

# **AlphaDelta Tactical Growth Class**

2023 Annual Management Report of Fund Performance This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of AlphaDelta Tactical Growth Class (formerly AlphaDelta Global Value Class) (the "Fund"). You can get a copy of the financial statements at no cost in the following ways; by calling us at (604) 602-1142 or 1-866-602-1142; by writing to us at Qwest Investment Fund Management Ltd., Suite 702 – 1030 West Georgia Street Vancouver, BC V6E 2Y3; by e-mailing us at info@qwestfunds.com; by viewing the information on our website at www.gwestfunds.com; or by viewing the information on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Securityholders may also contact us to request a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure records, or quarterly portfolio disclosures.

#### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

#### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Fund seeks to provide investors with long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of individual companies, as well as exchange trade funds, listed on securities exchanges in North America.

The Fund will invest in the sectors or industry groups that represent attractive quantitative, fundamental and technical characteristics relative to the broad North American equities markets. As part of this tactical investment strategy, the Fund may, in certain economic and market environments, undergo relatively quick shifts in industry and sector allocations, as well as overall asset allocation. In addition, the Fund may, on occasion, partially or completely exit individual equities, and the stock market in general, in favor of cash and/or short-term money market securities.

#### Risk

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking income and long-term capital appreciation with a tolerance for medium risk. General risks of an investment in the Fund are detailed in the Simplified Prospectus and include capital gain risk, concentration risk, market risk, currency risk, derivatives risk, foreign investment risk, class risk, interest rate risk, large transaction risk, among others.

There were no significant changes to the investment objectives and strategies that affected the Fund's overall level of risk during the reporting year. The risks of investing in the Fund and the suitability of the Fund for particular investor's remains as discussed in the Simplified Prospectus.

#### **Results of Operations**

The Fund commenced operations in March 2016. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Fund issued 25,837 Series F shares; during the year then ended, the Fund redeemed 5,438 Series A shares, 88,057 Series F shares and 38,554 Series I shares. As at December 31, 2023, 104,067 Series A shares, 526,435 Series F shares and 113,640 Series I shares were outstanding. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Fund realized a gain of \$557,406 from the disposition of securities. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Fund earned dividend income of \$112,329. Total expenses before expense reimbursements were \$424,607 comprised mainly of \$150,798 in management fees (calculated daily at an annual rate of 2.50% of the NAV of Series A shares, 1.50% of the NAV of Series F shares and 0.75% of the NAV of Series I shares), \$87,246 in Transaction costs, \$81,046 in Shareholder recordkeeping and fund accounting fees, \$22,341 in Custodian Fees, \$19,345 in Audit fees, \$17,976 in Filing Fees and \$17,863 in Foreign withholding tax.

The Net realized gain and unrealized appreciation of investments were \$557,406 and \$119,884 for the year ended December 31, 2023, respectively. The Net realized loss and unrealized appreciation of investments were \$2,085,673 and \$842,039 for the year ended December 31, 2022, respectively.

#### **Results of Operations (continued)**

At December 31, 2023, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares for Series A shares was \$1,253,818 or \$12.05 per share, for Series F shares was \$6,879,652 or \$13.07 per share and for Series I shares was \$1,577,183 or \$13.88 per share.

#### **Recent Developments**

The last half of 2023 forced investors to endure a longer than expected market pull-back. While July was a fantastic money-making month August through October brought declines in the market. This was not completely unexpected. It was not the manager's view that these declines would continue, but stocks continued to hit the technical stop loss points forcing the Fund to sell those positions. It is worth noting that there have been many instances where a market appears to have recovered but then continues in a down trend, having trapped investors who lack the discipline to sell, into holding losing positions. The Fund maintains a strong sell-discipline for this exact reason. The Fund was nimble and quick to buy back into the market in November gaining returns along side the market for the last two months of the year.

The best news for the year came from the Federal Reserve in December. The market moved up on the news of three rate cuts in 2024. Stock participation turned around quickly moving from 24% to 80% of stocks above their 200-DMA in the S&P500. This acceleration in breadth is optimistic for the coming year.

The leaders in the Fund for the second half of the year were also the biggest positions. Abercrombie and Fitch (ANF) was an unexpected leader and produced the largest gain (52%). Nvidia (NVDA) and Supermicro Computers (SMCI) were much more in focus in the mainstream, and both produced healthy gains in the Fund (21% and 19% respectively).

The USD, while a headwind for the first half of the year, remained unchanged in the second half of the year. The Fund remains unhedged.

While the choppy fall was a difficulty for the Fund the expectation moving forward is a profitable 2024.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

Pursuant to the amended and restated master management agreement, the Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 2.50% of the net asset value of Series A shares, 1.50% of the net asset value of Series F shares and 0.75% of the net assets value of Series I of the Fund, calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Fund incurred \$150,798 in management fees of which \$14,845 was payable at December 31, 2023.

In order for the Fund to maintain a competitive position with other mutual funds with respect to operating expenses charged to the Fund, AlphaDelta Management Corp. ("AlphaDelta"), an affiliate of Qwest Investment Fund Management Ltd. (the "Manager"), has agreed at its discretion to pay for some of the operating expenses of the Fund. AlphaDelta has not absorbed any operating expenses of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about Series A and are intended to help you understand the financial performance of Series A for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

#### Net Assets per mutual fund share <sup>(1)</sup>

Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per Series A	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Initial NAV	\$ 11.52	\$ 12.90	\$ 14.41	§ 12.33	\$ 12.60
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.25	0.12	0.06	0.23	0.27
Total expenses	(0.50)	(0.47)	(0.60)	(0.56)	(0.47)
Realized gains (losses)	0.60	(1.82)	2.07	0.26	(0.10)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.12	0.83	(3.06)	2.13	0.03
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.47	(1.34)	(1.53)	2.07	(0.27)
Distributions:					
From dividends	-	(0.04)	(0.01)	-	(0.03)
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions	-	(0.04)	(0.01)	-	(0.03)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at end of year	\$ 12.05	\$ 11.52	\$ 12.90	\$ 14.41	\$ 12.33

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019 audited financial statements.

(2) Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial year.

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

Series A	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Total net asset value (000's)	\$1,254	\$1,261	\$1,471	\$1,947	\$1,593
Number of mutual fund shares outstanding	104,067	109,505	114,062	135,131	129,171
Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	4.40%	3.85%	4.26%	4.36%	3.77%
Management expense ratio before					
absorption <sup>(1)</sup>	4.40%	3.85%	4.26%	4.47%	4.24%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>	959%	1,155%	762%	292%	216%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	0.91%	0.77%	0.73%	0.25%	0.28%
Net asset value per share	\$12.05	\$11.52	\$12.90	\$14.41	\$12.33

(1) Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses less commissions and taxes for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the year. AlphaDelta may, at its discretion and without notice to shareholders, waive or absorb operating expenses. MER includes the waiver or absorption by AlphaDelta of certain operating expenses, while the MER before absorption shows the MER prior to operating expenses being waved or absorbed by AlphaDelta.

(2) The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a portfolio turnover rate is 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 gain in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between turnover rate and the performance of a portfolio.

(3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as a percentage of average net assets during the year.

#### **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about Series F and are intended to help you understand the financial performance of Series F for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

#### Net Assets per mutual fund share <sup>(1)</sup>

Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per Series F	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Initial NAV	\$ 12.36	\$ 13.70	\$ 15.14 \$	12.83	\$ 12.97
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.27	0.13	0.06	0.26	0.28
Total expenses	(0.41)	(0.37)	(0.48)	(0.44)	(0.34)
Realized gains (losses)	0.62	(1.97)	2.01	0.37	(0.07)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.15	0.88	(3.06)	2.19	0.06
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.63	(1.33)	(1.47)	2.37	(0.07)
Distributions:					
From dividends	-	(0.04)	(0.01)	-	(0.04)
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Total distributions	-	(0.04)	(0.01)	-	(0.04)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at end of year	\$ 13.07	\$ 12.36	\$ 13.70 \$	15.14	\$ 12.83

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(2) Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial year.

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Series F	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Total net asset value (000's)	\$6,880	\$7,278	\$9,871	\$10,701	\$8,677
Number of mutual fund shares outstanding	526,435	588,655	716,706	706,613	676,437
Management expense ratio (1)	3.34%	2.84%	3.21%	3.29%	2.66%
Management expense ratio before absorption <sup>(1)</sup>	3.34%	2.84%	3.21%	3.41%	3.16%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>	959%	1,155%	762%	292%	216%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	0.91%	0.77%	0.73%	0.25%	0.28%
Net asset value per share	\$13.07	\$12.36	\$13.70	\$15.14	\$12.83

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#### **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about Series I and are intended to help you understand the financial performance of Series I for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

#### Net Assets per mutual fund share <sup>(1)</sup>

Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per Series I	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	_	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Initial NAV	\$ 13.03	\$ 14.32	\$ 15.71	\$	13.20	\$ 13.24
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.28	0.13	0.06		0.27	0.28
Total expenses	(0.33)	(0.28)	(0.37)		(0.35)	(0.25)
Realized gains (losses)	0.53	(2.06)	2.11		0.26	(0.08)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.16	0.93	(3.18)		2.30	0.03
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	0.64	(1.28)	(1.38)		2.49	(0.01)
Distributions:						
From dividends	-	(0.04)	(0.01)		-	(0.04)
From capital gains	-	-	-		-	-
Total distributions	-	(0.04)	(0.01)		-	(0.04)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at end of year	\$ 13.88	\$ 13.03	\$ 14.32	\$	15.71	\$ 13.20

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019 audited financial statements.

(2) Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial year.

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data**

Series I	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Total net asset value (000's)	\$1,577	\$1,983	\$2,970	\$3,169	\$2,850
Number of mutual fund shares	113,640	152,194	207,374	201,754	215,898
Management expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	2.54%	2.08%	2.43%	2.51%	1.89%
Management expense ratio before absorption <sup>(1)</sup>	2.54%	2.08%	2.43%	2.63%	2.39%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>	959%	1,155%	762%	292%	216%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	0.91%	0.77%	0.73%	0.25%	0.28%
Net asset value per share	\$13.88	\$13.03	\$14.32	\$15.71	\$13.20

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#### **Management Fees**

The Manager provides administration and portfolio advisory services to the Fund.

Management fees paid by each series of the Fund are calculated up to the annual percentages, before GST/HST, of the daily net asset value of each series of the Fund. The breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees for each series, as a percentage of the management fees, is as follows:

		Breakdown of	<b>Breakdown of Services</b>				
	Management Fees	Distribution	Other*				
Series A	2.5%	40%	60%				
Series F	1.5%	-	100%				
Series I	0.75%	-	100%				

\*Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

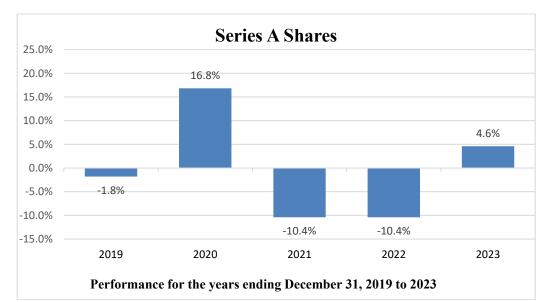
See also "Related Party Transactions" with respect to management fees payable to the Manager in accordance with the master management agreement.

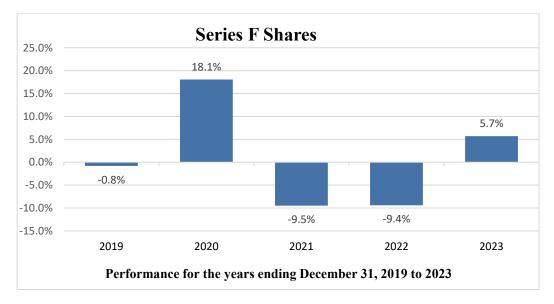
#### **Past Performance**

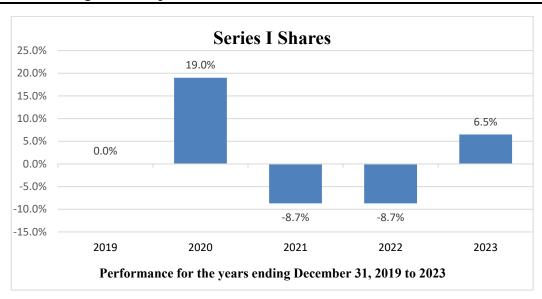
The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund were reinvested in additional securities of the investment portfolio. The performance information below does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance of the investment portfolio does not necessarily indicate its future performance.

#### Year-by-Year Returns

The charts show the performance of the investment portfolio for the years shown and illustrates how the investment portfolio's performance has changed from year to year. The charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by December 31 of that year.







#### **Annual Compound Returns**

The table below compares the investment portfolio's compound return to the S&P 500 and S&P/TSX Composite Index for the same time period.

	One-year	Since Inception
AlphaDelta Tactical Growth Class – Series A	4.6%	2.6%
AlphaDelta Tactical Growth Class – Series F	5.7%	3.7%
AlphaDelta Tactical Growth Class – Series I	6.5%	4.7%
S&P 500 Index	26.3%	-
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11.8%	-

The S&P 500 Index is a broad-based securities market index that statistically measures the state of the stock market based on the performance of 500 most widely held stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The performance of the index is typically viewed as the indicator of US equities and a reflection of the performance of the large-cap companies.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index is a broad-based securities market index that statistically measures the state of the stock market based on the performance of certain stocks listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The performance of the index is typically viewed as a broad indicator of the direction of the economy.

#### **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

As at December 31, 2023, the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares of the Fund was \$ 9,710,653. Below is a breakdown of the investment portfolio as at December 31, 2023, by sector and as a percentage of the aggregate net asset value of the 14 securities in the investment portfolio:

Top Holdings	% of Net Assets	Sector/Subgroup	% of Net Assets
Amplify Transformational Data Sharing ETF	7.59	Communications	33.11
Booking Holdings Inc.	6.99	Technology	18.40
Amazon.com Inc.	6.90	Consumer, Cyclical	17.35
Linde PLC	6.89	Funds	7.59
MicroStrategy Inc.	6.87	Basic Materials	6.89
Apple Inc.	6.81	Other assets net of liabilities	6.57
Garmin Ltd.	6.47	Industrial	6.47
Shopify Inc.	6.41	Cash	3.62
Arista Networks Inc.	6.40		
TIM SA/Brazil	6.40		100.0
Tesla Inc.	6.08		
SkyWest Inc.	5.92		
M/I Homes Inc.	5.35		
Twilio Inc.	4.72		

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available at <u>www.qwestfunds.com</u>.

#### **Caution Regarding Forward-looking Statements**

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