		5.1	Sector		
American Honda Finance		5.1	Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	2.6
Toyota Credit Canada Inc.		4.8	Communication Services		5.6
Air Canada		3.9	Consumer Discretionary		17.6
Boeing Co.		3.5	Consumer Staples		3.4
Sun Life Financial Inc.		3.5	Financials		54.2
Delta Air Lines Inc.		3.4	Government		13.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents		2.6	Industrials		4.2
BMW Canada Auto Trust		2.5	Other Assets less Liabilities		(0.9)
Avis Budget Car Rental		2.2	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Hertz Vehicle Financing LLC		2.1			
Scotia Capital Inc.		2.1			
The Hertz Corp.		1.2			
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce		1.2			
Spirit AeroSystems Inc.		0.7			
VW Credit Canada Inc.		0.5			
Corus Entertainment		0.5			
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>101.1</b>			





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