

Dynamic Credit Absolute Return Fund

Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

For the period ended December 31, 2023

This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain either the interim financial statements or annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the interim financial statements or annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling toll-free 1-800-268-8186, by writing to us at 40 Temperance Street, 16th Floor, Toronto, ON, M5H 0B4 or by visiting our website at www.dynamic.ca or SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

1832 Asset Management L.P. is the manager (the "Manager") of the fund. In this document, "we", "us", "our" and the "Manager" refer to 1832 Asset Management L.P. and the "Fund" refers to Dynamic Credit Absolute Return Fund.

The term "net asset value" or "net asset value per unit" in this document refers to the net asset value determined in accordance with Part 14 of National Instrument 81-106 — Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure ("National Instrument 81-106"); while the term "net assets" or "net assets per unit" refers to total equity or net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund as determined in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain portions of this report, including, but not limited to, "Recent Developments", may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund and the underlying funds, as applicable, including statements with respect to strategies, risks, expected performance events and conditions. 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", "projects" and similar forward-looking expressions or negative versions thereof.

In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects and possible future action by the Fund is also a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future general economic, political and relevant market factors, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, and the general business environment, in each case assuming no changes to applicable tax or other laws or government regulation. Expectations and projections about future events are inherently subject to, among other things, risks and uncertainties, some of which may be unforeseeable.

Accordingly, current assumptions concerning future economic and other factors may prove to be incorrect at a future date.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or events could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. 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, such as interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government relations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings and catastrophic events. We stress that the above mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. Some of these risks, uncertainties and other factors are described in the Fund's simplified prospectus, under the heading "Risk Factors".

We encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions. Forward-looking statements should not be unduly relied upon. Further, you should be aware of the fact that the Fund 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, and that the forward-looking statements speak only to the date of this management report of fund performance.

Results of Operations

For the six month period ended at December 31, 2023 (the "period"), the Series A units of the Fund generated a total return of 2.4%. Fund returns are reported net of all management fees and expenses for all series, 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. Returns for other series of the Fund will be similar to Series A with any difference in performance being primarily due to different management fees, operating expenses and other expenses that are applicable to that particular series. Please see the "Past Performance" section for the performance of the Fund's other series.

The Fund's broad-based benchmark, the HFRI RV: Fixed Income-Corporate Index (US\$), returned 5.2% during the same period. 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 caution that the Fund's mandate may be significantly different from the index shown.

The Fund's blended benchmark, 67% HFRI RV: Fixed Income-Corporate Index (US\$) and 33% HFRI ED: Credit Arbitrage Index (US\$), returned 3.7% during the same period. We have included

this comparison, which more closely reflects the market sectors and/or asset classes in which the Fund invests, to provide a more useful comparative to the performance of the Fund.

When the Fund makes investments in derivatives, borrows cash for investment purposes, or uses physical short sales on equities, fixed income securities or other portfolio assets, leverage may be introduced into the Fund. Leverage is measured by calculating the sum of the following: (i) the aggregate market value of the Fund's indebtedness; (ii) the aggregate market value of securities sold short by the Fund; and (iii) the aggregate notional value of the Fund's specified derivatives positions excluding any specified derivatives used for hedging purposes.

During the period, the Fund's aggregate exposure to these strategies ranged from 186% to 204%.

The Fund underperformed its blended benchmark during the period. The Fund's Leveraged Investment Grade strategy was the largest contributor to performance. This was partially offset by the Fund's shorts and purchases of CDX protection swaps which detracted from performance as credit spreads tightened during the period.

The Canadian bond market, as represented by the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, finished up 4.1% for the 6-month period ending December 31, 2023, as central banks began to pause their hiking schedules. The 10-year Government of Canada yield reached its highest level in 16 years in October. This was spurred by many factors including robust jobs data and potential for further rate hikes. From these highs, a massive drop in yields drove the 10-year to finish the period at 3.1%. The Bank of Canada raised its policy rate by 25 basis points (bps) in July but went on to pause its rate hiking schedule for the rest of year with many investors expecting cuts instead in 2024.

Within the U.S., the 10-year Treasury yield similarly trended upwards into October before dropping sharply in the second half of the period, finishing the year at 3.9%. The Federal Reserve hiked rates once in July but then held its key rate steady at 5.25–5.50% for the remainder of the year.

Investment grade and high yield credit spreads, as measured by ICE BofA Canadian and U.S. corporate indices OAS (Option-Adjusted Spread) rallied at the start of the period before widening in October amidst the crisis in the Middle East. Spreads then narrowed from November into the end of the year.

Throughout the period, the Funds implemented various changes to its positioning. Portfolios managers reduced exposure to senior unsecured bank debt and increased short positions in specific bonds. The Fund also reduced its gross leverage on investment grade bonds and increased its short positions in select expensive high yield bonds trading at tight spreads.

Furthermore, the Funds actively managed risks by tactically adjusting hedges to optimize credit exposure, considering market valuations and risk/reward profiles. After reducing the Fund's hedges in October by taking profit on several option positions, rates futures and CDX index swaps, the portfolio managers took advantage of the rally in late Q4 to reset hedges at better levels,

bringing the Fund's net credit risk exposure to negative territory at the end of the period.

The Fund's yield to maturity at the end of December was at 6.40% with duration at 0.03 years. The Fund remained skewed to high quality with a weighted-average credit rating of AA+.

Currency movements had no impact on Fund performance as the Fund fully hedges its currency exposure.

The Fund's net asset value increased to \$1,627 million since inception. This change was composed of net sales of \$1,510.8 million, investment performance of \$116.9 million and cash distributions of \$0.7 million. The investment performance of the Fund includes income and expenses which vary year over year. Prior year results are not available for comparative purposes as the Fund commenced operations during the current year.

Certain series of the Fund, as applicable, may make distributions at a rate determined by the Manager from time to time. If the aggregate amount of distributions in such series exceeds the portion of net income and net realized capital gains allocated to such series, the excess will constitute a return of capital. The Manager does not believe that the return of capital distributions made by such series of the Fund have a meaningful impact on the Fund's ability to implement its investment strategy or to fulfill its investment objective.

Recent Developments

Fund Mergers

On November 17, 2023, Dynamic Credit Absolute Return II Fund (the "Terminated Funds") merged into the Fund.

As a result of the merger, the Fund acquired all the net assets of the Terminated Fund at fair market value in exchange for units of the Fund and the securityholders of the Terminated Fund became securityholders of the Fund. Except for an increase in net assets, there was no material impact to the Fund.

Related Party Transactions

The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank"). Scotiabank also owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of Scotia Securities Inc., a mutual fund dealer, and Scotia Capital Inc. (which includes ScotiaMcLeod and Scotia iTRADE), an investment dealer.

The Manager, on behalf of the Fund, may enter into transactions or arrangements with other members of Scotiabank or certain other companies that are related or connected to the Manager (each a "related party"). All transactions between the Fund and the related parties are in the normal course of business and are carried out at arm's length terms.

The purpose of this section is to provide a brief description of any transaction involving the Fund and a related party.

Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the Fund. Certain series of the Fund pays the Manager

a management fee for its services as described in the "Management Fee" section later in this document. The management fee is an annualized rate based on the net asset value of each series of the Fund, accrued and calculated daily and paid monthly.

Fixed Administration Fees and Fund Costs

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the Fund, other than Fund Costs, in exchange for the payment by the Fund of a fixed rate administration fee (the "Fixed Administration Fee") to the Manager with respect to each series of the Fund. The expenses charged to the Fund in respect of the Fixed Administration Fee are disclosed in the Fund's financial statements. The Fixed Administration Fee is equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of a series, calculated and paid in the same manner as the management fees for the Fund. Further details about the Fixed Administration Fee can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

In addition, each series of the Fund is responsible for its proportionate share of certain operating expenses ("Fund Costs"). Further details about Fund Costs can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

The Manager, at its sole discretion, may waive or absorb a portion of a series' expenses. These waivers or absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice.

Distribution Services

Certain registered dealers through which units of the Fund are distributed are related parties to the Fund and the Manager. The Manager may pay a trailing commission, which is negotiated with dealers, to dealers for their financial advisors in respect of the assets of their clients invested in securities of the Fund. The Manager, during the period, could also pay trailing commissions to dealers for securities purchased or held through discount brokerage accounts.

Other Fees

The Manager, or its affiliates, may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the Fund, such as banking, brokerage, foreign exchange or derivatives transactions. The Manager, or its affiliates, may earn a foreign exchange spread when unitholders switch between series of funds denominated in different currencies.

Independent Review Committee

The Manager has established an independent review committee (the "IRC") in accordance with National Instrument 81-107 — Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107") with a mandate to review and provide recommendations or approval, as required, on conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager on behalf of the Fund. The IRC is responsible for overseeing the Manager's decisions in situations where the Manager is faced with any present or perceived conflicts of interest, all in accordance with NI 81-107.

The IRC may also approve certain mergers between the Fund and other funds, and any change of the auditor of the Fund. Subject

to any corporate and securities law requirements, no securityholder approval will be obtained in such circumstances, but you will be sent a written notice at least 60 days before the effective date of any such transaction or change of auditor. In certain circumstances, securityholder approval may be required to approve certain mergers.

The IRC has four members, Stephen J. Griggs (Chair), Steven Donald, Heather A. T. Hunter and Jennifer L. Witterick, each of whom is independent of the Manager.

The IRC prepares and files a report to the securityholders each fiscal year that describes the IRC and its activities for securityholders as well as contains a complete list of the standing instructions. These standing instructions enable the Manager to act in a particular conflict of interest matter on a continuing basis provided the Manager complies with its policies and procedures established to address that conflict of interest matter and reports periodically to the IRC on the matter. This report to the securityholders is available on the Manager's website or, at no cost, by contacting the Manager.

The compensation and other reasonable expenses of the IRC will be paid out of the assets of the Fund as well as out of the assets of the other investment funds for which the IRC may act as the independent review committee. Each member of the IRC receives an annual retainer of \$62,000 (\$77,000 for the Chair), plus expenses for each meeting. The fees and expenses, plus associated legal costs, are allocated among all of the funds managed by the Manager for which the IRC acts as the independent review committee in a manner that is considered by the Manager to be fair and reasonable. The main component of compensation is an annual retainer fee. Expenses of the IRC may include premiums for insurance coverage, travel expenses and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

The Manager, in respect of the Fund, received the following standing instructions from the IRC with respect to related party transactions:

- Paying brokerage commissions and spreads to a related party for effecting security transactions on an agency and principal basis on behalf of the Fund:
- Purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by the Manager;
- Investments in the securities of issuers for which a related underwriter acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of such distribution;
- Executing foreign exchange transactions with a related party on behalf of the Fund;
- Purchases of securities of a related party;
- Entering into over-the-counter derivatives on behalf of the Fund with a related party;
- Outsourcing products and services to related parties which can be charged to the Fund;

- Acquisition of prohibited securities as defined by securities regulations;
- Trading in mortgages with a related party;
- Entering into a designated broker agreement with a related party; and
- Entering into a prime broker agreement with a related party.

The Manager is required to advise the IRC of any breach of a condition of the standing instructions. The standing instructions require, among other things, that the investment decision in respect

to a related party transaction: (a) is made by the Manager free from any influence by an entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any consideration to any associate or affiliate of the Manager; (b) represents the business judgment of the Manager uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; and (c) is made in compliance with the Manager's written policies and procedures. Transactions made by the Manager under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC to monitor compliance.

The Manager, in respect of the Fund, relied on IRC standing instructions regarding related party transactions during the period.

Financial Highlights

The financial highlights tables and the ratios and supplemental tables required to be presented in this section is intended to help understand the Fund's financial performance for the period indicated. However, as per securities regulations, for the first interim period end of a fund, the financial highlights are not required to be presented. Consequently, these tables are not presented for the first interim period of this fund.

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (\$)⁽¹⁾

		Increase (decrease) from operations			Distributions							
For the period ended	Net Assets, beginning of period	Total revenue	Total expenses	Realized gains (losses) for the period	Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	From net investment income (excluding dividends)	From dividends	From capital gains	Return of capital	Total distributions ⁽³⁾	Net Assets, end of period ⁽¹⁾
Series A Dec. 31, 2023*	10.00	0.13	(0.08)	0.17	(0.18)	0.04	(0.02)	_	_	_	(0.02)	8.82
* The start date for Series /	A units was Nov	ember 20	, 2023.									
Series A1 Dec. 31, 2023*	10.00	0.07	(0.04)	0.08	(0.09)	0.02	(0.01)	_	_	_	(0.01)	4.33
* The start date for Series /	A1 units was N	ovember 2	0, 2023.									
Series F Dec. 31, 2023*	10.00	0.13	(0.08)	0.17	(0.18)	0.04	(0.03)	_	-	-	(0.03)	8.79
* The start date for Series F	units was Nov	ember 20,	2023.									
Series F1 Dec. 31, 2023*	10.00	0.06	(0.05)	0.05	(0.06)	_	(0.02)	_	-	-	(0.02)	4.32
* The start date for Series F	-1 units was No	vember 20), 2023.									
Series FH (USD) Dec. 31, 2023*	10.00	0.15	(0.18)	0.18	(0.56)	(0.41)	(0.04)	-	-	-	(0.04)	9.77
* The start date for Series FH units was November 20, 2023.												
Series H (USD) Dec. 31, 2023*	10.00	0.16	(0.14)	0.31	(0.78)	(0.45)	(0.02)	_	_	-	(0.02)	9.75
* The start date for Series H units was November 20, 2023.												
Series OP Dec. 31, 2023*	10.00	0.14	(0.10)	0.17	(0.18)	0.03	(0.04)	_	-	-	(0.04)	9.40

^{*} The start date for Series OP units was November 20, 2023.

⁽¹⁾ This information is derived from the Fund's interim and audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per unit. An explanation of these differences can be found in note 2 of the Fund's financial statements. The net asset value per unit at the end of the period is disclosed in Ratios and Supplemental Data. For Series FH and Series H, the information is presented in U.S. dollars. For all the other series, the information is expressed in Canadian dollars, which is the functional currency of the Fund.

⁽²⁾ Net assets per unit and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding for the relevant series at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) in net assets from operations per unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding for the relevant series over the period.

⁽³⁾ Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

As at	Total net asset value (in \$000s) ⁽¹⁾	Number of units outstanding ⁽¹⁾	Management expense ratio ("MER") (%) ⁽²⁾	MER before waivers or absorptions (%) ⁽²⁾	Trading expense ratio ("TER") (%) ⁽³⁾	Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁴⁾	Net asset value per unit (\$)
Series A Dec. 31, 2023	38,203	4,329,182	2.14*	2.16*	1.20*	274.55	8.82
Series A1 Dec. 31, 2023	569	131,346	2.14*	2.17*	1.20*	274.55	4.33
Series F Dec. 31, 2023	583,433	66,375,316	2.17*	2.17*	1.20*	274.55	8.79
Series F1 Dec. 31, 2023	60,664	14,051,126	3.85*	3.87*	1.20*	274.55	4.32
Series FH (USD) Dec. 31, 2023	3,039	311,113	9.86*	9.87*	1.20*	274.55	9.77
Series H (USD) Dec. 31, 2023	572	58,604	6.12*	6.16*	1.20*	274.55	9.75
Series OP Dec. 31, 2023	939,590	99,991,053	2.91*	2.91*	1.20*	274.55	9.40

 ^{*} Annualized

Management Fee

The management fee is an annualized rate based on the net asset value of each series of the Fund, accrued and calculated daily and paid monthly. The management fees cover the costs of managing the Fund, arranging for investment analysis, recommendations and investment decision making for the Fund, arranging for distribution of the Fund, marketing and promotion of the Fund and providing or arranging for other services.

The breakdown of services received in consideration of management fees for each series, as a percentage of the management fees, are as follows:

	Management	Dealer	
	fees	compensation	Other [†]
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Series A	1.80	-	100.0
Series F	0.80	-	100.0
Series FH	0.80	_	100.0
Series H	1.80	_	100.0
Series OP*	n/a	_	_

^{*} The management fee for this series is negotiated and paid directly by these unitholders and not by the Fund.

Past Performance

In accordance with National Instrument 81-106, past performance and annual return data is not disclosed as the Fund has been a reporting issuer for less than a year.

Summary of Investment Portfolio

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions. A quarterly portfolio update is available to the investor at no cost by calling 1-800-268-8186, or by visiting www.dynamic.ca, 60 days after quarter end, except for June 30, which is the fiscal year end, when they are available after 90 days.

By Asset Type	Percentage of net asset value [†]
Long Positions	
Bonds and Debentures	291.7
Cash and Short Term Instruments (Bank Overdraft)	6.5
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	1.2
Total Long Positions	299.4
Short Positions	
Bonds and Debentures	-196.8
Equities	-2.6
Total Short Positions	-199.4
By Country / Region ⁽¹⁾	Percentage of net asset value [†]
Long Positions	
Canada	213.7
United States	84.5
Cash and Short Term Instruments (Bank Overdraft)	6.5
Short Positions	
Canada	-182.5
United States	-23.1

⁽¹⁾ This information is provided as at the period end of the years shown.

⁽²⁾ The management expense ratio is based on the total expenses (including sales tax, and excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of each series of the Fund and a proportional share of underlying funds' expenses (mutual funds, ETFs and closed-end funds), where applicable, for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

⁽³⁾ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, short borrowing costs and interest on leverage of the Fund and the underlying funds, where applicable, expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value of the Fund during the period.

⁽⁴⁾ The Fund's portfolio tumover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio tumover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high tumover rate and the performance of a fund.

[†] Relates to all services provided by the Manager described above except dealer compensation.

Top 25 Holdings	Percentage of net asset value [†]
Long Positions	
Bank of America Corporation, 3.615% Mar. 16 28	16.2
Royal Bank Of Canada, 4.632% May 01 28	14.0
Wells Fargo & Company, 3.184% Feb. 08 24	13.7
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), 5.376% Oct. 21 27	9.6
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 5.05% Oct. 07 27	9.4
Bank of Montreal, 5.039% May 29 28	9.2
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), 4.680% Jan. 08 29	8.4
TransCanada PipeLines Limited, 3.80% Apr. 05 27	7.9
Bank of Montreal, 4.537% Dec. 18 28	7.6
Enbridge Inc., 4.900% May 26 28	7.2
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The), 5.95% Apr. 29 25	7.2
Inter Pipeline Ltd., 2.734% Apr. 18 24	6.7
Pembina Pipeline Corporation, 2.99% Jan. 22 24, Series 8	6.6
Cash and Short Term Instruments (Bank Overdraft)	6.5
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The), 2.599% Nov. 30 27	5.9
Merrill Lynch, Swap Cash Collateral USD	5.9
General Motors Financial of Canada, Ltd., 5.95% May 14 24	5.3
Ford Credit Canada Company, 8.57% Mar. 21 24	5.3
Rogers Communications Inc., 5.70% Sep. 21 28	5.2
Metropolitan Life Global Funding I, 5.18% Jun. 15 26	5.0
Suncor Energy Inc., 5.60% Nov. 17 25	4.9
Morgan Stanley, 1.779% Aug. 04 27	4.4
AT&T Inc., 5.539% Feb. 20 26	4.3
AltaGas Ltd., 4.638% May 15 26	4.2
Videotron Ltd., 5.75% Jan. 15 26	4.2
Short Positions	
Government of Canada, 3.50% Mar. 01 28	-41.6
Government of Canada, 1.25% Mar. 01 27	-23.0
Government of Canada, 2.25% Jun. 01 29	-17.3
Government of Canada, 2.00% Jun. 01 28	-13.7
Government of Canada, 3.250% Sep. 01 28	-12.8
Government of Canada, 1.00% Jun. 01 27	-11.5
Government of Canada, 1.00% Sep. 01 26	-10.9
Government of Canada, 2.75% Sep. 01 27	-10.1
Government of Canada, 4.50% Nov. 01 25	-5.0
Government of Canada, 1.50% Jun. 01 26	-4.6
United States Treasury, 4.00% Feb. 15 26	-4.5
Government of Canada, 0.25% Mar. 01 26	-4.5
Government of Canada, 0.50% Dec. 01 30	-2.9
Royal Bank of Canada, 1.67% Jan. 28 33	-2.4
Sun Life Financial Inc., 3.15% Nov. 18 36, Series 2021-3	-2.3
TransCanada PipeLines Limited, 5.92% May 12 52	-2.0
JPMorgan Chase & Co., 3.650% Perpetual	-1.8
Government of Canada, 1.25% Jun. 01 30	-1.8
Carnival Corporation, 5.75% Mar. 01 27	-1.6
Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd., 5.50% Apr. 01 28	-1.5
Sun Life Financial Inc., 2.80% Nov. 21 33, Series 2021-2	-1.4
United States Treasury, 1.25% Dec. 31 26	-1.4
Hydro One Inc., 3.10% Sep. 15 51	-1.3
United States Treasury, 4.125% Jul. 31 28	-1.2
Sun Life Financial Inc., 2.46% Nov. 18 31, Series 2021-1	-1.1
(1) Excludes other net assets (liabilities) and derivatives.	

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† This refers to transactional net asset value.