

# Relevance Diversified Credit Fund Monthly update - February 2025



## **Fund overview**

The Relevance Diversified Credit Fund focuses on mis-priced credit instruments to deliver performance for investors with reduced volatility. Changes in the regulatory environment have resulted in imbalanced credit pricing that ranges from highly overpriced investment grade liquid instruments to deeply underpriced complex credit risk. The managers exercise strict discipline thorough the analysis of overall risk including collateral, duration and legal structure. Investors benefit from the managers in-depth expertise both in evaluating credit as well as the origination of different credit instruments.

# **Strategies**

## Catalyst driven credit:

Investments with solid credit fundamentals and an identifiable value catalyst.

### **Direct Origination:**

Bespoke lending opportunities on high value collateral assets.

### **Tactical credit:**

Opportunistic credit trading largely driven by regulatory considerations.

#### Short opportunities:

Gain edge through thorough analysis of credit fundamentals and fair value.

## Strategy breakdown

Tactical credit	68%
Catalyst driven	23%
Short opportunities	0%
Direct origination	9%

## Investment manager profile

Corton Capital Inc. has been engaged to act as an exempt market dealer in connection with the distribution of securities of the Fund and was appointed as the investment fund manager and portfolio manager of the Relevance Diversified Credit fund in Canada. The sub-advisor to the fund is Astra Asset Management Co. who is an award-winning London, UK based specialist credit and debt fund manager. Operating primarily in US and European debt markets, Astra has delivered uncorrelated returns through in-depth individual security analysis. Partnered in Canada with Relevance Wealth Management, Astra brings unique alternative credit strategies to Canadian institutions, pension funds, endowments and individual investors.

Astra's core competency is valuing, originating, and restructuring high quality collateral and debt instruments. Unlike most managers, Astra does not rely on simply buy/sell decisions; they take an active role in negotiating deal terms, originating and constructing trades in addition to working with issuers and borrowers. They create value through the identification of undervalued, misunderstood, overlooked and orphaned securities. The investment committee's average 20 years of direct experience (acquired at major global banks), investment focus and connectivity to market participants are key differentiators.

# Risk Indicator<sup>1</sup>

Low	lower		entially n		ŀ		r <b>Risk</b> gher r		tially
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

## **Key Facts**

Asset Class	Global Fixed Income
Fund Launch Date	October 1, 2020
Min. Investment	CAD \$1,000
Subsequent Investment	CAD \$1,000
RRSP Eligible	Yes
Fund Type	Offering Memorandum
Fund Administrator	SGGG Fund Services Inc.
Auditor	Goodman & Associates LLP

#### **Fund codes**

F(CAD)	REL600P	F4(CAD)	REL400P
F(USD)	REL500P	F4(USD)	REL700P
A(CAD)	REL200P		
A(USD)	REL300P		

#### Fees and charges

15% over 5% return
0% over 10% return
5%
within 1 <sup>st</sup> year 3%

## Liquidity and NAV Calc.

NAV Strike	Monthly
Liquidity	Monthly (60 days notice)
Fund Manager	Corton Capital Inc.
Investment Manager	Astra Asset Management UK Limited

This rating is based on how much the fund's returns have changed from year to year. It does not 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.

## Geographic breakdown



US	16%
Other	0%

## Top instrument breakdown

	Fund
Cash	8%
RMBS	22%
Corporate Bonds	15%
Investment Grade CLO	32%
Non-Investment Grade CLO	7%
CDO	8%
Loans	9%
Hedging	0%

## Performance<sup>2</sup>

Period ending February 28th, 2025

# **Expected liquidity**

Liquidity Percentage of NAV	% of Net Asset Value
Cash	8%
2-7 Days	74%
8-30 Days	5%
30-90 Days	0%
90+ Days	9%

# **Portfolio attributes**

Up month percentage	83%
Up Months	44
Down Months	9
Highest annualized return	11.9%
Lowest annualized return	5.6%

## **Concentration Credit Risk**

As Percentage of Net Asset Value	CS100
Top Holding	-0.6%
Top 5 Holdings	-1.2%
Portfolio	-3.2%

### **CSA Risk Rating Guidlines**

0% to 6% 6% to 11% 11% to 16% 16% to 20% >20%

RDCF	1 mo.	3 mo.	6 mo.	YTD	1 Yr.	2 Yr.	3 Yr.	4 Yr.	Since Inceptio
Return	0.4%	2.0%	3.4%	1.2%	9.7%	9.0%	6.7%	5.9%	6.6%
Annualized Standard deviatior	ı				2.6%	4.3%	6.0%	5.3%	5.3%

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct	Nov.	Dec.	Total
2025	0.85%	0.41%											1.23%
2024	1.75%	1.42%	0.43%	0.88%	1.07%	0.42%	2.60%	0.53%	0.3%	0.56%	0.50%	0.76%	11.8%
2023	2.52%	0.32%	(3.62)%	1.21%	0.78%	1.28%	1.43%	0.92%	0.28%	1.14%	1.85%	-0.22%	8.04%
2022	(0.20)%	(1.68)%	0.30%	(0.58)%	(1.86)%	(3.88)%	2.39%	0.89%	(4.54)%	2.46%	2.77%	1.75%	(2.47)%
2021	0.60%	0.73%	0.22%	0.53%	0.58%	0.90%	0.24%	0.14%	0.20%	2.00%	(0.21)%	0.72%	6.84%
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.33%	2.33%	1.32%	4.02%

# Strategies for success in alternative credit



**Team experience:** Canada introduced regulatory reform to allow greater access to liquid alternatives in January 2019. The same regulatory reform took place in the UK in 1993 and 1940 in the United States. This has lead to far greater assets in alternatives in these countries as well as depth of manager talent.



**Track record:** Managing money is one thing, being a consistent top performer is another. While the performance of a manager can jump around from year to year finding one that has a consistent track record of results versus promises of results is a good starting point. A firms long-term track record is one of the most reliable metrics of relative skill.



**Strategy:** What strategies does the firm implement, are they simple to understand and do they make sense? There is a wide range of strategies within alternatives with escalating complexity. Make sure you can understand what you are investing in, how the manager is generating returns and whether it's repeatable or not.



**Risk:** What is your downside? Upside is great but if you can't protect your gains it can be for naught.

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#### **Important Information:**

1. Correlation is a statistic that measures the degree to which two variables move in relation to each other. The "Fund Correlation" chart shows the degree of correlation between the listed indices and the Master Fund to the Relevance Diversified Credit Fund, the Astra Specialist Credit Fund since inception on December 1st, 2012 to February 28th, 2025.

2. All returns and fund details are a) based on Class F units; b) net of fees; c) annualized if period is greater than one year; d) as at February 28th, 2025.

3. The inception date for the Relevance Diversified Credit Fund is October 1st, 2020.

The iTraxx 5 year index covers credit derivatives markets in Europe, Japan, non-Japan Asia, and Australia. iTraxx is a group of international credit derivative indices that investors can use to gain or hedge exposure to the credit markets underlying the credit derivatives.

#### **Corton Capital Inc.**

Corton Capital has been engaged as the Investment Fund Manager, Portfolio Manager, and Exempt Market Dealer by the Trustee to the Relevance Diversified Credit Fund.

Corton is registered with the Ontario Securities Commission ("OSC") as an Investment Fund Manager, Portfolio Manager, and Exempt Market Dealer in Ontario. Corton is registered as an Investment Fund Manager in Quebec, British Columbia, and Newfoundland and Labrador; as a Portfolio Manager in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador; and as an Exempt Market Dealer in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador; the Yukon, and Nunavut.

The Relevance Diversified Credit Fund is generally exposed to the following risks. See the offering memorandum of the Fund for a description of these risks: general investment risk; fees and expenses; series risk; income; not a trust company; not a public mutual fund; changes in investment strategies; limited ability to liquidate investment; valuation of the Fund's investments; unitholders not entitled to participate in management; reliance on the manager and track record: dependence of manager on key personnel: potential conflicts of interest; the offshore investment fund property rules; potential indemnification obligations; possible effect of redemptions; liability of unitholders; lack of independent experts representing unitholders; no involvement of unaffiliated selling agent; disaster recovery; possible negative impacts of regulation of hedge funds; substantial unitholder risk; availability of investment strategies; business risk; concentration of investments; currency exposure; currency options; due diligence; financing arrangements: availability of credit; inside information; investment management risk; limitation of liability; long-term nature of investment; net asset value considerations; no independent verification of market information; operation risk; other clients of an underlying fund manager; possible law changes; price fluctuations; profit sharing; regulatory risks of hedge funds; risk models; substantial redemptions; tax considerations; valuations; structured finance securities; asset backed securities; collateralized debt obligations; commercial mortgage backed securities, residential mortgage backed securities; below "investment grade" securities; borrowing; clearing house protections; collateral; contingent liability transactions; contracts for differences; counterparty insolvency; counterparty risk; credit default swaps; credit indices; creditors' rights to enforceability of security; custody risk and broker or dealer insolvency; cybersecurity; debt instruments; debt securities; derivatives; forward foreign exchange contracts; fraud; futures trading; global economic and market conditions; high yield debt; highly leveraged investments; highly volatile markets; illiquidity in certain markets; inability to realize value; insolvency regimes; legal risk; leverage; liquidity and market characteristics; market disruptions; options trading; repurchase agreements; short selling; special situation investments; systemic risk; undervalued securities; transaction costs; volatility, whole loans. The Relevance Diversified Credit Fund is offered on a private placement basis pursuant to an offering memorandum and is only available to investors who meet certain eligibility or minimum purchase amount requirements under applicable securities legislation. The offering memorandum contains important information about the Fund including its investment objective and strategies, purchase options, applicable management fees, performance fees, other charges and expenses, and should be read carefully before investing. Performance data represents past performance of the Fund and is not indicative of future performance. Data based on performance history of less than five years June not give prospective investors enough information to base investment decisions on. Please contact your own personal advisor on your particular circumstance. This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation to purchase securities of the Fund. The information contained herein does not constitute an offer or solicitation by anyone in the United States or in any other jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. Prospective investors who are not resident in Canada should contact their financial advisor to determine whether securities of the Fund June be lawfully sold in their jurisdiction.

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