

**Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

As at December 31, 2017

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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, 2017 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, 2017. 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 us at Lysander Funds Limited, 100 York Boulevard, Suite 501, Richmond Hill Ontario, L4B 1J8, 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 us 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 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 (“Portfolio Manager” or “Canso”). 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 or its amendments.

## Results of Operations

During the year Canso employed its bottom-up process to buy and sell securities for the Fund. The 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 0.9% for Series A and 1.5% for Series F.

The net assets of the Fund increased to approximately \$187.6 million at December 31, 2017 from approximately \$130.6 million at the beginning of the year. This was mainly due to

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subscriptions of approximately \$102.7 million less redemptions of approximately \$47.1 million.

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.

## Recent Developments

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates three times in the year and signaled that further tightening is expected in 2018. The Fed believes that the labour market has strengthened and economic activity has been rising at a strong pace. They expect inflation to stabilize around its 2% objective over the medium term.

The Bank of Canada increased its “Key Interest Rate” twice in the year and signaled that further rate increases were in store in 2018. The Canadian economy performed well, with the unemployment rate falling to a 40 year low. Corporate bonds remained attractive for investors as the combination of higher running yields and spread tightening caused corporate bonds to outperform Government issues.

Canso believes the U.S. economy is demonstrating strong job gains and improving household spending. The weakness in the U.S. dollar and tax cuts should benefit corporations. Protectionist policies proposed by the new U.S. government may lead to weakness in emerging markets. The economic outlook in Europe is also showing optimism. Canso remains concerned about consumer debt levels and stretched house prices in Canada. The recent measures introduced by the government to control the ‘frothy’ housing market are timely but may erode the valuation of the single largest asset in Canadian households. Canadian households are vulnerable to a sharp rise in interest rates and an increase in unemployment. Additional uncertainties to the economy arise from Ontario’s minimum wage hike and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) negotiations. However, the Canadian dollar has responded positively to the strength in oil prices and to a declining spread between Canadian and U.S. interest rates.

The largest purchases in the year were of high quality floating rate notes and senior short term fixed rate notes of Canadian banks and other high quality issuers. Canso believes there is significant price risk in longer maturity bonds from the prospect of rising interest rates. This risk has been moderated by concentrating the portfolio in bonds with short maturities and floating rate notes. At year-end, the Fund’s sensitivity to interest

rate changes, as measured by its effective duration, was only 0.43 years with 78% of the Fund invested in floating rate notes.

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 changes to the membership of the Fund’s Independent Review Committee (“IRC”). On January 31, 2017, Ruth Gould was appointed as an IRC member.

## 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 \$1,290,397 (including HST) in management fees to the Manager for the year ended December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2016 - \$931,522).

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 \$523,252 (including HST) to the Portfolio Manager for the year ended December 31, 2017 (December 31, 2016 - \$368,184).

The Fund did not rely on any approval, positive recommendation or standing instruction from its IRC with respect to any related party transactions.

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## Financial Highlights

### Series A\*

Year ended	31-Dec-2017	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2015	31-Dec-2014	31-Dec-2013
<b>Net assets per unit<sup>1</sup></b>					
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.01	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.02	\$ 10.00*
<b>Operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.23	0.28	0.29	0.37	0.07
Total expenses	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.04)	0.14	(0.08)	(0.02)	0.06
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.09</b>	<b>\$ 0.28</b>	<b>\$ 0.07</b>	<b>\$ 0.20</b>	<b>\$ 0.07</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.30)	\$ (0.05)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.01)	-	(0.01)	-	-
<b>Total distributions<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.09)</b>	<b>\$ (0.16)</b>	<b>\$ (0.16)</b>	<b>\$ (0.30)</b>	<b>\$ (0.05)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.13</b>	<b>\$ 10.13</b>	<b>\$ 10.01</b>	<b>\$ 10.03</b>	<b>\$ 10.02</b>

<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$ 43,117,097	\$ 39,525,253	\$ 36,183,219	\$ 13,265,631	\$ 1,504,783
Units outstanding	4,256,391	3,902,943	3,614,829	1,323,238	150,189
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	% 1.30	% 1.32	% 1.31	% 1.35	% 1.84
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	1.30	1.32	1.31	1.35	2.97
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	25.8	55	42	45	5
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.01	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.02

### Notes

\* Series A commenced operations on September 18, 2013

1 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.

2 Net assets and distributions are based on the actual numbers of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) in 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.

3 Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units, or both.

4 This information is provided at the end of the period shown.

5 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.

6 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.

7 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-2017	31-Dec-2016	31-Dec-2015	31-Dec-2014	31-Dec-2013
<b>Net assets per unit<sup>1</sup></b>					
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 10.19	\$ 10.07	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.02	\$ 10.00*
Operations:					
Total revenue	0.24	0.29	0.29	0.37	0.09
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	-	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.04)	0.12	(0.07)	(0.02)	0.05
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.15</b>	<b>\$ 0.33</b>	<b>\$ 0.13</b>	<b>\$ 0.25</b>	<b>\$ 0.10</b>
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.06)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.02)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.19)</b>	<b>\$ (0.22)</b>	<b>\$ (0.12)</b>	<b>\$ (0.28)</b>	<b>\$ (0.06)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year<sup>2 3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.17</b>	<b>\$ 10.19</b>	<b>\$ 10.07</b>	<b>\$ 10.08</b>	<b>\$ 10.02</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$ 144,544,653	\$ 91,077,003	\$ 92,602,135	\$ 38,811,920	\$ 5,932,968
Units outstanding	14,217,308	8,938,930	9,200,388	3,851,628	591,908
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	% 0.73	% 0.73	% 0.74	% 0.79	% 0.99
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption	0.73	0.73	0.74	0.79	2.34
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>	25.8	55	42	45	5
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per unit, end of year	\$ 10.17	\$ 10.19	\$ 10.07	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.02

## Notes

\* Series F commenced operations on September 18, 2013

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## Management Fees

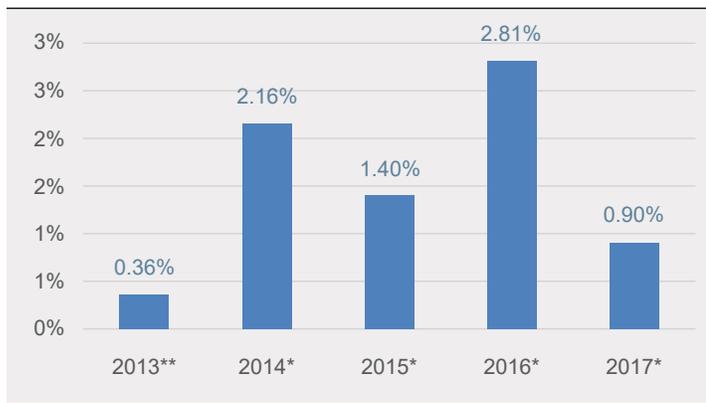
The Manager provides or arranges the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund, and as described in the section “Related Party Transactions” above.

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

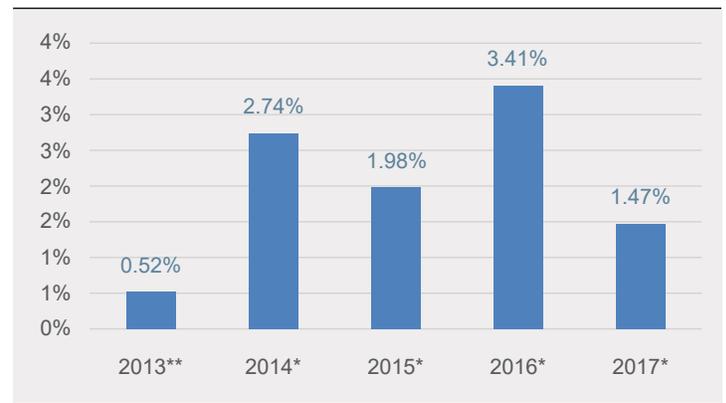


## Past Performance

The commencement of operations as a reporting issuer for Series A and F was September 18, 2013. Accordingly, returns are shown for the relevant year 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

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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 TMX 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, 2017		1 Year		3 Year <sup>2</sup>		Since Inception <sup>3</sup>	
Annual Compound Return							
Series A <sup>1</sup>	%	0.90	%	1.70	%	1.78	
Series F <sup>1</sup>		1.47		2.28		2.36	
FTSE TMX Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index <sup>4</sup>	%	0.08	%	1.23	%	1.88	

### 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, 2017. 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>		
Toronto Dominion Bank	%	9.7	Canadian Equities	%	0.1
Royal Bank of Canada		9.2	Canadian Fixed Income		90.8
Bank of Montreal		8.8	Cash and cash equivalents		2.4
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce		6.7	Foreign Fixed Income		6.2
Central 1 Credit Union		5.8	Other assets less liabilities		0.5
GE Capital Canada		5.7	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Hydro One Inc.		5.3	<b>Sector</b>		
Enbridge Inc.		5.0	Cash and cash equivalents	%	2.4
Honda Canada Finance Inc		4.8	Communication		2.0
National Bank		4.8	Energy		7.3
MCAP Service NHA MBS (98001252)		3.7	Federal		10.2
Kraft Canada Inc.		3.2	Financials		65.5
Bank of Nova Scotia		2.7	Industrials		5.8
Cash and cash equivalents		2.4	Infrastructure		5.8
Sobeys Inc.		2.0	Other assets less liabilities		0.5
WTH Car Rental ULC (AVIS)		2.0	Real Estate		0.5
Merrill Lynch NHA MBS (98002156)		1.8	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Met Life Global Funding		1.8			
First National NHA MBS (97508460)		1.5			
TransCanada Pipelines		1.2			
National Grid Electrical		1.1			
Eurofima		1.0			
Merrill Lynch NHA MBS (98000940)		0.9			
Morgan Stanley		0.8			
Black Press Group Ltd		0.7			
<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>92.6</b>			



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