

**Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

As at December 31, 2019

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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 annual Management Report of Fund Performance of Lysander-Canso Short Term and Floating Rate Fund (the “Fund”) contains financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2019 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, 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 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. 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 year of 2.58% for Series A and 3.17% for Series F.

The net assets of the Fund decreased to approximately \$105.7 million at December 31, 2019 from approximately \$180.6 million

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at the beginning of the year. This was mainly due to net redemptions of approximately \$78.4 million during the year.

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

## Recent Developments

Markets almost never behave the way most people expect. 2019 was no exception. The year started off coming off a tough final quarter of 2018 and the overall mood was negative. The US Federal Reserve ("the Fed") appeared to be in a tightening mode that was going to last a long time. This was weighing on markets in the early part of the year.

In what appeared to be at least partially a response to severe criticism, the Fed started to actually cut rates starting in July 2019. This caught the market by surprise and propelled a strong equity rally. Clearly, it was not the magnitude of the rate cuts that improved things, it was the message that the Fed was not going to be the one that slowed things down, especially in an election year. US equity indices ended up very strongly for the year, led by the tech-heavy NASDAQ.

The bond market moved somewhat at odds with this as yields moved down in the earlier part of the year to levels normally associated with a very weak economy. This caused bond returns to be very strong with much of their return coming from positive price changes on lower yields.

Most bond markets reversed course in the fourth quarter of 2019 and gave up some of the earlier year-to-date gains. This was driven by strong equity markets and a US Federal Reserve indicating there would not likely be any further rate cuts through the election year of 2020. Markets also looked to sustained economic expansion, labour market strength, and contained inflation in the coming year.

The Bank of Canada kept their administered rates steady in the year as the economy was reasonably strong and the Bank seemed unwilling to further fuel Canada's strong housing market. Credit spreads narrowed and corporate bonds outperformed their Government of Canada counterparts.

Towards the end of the year, Canadian and US government bond yields moved higher as the prospect of a trade deal between the US and China looked imminent. This is expected to reduce tariffs

and boost Chinese purchases of American farm, energy and manufactured goods and address disputes over intellectual property.

Canso continues to have 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 continues to maintain 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 purchase in the year was a 2.5% position in a new B rated issue of Maxar Technologies Inc. (SSL Robotics LLC.), a leading satellite manufacturer and imagery provider that had struggled to maintain investor confidence. The Fund exited its below investment grade position of Bombardier as high yield spreads tightened in the year. Additionally, Yellow Pages paid down the remaining balance of their senior secured notes outstanding. The Fund also took the opportunity to sell its BBB rated position of UniCredit S.p.A's Senior Non-Preferred FRN's as the credit spread had tightened significantly since issuance in January 2019.

As at the end of the year, the Fund had approximately 84% 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 \$1,010,343 (including HST) in management fees to the Manager for the year ended December 31, 2019 (December 31, 2018 - \$1,511,358).

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The Portfolio Manager is responsible for all investment advice provided to the Fund including providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions and arranging for the acquisition and disposition of portfolio investments. Fees for providing these services are included in the management fee.

The Manager paid \$433,366 (including HST) to the Portfolio Manager for the year ended December 31, 2019 (December 31, 2018 - \$660,923).

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-2019	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2017	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2015
<b>Net assets per unit<sup>1</sup></b>					
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.01	\$ 10.03
Operations:					
Total revenue	0.30	0.25	0.23	0.28	0.29
Total expenses	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses)	-	(0.03)	0.03	(0.01)	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.09	(0.05)	(0.04)	0.14	(0.08)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.26</b>	<b>\$ 0.04</b>	<b>\$ 0.09</b>	<b>\$ 0.28</b>	<b>\$ 0.07</b>
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.21)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.15)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.01)	-	(0.01)
<b>Total distributions<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.21)</b>	<b>\$ (0.13)</b>	<b>\$ (0.09)</b>	<b>\$ (0.16)</b>	<b>\$ (0.16)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.07</b>	<b>\$ 10.03</b>	<b>\$ 10.13</b>	<b>\$ 10.13</b>	<b>\$ 10.01</b>

<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$ 21,866,302	\$ 28,293,835	\$ 43,117,097	\$ 39,525,253	\$ 36,183,219
Units outstanding	2,170,805	2,821,732	4,256,391	3,902,943	3,614,829
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	% 1.31	% 1.30	% 1.30	% 1.32	% 1.31
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	1.31	1.30	1.30	1.32	1.31
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	32.0	74.8	25.8	55	42
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$ 10.07	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.01

### Notes

- 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.
- 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

Year ended	31-Dec-2019	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2017	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2015
<b>Net assets per unit<sup>1</sup></b>					
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.17	\$ 10.19	\$ 10.07	\$ 10.08
Operations:					
Total revenue	0.30	0.25	0.24	0.29	0.29
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)
Realized gains (losses)	-	(0.03)	0.03	-	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.10	(0.05)	(0.04)	0.12	(0.07)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.32</b>	<b>\$ 0.09</b>	<b>\$ 0.15</b>	<b>\$ 0.33</b>	<b>\$ 0.13</b>
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.12)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.02)	-	-
<b>Total distributions<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.22)</b>	<b>\$ (0.18)</b>	<b>\$ (0.19)</b>	<b>\$ (0.22)</b>	<b>\$ (0.12)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.16</b>	<b>\$ 10.08</b>	<b>\$ 10.17</b>	<b>\$ 10.19</b>	<b>\$ 10.07</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$ 83,868,116	\$ 152,389,772	\$ 144,544,653	\$ 91,077,003	\$ 92,602,135
Units outstanding	8,252,547	15,122,826	14,217,308	8,938,930	9,200,388
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	% 0.73	% 0.73	% 0.73	% 0.73	% 0.74
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.74
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	32.0	74.8	25.8	55	42
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$ 10.16	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.17	\$ 10.19	\$ 10.07

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## Management Fees

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

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

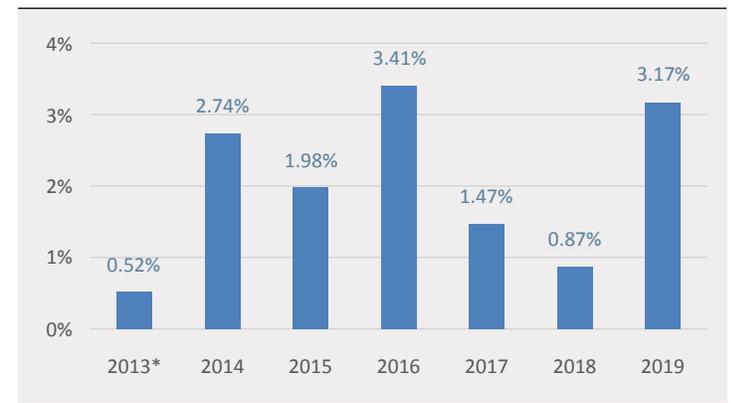


## Past Performance

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 September 18 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 FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index (the "Index"). The Index is divided into sub-indices based on credit rating: a combined AAA/AA sector, a single A sector, and a BBB sector. 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, 2019		1 Year		3 Year <sup>2</sup>		5 Year <sup>2</sup>		Since Inception <sup>3</sup>
<b>Annual Compound Return</b>								
Series A <sup>1</sup>	%	2.58	%	1.25	%	1.59	%	1.67
Series F <sup>1</sup>		3.17		1.83		2.18		2.25
FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index <sup>4</sup>	%	4.14	%	7.64	%	7.35	%	2.08

### 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> Compound period returns are annualized.

<sup>3</sup> Period from September 18, 2013 to December 31, 2019. Since inception returns are annualized.

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio

	% of NAV			% of NAV	
<b>Top 25 Issuers</b>			<b>Asset Mix</b>		
Bank of Montreal	%	9.7	Canadian Equities	%	0.1
Lloyds Banking Group PLC		9.5	Canadian Fixed Income		66.6
Kraft Canada Inc.		8.6	Cash and Cash Equivalents		0.7
Met Life Global Funding		8.6	Foreign Fixed Income		32.2
Royal Bank of Canada		6.7	Other Assets less Liabilities		0.4
GE Capital Canada		5.8	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>
VW Credit Canada Inc.		5.7	<b>Sector</b>		
Toronto Dominion Bank		5.6	Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	0.7
SNC Lavalin		5.3	Communication Services		6.7
Honda Canada Finance Inc		4.8	Consumer Staples		12.2
WTH Car Rental ULC (AVIS)		4.4	Energy		2.6
Metro Inc.		3.6	Federal		4.7
Maxar Technologies Inc.		2.8	Financials		64.0
TransCanada Pipelines		2.6	Industrials		6.6
Ford Motor Credit Co.		2.6	Infrastructure		1.2
AT&T Inc.		2.3	Other Assets less Liabilities		0.4
Merrill Lynch NHA MBS (98002156)		2.1	Real Estate		0.9
First National NHA MBS (97508460)		2.1	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Element Fleet Management		1.4			
PSPiB-RE Summit Inc.		0.9			
Heathrow Funding Limited		0.8			
Shaw Communications Inc		0.8			
Postmedia Network Inc.		0.7			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		0.7			
Ford Credit Canada Ltd.		0.5			
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>98.6</b>			



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