

For the year ended December 31, 2022

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance



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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

The objective of the Pender Bond Universe Fund (the "Fund") is to preserve capital and generate returns through current income and capital appreciation. The Fund invests primarily in investment grade fixed income securities. This, however, does not preclude the Fund from making equity investments when the portfolio advisor deems the risk/reward trade-off to be in the investors' favour.

PenderFund Capital Management Ltd. ("Pender") is the Manager and Portfolio Advisor of the Fund.

Risks

The risks of investing in the Fund are outlined in the Simplified Prospectus dated June 28, 2022. Interest rate risk and credit risk remain the principal risks associated with the Fund. There were no significant changes to the Fund's objectives and strategies that affected its overall level of risk during the year.

The economic uncertainties around persistent inflation pressure, bank failures, geopolitical events and the lingering COVID-19 pandemic have the potential to slow growth in the global economy. Future developments in these challenging areas could impact the Fund's results and financial condition and the full extent of that impact remains unknown.

As at December 31, 2022, the Fund had exposure to the banking sector. Subsequent to year-end, the Fund continues to have exposure to this sector. In certain cases, government agencies have assumed control or otherwise intervened in the operations of certain banks due to liquidity and solvency concerns. The extent of the situation remains uncertain and as such the Manager continues to assess across the broader financial sector and will take potential actions, as deemed necessary. The ultimate resolution of these liquidity and solvency concerns and the extent of the related impact to the Fund is uncertain and could be significant.

Results of Operations

The net assets of the Fund were \$92,151,217 as at December 31, 2022 versus \$85,144,293 as at December 31, 2021. Of this \$7,006,924 increase, \$12,588,712 is attributable to net unitholder purchases of Fund units and \$5,581,788 is attributable to negative investment performance.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, Class A units of the Fund generated a total return of -6.9%. Returns for Class A (USD) and Class F (USD) will differ primarily due to foreign currency as these classes are denominated in US dollars whereas all remaining classes of the Fund are denominated in Canadian dollars. Returns for other classes of the Fund will be similar to Class A with any difference in performance being primarily due to the different management fees that are applicable to different classes. Please see the "Past Performance" section for the performance of the Fund's other classes.

The Fund's broad-based benchmark, the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index ("FTSE"), returned -11.7% during the year. In accordance with National Instrument 81-106, we have included a comparison to this broad-based index to help you understand the Fund's performance relative to the general performance of the market, but we caution that the Fund's mandate may be significantly different from the index. Further, the Fund's returns are reported net of all management fees and expenses for all classes, unlike the returns of the Fund's benchmark, which are based on the performance of an index that does not pay fees or incur expenses.

The following comments and the comments under "Recent Developments" reflect the views of the portfolio management team and are based on information as at the end of the year. Please read the caution regarding forward-looking statements located on the last page of this document.

The Fund outperformed its benchmark in what was a challenging year in fixed income markets. The Fund returned -6.4% in the year-ended December 31, 2022, realizing a respectable 5.3% of relative outperformance compared to its benchmark. While it was a challenging year in credit markets overall, the Fund's positive return over the year was aided somewhat by its exposure to higher yield credit through its Pender Corporate Bond Fund holdings. 2022 in general was a very poor year for long duration bonds, with the iShares 20 Plus Year Treasury Bond ETF (NASDQ: TLT) down over 30% for the year. While we were not completely immune to the difficulty, our short duration and high-quality positioning enabled robust outperformance of indices.

Government of Canada Inflation Linked bond positions performed well during the year and contributed positively to overall performance. Weakness in the portfolio was driven by government bond positions and longer dated corporate issues. Corporate issues such as Bell Canada, Inc., Verizon Communications Inc., Brookfield Renewable Partners ULC, and McDonald's Corporation detracted from performance. During the year, the Fund's exposure to higher yielding credits, through its Pender Corporate Bond Fund holding, detracted from performance on an absolute basis, but performed well relative to the high yield market. The Fund's positive return over the last six months of the year was aided somewhat by its exposure to higher yield credit through its Pender Corporate Bond Fund holdings.

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Recent Developments

In the year ended December 31, 2022, significant macro events unfolded that impacted fixed income markets: in particular, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the moves by central bankers to raise interest rates and taper monetary stimulus to control inflation. These developments caused investors to reassess the economic growth outlook as fears grew of a recession on the horizon. With stubbornly high inflation and a slowing economy, the Federal Reserve and other central banks continue to raise interest rates. Policy makers' fears of an entrenched inflationary cycle taking hold seems to be taking priority over maintaining economic expansion or promoting full employment, for the moment at least.

Investment results may be affected by future developments and new information that may emerge regarding inflation and the impact of central bank measures, geopolitical events, the lingering impact of COVID-19, and other global events, factors that are beyond the Fund's control.

We remain committed to the Fund's key strategic objectives and guiding principles. During this time, we were able to take advantage of opportunities in the market and reposition the Fund as necessary. Duration was shortened slightly over the year from 4.0 years at December 31, 2021 to 3.5 years as at December 31, 2022. The Fund's yield to maturity was 5.3%. The Fund has been focused on owning high quality credits from resilient issuers with about 18% of the portfolio held in non-investment grade corporate bonds.

Related Party Transactions

The Fund pays management and administration fees to the Manager for management and portfolio advisory services (see "Management Fees").

As at the end of the year, parties related to the Manager collectively held less than 1% of the Fund's units. In addition, the Pender Income Advantage Fund, a fund also managed by the Manager, held 2% of the Fund's outstanding units.

As part of the Fund's investment strategy, the Fund invests in Class O units of the Pender Corporate Bond Fund, a mutual fund also managed by the Manager. The Fund does not pay any duplicate management fees on its investment in this mutual fund.

Management Fees

The Fund pays management and administration fees calculated as a percentage of the net asset value of each respective class. The Management Expense Ratio ("MER") before applicable taxes such as GST or HST for each class does not exceed certain levels as set out in the Fund's offering documents. The fees are calculated at the close of business on each valuation day and are paid monthly. In exchange for the administration fee, the Manager pays the operating costs of the Fund.

Management fees are used by the Manager, in part, to pay sales commissions, trailer fees, marketing costs and other associated distribution costs relating to the sale of units of the Fund.

Such expenses represented approximately 23% of the management fees paid by the Fund to the Manager for the year.

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Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the calendar years indicated.

Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a)

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	2022	2021	2020
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Class A			
Net Assets, beginning of year	10.15	10.37	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.38	0.35	0.29
Total expenses	(0.11)	(0.12)	-
Realized gains (losses)	(0.52)	0.27	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.44)	(0.47)	0.71
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	(0.69)	0.03	1.02
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.26)	(0.22)	(0.26)
From dividends	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
From capital gains	-	(0.15)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.27)	(0.38)	(0.27)
Net Assets, end of year	9.18	10.15	10.37
Class D			
Net Assets, beginning of year	10.15	10.37	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.11	0.36	0.28
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.08)	-
Realized gains (losses)	(0.11)	0.19	(0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.51)	(0.27)	0.40
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	(0.54)	0.20	0.64
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.08)	(0.25)	(0.26)
From dividends	-	(0.02)	(0.01)
From capital gains	-	(0.15)	-
Return of capital		-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.08)	(0.42)	(0.27)
Net Assets, end of year		10.15	10.37

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Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a) (cont'd)

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	2022	2021	2020
Class E	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Class E Net Assets, beginning of year	10.15	10.37	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:	10.13	10.57	10.00
Total revenue	0.37	0.36	0.28
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.05)	0.20
Realized gains (losses)	(0.52)	0.19	(0.03)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.39)	(0.29)	0.43
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	(0.59)	0.21	0.68
Distributions:	VI	-	
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.33)	(0.28)	(0.26)
From dividends	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)
From capital gains	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(0.15)	
Return of capital	-	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.34)	(0.45)	(0.27)
Net Assets, end of year	9.18	10.15	10.37
Class F			
Net Assets, beginning of year	10.14	10.37	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.38	0.36	0.28
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.07)	-
Realized gains (losses)	(0.47)	0.34	(0.06)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.57)	(0.51)	0.40
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	(0.72)	0.12	0.62
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.31)	(0.27)	(0.26)
From dividends	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)
From capital gains	-	(0.15)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.32)	(0.44)	(0.27)
Net Assets, end of year	9.17	10.14	10.37
Class N			
Net Assets, beginning of year	10.15	10.37	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.15	0.36	0.28
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.06)	-
Realized gains (losses)	(0.11)	0.19	(0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.61)	(0.27)	0.40
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	(0.59)	0.22	0.64
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.10)	(0.27)	(0.26)
From dividends	-	(0.02)	(0.01)
From capital gains	-	(0.15)	-
Return of capital	<u> </u>	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.10)	(0.44)	(0.27)
Net Assets, end of year	-	10.15	10.37

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Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a) (cont'd)

	2022	2021	2020
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Class O			
Net Assets, beginning of year	10.15	10.37	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.37	0.35	0.29
Total expenses	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses)	(0.60)	0.31	0.07
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.17)	(0.38)	0.75
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	(0.40)	0.28	1.11
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.38)	(0.33)	(0.26)
From dividends	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)
From capital gains	-	(0.15)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.39)	(0.50)	(0.27)
Net Assets, end of year	9.18	10.15	10.37
Class A (USD)			
Net Assets, beginning of period (a)	13.00		
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.94		
Total expenses	(0.08)		
Realized gains (losses)	(0.24)		
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.04)		
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.58		
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.18)		
From dividends	-		
From capital gains	-		
Return of capital	-		
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.18)		
Net Assets, end of period	13.27		

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Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (a) (cont'd)

	2022	2021	2020
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Class F (USD)			
Net Assets, beginning of period (a)	13.00		
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.39		
Total expenses	(0.04)		
Realized gains (losses)	(0.04)		
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.34)		
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	(0.03)		
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.21)		
From dividends	(0.01)		
From capital gains	-		
Return of capital	-		
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.22)		
Net Assets, end of period	13.28		

- (a) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements as at December 31 for the year stated, prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards. Class A (USD) and Class F (USD) commenced operations on June 28, 2022. Class D was closed on April 22, 2022 and Class N was closed on May 18, 2022.
- (b) Net assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units for the relevant Fund class outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the year/period.
- (c) Distributions were paid in cash and/or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

	2022	2021	2020
Class A			
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	3,398	3,794	1,278
Number of units outstanding (a)	370,331	373,849	123,163
Management expense ratio (b)	1.18%	1.16%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.18%	1.26%	1.45%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	82.86%	27.99%	86.57%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	9.18	10.15	10.37
Class E			
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	334	313	280
Number of units outstanding (a)	36,415	30,835	26,956
Management expense ratio (b)	0.53%	0.51%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	0.53%	0.52%	0.50%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	82.86%	27.99%	86.57%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	9.18	10.15	10.37
Class F			
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	86,294	79,955	3,558
Number of units outstanding (a)	9,407,030	7,883,926	343,036
Management expense ratio (b)	0.67%	0.64%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	0.67%	0.69%	0.95%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	82.86%	27.99%	86.57%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	9.17	10.14	10.37

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Ratios and Supplemental Data (cont'd)

	2022	2021	2020
Class O			
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	1,933	1,071	869
Number of units outstanding (a)	210,553	105,529	83,800
Management expense ratio (b)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	82.86%	27.99%	86.57%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	9.18	10.15	10.37
Class A (USD)			
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	7		
Number of units outstanding (a)	507		
Management expense ratio (b)	1.17%		
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.17%		
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.01%		
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	82.86%		
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	13.27		
Class F (USD)			
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	185		
Number of units outstanding (a)	13,907		
Management expense ratio (b)	0.64%		
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	0.64%		
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.01%		
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	82.86%		
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	13.28		

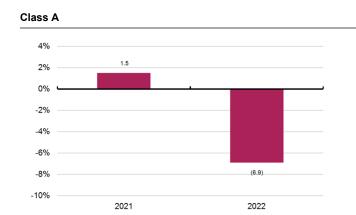
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- (b) Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the year. The MER may vary from one class of units to another because of differences in the applicable management fees and certain fees and expenses may have been absorbed by the Manager which would otherwise be paid by the Fund.
- (c) The Manager of the Fund has agreed to absorb sufficient expenses of the Fund, as necessary, so that the annual MER before applicable taxes such as GST or HST will not exceed certain limits as outlined in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus. The amount of expenses absorbed is at the discretion of the Manager as set out in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus, and the Manager may in its sole discretion cease to absorb expenses.
- (d) 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 year.
- (e) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser 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 year. In general, the higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

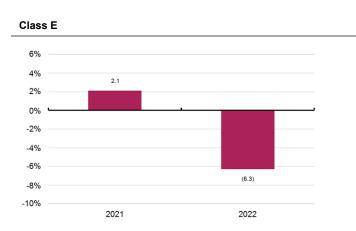
Past Performance

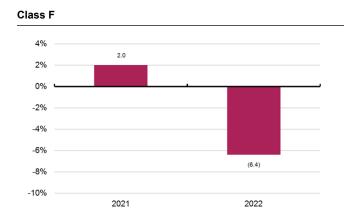
The following charts show the past performance for the units of each class of the Fund and do not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that any distributions made by the Fund were reinvested in additional units of the Fund. Returns would be different if an investor did not reinvest distributions. In addition, the information does not take into account sales, redemptions, income taxes payable or other charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance for Class A (USD) and Class F (USD) units of the Fund are not available for disclosure because they have been in operation for less than one year. Class A (USD) and Class F (USD) commenced operations on June 28, 2022. Past performance for Class D and Class N units of the Fund are not available for disclosure because they were closed during the year.

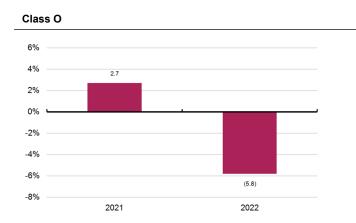
Year-by-Year Returns

To illustrate how the Fund's performance has varied over time, the following bar charts show the annual returns for the calendar years indicated. The information is presented starting from the first full financial year of the respective Fund class. In percentage terms, the bar charts show how much an investment held on the first day of the year would have increased or decreased by the last day of the year.









Annual Compound Returns

The annual compound returns table compares the Fund's performance to one or more benchmarks. Benchmarks are usually an index or a composite of more than one index. An index is generally made up of a group of securities. Since the Fund does not necessarily invest in the same securities as an index or in the same proportion, the Fund's performance is not expected to equal the performance of the index. Fund returns are reported net of all management fees and expenses for all classes (prior to June 30, 2021, the Fund's MER was inclusive of applicable taxes such as GST or HST), unlike the returns of the Fund's benchmark, which are based on the performance of an index that does not pay fees or incur expenses. It may be more helpful to compare the Fund's performance to that of other mutual funds with similar objectives and investment strategies.

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The Fund's blended benchmark is 75% ICE and 25% FTSE/TMX Canada Universe Bond Index. The FTSE/TMX Canada Bond Universe Index is the broadest and most widely used measure of performance of marketable government and corporate bonds outstanding in the Canadian market.

A discussion of the performance of the Fund as compared to its benchmarks is found in the "Results of Operations" section of this report.

		1 Year	Since Inception
	Inception Date	(%)	(%)
Class A	31-Jan-20	(6.9)	0.2
FTSE/TMX		(11.7)	(3.2)
Class E	31-Jan-20	(6.3)	0.7
FTSE/TMX		(11.7)	(3.2)
Class F	31-Jan-20	(6.4)	0.6
FTSE/TMX		(11.7)	(3.2)
Class O	31-Jan-20	(5.8)	1.0
FTSE/TMX		(11.7)	(3.2)

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Summary of Investment Portfolio

The largest holdings of the Fund as at the end of the year and the major asset classes in which the Fund was invested are indicated below. Where the Fund has less than 25 holdings, the table will show the Fund's entire investment portfolio. The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions. An update of the Fund's summary of investment portfolio as at the end of each calendar quarter is available from the Manager. Please see the front page of this document for information about how this can be obtained.

Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Assets
Pender Corporate Bond Fund, Class 'O'	24.4
Cameco Corporation, Callable, 2.95%, 2027/10/21	3.8
McDonald's Corporation, Callable, 3.13%, 2025/03/04	3.6
Ontario Power Generation Inc., Callable, 2.89%, 2025/04/08	3.6
PepsiCo, Inc., Callable, 2.15%, 2024/05/06	3.6
Waste Management of Canada Corporation, Callable, 6.00%, 2026/09/23	3.5
Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P., Callable, 4.25%, 2029/01/15	3.2
Loblaw Companies Limited, Callable, 4.49%, 2028/12/11	3.2
Government of Canada, Real Return, 4.25%, 2026/12/01	3.1
Verisign, Inc., Callable, 4.75%, 2027/07/15	2.8
Loblaw Companies Limited, Callable, 3.92%, 2024/06/10	2.7
United Parcel Service, Inc., Callable, 2.13%, 2024/05/21	2.5
Bell Canada, Inc., Callable, 3.00%, 2031/03/17	2.4
Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, Callable, 4.70%, 2026/12/16	2.3
Government of Canada, Real Return, 4.00%, 2031/12/01	2.2
Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, Callable, 4.23%, 2029/06/14	2.0
Government of Canada, 1.50%, 2026/06/01	2.0
John Deere Financial Inc., 1.63%, 2026/04/09	2.0
Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, Callable, 3.95%, 2031/03/03	1.9
Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P., Callable, 3.63%, 2027/01/15	1.6
Verizon Communications Inc., Callable, 2.50%, 2030/05/16	1.5
Mondelez International Inc., Callable, 3.25%, 2025/03/07	1.4
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Callable, 2.01%, 2029/02/28	1.4
United States Treasury Bond, 2.25%, 2024/03/31	1.4
Royal Bank of Canada, 2.33%, 2027/01/28	1.2

Composition of the Portfolio

Total net assets	100.0
Other assets less liabilities	(10.7)
Cash	17.1
Total investments	93.6
Government bonds	9.8
US corporate bonds	19.9
Mutual funds	24.4
Canadian corporate bonds	39.5
	% of Net Assets

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Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, prospects and further actions. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", or negative versions thereof and similar expressions.

In addition, any statement made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors, among other things.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events and results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to: geopolitical events, general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally; including the collapse of banks; interest and foreign exchange rates and the measures taken by central banks to manage inflation; global equity and capital markets; business competition; technological change; changes in government regulations; unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings; pandemics and catastrophic events.

We stress that the above-mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. We encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and we urge you to avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, except as may be required under applicable law, the Manager has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, prior to the release of the next Management Report of Fund Performance.



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