



# CC&L Global Alpha Fund

## Management Report of Fund Performance

For the year ended December 31, 2025

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## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

**Investment Objectives** — The CC&L Global Alpha Fund (the “Fund”) seeks to provide unitholders with long term capital appreciation by investing in a portfolio of global small capitalization equity securities of issuers in countries and industries throughout the world.

The fundamental investment objective of the Fund cannot be changed without the approval of a majority of the unitholders at a meeting called to consider the change.

**Investment Strategies** — To achieve the Fund’s investment objectives, the manager, Connor, Clark & Lunn Funds Inc. (“CFI” or the “Manager”) has retained Global Alpha Capital Management, as portfolio manager, to invest the assets of the Fund with full authority and responsibility for security selection.

The Fund primarily holds global equities traded on recognized global exchanges, private placements, rights, warrants, ADRs, cash and cash equivalents, and derivatives. These holdings may be affected through participation in Global Alpha Capital Management or other Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group Ltd. affiliates pooled investment funds or through the purchase of individual securities.

## ***MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE***

### **Risk**

During the year from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, the risk profile of the Fund was managed in accordance with the goals set out in the simplified prospectus. In the view of the Manager, the risks associated with an investment in the portfolio are adequately described in the simplified prospectus and have not altered as result of subsequent changes in the underlying investments.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Results of Operations

As at December 31, 2025, CC&L Global Alpha Fund (the “Fund”) held \$1.93 billion in total net assets. During the year ended December 31, 2025, investors in Series A units in the Fund experienced a return of 8.23%. The benchmark for the Fund (MSCI World Small Cap Net (CAD\$)) returned 14.26% over the year. The performance of the different series within the funds will vary due to the differences in their expense structures. For specific returns by series, please refer to the “Past Performance” section of this report.

The Global Small Cap Strategy ended the period underperforming its reference index. For the full year of 2025 security selection detracted, while asset allocation contributed to performance. The underperformance can be attributed to two key factors: first, portfolio companies exposed to tariffs underperformed relative to the broader index; and second, a risk-on rally in the U.S. from April to December favored higher-risk stocks, causing many of our quality-growth holdings to lag behind. Despite weaker performance in Consumer Staples and Materials, Healthcare emerged as a bright spot in the strategy, making a positive contribution to relative returns.

Some sectors changes were made during the period, almost exclusively driven by security level conviction as opposed to sector conviction. Our largest overweight at the end of the period were Healthcare (+2.81%) and Industrials (+2.46%), while Information Technology (-3.42%) and Financials (-2.81%) were our largest underweights.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Recent Developments

It was a busy year for the Global Alpha team, especially Q4, filled with various conferences, trips and company light of the multi-year lows in small-cap valuations, we are finding many investment opportunities in companies with solid fundamentals that are undervalued, as investors seem inclined to sell any stock lacking positive momentum.

Our convictions heading into 2026 remain consistent: over the long term, small caps tend to outperform large caps. However, the leadership between large and small caps can alternate every few years. Given the current inflation and rate environment, reminiscent of the 2000 to 2007 period, there are reasons to expect a comeback in small caps. Furthermore, active management in small caps has never been more important. Indebtedness in this area has increased significantly in recent years, with almost 40% of Russell 2000 companies being unprofitable. While quality names might not immediately garner market rewards, we believe their value will be recognized eventually.

We are not planning major adjustments to the portfolio's sector or country allocations based on these observations. Rather, we are focusing on maintaining a diversified portfolio with defensible business models, trading at prices lower than their intrinsic value. Our portfolio remains well-diversified across the various countries, currencies and industries that comprise our benchmarks.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Caution regarding forward-looking statements

Certain portions of this report, including, but not limited to, "Results of Operations" and "Recent Developments", may contain forward looking statements including, but not limited to, statements relating to the Fund, its strategy, risks, expected performance and condition. The use of any of the words "anticipate", "may", "will", "expect", "estimate", "should", "believe" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statement that is predictive in nature, that depends upon or refers to future events or conditions, or that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future action to be made by the Fund, the Manager and the Fund's portfolio manager, is also a forward-looking statement.

Such statements reflect the opinion of CFI and the Fund's portfolio manager, Global Alpha Capital Management, regarding factors that might be reasonably expected to affect the performance and the distributions on units of the Fund, and 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, regulatory framework and the general business environment and other relevant information available at the time of this report. Changes in these factors may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking information.

CFI believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements and in the analysis are reasonable, but no assurance can be given that these expectations or the analysis will prove to be correct and accordingly they should not be unduly relied on. These statements speak only as of the date of this report. Actual events and outcomes may differ materially from those described in these forward-looking statements.

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 any undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, you should know there is no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements contained therein whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

### **Related Party Transactions**

CFI is affiliated with Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group Ltd. As disclosed in the prospectus, the portfolio manager retained by the Fund, Global Alpha Capital Management, is also affiliated with Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group Ltd. During the year ended December 31, 2025, no additions or deletions were made to the portfolio managers providing services to the Fund.

As Manager, CFI receives management fees with respect to the day-to-day business and operations of the Fund as described in the section entitled “Management Fees”. These management fees are charged in the normal course of business and are measured at their exchange amount, which approximates that of an arm’s length transaction.

### **Recommendations or reports by the Independent Review Committee**

The Independent Review Committee tabled no special reports and made no reportable material recommendations to the manager of the Fund during the year ended December 31, 2025.

## 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 since inception. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and previous audited financial statements.

### The Fund's Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit

Series A	DEC 31, 25				
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	\$11.99	\$11.23	\$10.80	\$12.91	\$11.47
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenues	0.22	0.23	0.26	0.20	0.34
Total expenses	(0.33)	(0.33)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.35)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.30	1.73	0.18	(0.12)	2.07
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.77	0.51	0.32	(1.90)	0.28
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.96	2.14	0.44	(2.12)	2.34
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.29)
From capital gains	(0.08)	(1.40)	-	-	(0.76)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions <sup>(2,3)</sup>	(0.08)	(1.41)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(1.05)
Net assets at December 31 of year shown <sup>(1,2)</sup>	\$12.89	\$11.99	\$11.23	\$10.80	\$12.91

Series A inception date: May 12, 2014

Series F	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	\$12.80	\$11.93	\$11.42	\$13.54	\$11.95
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenues	0.24	0.26	0.28	0.21	0.36
Total expenses	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.18)	(0.22)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.34	2.00	0.18	(0.02)	2.13
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.83	0.08	0.34	(2.58)	0.40
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	1.20	2.13	0.59	(2.57)	2.67
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.05)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.37)
From capital gains	(0.09)	(1.50)	-	-	(0.80)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions <sup>(2,3)</sup>	(0.14)	(1.58)	(0.09)	(0.05)	(1.17)
Net assets at December 31 of year shown <sup>(1,2)</sup>	\$13.86	\$12.80	\$11.93	\$11.42	\$13.54

Series F inception date: June 24, 2014

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

(2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. This table is not meant to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per share.

(3) Distributions were paid to unitholders by way of a combination of both cash payments and reinvestments in additional units of the Fund.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Ratios & Supplemental Data:

Series A	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$11,197	\$11,017	\$8,901	\$8,762	\$10,243
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	868,405	918,897	792,698	810,981	793,363
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	2.42%	2.43%	2.56%	2.38%	2.37%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption <sup>(3)</sup>	2.42%	2.43%	2.56%	2.38%	2.37%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	41.36%	40.12%	29.30%	29.05%	30.05%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.08%	0.09%	0.09%	0.07%	0.07%
Net asset value per unit	\$12.89	\$11.99	\$11.23	\$10.80	\$12.91

Series A inception date: May 12, 2014

Series F	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$81,434	\$74,956	\$37,316	\$40,535	\$44,414
Number of units outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	5,875,797	5,854,103	3,127,185	3,549,501	3,280,786
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	1.35%	1.34%	1.44%	1.33%	1.31%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption <sup>(3)</sup>	1.35%	1.34%	1.44%	1.33%	1.31%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	41.36%	40.12%	29.30%	29.05%	30.05%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	0.08%	0.09%	0.09%	0.07%	0.07%
Net asset value per unit	\$13.86	\$12.80	\$11.93	\$11.42	\$13.54

Series F inception date: June 24, 2014

(1) This information is provided as at December 31 of the years shown.

(2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding margin interest, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

(3) The Manager of the Fund, CC&L Funds Inc., may waive certain fees or absorb certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined periodically on a series by series basis at the discretion of the manager and the manager can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.

(4) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor trades 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. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover 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 the Fund.

(5) The trading expense ratio represents margin interest, borrow fees on investments sold short, total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

## MANAGEMENT FEES

### Management Fees

The Fund is managed by CFI. As consideration for providing investment advisory and management services, CFI receives a management fee from the Fund, based on the net asset value of the respective series, calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears. In respect of units of all series of the Fund, the management fee is paid by the Portfolio to CFI. No management fees are charged to the Fund with respect to Series FI units; rather investors who hold Series FI units will be subject to a management fee for their account that is paid to their dealer. The Manager receives a fee from each dealer for the services it provides to the dealer in connection with the dealer's separately managed account or unified managed account programs. CFI uses the remaining portion of the management fees to pay for investment advice, including fees charged by the Fund's portfolio manager, and general administration expenses and retains the balance for profit. The following table summarizes the annual management fee rates (excluding GST and HST) of each series of the Fund, expressed as a percentage of the Fund's value, and the portion used for dealer compensation and the portion used for or attributed to investment advice, general administration and profit.

	Annual Rates	As a percentage of management fees	
		Dealer Compensation	Investment advice, administration and profit
Series A	2.20%	45.45%	54.55%
Series F	1.20%	0.00%	100.00%

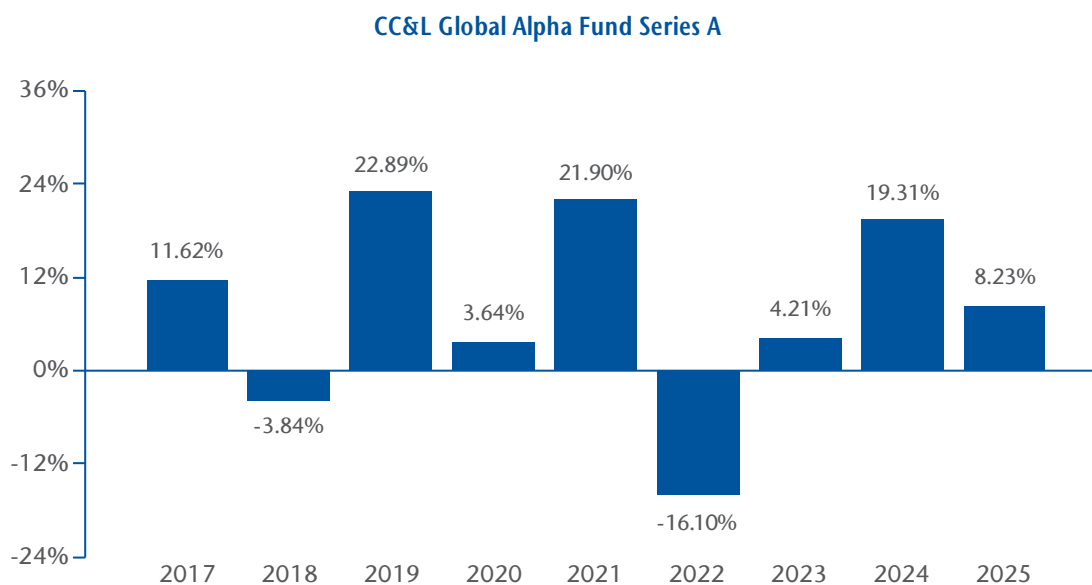
## PAST PERFORMANCE - CC&L GLOBAL ALPHA FUND SERIES A

### Past Performance

The performance information shown below assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units 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.

### Year-by-year Returns

The following bar charts show the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown and for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2025 and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from period to period. The charts show, 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.



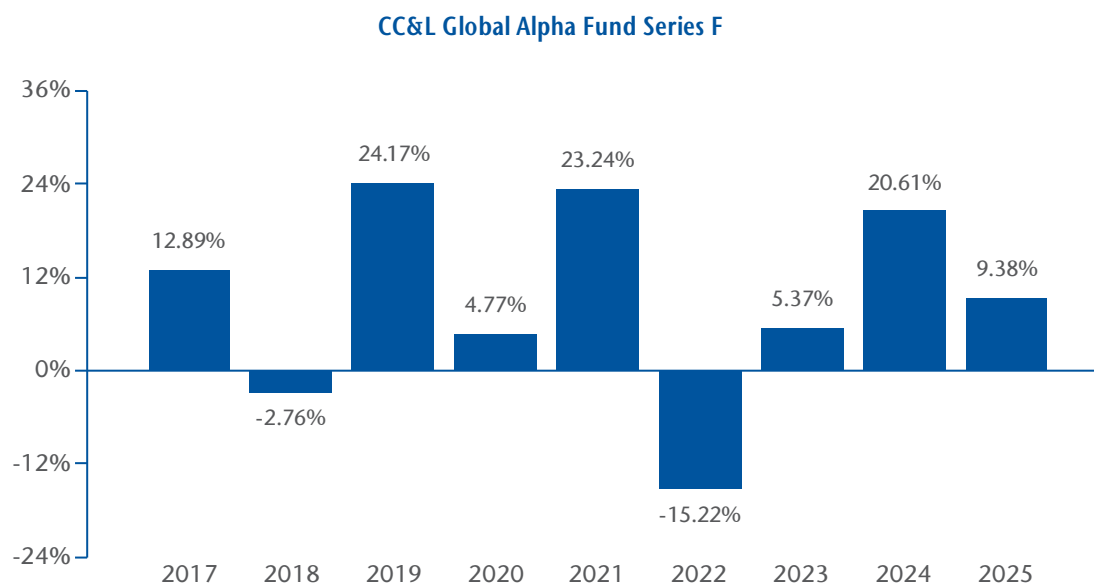
## PAST PERFORMANCE - CC&L GLOBAL ALPHA FUND SERIES F

### Past Performance

The performance information shown below assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units 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.

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## PAST PERFORMANCE

### Annual Compound Returns

The table below shows past performance for the last one, three, five and ten year financial periods, as applicable, for each series of the Fund, relative to the performance of relevant broad-based securities market index during the same periods.

CC&L Global Alpha Fund	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
<b>CC&amp;L Global Alpha Fund Series A</b>	8.23%	10.40%	6.59%	7.25%	8.31%	May-13-14
<b>Benchmark * *</b>	14.26%	14.94%	8.72%	9.27%	10.22%	May-13-14
<b>CC&amp;L Global Alpha Fund Series F</b>	9.38%	11.60%	7.75%	8.42%	9.58%	June-24-14

\* \*The benchmark is 100% MSCI World Small Cap net Index in Canadian Dollars. Index from May 2014.

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Below is a breakdown of the Fund's investment holdings as at December 31, 2025. The individual holdings and their relative percentage of the overall fund will change between reporting periods as markets change and the portfolio manager buys and sells individual securities.

Asset Mix	% of Net Asset Value	Top 25 Investments	% of Net Asset Value
North America	57.2	Extendicare Inc	4.3
Europe & Middle East	21.6	Ormat Technologies Inc	3.6
Japan	14.9	Melia Hotels International	3.4
Pacific ex Japan	4.4	Sanmina Corp.	3.0
Other assets less liabilities	1.9	Savills PLC	2.7
	100.0	Salmar Asa	2.7
		Daiei Kankyo Co Ltd	2.7
		Umb Financial Corp	2.4
		Yokohama Financial Group Inc	2.3
		Als Ltd	2.2
		Loomis Ab-B	2.1
		Alcoa Corp	2.0
		Globus Medical A	2.0
		Rush Enterprises Inc	1.9
		Cvs Group Plc	1.9
		Sega Sammy Holdings Inc	1.8
		Fluidra Sa	1.7
		Federal Signal Corp	1.7
		Ani Pharmaceuticals Inc	1.6
		Gxo Logistics Inc	1.6
		Billerud AB	1.6
		Samsonite International SA	1.5
		Boyd Group Services Inc	1.5
		Kurita Water Industries Ltd	1.5
		Genius Sports Ltd	1.5
			55.4

Sector Allocation	% of Net Asset Value
Communication services	2.9
Consumer discretionary	11.8
Consumer staples	6.1
Energy	2.9
Financials	12.3
Health care	13.2
Industrials	22.8
Information technology	8.1
Materials	8.0
Real estate	6.4
Utilities	3.6
Other assets less liabilities	1.9
	100.0

Note: The investments and percentages may have changed by the time you purchase units of this Fund. The top 25 investment holdings are made available quarterly, 60 days after quarter end.