

# Pender Special Situations Fund

(formerly Pender Strategic Investment Fund) For the year ended December 31, 2021

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Annual Management Report of Fund Performance



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### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

Effective June 25, 2021, the objective of the Pender Special Situations Fund (the "Fund"), formerly Pender Strategic Investment Fund, is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in Canadian and US equity with the ability to also invest in debt and other securities. The Fund seeks to identify investment opportunities that are believed to represent special situations.

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 25, 2021. Although the objectives of the Fund were changed in the year with unitholder approval, the change did not affect the Fund's overall level of risk during the year. Further, there were no other significant changes in the Fund's objectives and strategies that affected its overall level of risk during the year.

On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a large military invasion of Ukraine. This has resulted in a disruption in the supply of energy resources, a refugee crisis in Europe, global protests and the imposition of sanctions on Russia, which in turn triggered a financial crisis in Russia. The Russian president has placed Russia's nuclear forces on high alert, increasing tension between the West and Russia. The invasion has introduced a new source of uncertainty for financial markets.

The COVID-19 global health pandemic that began in 2019 continues today. In early 2020, it resulted in significant volatility and turmoil in World markets. The negative economic impact of measures taken to contain the virus have been mitigated to a certain extent by fiscal and monetary stimulus, measures taken to reopen world economies, and the development and rollout of vaccines. The situation has had an impact on many entities and the markets for the securities that they issue, and that impact may continue.

Investment results may be affected by future developments and new information that may emerge resulting from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, COVID-19, its variants and the pandemic, factors which are beyond the Fund's control.

#### **Results of Operations**

The net assets of the Fund were \$1,859,574 as at December 31, 2021 versus \$262,613 as at December 31, 2020. Of this \$1,596,961 increase, \$77,695 is attributable to positive investment performance and \$1,519,266 is attributable to net unitholder purchases of the Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, Class A units of the Fund generated a total return of 37.1%. 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 S&P/TSX Composite Index ("S&P/TSX"), returned 25.2% 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's outperformance as compared to its benchmark was mainly due to asset allocation and stock selection in the Industrials sector. We do not actively manage sector weightings in the Fund, rather, our sector weightings are determined by individual stock selection through a bottom-up fundamental investment process. We seek to own stocks where our estimated range for the long-term intrinsic value of the business is higher than the current share price.

Key positive individual contributors to the Fund's performance for the year included Copperleaf Technologies Inc., Spartan Delta Corp., and Spire Global, Inc. (formerly exactEarth Ltd.). Conversely, MAV Beauty Brands Inc., Spark Power Group Inc., and Eros STX Global Corporation had the largest adverse impact.

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Portfolio transactions during the year were made based on our stock selection process. In general, we increased weightings of individual stocks where we determined the margin of safety had increased and decreased their weightings as their traded market values moved closer to our estimates of their intrinsic values. We are constantly looking for new investment ideas and examples of new investments included Spark Power Group Inc., Aimia Inc., and Nova Cannabis Inc. We may liquidate our positions for various reasons, such as when share prices have reached our assessment of fair value, when an acquisition has occurred, or where we have changed our investment thesis. For example, during the year we sold Turmeric Acquisition Corp., Nuvei Corporation, and CCL Industries Inc., and three companies we held were acquired by third parties: CoreLogic, Inc., Spire Global, Inc. (formerly exactEarth Ltd.), and Wow! Unlimited Media, Inc.

As at the end of the year, the Fund was 59.9% invested in Canada, 38.3% invested in US and 1.8% in cash. The Fund's cash position may change over time as a result of portfolio transactions. The Fund's investment portfolio is concentrated and not diversified in the conventional sense. The Fund's top 10 holdings account for 40.8% of the Fund's net assets at the end of the year. This concentration may lead to varied results over any given year.

The overall sector exposure of the Fund is determined by stock selection decisions and may shift from time to time. As at December 31, 2021 we were weighted toward holdings in the Energy, Communication Services, and Information Technology sectors, because, currently, those are the sectors where we believe we are finding the best investment opportunities and, equally important, because they contain businesses for which we are best equipped to assess value. These top three sectors accounted for 42.6% of the Fund at the end of the year.

### **Recent Developments**

2021 was a strong year for stock performance with monetary policies and fiscal stimulus creating favorable conditions for businesses. Significant demand for products and services from the reopening, supply chain disruptions and the impact from ongoing waves of COVID-19 have resulted in volatility and price movement as demand exceeds supply. Inflation reaching decade high levels has resulted in rising rates and rate expectations. We cannot control stock prices or volatility. However, we can and do control our investment process to take advantage of the opportunities that arise from volatility. In the current environment with high market valuations, rising interest rates, disruptive pandemic related changes, strong corporate balance sheets and high corporate appetite for M&A, which reached historically high levels in 2021 and has similar conditions entering 2022, we are seeing broad event-driven investment opportunities with favorable risk/reward potential.

We are positioning the Fund to be opportunistic and take advantage of a variety of new opportunities as they emerge. This includes a focus on finding growth companies with positive or secular tailwinds that we believe are mispriced, companies with dislocated valuations with identifiable catalysts to narrow the valuation gap, opportunities to invest in SPACs, which, in many cases are trading at a discount to trust value, M&A driven investment opportunities driven by a historically strong M&A environment and other short-term mispricing and capital markets driven trading opportunities.

### **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 22% of the Fund's units.

#### **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 will pay the operating costs of the Fund. During the period from commencement of operations through December 31, 2021, the Manager waived management and administration fees and custody related transaction costs for 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)

	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)
Class A		. ,
Net Assets, beginning of year (a)	14.80	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.21	0.08
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	4.26	2.67
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.30)	4.80
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	4.01	7.51
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.01)	-
From dividends	(0.08)	(0.06)
From capital gains	(1.46)	(2.64)
Return of capital	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(1.55)	(2.70)
Net Assets, end of year	18.75	14.80

Class D		
Net Assets, beginning of year (a)	10.00	-
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.10	-
Total expenses	(0.08)	-
Realized gains (losses)	0.92	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	(2.03)	-
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	(1.09)	-
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.00)	-
From dividends	(0.05)	-
From capital gains	(0.78)	-
Return of capital	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.83)	-
Net Assets, end of year	10.00	-

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

	2021 (ft)	2020 (\$
Class E	(\$)	(4
Net Assets, beginning of year (a)	10.00	
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.09	
Total expenses	(0.07)	
Realized gains (losses)	1.11	
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.04)	
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	1.09	
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.00)	
From dividends	(0.05)	
From capital gains	(0.78)	
Return of capital	-	
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.83)	
Net Assets, end of year	10.00	

Class F		
Net Assets, beginning of year (a)	14.80	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.19	0.08
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	4.24	2.67
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.56)	4.80
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	3.72	7.51
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.01)	-
From dividends	(0.08)	(0.06)
From capital gains	(1.46)	(2.64)
Return of capital	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(1.55)	(2.70)
Net Assets, end of year	18.75	14.80

Class H		
Net Assets, beginning of year (a)	10.00	-
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.09	-
Total expenses	(0.07)	-
Realized gains (losses)	1.30	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.62)	-
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.70	-
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.00)	-
From dividends	(0.05)	-
From capital gains	(0.78)	-
Return of capital	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.83)	-
Net Assets, end of year	10.00	-

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

	2021	2020
	(\$)	(\$)
Class I		
Net Assets, beginning of year (a)	10.00	-
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.14	-
Total expenses	(0.11)	-
Realized gains (losses)	0.68	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	(2.97)	-
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	(2.26)	-
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.00)	-
From dividends	(0.05)	-
From capital gains	(0.78)	-
Return of capital	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.83)	-
Net Assets, end of year	10.00	-

Class N		
Net Assets, beginning of year (a)	10.00	-
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.06	-
Total expenses	(0.05)	-
Realized gains (losses)	0.78	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.03	-
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.82	-
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.00)	-
From dividends	(0.05)	-
From capital gains	(0.78)	-
Return of capital	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.83)	-
Net Assets, end of year	10.00	-

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

Net Assets, end of year	10.00	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(0.83)	-
Return of capital	-	-
From capital gains	(0.78)	-
From dividends	(0.05)	-
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.00)	-
Distributions:		
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	0.82	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.03	-
Realized gains (losses)	0.78	-
Total expenses	(0.05)	-
Total revenue	0.06	-
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Net Assets, beginning of year (a)	10.00	-
Class O		
	(\$)	(\$)
	2021	2020

(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 D, E, H, I, N, and O commenced operations on June 25, 2021.

(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.

(c) Distributions were paid in cash and/or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

### **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

Total net asset value (\$000\$) (a)     420     1       Number of units outstanding (a)     22,408     8,8       Management expense ratio (b)     0.00%     0.00       Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)     2.62%     2.50       Trading expense ratio (d)     1.17%     0.88       Portfolio tumover rate (e)     161.57%     77.56       Number of units outstanding (a)     18.75     74.       Class D     101     101     101       Number of units outstanding (a)     10,117     10.00%     10.00%       Management expense ratio (b)     0.00%     161.57%     161.57%       Total net asset value (\$000\$) (a)     10,117     10.00%     10.		2021	2020
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	Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	10.00	-

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### Ratios and Supplemental Data (cont'd)

	2021	2020
Class F		
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	354	131
Number of units outstanding (a)	18,885	8,870
Management expense ratio (b)	0.00%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.59%	1.50%
Trading expense ratio (d)	1.17%	0.85%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	161.57%	77.56%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	18.75	14.80
Class H		
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	470	-
Number of units outstanding (a)	46,998	-
Management expense ratio (b)	0.00%	-
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	2.40%	-
Trading expense ratio (d)	1.17%	-
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	161.57%	-
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	10.00	-
Class I		
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	384	-
Number of units outstanding (a)	38,387	-
Management expense ratio (b)	0.00%	-
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.51%	-
Trading expense ratio (d)	1.17%	-
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	161.57%	-
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	10.00	-
Class N		
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	5	-
Number of units outstanding (a)	541	-
Management expense ratio (b)	0.00%	-
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	1.16%	-
Trading expense ratio (d)	1.17%	-
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	161.57%	-
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	10.00	-

### Ratios and Supplemental Data (cont'd)

	2021	2020
Class O		
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	5	-
Number of units outstanding (a)	541	-
Management expense ratio (b)	0.00%	-
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	0.00%	-
Trading expense ratio (d)	1.17%	-
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	161.57%	-
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	10.00	-

(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 D, E, H, I, N, and O commenced operations on June 25, 2021.

(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 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 reflected in the Fund.

(c) The Manager of the Fund has agreed to absorb sufficient expenses of the Fund, as necessary, such 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 average net asset value during the year.

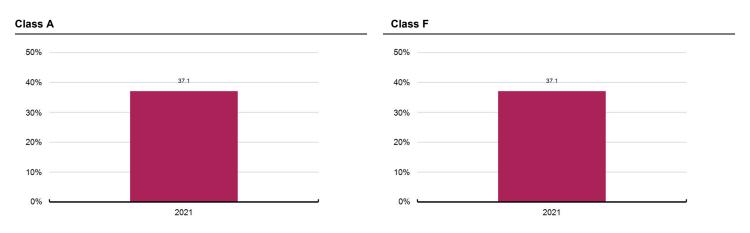
(e) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. In general, the higher a 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 D, E, H, I, N and O units of the Fund are not available for disclosure because they have been in operation for less than one year. Class D, E, H, I, N, and O commenced operations on June 25, 2021.

### 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 year ended December 31, 2021. 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 (Prior to June 30, 2021, the Fund's MER was inclusive of applicable taxes such as GST or HST), for all classes, unlike the returns of the Fund's benchmark, which is 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 disciplines. The Fund's broad-based benchmark is S&P/TSX Composite Index. The S&P/TSX is the headline index for the Canadian equity market. With approximately 95% coverage of the Canadian equities market, it is the primary gauge for Canadian-based, Toronto Stock Exchange listed companies.

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

	Inception Date	1 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)
Class A	10-Jul-20	37.1	80.9
S&P/TSX		25.2	27.3
Class F	10-Jul-20	37.1	80.9
S&P/TSX		25.2	27.3

### **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 Positions**

	% of Net Assets
Burford Capital Limited	6.0
Spartan Delta Corp.	5.5
Spark Power Group Inc.	4.3
Bausch Health Companies Inc.	4.2
Aimia Inc.	4.0
Nova Cannabis Inc.	3.9
Altius Renewable Royalties Corp.	3.3
Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings Inc.	3.2
Harbor Diversified Inc.	3.2
MEG Energy Corp.	3.2
SOL Cuisine Ltd.	3.1
FTS International Inc., Class 'A'	3.0
Magnachip Semiconductor Corp.	3.0
Stitch Fix, Inc., Class 'A'	3.0
Anterix Inc.	2.8
ARC Resources Ltd.	2.8
Federal National Mortgage Association, Preferred, Series 'S', 8.25%	2.8
Maxar Technologies Inc.	2.8
Partners Value Investments LP	2.8
IAC/InterActiveCorp	2.7
Intermap Technologies Corp., Class 'A'	2.6
MoneyGram International Inc.	2.5
WeCommerce Holdings Ltd., Class 'A'	2.4
Bombardier Inc., Class 'B'	2.1
Baidu, Inc., ADR	2.0

### **Composition of the Portfolio**

	% of Net Assets
Equities	
Energy	14.6
Communication Services	14.2
Information technology	13.8
Industrials	12.0
Consumer discretionary	9.9
Diversified financials	8.7
Utilities	7.9
Health care	7.0
Consumer staples	3.8
Materials	3.8
Banks	2.8
Total investments	98.5

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### Composition of the Portfolio (cont'd)

	% of Net Assets
Cash	1.8
Other assets less liabilities	(0.3)
Total net assets	100.0

### 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: general economic, political and market factors in North America and internationally; interest and foreign exchange rates; 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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