# Lysander-Slater Preferred Share Dividend Fund

December 2019





FundSERV: LYZ920F

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**Fund Information** 

INCEPTION

December

30, 2014

AUM \$79.3mil as of 12/31/19 MER
Series F: 0.99%
as of 6/30/19
(Unaudited)

CURRENT YIELD (before fees)
5.3%
as of 12/3/19

### **Objective**

The Fund's objective is to seek to generate income while preserving investor capital by investing primarily in preferred securities of Canadian issuers that are listed on a Canadian stock exchange.

## **Manager's Monthly Commentary**

Series F of the Lysander-Slater Preferred Share Dividend Fund (the "Fund") posted a remarkable monthly return of 4.10% in December, outperforming the S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index by 162 bps. The strong monthly performance has enabled the Fund to finish the year in positive territory with an annualized return of 2.0%. Since August, the Fund and Preferred Shares have performed well. We feel the fall and early winter rally can be explained by the upward movement in the 5-year GoC bond yield, which finished the year at 1.7%, the highest level since early March. We believe the current 5year GoC bond yield can be supported by several recent economic developments including; the greater than expected inflation numbers in Canada that were reached in November. In addition, the signing of a "Phase 1" trade deal between the U.S and China has been viewed as positive for the global economy and could result in investors rotating out of treasuries (higher yields) and into more growth oriented asset classes. This should stabilize government yields, both in Canada and the US, which is beneficial for fixed reset Preferred Shares. Despite the recent positive performance in Preferred Shares, we still believe the market is attractive, with many discounted fixed resets offering current yields of over 5.0%, that could increase their dividend upon reset in the coming years (assuming the 5-year bond holds the 1.7% yield). On a historical basis Preferred Share yields (relative to bond yields) continue to be at wide levels and remain attractive.

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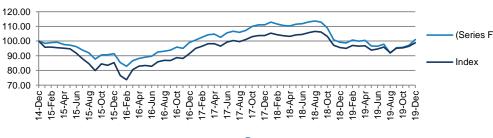
#### **Performance** as of December 31, 2019

Name	1 month	3 month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Series F	4.10%	5.79%	2.00%	2.00%	0.72%	0.22%	0.22%
S&P/TSX CDN Preferred Share Index (TXPR)	2.48%	3.89%	3.48%	3.48%	2.68%	-0.30%	-0.23%

#### Top 10 Holdings as of December 31, 2019

Name	%
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	3.9
GEORGE WESTON PFD	2.2
PEMBINA PFD	2.1
FAIRFAX FINANCIAL PFD	1.8
TC ENERGY PFD	1.8
PEMBINA PFD SERIES 3	1.7
SUN LIFE FINANCIAL PFD	1.6
GREAT WEST LIFE PFD	1.6
FAIRFAX FINANCIAL PFD SERIES K	1.5
PEMBINA PFD SERIES 25	1.5
Total	19.7

## **Fund vs. Index**



## **Credit Rating**

# ■ P1/P2 46.6% ■ P2/P3 18.1% ■ P3 31.4% ■ Cash & Other 3.9%

#### **Structure**



- Fixed Reset 81.1%
- Straight Perpetual 8%
- Floater 8%
- Cash & Equivalents 3.8%
- Other 0.1%

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