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## **KENSINGTON ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FUND**

### Overview

### Objective

The Kensington Alternative Strategies Fund (KASF) seeks to provide capital appreciation with reduced volatility through investment in the Canadian Alternative Manager Universe.

### Strategy Overview

Kensington identifies emerging managers in the Canadian Alternative Manager Universe set to outperform their peers. By diversifying across multiple fund styles and identifying key managers Kensington seeks to provide superior risk adjusted returns with low correlation to the equity market.

Inception Date	November 1, 2011
Fund Assets	\$50 million
Firm Assets	\$2.6 billion
RRSP/RRIF/TFSA Eligibility	Yes
Sold By	Offering Memorandum
Subscription	Monthly
Minimum Investment	\$10,000 (Accredited Investors)
Liquidity	Monthly Redemptions

#### Manager Roster

- AIP Asset Management Toronto – Multi-Asset Manager
- Algonquin Capital Toronto – Credit and Rate Arbitrage
- D&D Finance Toronto – Alternative Lending
- Ewing Morris & Co. Toronto – North American Equity L/S
- Goodwood Milford Fund
   Toronto Multi-Asset Manager
- HGC Investment Management Toronto – Merger Arbitrage
- JM Fund Management
   Toronto North American Equity L/S
- Lionguard Capital Montreal – Equity Manager
- Lumen Asset Management Toronto – North American Equity L/S
- NewGen Asset Management Toronto – North American Equity L/S
- ► NorthStream Capital Toronto – High Yield
- Orchard Global Asset Management Toronto – Chapelgate Toronto – Rain Tree Fund
- Pivot Financial Toronto – Alternative Lending
- Productivity Media Toronto – Alternative Lending



### Monthly Performance (NET)

/	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	KASF YTD	TSX Compos. YTD	FTSE TMX CDN Bond **
2024	1.19%	0.96% <sup>E</sup>											2.16% <sup>E</sup>	2.38%	-1.75%
2023	1.15%	0.11%	0.05%	0.50%	-0.17%	-0.24%	1.24%	-0.02%	-0.49%	-0.46%	1.63%	1.17%	4.53%	11.82%	6.59%
2022	-1.15%	-0.46%	0.99%	-0.97%	2.69%	-1.45%	0.94%	-0.47%	-1.56%	1.41%	1.10%	-0.13%	0.85%	-5.79%	-11.79%
2021	1.71%	1.86%	-0.26%	0.80%	0.30%	0.74%	0.19%	0.76%	0.12%	0.72%	-0.36%	0.60%	7.39%	25.08%	-2.65%
2020	0.98%	-0.70%	-6.00%	2.16%	1.84%	2.46%	1.67%	1.24%	1.01%	0.24%	2.79%	3.22%	11.10%	5.59%	8.58%
2019	1.44%	0.89%	0.41%	0.91%	0.13%	0.68%	0.47%	-0.05%	0.14%	0.67%	0.88%	0.93%	7.75%	22.89%	6.82%
2018	0.93%	0.11%	0.47%	0.79%	0.70%	0.42%	0.45%	0.51%	0.82%	-0.42%	-0.30%	-0.50%	4.04%	-8.88%	1.28%
2017	0.43%	0.75%	0.79%	0.73%	0.34%	0.47%	0.27%	0.41%	0.68%	0.89%	0.53%	0.62%	7.13%	8.86%	2.33%
2016	-1.55%	-0.90%	1.96%	1.12%	1.60%	-0.33%	2.05%	0.82%	0.80%	0.10%	0.91%	1.16%	7.88%	21.09%	1.35%
2015	-0.16%	1.61%	0.63%	-0.53%	0.80%	-0.24%	0.50%	-2.19%	-0.73%	0.68%	0.90%	0.61%	1.84%	-8.32%	3.14%
2014	0.88%	1.54%	0.15%	0.36%	0.21%	0.42%	0.34%	0.37%	-0.21%	-1.90%	0.13%	-0.44%	1.83%	10.55%	8.46%
2013	1.45%	1.33%	0.70%	-1.04%	1.96%	-0.31%	0.32%	-0.45%	0.62%	1.61%	1.60%	0.96%	9.06%	12.99%	-1.50%
2012	0.08%	0.19%	1.39%	1.15%	0.69%	-0.18%	1.84%	2.54%	1.08%	2.26%	-0.26%	0.95%	12.33%	7.19%	3.26%
2011											0.06%	0.03%	0.09%	-1.91%	2.51%

As of February 29, 2024

Returns are calculated net of management fees, performance fees and other expenses. Total return net of all fees.

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Capture Ratio

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### Net Returns

	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	3yr <sup>1</sup>	5yr <sup>1</sup>	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>		
KASF	0.96% <sup>E</sup>	3.36%	4.05%	5.46%	3.88%	7.06%	6.32%		
TSX Comp	1.82%	6.38%	6.99%	9.26%	9.89%	11.20%	7.83%		
FTSE TMX**	-0.33%	1.63%	3.56%	3.69%	-2.22%	0.55%	2.02%		

### **Risk Statistics**

	Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>	Sharpe Ratio	Correlation to TSX	TSX	KASF
KASF	3.65%	1.46	0.69	Upside Capture	41.40%
TSX Comp	11.89%	0.57	1.00		
FTSE TMX**	4.95%	0.21	0.33	Downside Capture	0.49%

Fund inception date (11/01/2011) to current month end

Class	Pricing	Fund Code	Management Fee	Performance Fee	Redemption Fee	Trailer Fee
A	Trailer	KEN 920	2.40%	20%	Subject to 5%	40 bps
E	Trailer	KEN 926	2.80%	20%	redemption fee if redeem in the first 5	100 bps
F	Fee Based	KEN 922	1.80%	20%	months	Advisor Determined

# Fund Commentary and Activity | As of February 2024

# Market Update

February was a generally positive month for global equity markets with declining global inflation concerns leading to forecasted lower interest rates going forward. North American markets were positive with the S&P500 Index up +5.16%, the NASDAQ was up +6.12% and the TSX TR Index up +1.82%. European markets were positive as the EuroStoxx Index was up +4.95% and the FTSE down -0.01%. Asian markets were positive as the Hang Seng was up +6.63%, the NIKKEI was up +7.93% and the Shanghai Index up +8.10%. Prices on the 10-year US Treasury bond declined as yields moved from 3.91% to 4.25% by month's end. The Volatility index (VIX) was down by 7% moving from 14.35 to 13.40. Commodity price movements were positive as Oil (WTI) rose by 3% to \$78.26 and Gold was flat rising to U\$2,044. The Canadian dollar was down by over 1% during the month closing at \$1.3579 against the US\$.

# Fund Update

Against that backdrop, the Kensington Alternative Strategies Fund was positive with estimated returns of +0.96% for February (+2.16% YTD). Compared against the TSX TR Index which rose by +1.82% (+2.85% YTD). The Fund's standard deviation of monthly returns remains low and the correlation to the TSX also continues to be low.

Our underlying managers' performance was positive for the month as 12 of 16 managers were in positive territory. Many of the managers continue to be somewhat nervous of the global equity markets and are running fairly flat books. Caution would seem to be at the forefront of managers' activity.

We believe that the Fund continues to be well positioned for these uncertain times. The Fund has now been operating for 149 months generating over 65 basis points per month on average with only 37 down months (about 75% monthly positive results). The balanced approach to the portfolio composition should allow the Fund to weather most storms. We also continue to investigate new managers to try to improve the composition of the Fund.

E = Estimate (Based on expected return generated from preliminary NAV estimates)
<sup>1</sup>Annualized

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<sup>\*2011</sup> numbers represent performance from the fund's inception date (11/01/2011) to 12/31/2011