### **Financial Statements**

December 31, 2023

# Lysander-Canso Credit Opportunities Fund







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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Unitholders of Lysander-Canso Credit Opportunities Fund (the "Fund")

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the statements of comprehensive income (loss), changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Report of Fund Performance.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the Management Report of Fund Performance prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Licensed Public Accountants

March 27, 2024

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#### **Statements of Financial Position**

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$ 44,167,199	\$ 56,263,384
Total liabilities	\$ 14,088,450	\$ 11,358,668
Due to investment dealers	168,542	-
Accrued expenses	772,509	53,520
Redemptions payable	377,858	869,688
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	\$ 12,769,541	\$ 10,435,460
Liabilities		
Total assets	\$ 58,255,649	\$ 67,622,052
Due from investment dealers	11,270	
Receivable from forward exchange contracts	236,979	32,509
Dividends receivable	9,400	7,124
Reimbursements receivable	459	1,325
Receivable from Manager	220,088	-
Accrued interest	456,149	580,729
Subscriptions receivable	657,059	3,907,833
Cash and cash equivalents	200,231	4,212,118
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*	\$ 56,464,014	\$ 58,880,414
Assets		
As at	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, per series				
Series A	\$	2,890,727	\$	3,612,923
Series C		2,573,058		2,434,339
Series F		38,703,414		50,216,122
Total net assets	\$	44,167,199	\$	56,263,384

Number of redeemable units outstanding					
Series A	252,644	314,068			
Series C	185,680	176,420			
Series F	3,832,950	4,924,179			

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit				
Series A	\$	11.44	\$	11.50
Series C		13.86		13.80
Series F		10.10		10.20

* Financial assets at fair value		
through profit or loss at cost	\$ 44,315,625	\$ 49,649,209

#### **Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

For the years ended	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Income		
Interest for distribution purposes	\$ 2,809,780	\$ 2,185,616
Dividend income	169,102	162,113
Other income	24,871	16,588
Short Sales gain (loss)	141,105	-
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) o	on investments	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments sold	(781,268)	4,222,899
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency	(36,455)	(988,764)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency	1,202	10,310
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on forward contracts	204,470	10,365
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on securities sold short	(1,211,525)	1,444,864
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	1,800,768	(6,960,141)
Total operating income (loss)	\$ 3,122,050	\$ 103,850

Expenses		
Performance fees	\$ 730,435	\$ -
Management fees	445,268	505,851
Bank charges	58,167	46,342
Custodial fees	41,235	25,186
Fund administration fees	23,498	28,875
Filing fees	16,565	16,982
Transaction costs	6,140	39,626
Unitholder reporting expense	5,476	3,938
Legal fees	722	279
Regulatory fees expense	309	618
Independent review committee	256	372
Audit fees expense (recovery)	(157)	9,402
Blended HST expense (recovery)	(6,156)	4,167
Total operating expenses	\$ 1,321,758	\$ 681,638
Expense reimbursement	\$ (220,088)	\$ -
Total net operating expenses	\$ 1,101,670	\$ 681,638

Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations

om operations \$ 2,020,380 \$ (577,788)

Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations, per series				
Series A	\$	114,984	\$	(15,242)
Series C		138,719		7,729
Series F		1,766,677		(570,275)
Change in total net assets	\$	2,020,380	\$	(577,788)

Change in net assets attributable to operations, per unit	holders	of redeemab	le units	from
Series A	\$	0.41	\$	(0.05)
Series C		0.77		0.05
Series F		0.39		(0.11)

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributed to Holders of Redeemable Units

All Series			
For the years ended		31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	\$	56,263,384	\$ 60,385,152
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations		2,020,380	(577,788)
Distributions to unitholders of rede	emat	ole units	
From net investment income	\$	(2,446,694)	\$ (903,677)
From management fee rebate income		(24,707)	(16,444)
From net capital gains		_	(2,947,858)
Total distributions	\$	(2,471,401)	\$ (3,867,979)
Redeemable unit transactions			
Proceeds from redeemable units iss	ued		
Series A	\$	320,315	\$ 1,659,554
Series F		3,829,627	17,406,093
Total proceeds	\$	4,149,942	\$ 19,065,647
Cost of units redeemed			
Series A	\$	(1,145,867)	\$ (654,382)
Series F		(16,672,059)	(21,193,004)
Total cost	\$	(17,817,926)	\$ (21,847,386)
Reinvested distributions			
Series A	\$	122,964	\$ 220,021
Series C		126,586	224,008
Series F		1,773,270	2,661,709
Total reinvested	\$	2,022,820	\$ 3,105,738
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the year	\$	(12,096,185)	\$ (4,121,768)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	\$	44,167,199	\$ 56,263,384

Series A				
For the years ended		31-Dec-23		31-Dec-22
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	\$	3,612,923	\$	2,643,911
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations		114,984		(15,242)
Distributions to unitholders of rede	emal	ole units		
From net investment income	\$	(134,582)	\$	(52,073)
From management fee rebate income		(10)		-
From net capital gains				(188,866)
Total distributions	\$	(134,592)	\$	(240,939)
Redeemable unit transactions				
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	\$	320,315	\$	1,659,554
Cost of units redeemed	Ÿ	(1,145,867)	Ÿ	(654,382)
Reinvested distributions		122,964		220,021
Total redeemable	\$	(702,588)	\$	1,225,193
Change in net assets attributable				
to holders of redeemable units for the year	\$	(722,196)	\$	969,012
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	\$	2,890,727	\$	3,612,923
Series C				
For the years ended		31-Dec-23		31-Dec-22
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	\$	2,434,339	\$	2,426,610
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations		138,719		7,729
Distributions to unitholders of rede	emal	ole units		
From net investment income	\$	(126,586)	\$	(90,934)
From net capital gains		-		(133,074)
Total distributions	\$	(126,586)	\$	(224,008)
Redeemable unit transactions				
Reinvested distributions	\$	126,586	\$	224,008
Total redeemable	\$	126,586	\$	224,008
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units for the year	\$	138,719	\$	7,729
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	\$	2,573,058	\$	2,434,339

### **Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributed to Holders of Redeemable Units**

#### Series F

	31-Dec-23		31-Dec-22
\$	50,216,122	\$	55,314,631
	1,766,677		(570,275)
emal	ole units		
\$	(2,185,526)	\$	(760,670)
	(24,697)		(16,444)
	-		(2,625,918)
\$	(2,210,223)	\$	(3,403,032)
\$	3,829,627	\$	17,406,093
	(16,672,059)		(21,193,004)
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#### **Statements of Cash Flows**

For the years ended		31-Dec-23		31-Dec-22
Cash flows from (used in) operating	j acti	vities		
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units from operations	\$	2,020,380	\$	(577,788)
Adjustments for:				
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on cash and cash equivalents		1,202		11,512
Net realized loss (gain) on sales of investments		781,268		(4,222,899)
Change in unrealized depreciation (appreciation) on investments		(1,794,628)		6,999,767
Change in unrealized depreciation (appreciation) on investments sold short		1,211,525		(1,444,864)
Change in unrealized depreciation (appreciation) on foreign currency		(1,202)		(10,310)
Purchase of investments		(33,446,985)		(58,127,315)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments		37,999,301		56,415,264
Receivable from forward exchange contracts		(204,470)		(10,365)
Dividends receivable		(2,276)		(4,042)
Accrued expenses		718,989		(1,005,694)
Receivable from Manager		(220,088)		-
Reimbursements receivable		866		49,759
A named interest		104 500		(154,786)
Accrued interest		124,580		(134,700)
Due from investment dealers		(11,270)		(134,766)
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#### Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

Average Cost (\$)

Fair Value (\$)

Par Value/Number of Shares

Pai Value/Nulli	Del Ol Silales	Average Cost (\$)	raii value (\$)
Canadian Equit	ies (1.1%)		
329,896	Aegis Brands Inc.	\$ 160,000	\$ 112,165
10.640	Bird Construction	04.047	152.050
10,643 388	Inc.	84,247 16,999	153,259 20,645
320	Bombardier Inc. FLINT Corp	10,999	20,045
3,929	MDA Ltd.	55,006	45,262
0,727	NorthStar Gaming	33,000	73,202
6,011	Holdings Inc	2,661	240
2,763	NorthStar Gaming Holdings Inc (Escrow)	1,382	111
533	Postmedia Network Canada	1,119	754
352	TC Fund I LP Class B	6,014	6,012
2,188	VerticalScope Holdings Inc	17,898	10,240
1,411	X-Spectrum 1 Inc.	-	381
1,872	X-Spectrum 2 Inc.	-	-
11,978	Yellow Pages Limited	145,622	134,992
Total	Lillinea	\$ 490,948	\$ 484,069
Canadian Fived	Income (56.0%)	<u> </u>	•
Callaulali Fixeu	Air Canada 4% Jul		
482,000	1, 2025 144A (USD)	\$ 743,661	\$ 717,257
2,498,000	Air Canada 4.625% Aug 15, 2029	2,409,117	2,335,786
38,000	Bell Canada 7.85% Apr 2, 2031	44,954	44,699
454,000	BNS (AT1) 3.7% Jul 27, 2026/2081	409,479	340,688
500,000	BNS CB FRN Sept 8, 2026 (CORRA +60)	500,000	500,789
1,800,000	BNS FRN Aug 4, 2026 (CORRA+54)	1,800,000	1,783,815
445,000	Bombardier Inc. 7.35% Dec 22, 2026	340,638	447,457
535,000	Bombardier Inc. 7.45% May 1, 2034 REGS (USD)	654,759	807,340
860,000	Canada 0.25% Mar 01, 2026	794,492	800,304
1,689,000	Canada 0.5% Dec 01, 2030	1,375,784	1,418,823
30,000	CIBC FRN Aug 31, 2085 (S/A LIBOR+12.5)(USD)	23,862	36,475
1,400,000	CIBC FRN Jul 15, 2026 (CORRA+58)	1,400,000	1,389,198
605,000	Corus Entertainment Inc. 6% Feb 28, 2030 REGS	605,000	393,754

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### Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

Par Value/Num		Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	Par Value/Num	nber of Shares		Average Cost (\$)		Fair Value (\$)
	d Income (56.0%)	7.101.ugo 0001 (4)	· u · u.u. (4)		Videotron Ltee Sr		7.1.0.ugo 0001 (4)		
Cont'd	( ,			307,000	Notes 5.625% Jun 15, 2025		307,661		308,318
	Enbridge Inc.			Total	13, 2023	\$	26,468,704	Ś	24,720,215
670,000	4.57% Mar 11, 2044	735,253	608,158		ırities Sold Short (-24.				,,
145,276	FLINT Corp. 8% Mar 23, 2026	145,276	123,290	(844,000)	Canada 1.25% Jun 1, 2030	\$	(873,490)	\$	(754,195)
329,000	GE Capital Canada 5.73% Oct 22, 2037	336,074	343,080	(9,153,000)	Canada 1.75% Dec 1, 2053	•	(6,095,357)	•	(6,878,350)
329,000	Great West Life Co	330,074	343,000		Canada 2% Dec 1,				
639,000	Inc. (AT1) 3.6% Dec 31, 2026/2081	635,000	492,202	(2,281,000)	2051 Canada 2.75% Dec 1, 2048		(2,599,570) (1,552,030)		(1,837,281)
884,000	Loblaws 2.284% May 7, 2030	775,418	786,026	(10,000)	Canada 8% Jun 1, 2027		(1,332,030)		(1,241,717)
	Manulife Financial Corp (AT1) 3.375%			Total	2027	\$	(11,135,740)	\$	(10,723,054)
1,244,000	Jun 19, 2026/2081	1,194,022	972,361	Foreign Fixed	Income (30.3%)				
2,138,000	Manulife Financial Corp (AT1) 4.1% Mar 19, 2027/2082	2,072,918	1,637,686	r oreign r ixea	AMC Entertainment Holdings 7.5% Feb				
442,000	Nav Canada 2.924% Sep 29, 2051	480,394	349,169	896,000	15,2029 144A (USD)	\$	1,085,537	\$	823,088
1,300,000	Pembina Pipeline Corp 4.49% Dec 10, 2051	1,300,000	1,125,564	330,000	American Airlines Inc. 5.75% Apr 20, 2029 144A (USD)		418,553		425,372
158,000	Pembina Pipeline Corp 4.74% Jan 21, 2047	152,108	143,609	104,000	American Airlines Inc. 8.5% May 15, 2029 144A (USD)		142,955		145,145
·	Pembina Pipeline Corp 4.75% Mar	,	·	917,000	AT&T Inc. 4.85% May 25, 2047		966,309		852,971
806,000	26, 2048	850,510	732,624		Avis Budget Car/Finance 4.75%				
259,000	Pembina Pipeline Corp 4.81% Mar 25, 2044	252,232	239,233	496,000	Apr 1, 2028 144A (USD)		628,010		603,784
490,000	RBC 4.642% Jan 17, 2028	490,000	493,943		Avis Budget Car/Finance 5.375% Mar 1,				
F0 000	RBC FRN Jun 29, 2085(Q	27.002	(0.225	203,000	2029 144A (USD) Avis Budget		268,753		248,328
50,000	RBC (AT1) pref 4.2% (5y GoC +	37,002	60,335	294,000	Car/Finance 5.75% Jul 15, 2027 (USD)		372,695		372,559
395,000	4.2% (3) GOC + 271) Feb 24, 2027 SNC Lavalin 7%	395,000	304,626		Avis Budget Car/Finance 5.75%				
795,000	Jun 12, 2026	795,000	817,525	252,000	Jul 15, 2027 144A (USD)		330,721		323,071
50,000	Sobeys Inc. 6.06% Oct 29, 2035	51,500	52,872	124,000	Gannett Holdings LLC 6.0% Nov 1, 2026 144A (USD)		155,970		145,067
701,000	Sunlife Financial Inc. (AT1) 3.6% Jun 30, 2026/2081	697,191	545,744		Goldman Sachs FRN Apr 29, 2025		·		
500,000	TD (AT1) 3.6% Oct 31, 2026/2081	486,000	379,100	737,000	(CDOR+37) Hertz 5% Dec 1,		730,364		735,379
1,602,000	TD Bank 4.477% Jan 18, 2028	1,602,000	1,603,637	606,000	2029 144A (USD) Hertz Litigation,		703,779		657,629
925,000	TD Bank CB FRN Jun 8, 2026	025.000	837,022	335,000	Hertz 5.5% Oct 15, 2024 (USD)		-		12,168
835,000	(CORRA+65) TransCanada	835,000	837,022	200,000	Hertz Litigation, Hertz 6% Jan 15, 2028 (USD)		_		24,435
705,000	Pipelines FRN May 15, 2067 (Q LIBOR+221)(USD)	741,399	747,706	Continued on nex	, ,				21,100

#### Schedule of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2023

Par Value/Num		Average Cost (\$)		Par Value/Num	nber of Shares		Average Cost (\$)		Fair Value (\$)
Foreign Fixed I	ncome (30.3%)				US Treasury				
Cont'd				(650,000)	1.875% Jul 31, 2026 (USD)		(806,354)		(812,292)
	Hertz Litigation, Hertz 6.25% Oct			Total		\$	(2,101,815)	\$	(2,046,487)
71,000	15, 2022 (USD)	-	2,579	Inflation Linke	d Bonds (23.0%)				
60,000	Hertz Litigation, Hertz 7.125% Aug 1,2026 (USD)	-	7,331	7,371,772	Canada RRB 0.5% Dec 1, 2050	\$	5,298,266	\$	5,894,706
	Howmet Aerospace Inc.			3,934,860	Canada RRB 4.25% Dec 1, 2026		4,264,135		4,267,695
6,000	6.875% May 1, 2025 (USD)	8,791	8,034	Total		\$	9,562,401	\$	10,162,401
0,000	JP Morgan Chase	0,751	0,004	Mortgage Back	ked Securities (11.5%)				
850,000	FRN Jan 10, 2025 (Q SOFR+111.161)(U SD)	1,096,938	1,123,353	480,466	First National NHA MBS FRN (98004973) Feb 1, 2027(M CDOR-15)	\$	479,634	\$	477,803
000,000	Latam Airlines	1,000,000	1,120,000	400,400	Home Trust NHA	Ų	479,034	Ų	477,003
804,000	Group SA 13.375% Oct 15, 2029 144A (USD)	1,028,508	1,217,151	1,515,995	MBS FRN (98004844) Nov 1, 2026 (M CDOR - 10)		1,516,738		1,510,635
44,000	Lehman Bros Hldg Inc. 4.85% Sep 3, 2013 (USD)	-	116		Merrill Lynch NHA MBS (97514361)				
	MetLife Global Funding I FRN Jun			68,585	1.75% Jun 1, 2024 Merrill Lynch NHA		66,789		67,820
420,000	15, 2026 (CORRA+106)	420,000	422,263	269,467	MBS (98004816) FRN (M CDOR-20) Nov 1, 2026		267,794		268,061
598,000	Natwest Group 7.472% Nov 10, 2025/26 144A (USD)	821,203	818,103	200,100	Merrill Lynch NHA MBS FRN (98004599) Jul 1,		201,751		200,00
5.1,513	Navient Corp	52.,255	2.2,122	1,009,494	2026(M CDOR-23)		1,005,355		1,003,829
31,000	5.625% Aug 1, 2033 (USD) Pacific Life Global	28,304	33,652	040457	Merrill Lynch NHA MBS FRN (98005107) Apr 1,		040.076		0.41.000
1,789,000	Funding II FRN Feb 1, 2027 (Q CDOR+38)	1,789,000	1,763,615	948,157	2027(M CDOR -2) Scotia Capital NHA MBS FRN		943,976		941,929
	Spirit Aerosystems Inc. 4.6% Jun 15,			794,769	(98100013) Jun 1, 2027 (CORRA+35)		792,552		793,005
849,000	2028 (USD)	984,133	993,157	Total	,	\$	5,072,838	\$	5,063,082
	Spirit Aerosystems Inc. 9.75% Nov 15,			Preferred Shar	es (3.5%)				
16,000	2030 144A (USD) UBS Group AG	22,036	22,744	6,700	BCE Inc. (BCE.PR.AD)	\$	104,806	\$	122,275
726,000	3.091% May 14, 2031/32 144A (USD)	673,658	817,156	5,700	BCE Inc. (BCE.PR.E)	·	89,093	·	103,170
720,000	United Airlines Inc.	070,000	017,100	4,700	BCE Inc. (BCE.PR.L)		56,416		73,790
71,000	4.625% Apr 15, 2029 (USD) US TIPS 0.125%	88,883	87,803	11,300	Cenovus Energy Inc. (CVE.PR.A)		68,227		157,522
105,589	Apr 15, 2026	134,211	132,772	29,300	Enbridge Inc. (ENB.PR.I)		377,755		517,878
	(USD) US TIPS 0.625% Jan 15, 2026			184	FLINT Corp. Series 1 Preferred Share		184,000		95,299
441,551	(USD)	583,874	562,804	8	FLINT Corp. Series 2 Preferred Share		8,000		4,143
Total		\$ 13,483,185	\$ 13,381,629	0	M Split Corp.		0,000		7,170
Foreign Securi	ties Sold Short (-4.6%) US Treasury			29,700	7.50% Dec 1, 2024 Series C		65,337		45,293
(1,125,000)	1.375% Nov 15, 2031 (USD)	\$ (1,295,461)	\$ (1,234,195)	Continued on nex	t page				

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Manulife Financial (MFC.PR.M)	Par Value/Number of Shares			Average Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	
Manulife Financial (MFC.PR.L)		es (3.5%)				
100	Cont'd					
100 (MFC.PR.M) 1,563 1,871  Sun Life Financial Inc. (SLF.PR.K) 237,245 238,855  TC Energy Corp (TRP.PR.D) 1,478 1,644  TC Energy Corp (TRP.PR.H) 1,023 1,291  Thomson Reuters 10,400 Corp (TRI.PR.B) 128,541 137,280  US Financial 15 21,855 22,496  Total \$ 1,347,025 \$ 1,524,699  Private Placements (2.5%)  Black Press Group Ltd. 12% Mar 31, 88,489 2024 \$ 88,489 \$ 84,064  Honda Canada Finance Inc. FRN Sep 27, 2024 (Q CDOR+20) 580,000 580,291  Strait Crossing Dev. Inc. (amort) 6.17% Sep 15, 9,937 2031 9,960 9,762  Toyota Credit Canada Inc. 1.27% 250,000 Jul 22, 2024 245,630 244,804  WTH Car Rental ULC (AVIS) 6.028% 204,000 Feb 20, 2027 204,000 208,998  Total \$ 1,128,079 \$ 1,127,919  Total investment portfolio (98.9%) \$ 44,315,625 \$ 43,694,473  Cash and Cash Equivalents (0.4%) \$ \$ 200,231	100			1,686		1,892
11,500   Inc. (SLF.PR.K)   237,245   238,855     TC Energy Corp (TRP.PR.D)   1,478   1,644     TC Energy Corp (TRP.PR.H)   1,023   1,291     Thomson Reuters   10,400   Corp (TRI.PR.B)   128,541   137,280     US Financial 15   21,855   22,496     Total	100			1,563		1,871
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Total   \$ 1,347,025   \$ 1,524,699	10,400			128,541		137,280
Black Press Group Ltd. 12% Mar 31, 2024	3,800			21,855		22,496
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Canada Inc. 1.27%   245,630   244,804	9,937	Dev. Inc. (amort) 6.17% Sep 15,		9,960		9,762
204,000   ULC (AVIS) 6.028%   204,000   208,998	250,000	Canada Inc. 1.27%		245,630		244,804
Total investment portfolio (98.9%) \$ 44,315,625 \$ 43,694,473    Cash and Cash Equivalents (0.4%) \$ \$ 200,231   Other Assets less	204,000	ULC (AVIS) 6.028%		204,000		208,998
Cash and Cash Equivalents (0.4%) \$ 200,231 Other Assets less	Total		\$	1,128,079	\$	1,127,919
Equivalents (0.4%) \$ \$ 200,231 Other Assets less	Total investme	nt portfolio (98.9%)	\$	44,315,625	\$	43,694,473
			\$		\$	200,231
						272,495
Net assets \$ \$ 44,167,199	Net assets		\$		\$	44,167,199

**Foreign Exchange Contracts** 

Counterparty	Settlement Date	Buy	Par Value	Sell	Par Value	Forward Rate	Current Rate	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Royal Bank of Canada <sup>1</sup>	2024-03-07	CAD	\$ 11,327,990	USD	\$ 8,372,000	0.739	0.755	\$ 245,868
Royal Bank of Canada <sup>1</sup>	2024-03-07	USD	725,000	CAD	968,581	0.749	0.755	(8,889)

#### Notes

 ${\bf 1} \ \ {\bf Credit} \ {\bf rating} \ {\bf of} \ {\bf counterparty} \ {\bf is} \ {\bf AA-}.$ 

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#### 1. Formation of Fund

The address of the Fund's registered office is 3080 Yonge St., Suite 4000, Toronto, Ontario.

Lysander Funds Limited (the "Manager" or "Lysander") is the manager and trustee of the Fund and is responsible for providing or arranging 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.

Lysander-Canso Credit Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") is an open-end fund formed under the laws of the Province of Ontario by a declaration of trust dated August 14, 2008, which has been subsequently amended and restated into the master declaration of trust dated December 8, 2011, as the same was amended and/or consolidated from time to time. At the time it was formed, the Fund's name was "Canso Credit Opportunities Fund". On December 19, 2008, The Fund commenced operations and offered units pursuant to prospectus exemptions. On May 11, 2020, the Fund became a reporting issuer, with its units qualified for distribution under a simplified prospectus and its name changed to "Lysander-Canso Credit Opportunities Fund".

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve long term capital growth by investing in, or gaining exposure to, a diversified portfolio composed primarily of debt and money market securities. The Fund will use alternative investment strategies such as engaging in short sales and purchasing securities on margin or with borrowed funds.

The portfolio manager of the Fund is Canso Investment Counsel Ltd., ("Portfolio Manager"), a company under common control as the Manager.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") effective as at December 31, 2023.

The financial statements were authorized for issue by Lysander's board of directors on March 26, 2024.

#### 3. Material Accounting Policy Information

Effective January 1, 2023, the Fund adopted the International Accounting Standard 1 Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1") amendment with regards to disclosure of material accounting policies. This amendment did not have a material

impact on these financial statements. There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2023, that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Funds. The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise indicated.

The material accounting policies of the Fund are as follows:

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term investments in an active market with original maturities of three months or less, bank overdrafts and money market funds with daily liquidity and all highly liquid financial instruments that mature within three months of being purchased.

#### **Financial instruments**

The Fund accounts for its financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"), which include cash and cash equivalents, investments at fair value through profit or loss, accrued interest, reimbursement receivable, subscriptions receivable, redemption payable, due to/from investment dealer, receivable/payable from forward exchange contracts and accrued expenses.

## Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"):

Financial Assets

The Fund classifies its investments in debt and equity securities and open-ended investment funds based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

These financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund also manages these financial assets with the objective of realizing cash flows through sales. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any of its equity securities at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI"). Consequently, these financial assets are mandatorily measured at FVTPL.

#### Financial Liabilities

Financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading are those acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near future or on initial recognition are a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Fund manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short term profit-taking.

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All derivatives and short positions are included in this category and mandatorily measured at FVTPL.

The Fund does not apply general hedge accounting to any of its derivatives positions.

#### Financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost:

The financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost include cash collateral posted on derivative positions, accrued income, due to and from brokers and other short term receivables and payables.

IFRS 9 requires the expected credit loss model ("ECL") as the impairment model for financial assets measured at amortized cost. At each reporting date, the Fund measures the loss allowance on cash collateral held, amounts due from broker, accrued income and other short term receivables at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to the 12 month expected credit losses. Given the short-term nature of the receivables and the high credit quality, the Fund has determined that the expected credit loss allowances are not material or considered impaired.

The Fund classifies financial instruments carried at fair value using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified as Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is reclassified as Level 3. The Manager assesses transfers at the time of an event that may cause reason for re-assessment of levelling. The classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement

in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability. The determination of what constitutes observable requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources. The classification of the Fund's financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, as applicable, is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements of the Fund. Significant transfers between levels are also disclosed in the notes to the financial statements of the Fund, where applicable. The reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, if applicable, are included in the notes to the financial statements of the Fund.

#### Recognition/Derecognition

At initial recognition, financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value. Transaction costs on financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed as incurred in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.

Gains and losses arising from changes in their fair value are included in the statement of comprehensive income (loss) for the year in which they arise. Dividend or interest income earned on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and dividend or interest expense on the financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are disclosed in a separate line item in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Financial assets are derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are derecognized when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses on the disposition of investments, and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments, are determined on an average cost basis and are included in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).

Realized gains and losses related to options are included in net realized gain/(loss) on options at fair value through profit or loss. Realized gains and losses relating to written options may arise from expiration of written options whereby realized gains are equivalent to the premium received and from the exercise of written covered call options in addition to the realized gains or

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losses from disposition of the related investments at the exercise price of the option.

#### Fair value measurements

The securities in the Fund's Portfolio are measured at FVTPL. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the year-end date. The quoted market price used for financial assets and financial liabilities of the Fund is the last traded price provided such price is within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bidask spread, the Fund will determine the points within the bid-ask spread that are most representative of the fair value. A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of observable inputs and relying as little as possible on unobservable inputs. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date.

Where available, valuation techniques use market observable assumptions and inputs. If such data is not available, inputs may be derived by reference to similar assets in active markets, from recent prices for comparable transactions or from other observable market data. When measuring fair value, the Fund selects the non-market-observable inputs to be used in its valuation techniques, based on a combination of historical experience, derivation of input levels based on similar products with observable price levels and knowledge of current market conditions and valuation approaches. Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. However, the fair value measurement objective remains the same, i.e., an exit price at the measurement date from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or owes the liability. Therefore, unobservable inputs reflect the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including model risk, liquidity risk and counterparty risk. Unlisted debt securities are valued based on observable inputs such as the prices provided by an

independent reputable pricing services company who prices the securities based on recent transactions and quotes received from market participants and through incorporating observable market data and using standard market convention practices. Unlisted debt securities for which current quotations are not readily available are valued using another valuation technique as described below.

The Fund uses widely recognized valuation techniques for determining the fair value of financial instruments that are not actively traded and quoted. The most frequently applied valuation techniques include: i) discounted value of expected cash flows, ii) relative value, iii) option pricing methodologies, iv) private placement financing technique, v) internally developed models and vi) market activity. In some cases, it may be reasonable and appropriate to value at cost, where there has been no material subsequent event affecting value. Discounted value of expected cash flows is a valuation technique that measures fair value using estimated expected future cash flows from assets or liabilities and then discounts these cash flows using a discount rate or discount margin that reflects the credit and/or funding spreads required by the market for instruments with similar risk and liquidity profiles to produce a present value. When using such valuation techniques, expected future cash flows are estimated using an observed or implied market price for the future cash flows or by using industry standard cash flow projection models. The discount factors within the calculation are generated using industry standard yield curve modeling techniques and models. Relative value models measure fair value based on the market prices of equivalent or comparable assets or liabilities, making adjustments for differences between the characteristics of the observed instrument and the instrument being valued. Option pricing models incorporate assumptions regarding the behavior of future price movements of an underlying referenced asset or assets to generate a probability-weighted future expected payoff for the option. The resulting probability-weighted expected payoff is then discounted using discount factors generated from industry standard yield curve modeling techniques and models. The option pricing model may be implemented using a closed form analytical formula or other mathematical techniques (e.g., binomial tree or Monte Carlo simulation). For more complex instruments and instruments for which there is no active market, fair values may be estimated using a combination of observed transaction prices, if any, consensus pricing services and relevant broker quotes. Consideration is given to the nature of the quotes (e.g., indicative or firm) and the relationship of recently evidenced market activity to the prices provided by consensus pricing services. Private placement financings are instances where a company raises capital through an offering of additional securities in the private markets. Pertinent details of such offering, including the terms of such offering, the issue price, and total capital raised are considered when assessing the

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reasonability that the issue price of such offering approximates fair value. In contrast to public offerings on a recognized exchange, private placement financings are not available to the general public. The Fund also uses internally developed models, which are typically based on valuation methods and techniques recognized as standard within the industry. Assumptions and inputs used in valuation techniques include benchmark interest rate curves, credit and funding spreads used in estimating discount rates, bond and equity prices, equity index prices, foreign exchange rates, levels of market volatility and correlation. In situations where there is limited market activity for the asset or liability near the measurement date, the most recent transaction price may be used.

#### Income recognition

Dividend income is recognized when the Fund's right to receive the payment has been established, normally being the exdividend date. Dividend income is recognized gross of withholding tax, if any.

The interest income for distribution purposes shown on the statement of comprehensive income (loss) represents the coupon interest received by the Fund accounted for on an accrual basis. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds which are amortized on a straight line basis. The interest income for distribution purposes is the tax basis of calculating the interest received and which is subject to tax.

#### Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Accounting estimates**

In the application of the Fund's accounting policies, the Fund is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily available from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered relevant. The most significant estimates relate to the valuation of investments. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the year in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that year, or in the year of the revision and future years, if the revision affects both current and future years.

#### Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units

Units issued and outstanding represent the capital of the Fund, with units in each series representing an equal and rateable share in the assets allocated to each series. The management fee rates are different for each of the series. Please refer to Note 6 for discussion of management fee rates. The redeemable units are classified as financial liabilities and are measured at the redemption amounts.

Units of the Fund may be purchased or redeemed at a price per unit equal to the net asset value ("NAV") of a unit of the applicable series of the Fund on each valuation date.

#### Net asset value per unit

The net asset value per unit of each series of units of the Fund is computed by dividing the NAV of a series of units by the total number of units of the series outstanding at the time. The Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of its investments and derivatives are identical to those used in measuring its NAV for transactions with holders of redeemable units.

#### Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency amounts are translated into the Fund's functional currency as follows: fair value of investments, forward currency contracts and other financial assets and liabilities, at the closing rate of exchange on each business day; income and expenses, and purchases, sales and settlements of investments, at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

#### Foreign currency forward contracts

The value of the foreign currency forward contracts is the gain or loss that would be realized if the position in the forward contract was closed out in accordance with its terms. The unrealized gains or losses on the forward contract are reported as part of the change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on forwards in the statement of comprehensive income (loss). Foreign currency forward contracts manage exposure to foreign currency gains and losses arising from short and long-term investments denominated in foreign currencies.

#### **Taxation**

The Fund is a mutual fund trust within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada). The Fund is subject to tax on its net taxable income, including net realized capital gains, for the calendar year which is not paid or payable to its unitholders as of the end of the calendar year. It is the intention of the Fund to pay all of its net taxable income and net realized capital gains so that the Fund will not be subject to income taxes other than foreign withholding taxes, if applicable. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been made in these financial statements.

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As at December 31, 2023, the Fund had \$234,626 net capital losses (December 31, 2022 - Nil) and no non-capital losses (December 31, 2022 - Nil).

#### **Distributions**

The Fund makes distributions of net income quarterly and any net realized capital gains annually. These are recognized in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units.

#### Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Fund has made in preparing the financial statements:

#### Determination of Functional Currency

'Functional currency' is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates. If indicators of the primary economic environment are mixed, then the Fund uses its judgment to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of the underlying transactions, events, and conditions. The Fund's subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in Canadian Dollars ("CAD"). Accordingly, the Fund has determined that the functional currency of the Fund is CAD unless noted otherwise.

Fair Value Measurement of Derivatives and Securities Not Quoted in an Active Market

The Fund may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivatives. Fair values of such instruments are determined as disclosed in Fair Value Measurement section in Note 3.

#### Future changes in accounting standards

As of December 31, 2023, the Fund has determined there are no new IFRS standards that are issued, but not yet effective, that could materially impact the Fund's financial statements.

#### 4. Expenses

The Fund is responsible for the payment of all expenses related to its operations, including but not limited to audit fees, Independent Review Committee fees, fund administration fees, filing fees, redeemable unitholder reporting and custodian fees plus harmonized sales tax. At their discretion, the Manager or the Portfolio Manager may pay certain of the expenses of the Fund but any such payments shall not oblige the Manager or the Portfolio Manager to make similar future payments. All expenses are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income (loss) on the accrual basis.

Service fees may be paid by the Manager from the management fees it receives from the Fund. Service fees may be paid to brokers and dealers to compensate them for providing ongoing services to redeemable unitholders holding Series A units, if applicable.

The maximum service fee is 0.50% per annum on the Series A units, exclusive of any applicable taxes.

#### 5. Issuance and Redemption of Units

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of transferable, redeemable units of beneficial interest, each of which represents an equal undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund. Each unit entitles the holder to the same rights and obligations as a holder of any other unit and no holder of units is entitled to any privilege, priority or preference in relation to any other holder of units. Each holder of units is entitled to one vote for each whole unit held and is entitled to participate equally with respect to any and all distributions made by the Fund, including distributions of net income and net realized capital gains, if any. On termination or liquidation of the Fund, the holders of outstanding units of record are entitled to receive on a pro rata basis all of the assets of the Fund remaining after payment of all debts, liabilities and liquidation expenses of the Fund. The units of the Fund are issued and redeemed at their NAV.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the number of units issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follows:

#### Series A

For the years ended	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Units outstanding at beginning of year	314,068	212,520
Redeemable units issued	28,013	137,068
Redeemable units redeemed	(100,245)	(55,033)
Redeemable units issued on reinvestments	10,808	19,513
Units outstanding at end of year	252,644	314,068

#### Series C

For the years ended	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Units outstanding at beginning of year	176,420	159,921
Redeemable units issued on reinvestments	9,260	16,499
Units outstanding at end of year	185,680	176,420

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For the years ended	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Units outstanding at beginning of year	4,924,179	5,047,372
Redeemable units issued	379,121	1,656,058
Redeemable units redeemed	(1,646,468)	(2,045,038)
Redeemable units issued on reinvestments	176,118	265,787
Units outstanding at end of year	3,832,950	4,924,179

#### 6. Related Party Transactions

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and its investment portfolio in compliance with the Fund's constating documents. The Manager pays for the investment management services and provides all administrative services required by the Fund. As compensation for its services the Manager is entitled to receive a management fee.

The Manager may offer a reduced management fee to selected investors who (among other considerations) hold large investments in the Fund. This is achieved by reducing the management fee charged to the Fund based on the assets held by such investors and the Fund distributing the amount of the reduction in additional units of the same series of the Fund to the investor.

At December 31, 2023, the Manager, the majority shareholder of the Manager, the Manager's directors and officers together

with certain immediate family members had an ownership interest in the Fund amounting to 6.2% (December 31, 2022 - 4.6%).

The Manager is entitled to receive from the Fund a management fee which is calculated daily and payable monthly at an annualized rate of up to 1.25% on Series A units, 0.50% on Series C units, and up to 0.75% on Series F units, exclusive of applicable taxes, based on the net asset value of each respective series.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Manager paid the Portfolio Manager, an affiliate of the Manager, \$389,390 (December 31, 2022 - \$215,360) for managing the portfolio of the Fund. As at December 31, 2023 the amount payable to the Portfolio Manager was \$213,525 (December 31, 2022 - \$16,585).

#### Performance Fees:

Subject to certain terms and conditions as described in the Fund's Prospectus, the Manager is entitled to receive a Performance Fee (the "Performance Fee") on Series A and F equal to 20% of the Fund's outperformance of the FTSE All Corporate Bond Index.

Performance fees are calculated and accrued monthly and paid annually, if earned. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Performance Fee accrued by the Fund was \$451,634 (December 31, 2022 - Nil).

#### 7. Fair Value Hierarchy

The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Fund's assets measured at fair value, as described in Note 3, as at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

As at December 31, 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets				
Equities	\$ 477,676	\$ -	\$ 6,393	\$ 484,069
Fixed income	-	54,371,182	84,064	54,455,246
Preferred shares	1,425,257	-	99,442	1,524,699
Total	\$ 1,902,933	\$ 54,371,182	\$ 189,899	\$ 56,464,014
As at December 31, 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Liabilities				
Fixed income sold short	\$ -	\$ 12,769,541	\$ -	\$ 12,769,541
Total	\$ -	\$ 12,769,541	\$ -	\$ 12,769,541

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Total	\$	-	\$ 10,435,460	\$	-	\$ 10,435,460
Fixed income sold short	\$	-	\$ 10,435,460	\$	-	\$ 10,435,460
Financial Liabilities						
As at December 31, 2022		Level 1	Level 2		Level 3	To
Total	\$	3,530,541	\$ 54,924,787	\$	425,086	\$ 58,880,414
Options		1,591,223	-		-	1,591,223
Preferred shares		1,592,626	332,430		128,000	2,053,056
Fixed income		-	54,592,357		272,200	54,864,55
Equities	\$	346,692	\$ -	\$	24,886	\$ 371,57
Financial Assets						
As at December 31, 2022	Level 1		Level 2	Level 2		То

Balance, end of year	\$ 18	9,899	\$	425,086
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(10	0,688)		(16,890)
Realized gains and losses	;	34,515		-
Transfers Out		-		-
Transfers In	10	1,110		160,000
Sales	(28	5,965)		-
Purchases		5,841		-
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 4:	25,086	\$	281,976
Level 3 reconciliation				
AS at	31	-Dec-Z	3	31-Dec-22

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The Portfolio Manager's internal valuation team is comprised of individuals from across the functional areas of the firm (Trading, Settlements, Research, Portfolio Management, Compliance, and Fund Administration) who have broad and deep experience in the fair value techniques for debt and equity investments. The team reports to the Chief Investment Officer of the Portfolio Manager and the internal valuation team's valuation processes and results are reviewed by the Portfolio Manager's management on an ongoing basis. Security valuations are discussed on a case-by-case basis with a view to establish the most suitable valuation method. During the year ended December 31, 2023, there was \$101,110 transferred from level 2 to level 3 due to the use of an internally developed model since observable inputs either directly or indirectly were no longer available.

The following sections provides information regarding Level 3 securities. It includes a summary of the valuation techniques used and the sensitivity of the fair value of these securities to changes in input values.

#### TC Fund I LP Class B

Price: \$17.08

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Valuation Technique: Internally developed model.

Unobservable Inputs: The primarily unobservable inputs for this security include TC Fund I FY23 Q3 financial statements, its book value of equity on the balance sheet, the Fund's 15% ownership stake in TC Fund I and the amount payable to RivettLP upon distribution of the partnership, of which is in relation to the tax benefit received.

Change in input values: A reasonably possible change in the value of the investments could result in an increase or decrease of 50%, or an increase or decrease in the security price of \$8.54 or an increase or decrease in net assets of \$3,006.

FLINT Corp. Series 1 Preferred Share

Price: \$517.93

Valuation Technique: The relative value technique.

Unobservable Inputs: FLINT Corp. Senior Secured Bond price (from third party).

Change in input values: A reasonably possible change to the value of the next private placement financing could result in an increase or decrease of 30%, or an increase or decrease in the security price of \$155.38, or an increase or decrease in net assets of \$28,590.

FLINT Corp. Series 2 Preferred Share

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Price: \$517.93

Valuation Technique: The relative value technique.

Unobservable Inputs: FLINT Corp. Senior Secured Bond price (from third party).

Change in input values: A reasonably possible change to the value of the next private placement financing could result in an increase or decrease of 30%, or an increase or decrease in the security price of \$155.38, or an increase or decrease in net assets of \$1,243.

X-Spectrum 1 Inc. Price: \$0.27 CAD

Valuation Technique: The relative value technique.

Unobservable Inputs: The primary unobservable inputs for this security were the expected sale prices of the spectrum assets. Change in input values: A reasonably possible change to the value of the assets that make up the business could result in an increase or decrease of 40%, or an increase or decrease in the security price of \$0.11, or an increase or decrease in net assets of \$152.

X-Spectrum 2 Price: \$0.00

Valuation Technique: The relative value technique.

Unobservable Inputs: Company is being wound up and with all assets being liquidated. The liquidation value is likely to be zero as we believe that the liquidation value of assets will likely be less than the amount of liabilities. The primary unobservable input is the liquidation value of assets.

Change in input values: The portfolio manager believes it is highly unlikely that the salvage value of assets will exceed the company's liabilities and therefore believe the possibility of any recovery on this security is remote.

Black Press Group Ltd. 12% Mar 31, 2024

Price: \$95.00 CAD

Valuation Technique: Internally Developed Model

Unobservable Inputs: The primary unobservable input for this security is the recovery expected to be received on the notes and consideration of prices on similarly rated companies.

Change in input values: A reasonably possible change to our expected recovery of the notes could result in a decrease of 50%, or a decrease in the security price of \$47.50, or a decrease in net assets of \$42,032.

#### 8. Risk Management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks in the normal course of operations. These include credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk. The value of the investments in the Fund's portfolio can fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates, general economic conditions, supply and demand conditions relating to specific securities, or news relating to a specific issuer. In order to manage risk, the Portfolio Manager will diversify the portfolio based on industry and credit rating category. Significant risks that are relevant to the Fund are discussed below.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss that could arise from a security issuer or counterparty to a financial instrument not being able to meet its financial obligations. The Fund's main exposure to credit risk consists of investments in debt instruments, such as bonds. The Fund is also exposed to counterparty risk from other assets, such as amounts due from investment dealer or subscriptions receivable. To manage this risk, the Portfolio Manager monitors the Fund's credit exposure and counterparty credit ratings.

The Fund measures credit risk and lifetime ECLs related to these trade receivables using historical analysis and forward looking information in determining the ECL.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund had directly invested in debt instruments with the following credit ratings:

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As a % of net assets		31-Dec-23		31-Dec-22
Credit exposure				
AAA	%	16.9	%	14.8
AA		4.5		3.1
A		24.3		13.5
BBB		22.8		21.4
BB		10.8		9.4
В		11.9		14.3
CCC		4.1		3.4
Not Rated		2.6		2.6

#### **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations, including any redemption of units for cash. The Fund is exposed to possible daily redemptions at the then current NAV per unit. Liquidity risk is managed by investing a significant portion of the Fund's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and that can be readily sold. All liabilities of the Fund are due within one year.

The following table presents the Fund's liabilities according to their maturity date as at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

As at 31-Dec-2023	Less Than One Month	1-3 Months	3 Months - 1 Year
Liquidity exposure			
Fixed income sold short	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,769,541
Accrued expenses	-	772,509	-
Redemptions payable	377,858	-	-
Due to investment dealers	168,542	-	-
As at 31-Dec-2022	Less Than One Month	1-3 Months	3 Months - 1 Year
Liquidity exposure			
Fixed income sold short	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,435,460
Accrued expenses	-	53,520	-
Redemptions payable	869,688	-	-

#### Market risk

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a fund asset will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. If applicable, to manage interest rate risk, the Portfolio Manager monitors exposures and maintains the portfolio duration within the limits specified in the investment policies and objectives of the Fund. If applicable, the Fund has calculated the sensitivity analysis below. Actual results may differ materially from this analysis.

The table below summarizes the Fund's exposure to interest rate risks based on the remaining term to maturity of the investments.

	Less than 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years
Interest rate exposure			
December 31, 2023	\$ 976,979	\$ 31,147,075	\$ 9,561,535
December 31, 2022	4,893,864	27,185,269	12,656,506

If interest rates had increased or decreased by 1% at December 31, 2023, with all other variables remaining constant, net assets of the fund would have decreased or increased by approximately \$883,825 (December 31, 2022- \$953,325).

#### Currency risk

Currency risk arises when the value of investments denominated in currencies other than CAD fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. If applicable, the currency risk will typically be hedged by entering into foreign currency forward contracts, however some

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moderate currency exposure may be assumed if deemed to be beneficial to the Fund. If applicable, the Fund has calculated the sensitivity analysis below. Actual results may differ materially from this analysis.

The table below summarizes the Fund's net exposure (before hedging, if any) to currency risk as at:

		31-Dec-23		31-Dec-22
Currency exposure				
US Dollars	%	22.6	%	31.5

As at December 31, 2023, if the CAD had strengthened or weakened by 1% in relation to the above currencies, with all other factors remaining constant, the Fund's net assets would have decreased or increased by 0.2% (December 31, 2022 - 0.3%).

#### Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment. If applicable, this risk is managed through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within the parameters of the investment strategy and by maintaining a well-diversified portfolio. Exposure to price risk arises from investments in equity securities. If applicable, the Fund has calculated the sensitivity analysis below. Actual results may differ materially from this analysis.

As at December 31, 2023, approximately 4.5% (December 31, 2022 - 7.2%) of the Fund's net assets were invested in equity securities. If prices of these investments had increased or decreased by 5% as at December 31, 2023 with all other factors remaining constant, net assets would have increased or decreased, by approximately \$100,438 (December 31, 2022 - \$200,793).



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