

This document contains key information you should know about Pender Alternative Absolute Return Fund. You can find more detailed information in the fund's simplified prospectus. Ask your representative for a copy, contact PenderFund Capital Management Ltd. (Pender) at 1-866-377-4743 or info@penderfund.com or visit www.penderfund.com.

**Before you invest in any fund, consider how it would work with your other investments and your tolerance for risk.**

This mutual fund is an alternative mutual fund. It is permitted to invest in asset classes or use investment strategies that are not permitted for conventional mutual funds. The specific strategies that differentiate this fund from conventional mutual funds include: increased use of derivatives for hedging and non-hedging purposes; increased ability to sell securities short; the ability to borrow cash to use for investment purposes; and increased ability to invest in physical commodities. While these strategies will be used in accordance with the fund's investment objectives and strategies, during certain market conditions they may accelerate the pace at which your investment decreases in value.

#### Quick facts

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|---|-----------------|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Fund code:</b>                                 | PGF2011         | <b>Fund manager:</b>         | PenderFund Capital Management Ltd.   |
| <b>Date class started:</b>                        | August 29, 2022 | <b>Portfolio manager(s):</b> | Justin Jacobsen, CFA,<br>PenderFund Capital Management Ltd.  |
| <b>Total value of the fund on April 30, 2023:</b> | \$265.3 million | <b>Distributions:</b>        | Net income monthly; net capital gains annually.<br>Automatically reinvested in additional units;<br>cash upon request. |
| <b>Management expense ratio (MER):</b>            | 3.34%           | <b>Minimum investment:</b>   | \$5,000 initial, \$100 additional  |

#### What does the fund invest in?

The fund invests primarily in a portfolio of North American fixed income securities but may also invest in foreign and other securities. The fund will use alternative investment strategies including the use of leverage. The leverage will be created through the use of cash borrowings, short sales and derivative contracts. The fund's leverage must not exceed 300% the fund's net asset value. The leverage will be calculated in accordance with the methodology prescribed by securities laws.

The charts below give you a snapshot of the fund's investments on April 30, 2023. The fund's investments will change.

#### Top 10 investments - (April 30, 2023)

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| 1. SPDR Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond ETF     | -7.3%        |
| 2. iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF  | -6.7%        |
| 3. SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust                          | -6.4%        |
| 4. U.S. Treasury Note, 3.500%, 15-Feb-33           | -5.1%        |
| 5. U.S. Treasury Note, 0.00%, 03-Aug-23            | 5.0%         |
| 6. U.S. Treasury Note, 0.00%, 06-Jul-23            | 5.0%         |
| 7. XHR LP, 4.875%, 01-Jun-29                       | 4.5%         |
| 8. Vermilion Energy Inc., 6.875%, 01-May-30        | 3.7%         |
| 9. Sirius Xm Radio Inc., 3.875%, 01-Sep-31         | 3.5%         |
| 10. Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd., 7.250%, 10-May-27 | 3.3%         |
| <b>Total percentage of top 10 investments</b>      | <b>-0.5%</b> |
| <b>Total number of investments</b>                 | <b>88</b>    |

#### Investment mix - (April 30, 2023)

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Cash                               | 55.8%  |
| Canadian corporate bonds and loans | 37.8%  |
| US corporate bonds and loans       | 36.7%  |
| Foreign corporate bonds and loans  | 1.0%   |
| US equities                        | 0.4%   |
| Canadian equities                  | 0.3%   |
| Government bonds                   | -5.8%  |
| Exchange-traded funds              | -26.2% |

### How risky is it?

The value of the fund can go down as well as up. You could lose money. One way to gauge risk is to look at how much a fund's returns change over time. This is called "volatility".

In general, funds with higher volatility will have returns that change more over time. They typically have a greater chance of losing money and may have a greater chance of higher returns. Funds with lower volatility tend to have returns that change less over time. They typically have lower returns and may have a lower chance of losing money.

### Risk rating

**Pender has rated the volatility of Class F (US\$) of the fund as low.**

This rating is based on how much the fund's returns have changed from year to year. It doesn't tell you how volatile the fund will be in the future. The rating can change over time. A fund with a low risk rating can still lose money.

|     |               |        |                |      |
|-----|---------------|--------|----------------|------|
| Low | Low to Medium | Medium | Medium to High | High |
|-----|---------------|--------|----------------|------|

For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect the fund's returns, see the section titled "What is a Mutual Fund and What are the Risks of Investing in a Mutual Fund" in the fund's simplified prospectus.

### No guarantees

Like most mutual funds, this fund doesn't have any guarantees. You may not get back the amount of money you invest.

## How has the fund performed?

This section tells you how Class F (US\$) units of the fund have performed since inception. Returns are after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the fund's returns.

## YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS

Performance information for this class is not available because it has been in operation for less than one completed calendar year.

## BEST and WORST 3-MONTH RETURNS

Performance information for this class is not available because it has been in operation for less than one completed calendar year.

## AVERAGE RETURN

Performance information for this class is not available because it has been in operation for less than one completed calendar year.

## Who is this fund for?

This fund is suitable for investors who want to maximize the long-term potential growth of their capital. Investors in this fund should have a long-term investment time horizon and a low tolerance for investment risk. This fund is not suitable for those who have a short or medium time horizon for their investment.

## A word about tax

In general, you pay income tax on your share of the fund's earnings and on any gains you realize from redeeming your investment. The amount of tax depends on the tax rules and rates that apply to you, and whether you hold the fund in a registered plan, such as an RRSP or TFSA.

Keep in mind that if you hold your fund in a non-registered account, fund distributions are included in your taxable income, whether you get them in cash or have them reinvested.

## How much does it cost?

The following tables show the fees and expenses you could pay to buy, own and sell Class F (US\$) units of the fund. The fees and expenses – including any commissions – can vary among classes of a fund and among funds. Higher commissions can influence representatives to recommend one investment over another. Ask about other funds and investments that may be suitable for you at a lower cost.

### 1. SALES CHARGES

There are no sales charges for Class F (US\$) units of the fund.

### 2. FUND EXPENSES

You don't pay these expenses directly. They affect you because they reduce the fund's returns. Pender waived some of the fund's expenses. If it had not done so, the MER would have been higher. The fund will pay to the Manager a performance fee in relation to Class F (US\$) units that is equal to 15% of the amount by which the total return of the Class F (US\$) units exceeds a 3% hurdle rate, for the period since the performance fee was last paid, subject to accumulation in years where no performance fee is paid, provided that the total return of the Class F (US\$) units for such period exceeds the previous high-water mark, exclusive of taxes. The performance fee is calculated as described in the Simplified Prospectus on a daily basis and paid annually. As of December 31, 2022, the expenses of Class F (US\$) were 3.97% of the value of this class. This equals USD \$39.70 for every USD \$1,000 invested. Performance fees were 1.98% of the expenses, this equals \$19.80 for every \$1,000 invested.

|  | <b>Annual rate<br/>(as a % of the class' value)</b> |
|--|---|
| <b>Management expense ratio (MER)</b>  | 3.34%   |
| This is the total of the fund's management fee (including, if applicable, the trailing commission) and administration fee. |   |
| <b>Trading expense ratio (TER)</b>   | 0.63%   |
| These are the fund's trading costs for this class.   |   |
| <b>Fund expenses</b>   | 3.97%   |

#### More about the trailing commission

No trailing commission is paid by Pender to your representative's firm in respect of Class F (US\$) securities.

### 3. OTHER FEES

You may have to pay other fees when you buy, hold, sell or switch units of the fund.

| <b>Fee</b>                    | <b>What you pay</b>   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Short-term trading fee</b> | You may be charged up to 2.00% of the value of units you sell or switch within 30 days of buying them. This fee goes to the fund.   |
| <b>Switch fee</b>             | Your representative's firm may charge you up to 2.00% of the value of units you switch to another class of the fund or to another fund managed by Pender.   |
| <b>Fee-based account fee</b>  | You may pay a fee-based account fee, which is negotiated between you and your representative, and paid directly to your representative's firm. Investors who purchase this class of the fund generally participate in an eligible fee-based program with their representative's firm. |

### What if I change my mind?

Under the securities law in some provinces and territories, you have the right to:

- withdraw from an agreement to buy mutual fund units within two business days after you receive a simplified prospectus or Fund Facts document; or
- cancel your purchase within 48 hours after you receive confirmation of the purchase.

In some provinces and territories, you will also have the right to cancel a purchase, or in some jurisdictions, claim damages, if the simplified prospectus, annual information form, Fund Facts document; or financial statements contain a misrepresentation. You must act within the time limit set by the securities law in your province or territory.

For more information, see the securities law of your province or territory or ask a lawyer.

### For more information

Contact Pender or your representative for a copy of the fund's simplified prospectus and other disclosure documents. These documents and the Fund Facts make up the fund's legal documents, which can be found on our website at [www.penderfund.com](http://www.penderfund.com) or on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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