**Annual Management Report of Fund Performance** 

As at December 31, 2022

## Lysander-Canso Floating Rate ActivETF





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This Management Report of Fund Performance of Lysander-Canso Floating Rate ActivETF (the "Fund") contains financial highlights for the period ended December 31, 2022 but does not contain the complete financial statements of the Fund. This report should be read in conjunction with the financial statements of the Fund for the period ended December 31, 2022. 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 or at SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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#### **Investment objective**

The Fund seeks to to provide total returns consisting principally of interest income by investing primarily in floating rate and other short term 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 will primarily be invested in floating rate and other short term debt securities of Canadian and foreign issuers. The Fund will not be leveraged. More details are contained in the Fund's prospectus. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward looking statements. All opinions contained in forward looking statements are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith but without legal responsibility.

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#### Risks

The risks of this Fund remain as discussed in the Fund's most recent 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.

The Fund return for the period August 26, 2022 to December 31, 2022 was 1.18%.

The net assets of the Fund were approximately \$3.0 million at December 31, 2022. There were net subscriptions of \$3.0 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 or as described below.

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

#### **Recent Developments**

The aggressive tightening of monetary policy around the world marks a complete turnaround from central bank policies of a year ago. Policies put in place to support economies during the pandemic have turned out to be major contributors to high inflation. The year-over-year inflation numbers in North America

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and elsewhere are the highest in decades and central banks are moving to slow it down through interest rate hikes and a reversal of quantitative easing (QE).

QE involves the central banks buying their own country's government bonds to push down yields and put money directly into people's hands. QE is not a new approach to monetary policy but its scale reached records during the pandemic. It is not clear what will happen as central banks stop reinvesting maturing bonds and possibly start selling bonds they hold.

In this environment of high inflation, rising interest rates, and reduced liquidity, financial assets have not performed well. The big question is how much further the monetary and fiscal authorities have to go to get inflation under control. The risk of an economic recession continues to become more likely. This will be negative for unemployment and credit markets.

The Fund is being managed increasingly conservatively. This helps to preserve capital in a market decline and makes it easier to take advantage of future investment opportunities.

During the period, the Fund established positions in floating rate corporate bonds and short highly liquid government bonds. At the end of the period, 93.7% of the Fund was invested in issues rated A or higher, of which 74.9% were Government related issues. The Fund was predominately invested in floating rate notes of TransCanada Pipelines, Morgan Stanley, CIBC, BMO, Bank of America, Honda Canada Finance, Canada Housing Trust and the Province of Ontario. The remaining 15.7% of the Fund was invested in short low coupon discount Government of Canada issue. At the end of the period, the Fund's weight in floating rate was 83.0%, had a yield to maturity of 4.7% and had a duration of 0.2 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.

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

The Fund paid \$3,252 (excluding HST) in management fees to the Manager for the period ended December 31, 2022.

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. Portfolio management fees for the Portfolio Manager's services are paid from the management fee.

The Manager paid \$1,837 (including HST) to the Portfolio Manager for the period ended December 31, 2022.

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**

Period ended	31-Dec-2022
Net assets per unit <sup>1</sup>	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.00*
Operations:	
Total revenue	0.11
Total expenses	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.01
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.12
Distributions:	
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.06)
From dividends	
From capital gains	(0.01)
Return of capital	
Total distributions <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ (0.07)
Net assets, end of period <sup>2 3</sup>	\$ 10.04

Ratios and supplemental data		
Net asset value <sup>4</sup>	\$	3,013,071
Units outstanding		300,000
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	%	0.49
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption		2.81
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>6</sup>		36.73
Trading expense ratio <sup>7</sup>		-
Net asset value per unit, end of period		10.04
Closing market price per unit <sup>4</sup>	\$	10.06

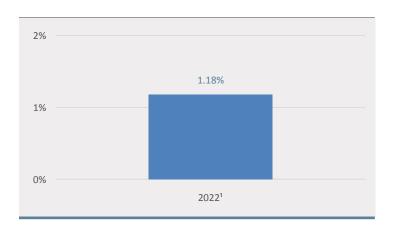
#### Notes

- \* The Fund commenced operations on August 26, 2022.
- 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) 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.
- 3 Distributions were paid in cash
- 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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#### **Management Fees Past Performance** The Manager provides or arranges the provision of all general The Fund's commenced operations on August 26, 2022. management and administrative services required by the Fund, Accordingly, returns are shown for the relevant years/periods as and as described in the section "Related Party Transactions" indicated below. above. The following charts and table show the past performance of the In consideration for such services, the Manager receives a Fund. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the management fee, based on the net asset value of the fund, Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that cash distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown calculated daily and payable monthly. The Fund pays a management fee at a rate of 0.35% per annum. were reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

#### Year-by-Year Returns



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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 0-1 Year Canada Government Index (the "Index").

For period ended December 31, 2022		Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
Annual Compound Return		
Lysander-Canso Floating Rate ActivETF	%	1.18
ICE BofA 0-1 Year Canada Government Index <sup>4</sup>	%	0.98

#### Notes

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

**2** Period starting from August 26, 2022.

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#### Summary of Investment Portfolio

		% of NAV
Top 25 Issuers		
Canada Housing Trust	%	47.3
Government of Canada		15.7
Province of Ontario		11.9
Honda Canada Finance Inc		6.0
Transcanada Pipelines		5.0
Bank Of America Corp		4.9
Morgan Stanley		3.9
Bank Of Montreal		2.0
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce		2.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents		0.7
Total	%	99.4

		% of NAV
Asset Mix		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	0.7
Fixed Income		98.7
Other Assets less Liabilities		0.6
Total	%	100.0
Sector		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	0.7
Consumer Discretionary		6.0
Energy		5.0
Financials		12.8
Government		74.9
Other Assets less Liabilities		0.6
Total	%	100.0



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