

Pender Alternative Select Equity Fund (formerly Purpose Select Equity Fund)

For the year ended December 31, 2025

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

The objective of the Pender Alternative Select Equity Fund (former Purpose Select Equity Fund) (the “Fund”) is to achieve long-term capital appreciation. The Fund will invest primarily in Canadian securities but may also invest in foreign securities and engage in short selling on an opportunistic basis. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its net asset value in private companies which will primarily be based in Canada.

PenderFund Capital Management Ltd. (“Pender”) is the Manager and Portfolio Advisor of the Fund. Effective August 28, 2025, Purpose Investments Inc. (“Purpose”) assigned the management and trusteeship of Purpose Select Equity Fund to Pender, where upon it was renamed Pender Alternative Select Equity Fund (the “Fund”). All information for the years 2021 through 2024 included in this Management Discussion of Fund Performance is as reported by the Initial Manager.

Risks

The risks of investing in the Fund are outlined in the Simplified Prospectus dated August 28, 2025. There were no significant changes to the Fund’s objectives and strategies that affected its overall level of risk during the year.

The nature of the Fund’s investing activities exposes it to various risks, including but not limited to inflation and the impact of central bank measures on the economy, the state of M&A markets, geopolitical and other global events, factors that are beyond the Fund’s control.

Future developments in these challenging areas could impact the Fund’s results and financial condition and the full extent of that impact remains unknown. Developing reliable estimates and applying judgment continue to be substantially complex. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions.

Results of Operations

The net assets of the Fund were \$45,736,180 as at December 31, 2025 versus \$34,356,408 as at December 31, 2024. Of this \$11,379,772 increase, \$13,168,105 is attributable to positive investment performance and \$1,788,333 is attributable to net unitholder redemptions of Fund units.

For the year ended December 31, 2025, Class A units of the Fund generated a total return of 40.0%. 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 benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index (“S&P/TSX”), returned 31.7% 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 benchmark. 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 an overweight allocation to both the Communication Services and Health Care sectors. 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.

The Fund delivered strong performance, with equities driving the majority of returns, particularly in Communication Services and Health Care sectors, which benefitted from strategic positioning and market momentum. Materials and Industrials sectors also contributed positively, while Consumer Staples and Information Technology sectors weighed on overall performance. From a geographic perspective, investments in Canada and the United States were the largest contributors. Options strategies provided added value, while fixed income investments and preferred shares had a minimal impact. With a well-balanced sector allocation and tactical adjustments, the fund remains positioned for continued growth and adaptability.

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As at the end of the year, the Fund was 106.2% invested in long positions, -8.8% invested in short positions. The geographic positioning of the Fund remains predominantly tilted towards Canada with 91.5% of net exposure in this jurisdiction. The Fund remains broadly diversified across various industries and skewed to smaller companies. As at December 31, 2025, the Fund had a net exposure of 66.1% invested primarily in small and mid-cap businesses. We feel this smaller market cap size is less exposed to the regulatory risk faced by larger merger deals and leverages the broader equity investment process at the Manager with its extensive research relating to smaller companies.

The overall sector exposure of the Fund is determined by stock selection decisions and may shift from time to time. As at December 31, 2025, we were weighted toward long position holdings in Materials, Energy and Industrials sectors, because those are the sectors where we believe we are finding the best investment opportunities. These top three sectors accounted for 72.7% of the Fund at the end of the year.

Recent Developments

Equity markets delivered solid performance in the 2025, though not without periods of volatility. Early in the year, conditions were challenging. In the first quarter, the Russell 2000 Index declined about 10% following the announcement of a new tariff regime, and that weakness carried through small-cap markets more broadly. The second quarter brought a strong rebound as confidence improved. The third quarter was more challenging, as market leadership skewed toward more speculative areas of the small-cap universe, creating a tougher environment for fundamentally driven strategies.

Over the course of the year enthusiasm surrounding artificial intelligence (“AI”) was a dominant headline. Capital flowed rapidly into the space, narratives grew louder, and market leadership narrowed as investors crowded into a small number of perceived winners. While the transformative potential of AI is undeniable, the speed and concentration of gains inevitably invited comparisons to earlier periods of excess, including the dot-com era.

In terms of predicting what will be the dominant story for 2026, it’s hard to look past the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) and geopolitical threats. The US finally joined the rate cutting party in 2025, and more cuts could be coming, but we need to first find out who will be leading the FOMC going forward. The new Fed chair decision will be one of the most politically driven in history and investors will be watching closely.

We expect market volatility, driven by headlines, to persist throughout the remainder of 2026. Against this we are focused on the fundamentals and continue to identify opportunities with attractive risk-reward profiles in high quality businesses that are well positioned to navigate uncertainty. We remain vigilant in our analysis to identify trends that align with how the world is evolving. We continue to manage a concentrated portfolio of investments, only needing to hold a relatively small number of great companies purchased at reasonable prices to drive the performance of the Fund.

Independent Review Committee (“IRC”) Appointments & Resignations

Effective March 12, 2026, Robin Mahood stepped down from the Independent Review Committee and Natascha Kiernan joined the Independent Review Committee.

Related Party Transactions

The Fund pays management and administration fees to the Manager for management and portfolio advisory services (see “Management and Administration Fees”). The Fund also pays the Manager performance fees (see “Performance Fees”).

As at the end of the year, parties related to the Manager collectively held 3% of the Fund’s units.

Management and Administration 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.

Prior to the Fund’s conversion to Pender, Purpose managed and administered the business, operations and affairs of the Fund. As compensation for the services it provided the Fund paid Purpose an annual management fee, plus applicable HST, calculated and accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears.

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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 17% of the management fees paid by the Fund to the Manager for the year.

Performance Fees

The Manager is also entitled to a performance fee plus applicable taxes such as GST or HST on all classes of units of the Fund. For Class O units, the performance fee is or will be separately negotiated and charged directly to Class O Unitholders, as applicable. The performance fee is equal to 20% of the amount by which the total return of the class of units exceeds the total percentage increase or decrease of the S&P/TSX Composite Index (or its successor indices, as applicable) plus 2%, for the period since the performance fee was last paid, subject to a relative high-water mark. The high-water mark for this purpose is the net asset value of the applicable class of units to which it applies as at the most recent determination date on which a performance fee was payable. Performance fees will be calculated and accrued daily, and such accrued fees will be payable by the Fund at the end of each year. The Manager has reserved the right to change the period for which any performance fee may be paid by a Fund. The Manager, at its discretion, may reduce or waive performance fees.

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)

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)
Class A					
Net Assets, beginning of year	19.11	15.78	15.01	15.53	12.65
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.29	0.30	0.35	0.30	0.16
Total expenses	(0.61)	(0.69)	(0.57)	(0.41)	(0.79)
Realized gains (losses)	3.36	3.91	0.47	0.98	3.78
Unrealized gains (losses)	4.51	(0.16)	0.41	(0.96)	(0.28)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	7.55	3.36	0.66	(0.09)	2.87
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(2.94)	(3.98)	(0.40)	(0.51)	(2.34)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c),	(2.94)	(3.98)	(0.40)	(0.51)	(2.34)
Net Assets, end of year	23.82	19.11	15.78	15.01	15.53
Class F					
Net Assets, beginning of year	25.93	21.17	19.91	20.36	16.49
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.42	0.40	0.47	0.40	0.22
Total expenses	(0.88)	(0.67)	(0.52)	(0.31)	(0.81)
Realized gains (losses)	4.53	5.40	0.62	0.76	4.12
Unrealized gains (losses)	6.22	(0.38)	0.65	(1.01)	(0.13)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	10.29	4.75	1.22	(0.16)	3.40
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	(0.02)	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(4.12)	(5.40)	(0.53)	(0.51)	(3.22)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions (b), (c)	(5.42)	(5.42)	(0.53)	(0.51)	(3.22)
Net Assets, end of year	32.25	25.93	21.17	19.91	20.36

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

	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)
Class O					
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.05				
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.04				
Total expenses	(0.02)				
Realized gains (losses)	0.49				
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.51				
Total increase (decrease) from operations (b)	2.02				
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	-				
From dividends	-				
From capital gains	(1.47)				
Return of capital	-				
Total distributions (b), (c)	(1.47)				
Net Assets, end of period	10.55				

(a) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements as at December 31 for the year stated, prepared under IFRS Accounting Standards. Class O commenced operations on August 29, 2025. For 2021, information presented is for the period August 26 to December 31, 2021. The Fund's units were previously distributed to investors on a prospectus-exempt basis. Effective August 26, 2021, Class A units and Class F units of the Fund were approved for distribution by the regulatory bodies in the provinces where the Fund's units are offered, pursuant to the final simplified prospectus filed by the Manager.

(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

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Class A					
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	1,425	1,068	933	974	1,202
Number of units outstanding (a)	59,813	55,905	59,113	64,875	77,406
Management expense ratio before performance fee (b)	2.31%	2.54%	2.65%	2.63%	2.90%
Management expense ratio (b)	2.31%	2.54%	2.65%	2.63%	2.90%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	2.33%	2.54%	2.65%	2.63%	2.90%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.45%	1.50%	1.06%	1.35%	0.03%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	189.52%	411.38%	349.73%	168.23%	548.97%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	23.82	19.11	15.78	15.01	15.53
Class F					
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	44,306	33,288	32,537	32,497	29,039
Number of units outstanding (a)	1,373,931	1,283,573	1,536,959	1,632,350	1,426,381
Management expense ratio before performance fee (b)	1.38%	1.47%	1.51%	1.48%	1.78%
Management expense ratio (b)	2.43%	1.47%	1.51%	1.48%	1.82%
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	2.45%	1.47%	1.51%	1.48%	1.82%
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.45%	1.50%	1.06%	1.35%	0.03%
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	189.52%	411.38%	349.73%	168.23%	548.97%
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	32.25	25.93	21.17	19.91	20.36

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Ratios and Supplemental Data (cont'd)

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Class O					
Total net asset value (\$000s) (a)	6				
Number of units outstanding (a)	570				
Management expense ratio before performance fee (b)	0.00%				
Management expense ratio (b)	0.00%				
Management expense ratio before absorptions (c)	0.00%				
Trading expense ratio (d)	0.45%				
Portfolio turnover rate (e)	189.52%				
Net asset value per unit (\$) (a)	10.55				

(a) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements as at December 31 for the year stated, prepared under IFRS Accounting Standards. Class O commenced operations on August 29, 2025.

(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. Management expense ratio before performance fee is the MER before any performance fees, if applicable, for the stated year.

(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.

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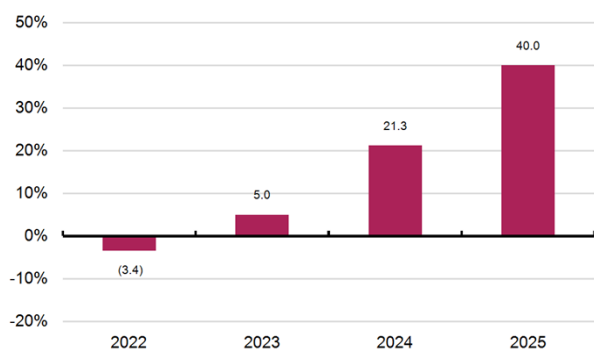
Past Performance

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 O units of the Fund is not available for disclosure because, having commenced operations on August 29, 2025, the class has been in operation for less than one year.

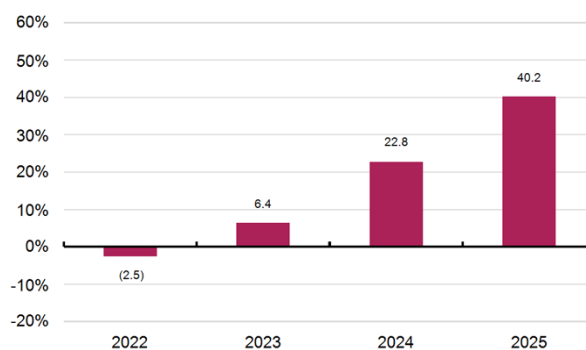
Year-by-Year Returns

To illustrate how the Fund's performance has varied over time, the following bar charts show the Fund's 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.

Class A



Class F



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, 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.

The Fund's broad-based benchmark is S&P/TSX Composite Index. The S&P/TSX Composite Index is a capitalization-weighted index designed to measure market activity of stocks listed on the TSX.

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 (%)	3 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)
Class A	26-Aug-21	40.0	21.3	12.8
S&P/TSX		31.7	21.5	13.9
Class F	26-Aug-21	40.2	22.3	13.7
S&P/TSX		31.7	21.5	13.9

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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
LONG POSITIONS	
NexGen Energy Ltd.	5.5
Lundin Mining Corp.	3.4
Sitka Gold Corp.	3.2
Evercore Inc., Class 'A'	3.1
Tenaz Energy Corp.	2.9
Tourmaline Oil Corp.	2.8
IsoEnergy Ltd.	2.7
Whitecap Resources Inc.	2.5
Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P.	2.4
Keyera Corp., Subscription Receipts	2.3
Telesat Corp.	2.3
ACT Energy Technologies Ltd.	2.2
Rio2 Ltd.	2.2
Cameco Corp.	2.0
Cenovus Energy Inc.	2.0
NVIDIA Corp.	2.0
Purpose Cash Management Fund	2.0
Allied Gold Corp.	1.9
AtkinsRéalis Group Inc.	1.9
Purpose Bitcoin ETF	1.9
Alida Inc.	1.8
Banyan Gold Corp.	1.8
SHORT POSITIONS	
iShares S&P/TSX Global Gold Index ETF	(3.4)
Keyera Corp.	(2.4)
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	(1.9)

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Composition of the Portfolio

	% of Net Assets
LONG POSITIONS	
Closed end fund(s)	1.2
Equities	
Materials	34.1
Energy	28.9
Industrials	9.7
Information technology	9.5
Financial services	6.5
Utilities	4.1
Communication services	2.3
Health care	1.8
Insurance	1.2
Total equities	98.1
Exchanged-traded fund(s)	5.4
Warrants	1.5
Total long positions	106.2
SHORT POSITIONS	
Equities	
Materials	(3.0)
Energy	(2.4)
Total equities	(5.4)
Exchanged-traded fund(s)	(3.4)
Total short positions	(8.8)
Total investments	97.4
Cash (Bank overdraft)	3.3
Other assets less liabilities	(0.7)
Total net assets	100.0

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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 a guarantee 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 conditions, political and market factors around the world; interest rates and inflation; fiscal and monetary policy; global equity and capital markets; business competition; technological change; changes in government regulations; unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings; 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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