

**Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**  
As at June 30, 2019

Lysander-Canso Short Term and Floating Rate Fund



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## A Note About Forward Looking Statements

This semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance includes certain statements that are “forward looking statements”. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this Management Report of Fund Performance that address activities, events or developments that the Fund expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, including such things as anticipated financial performance, are forward looking statements. The words “may”, “could”, “would”, “should”, “believe”, “plan”, “anticipate”, “expect”, “intend”, “forecast”, “objective” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward looking statements.

These forward looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including the risks described in the simplified prospectus of the Fund, which could cause actual financial performance and expectations to differ materially from the anticipated performance or other expectations expressed.

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## About This Report

This semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance of Lysander-Canso Short Term and Floating Rate Fund (the “Fund”) contains financial highlights for the period ended June 30, 2019 but does not contain the complete financial statements of the Fund. This report should be read in conjunction with the semi-annual financial statements of the Fund for the period ended June 30, 2019. Lysander Funds Limited (the “Manager”) is the manager of the Fund. You can get a copy of the financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling toll-free 1 877 308 6979, by writing to Lysander Funds Limited, 3080 Yonge St., Suite 3037, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 3N1, by visiting our website at [www.lysanderfunds.com](http://www.lysanderfunds.com) or at SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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

## Investment objective

The Fund’s objective is to provide total returns consisting principally of interest income by investing primarily in 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 and floating rate debt securities of Canadian and foreign issuers. It also may invest in

debt securities convertible into common stock, and fixed income and floating rate debt securities of governments, government agencies, supranational agencies, companies, trusts and limited partnerships. The Fund will not be leveraged. The Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in foreign securities. The Fund’s investments will not be constrained by credit ratings except that at the time of purchase at least 60% of the market value of the Fund will be held in securities rated BBB or higher in the opinion of Canso. More details are contained in the Fund’s simplified prospectus.

## Risks

The risks of this Fund remain as discussed in the Fund’s most recent simplified prospectus.

## Results of Operations

During the period Canso employed its bottom-up process to buy and sell securities for the Fund. The Fund’s positioning and performance is consistent with the Fund’s fundamental investment objective and strategies. There were no unusual changes to the components of revenue and expenses of the Fund and there were no unusual or infrequent events or transactions, economic changes or market conditions that affected performance beyond what would be reasonably expected.

The Fund had positive returns in the period of 1.24% for Series A and 1.52% for Series F.

The net assets of the Fund decreased to approximately \$135.6 million at June 30, 2019 from approximately \$180.6million at the

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beginning of the period. This was mainly due to net redemptions of approximately \$47 million during the period.

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

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

## Recent Developments

After aggressively raising interest rates in 2018, the U.S. Federal Reserve announced that they no longer planned to raise rates this year and may actually cut rates in the third quarter. This was a major pivot from their previous stance of incremental rate hikes over the last three years and seems to be at least partially driven by prrsure from the Trump administration.

Corporate bonds outperformed U.S. Treasuries as investors reached for higher yields amidst benign inflation. The Fed is encouraged by the growth in household spending and strong labour market. However, in keeping with its dual mandate (maximum employment and stable prices), it is worried about soft business investment and inflation near its threshold of 2 percent.

The Bank of Canada has also kept administered rates on hold in 2019 but seem less inclined to actually cut rates than their counterparts in the U.S. This has started to cause administered interest rates to converge in both countries and provided a recent lift to the Canadian dollar. Meanwhile, the major economies in Europe and Japan are still experimenting with negative interest rates to restart flagging growth. We believe this to be unsustainable.

In this environment both the bond and stock markets did well. This is a puzzle as lower yields in the bond market are normally a signal of a slowing economy. A slowing economy would normally be expected to be negative for corporate profits and, therefore, stock prices. However, equity markets focused on lower interest rates rather than an economic slowdown and continued to rise to new heights.

Canso has concerns about overall market valuations in both equities and bonds and believes that caution is warranted, even though current trends may continue for some time.

Canso has been maintaining a large position in high quality, liquid credits, investing only in BBB and below rated issuers when the additional yield offered compensates for the

incremental credit risk. The largest purchases in the period were in BBB rated issues such as Ford Motor Credit, UniCredit and Shaw Communications Coupons with terms 5 years and under. The Fund added to its high yield position by investing in Bombardier and Element Fleet Management, however at towards the end of the period, the Fund started to trim its position in Bombardier. The Fund also participated in two new AAA rated issues, a three-year floating rate RBC covered bond and a 5 year fixed rate issue of WTH Car Rental ULC issue. Purchases were primarily funded through maturities and sales of bonds that were approaching maturity.

As at the end of the period, the Fund had approximately 86% invested in floating rate notes. The Fund continues to have a high weight in floating rate issues as the absolute yield is attractive relative to short term fixed rate 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.

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

## Related Party Transactions

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

The Fund paid \$572,367 (including HST) in management fees to the Manager for the period ended June 30, 2019 (June 30, 2018 - \$793,899).

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 is included in the management fee.

The Manager paid \$248,487 (including HST) to the Portfolio Manager for the period ended June 30, 2019 (June 30, 2018 - \$346,515).

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The Manager relied, or may rely on standing instructions from the IRC in respect of securities traded amongst mutual funds, closed end funds, managed accounts or pooled funds managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager. In such cases the Manager is required to comply with the Manager's written policies and procedures presented to the IRC and provide periodic reports to the IRC in accordance with National Instrument 81-107.

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## Financial Highlights

### Series A

Period ended	30-Jun-2019	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2017	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2015	31-Dec-2014
<b>Net assets per unit<sup>1</sup></b>						
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.01	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.02
Operations:						
Total revenue	0.15	0.25	0.23	0.28	0.29	0.37
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.01)	(0.03)	0.03	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.05	(0.05)	(0.04)	0.14	(0.08)	(0.02)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.13</b>	<b>\$ 0.04</b>	<b>\$ 0.09</b>	<b>\$ 0.28</b>	<b>\$ 0.07</b>	<b>\$ 0.20</b>
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.30)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.01)	-	(0.01)	-
<b>Total distributions<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.11)</b>	<b>\$ (0.13)</b>	<b>\$ (0.09)</b>	<b>\$ (0.16)</b>	<b>\$ (0.16)</b>	<b>\$ (0.30)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.04</b>	<b>\$ 10.03</b>	<b>\$ 10.13</b>	<b>\$ 10.13</b>	<b>\$ 10.01</b>	<b>\$ 10.03</b>

<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>						
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$ 25,943,218	\$ 28,293,835	\$ 43,117,097	\$ 39,525,253	\$ 36,183,219	\$ 13,265,631
Units outstanding	2,582,742	2,821,732	4,256,391	3,902,943	3,614,829	1,323,238
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	% 1.31	% 1.30	% 1.30	% 1.32	% 1.31	% 1.35
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	1.31	1.30	1.30	1.32	1.31	1.35
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	15.7	74.8	25.8	55	42	45
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.01	\$ 10.03

### Notes

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

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## Series F

Period ended	30-Jun-2019	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2017	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2015	31-Dec-2014
<b>Net assets per unit<sup>1</sup></b>						
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.17	\$ 10.19	\$ 10.07	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.02
Operations:						
Total revenue	0.15	0.25	0.24	0.29	0.29	0.37
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.01)	(0.03)	0.03	-	(0.01)	(0.02)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.05	(0.05)	(0.04)	0.12	(0.07)	(0.02)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.16</b>	<b>\$ 0.09</b>	<b>\$ 0.15</b>	<b>\$ 0.33</b>	<b>\$ 0.13</b>	<b>\$ 0.25</b>
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.28)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.02)	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.11)</b>	<b>\$ (0.18)</b>	<b>\$ (0.19)</b>	<b>\$ (0.22)</b>	<b>\$ (0.12)</b>	<b>\$ (0.28)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.11</b>	<b>\$ 10.08</b>	<b>\$ 10.17</b>	<b>\$ 10.19</b>	<b>\$ 10.07</b>	<b>\$ 10.08</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>						
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$ 109,734,497	\$ 152,389,772	\$ 144,544,653	\$ 91,077,003	\$ 92,602,135	\$ 38,811,920
Units outstanding	10,854,196	15,122,826	14,217,308	8,938,930	9,200,388	3,851,628
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	% 0.74	% 0.73	% 0.73	% 0.73	% 0.74	% 0.79
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.74	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.74	0.79
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	15.7	74.8	25.8	55	42	45
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per unit, end of period	\$ 10.11	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.17	\$ 10.19	\$ 10.07	\$ 10.08

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## Management Fees

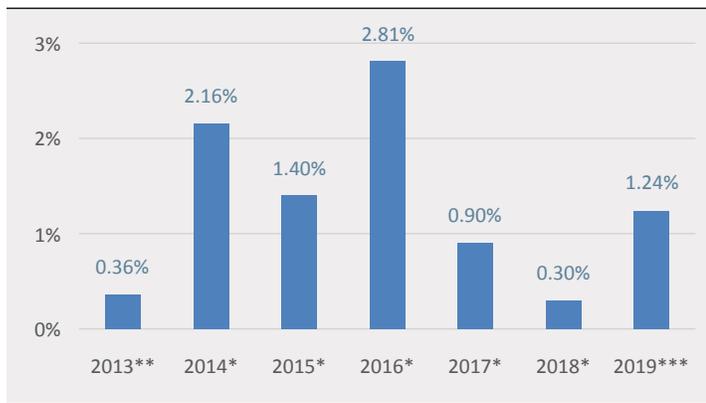
The Manager provides or arranges the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund, and as described in the section “Related Party Transactions” above.

In consideration for such services, the Manager receives a monthly management fee, based on the net asset value of each Series, calculated daily and payable monthly. The Fund pays a management fee of 1.05% per annum for Series A units and 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 approximately 47% of the management fee of Series A units.

## Year-by-Year Returns

### Series A

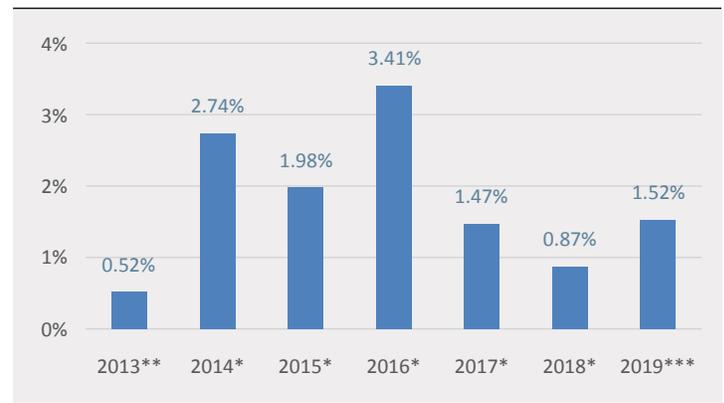


## Past Performance

The commencement date of being distributed under a prospectus for Series A and F was September 18, 2013. Accordingly, returns are shown for the relevant periods 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



\* For the period January 1 to December 31, \*\* For the period September 18 to December 31, \*\*\* For the period January 1 to June 30

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio

		% of NAV			% of NAV
<b>Top 25 Issuers</b>			<b>Asset Mix</b>		
Bank of Montreal	%	9.9	Canadian Equities	%	0.1
Royal Bank of Canada		9.6	Canadian Fixed Income		77.1
GE Capital Canada		7.6	Cash and Cash Equivalents		0.3
Lloyds Banking Group PLC		7.2	Foreign Fixed Income		21.7
Met Life Global Funding		6.7	Other Assets less Liabilities		0.8
Kraft Canada Inc.		6.7	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Bank of Nova Scotia		6.2	<b>Sector</b>		
Honda Canada Finance Inc		5.0	Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	0.3
SNC Lavalin		4.9	Communication Services		5.3
VW Credit Canada Inc.		4.7	Consumer Staples		9.6
Toronto Dominion Bank		4.4	Energy		1.9
AT&T Inc.		3.5	Federal		4.5
WTH Car Rental ULC (AVIS)		3.5	Financials		69.0
Metro Inc.		2.9	Industrials		7.4
Ford Motor Credit Co.		2.0	Infrastructure		0.7
Merrill Lynch NHA MBS (98002156)		1.9	Other Assets less Liabilities		0.8
TransCanada Pipelines		1.9	Real Estate		0.7
First National NHA MBS (97508460)		1.8	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Bombardier Inc.		1.4			
Unicredit SPA		1.3			
Element Fleet Management		1.1			
PSPIB-RE Summit Inc.		0.7			
Shaw Communications Inc		0.7			
Heathrow Funding Limited		0.7			
Postmedia Network Inc.		0.6			
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>96.9</b>			



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