

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

# AGF U.S. Risk Managed Fund

September 30, 2017



## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

This management discussion of fund performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the fund's performance and outlook.

### Investment Objective and Strategies

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the investment objective of AGF U.S. Risk Managed Fund (the "Fund") is to provide long-term capital growth through investing primarily in equity securities of established U.S. companies. Highstreet Asset Management Inc. ("Highstreet"), as portfolio manager, uses a quantitative investment process that features a rigorous buy-and-sell discipline. The portfolio is managed to have strong growth, value, quality and risk characteristics. As a control over concentration, the Fund invests in a minimum of 40 stocks diversified primarily amongst large capitalization companies in the U.S. In periods of unusual market conditions, a significant portion of the Fund's assets may be held in cash or fixed income securities.

### Risk

The risks of investing in the Fund remain as disclosed in the current prospectus. The Fund continues to be suitable for investors investing for the longer term, seeking the growth potential of U.S. equity securities and who have medium tolerance for risk.

### Results of Operations

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the Series S Units of the Fund returned 10.5% (net of expenses) while the S&P 500 Index returned 12.7%.

The Fund under-performed the S&P 500 Index primarily due to stock selection. The Fund's exposure to real estate and energy sectors contributed to performance, while exposure to consumer discretionary and consumer staples sectors detracted. Within real estate sector, holding Digital Realty Trust Inc. helped the Fund as the stock benefitted from strong financial performance and an accretive merger. The Fund's underweight exposure to the energy sector improved performance as the stocks were hurt by the volatile oil prices through the reporting period. Within energy sector, holding Valero Energy Corporation helped the Fund as the stock was boosted by strong operational performance and rising natural gas prices due to Hurricane Harvey. In consumer discretionary sector, holding AutoZone Inc. detracted Fund performance as the stock was hurt by poor operational performance and regulatory uncertainty regarding taxes. Within consumer staples sector, holding CVS Health Corporation hurt the Fund as the stock declined in value due to soft management guidance around a weak retail climate.

The Fund had net redemptions of approximately \$128 million for the current period, as compared to net subscriptions of approximately \$10 million in the prior period. Rebalancing by an institutional program

resulted in net redemptions of approximately \$140 million in the Fund. The portfolio manager does not believe that redemption/subSCRIPTION activity had a meaningful impact on the Fund's performance or the ability to implement its investment strategy.

Total expenses before foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs vary period over period mainly as a result of changes in average Net Asset Values (see Explanatory Note (1) a)) and investor activity, such as number of investor accounts and transactions. The decrease in management fees accounted for most of the decrease in expenses during the period as compared to the previous period due to a decrease in average Net Asset Values. Unitholder servicing and administrative fees decreased due to non-recurring expenses incurred in the previous period. Custodian fees decreased due to a decrease in market value of investment portfolio and registration fees decreased due to a decrease in subscription activity. Interest expense decreased due to a decrease in overdraft positions throughout the period. All other expenses remained fairly consistent throughout the periods.

### Recent Developments

Over the reporting period, global equity markets climbed higher as the global economy remained on its path to recovery. Economic data in the form of gross domestic product growth, employment and inflation through were mixed through the reporting period. However, these misses were viewed as transitory and economic sentiment continued to show strength. The U.S. Federal Reserve remained committed to its path for raising interest rates, but remained cautious and focused its rhetoric on reducing its balance sheet holdings. The U.S. Dollar was weak, as was gold, while the oil prices regained momentum. Central banks worldwide have taken note of the economic recovery and have indicated a less dovish path for monetary policy, but stress the reliance on robust economic data. Going forward, the portfolio manager expects the investment backdrop to remain accommodative and the overall pace of rate hikes in the U.S. and Canada should be measured. This environment should be supportive of late cycle stocks, particularly within the cyclical sectors, and the Fund continues to monitor opportunities within these sectors.

### Related Party Transactions

AGF Investments Inc. ("AGFI") is the manager ("Manager") and trustee of the Fund. Pursuant to the management agreement between the Fund and AGFI, AGFI is responsible for the day-to-day business of the Fund. AGFI acts either as the investment (portfolio) manager itself or hires an external investment manager to manage the investment portfolio of the Fund. AGFI and Highstreet entered into an investment management agreement pursuant to which Highstreet is responsible for managing the investment portfolio of the Fund. Under the management agreement, the Fund pays management fees, calculated based on the Net Asset Value of Series S Units of the Fund. Management fees of approximately

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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.

\$1,172,000 were incurred by the Fund during the period ended September 30, 2017.

AGF CustomerFirst Inc. ("AGFC") provides transfer agency services to the Fund pursuant to a services agreement with AGFI. Unitholder servicing and administrative fees of approximately \$7,000 incurred by the Fund were paid to AGFC during the period ended September 30, 2017.

AGFI, Highstreet and AGFC are indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of AGF Management Limited.

### Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, including its strategy, expected performance and condition. 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 that may be 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, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Fund and economic factors.

The forward-looking statements are by their nature based on numerous assumptions, which include, amongst other things, that (i) the Fund can attract and maintain investors and has sufficient capital under management to effect its investment strategies, (ii) the investment strategies will produce the results intended by the portfolio manager, and (iii) the markets will react and perform in a manner consistent with the investment strategies. Although the forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon what the portfolio manager believes to be reasonable assumptions, the portfolio manager cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

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 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, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government regulations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, and catastrophic events.

It should be stressed that the above-mentioned list of factors is not exhaustive. You are encouraged to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and you are urged to avoid placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. 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.

(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) see Explanatory Notes

## 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 past five years as applicable. The Fund adopted International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") on October 1, 2014. All per unit information presented for the period ended September 30, 2014, including opening net assets, reflects retrospective adjustments in accordance with IFRS. Information for the periods prior to October 1, 2013 is derived from financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles as defined in Part V of the CPA Handbook ("Canadian GAAP").

### Series S Units – Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2017 (\$)	Sept 30, 2016 (\$)	Sept 30, 2015 (\$)	Sept 30, 2014 (\$)	Sept 30, 2013 (\$)
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>26.86</b>	<b>27.56</b>	<b>24.50</b>	<b>20.49</b>	<b>18.46</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.64	0.60	0.59	0.46	0.43
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.15)	(0.16)	(0.10)	–
Realized gains (losses)	5.07	1.99	4.07	0.29	3.18
Unrealized gains (losses)	(1.62)	(0.23)	(0.70)	4.02	(0.07)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>3.97</b>	<b>2.21</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>4.67</b>	<b>3.54</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
From dividends	(0.57)	(0.55)	(0.31)	(0.32)	(0.47)
From capital gains	(1.47)	(2.57)	(0.38)	(1.46)	(1.21)
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(2.04)</b>	<b>(3.12)</b>	<b>(0.69)</b>	<b>(1.78)</b>	<b>(1.68)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>27.59</b>	<b>26.86</b>	<b>27.56</b>	<b>24.50</b>	<b>20.49</b>

### Series S Units – Ratios/Supplemental Data<sup>(1)</sup>

For the periods ended	Sept 30, 2017	Sept 30, 2016	Sept 30, 2015	Sept 30, 2014	Sept 30, 2013
Total Net Asset Value (\$000's)	49,550	173,188	167,936	210,880	12,607
Number of units outstanding (000's)	1,796	6,448	6,093	8,606	615
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	–	0.00%	–	–	–
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(6)</sup>	1.24%	1.22%	1.18%	1.24%	2.23%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.13%	0.19%	0.24%	0.17%	0.34%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	81.18%	154.87%	168.41%	152.65%	198.10%
Net Asset Value per unit	27.59	26.86	27.56	24.50	20.49

### Explanatory Notes

(1) a) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. Prior to October 1, 2014, the net assets per unit presented in the financial statements ("Net Assets") differed from the net asset value per unit calculated for fund pricing purposes ("Net Asset Value"), due to differences in valuation techniques of certain investments as required under Canadian GAAP. The adoption of IFRS, effective October 1, 2014, has generally eliminated the difference between Net Assets per unit and Net Asset Value per unit.

Total Net Asset Value and number of units outstanding presented as at September 30, 2015 may have been adjusted to include certain transactions, if applicable, for the purpose of comparability with subsequent reporting periods. These adjustments have no effect on the Net Asset Value per unit.

b) Series S Units of the Fund commenced operations in January 2009, which represents the date upon which securities were first made available for purchase by investors.

- (2) Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. The computation of the distributions per unit does not take into account the management fee distributions (see note 5 below). The characterization of the distributions is based on management's estimate of the actual income for the year.
- (4) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending Net Assets per unit.
- (5) The management expense ratio ("MER") of a particular series is calculated in accordance with National Instrument 81-106, based on all the expenses of the Fund (including Harmonized Sales Tax, Goods and Services Tax and interest, but excluding foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and the Fund's proportionate share of the MER, if applicable, of the underlying funds and exchange traded funds ("ETFs") in which the Fund has invested, allocated to that series, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value of that series during the period.  
AGFI may reduce the effective management fee payable by some unitholders by reducing the management fee it charges to the Fund and directing the Fund to make management fee distributions to these unitholders in amounts equal to the amounts of the management fee reduction. The MER does not take into account the reduction in management fees due to management fee distributions to unitholders.
- (6) AGFI waived certain fees or absorbed certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined annually on a series by series basis at the discretion of AGFI and AGFI can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.
- (7) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, including the Fund's proportionate share of the commissions, if applicable, of the underlying funds and ETFs in which the Fund has invested, expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily Net Asset Value during the period.
- (8) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A PTR of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's PTR 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.  
PTR is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.

## Management Fees

The Fund is managed by AGFI. As a result of providing investment and management services, AGFI receives a monthly management fee, based on the Net Asset Value of Series S Units, calculated daily and payable monthly. AGFI uses these management fees to pay for sales and trailing commissions to registered dealers on the distribution of the Fund's units, investment advice, as well as for general administrative expenses such as overhead, salaries, rent, legal and accounting fees relating to AGFI's role as manager.

	As a percentage of management fees		
	Annual rates	Dealer compensation	General administration and investment advice
Series S Units	1.00%	–	100.00%

## Past Performance\*

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. Note that the performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

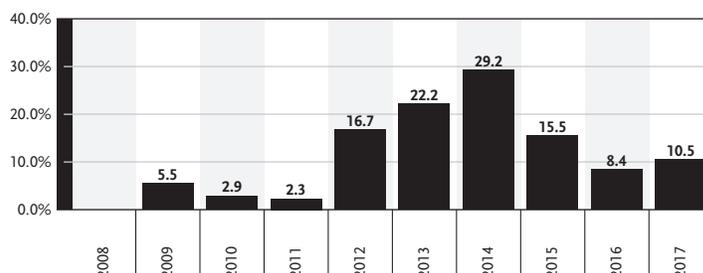
It is AGFI's policy to report rates of return for series in existence greater than one year. The performance start date for each series represents the date of the first purchase of such series, excluding seed money.

All rates of return are calculated based on the Net Asset Value.

### Year-By-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for each of the past 10 years to September 30, 2017 as applicable, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.

### Series S Units



Performance for 2009 represents returns for the period from January 26, 2009 to September 30, 2009.

### Annual Compound Returns

The following table compares the historical annual compound returns for each series with the index, for each of the periods ended September 30, 2017.

Percentage Return:	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Series S Units	10.5	11.4	16.9	N/A	12.7
S&P 500 Index	12.7	14.9	19.8	N/A	16.3

\* The indicated rates of return shown here are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in security value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad U.S. economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

For a discussion of the relative performance of the Fund as compared to the index, see Results of Operations in the Management Discussion of Fund Performance.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at September 30, 2017

The major portfolio categories and top holdings (up to 25) of the Fund at the end of the period are indicated in the following tables. The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and the next quarterly update will be in the Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure as at December 31, 2017.

<b>Portfolio by Country</b>	<b>Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)</b>
United States	97.8
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.4
United Kingdom	0.7

<b>Portfolio by Sector</b>	<b>Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)</b>
Information Technology	17.6
Health Care	14.2
Financials	12.8
Consumer Staples	11.3
Industrials	10.9
Consumer Discretionary	9.9
Energy	6.3
Telecommunication Services	4.3
Utilities	4.3
Real Estate	3.5
Materials	3.4
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.4

<b>Portfolio by Asset Mix</b>	<b>Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)</b>
United States Equity	97.8
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.4
International Equity	0.7

<b>Top Holdings</b>	<b>Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)</b>
Apple Inc.	2.5
Johnson & Johnson	2.5
CVS Health Corporation	2.4
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	2.4
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	2.3
Microsoft Corporation	2.2
Amazon.com Inc.	2.0
Verizon Communications Inc.	2.0
Altria Group Inc.	1.9
3M Company	1.9
International Business Machines Corporation	1.8
United Technologies Corporation	1.7
American Express Company	1.6
The PNC Financial Services Group Inc.	1.6
United Parcel Service Inc.	1.5
Eli Lilly & Company	1.5
Digital Realty Trust Inc.	1.5
McKesson Corporation	1.5
DTE Energy Company	1.5
JPMorgan Chase & Company	1.4
AT&T Inc.	1.4
Duke Energy Corporation	1.4
PepsiCo Inc.	1.4
Honeywell International Inc.	1.4
Texas Instruments Inc.	1.4

<b>Total Net Asset Value (thousands of dollars)</b>	<b>\$ 49,550</b>
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