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## VARIANT ALTERNATIVE LENDING FUND

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### **Annual Report**

April 30, 2026



# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

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*This report and the financial statements contained herein are provided for the general information of the shareholders of the Variant Alternative Lending Fund. This report is not authorized for distribution to prospective investors in the Fund unless preceded or accompanied by an effective prospectus.*

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance (Unaudited)

Dear Shareholder,

Variant Investments, LLC ("Variant") is pleased to provide the audited annual financial statements for the Variant Alternative Lending Fund<sup>1</sup> (XALFX, the "Fund") for the fiscal year that ended April 30, 2026.

This fiscal year represented the first full year<sup>2</sup> for the Fund, during which the Fund delivered a net total return<sup>3</sup> of +7.55%. Since inception<sup>2</sup>, the Fund has generated an annualized net total return of +8.86% as of April 30, 2026. We believe it compares favorably to many income-oriented risk assets over the same time horizon. XALFX is an asset-based lending strategy offering investors access to a diversified portfolio of niche, income-generating assets through primarily senior secured credit facilities. Additionally, the Fund converted from a tender offer fund structure to an interval fund structure during the fiscal year.

Finally, at the conclusion of the fiscal year, XALFX transitioned from quarterly dividend distributions to a monthly distribution schedule. This change allows clients to access income more regularly, providing greater flexibility around personal cash flow needs. For Fund management, monthly distributions allow for more efficient liquidity management, limiting cash on hand that previously had to be held until the end of the quarter. The Fund is expected to maintain the same annual income distribution rate dynamics as before but paid in monthly increments. As a reminder, the 1-year trailing distribution rate<sup>4</sup> for XALFX is 9%.

For more information on the Fund's activity, the complete listing of the Fund's investments can be found in the Schedule of Investments.

On behalf of everyone at Variant, we thank you for your investment in the Fund. We are honored to be trusted stewards of your capital. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with each of you.

Sincerely,

JB Hayes, Principal

Curt Fintel, Principal

Bob Elsasser, Principal

<sup>1</sup> The Variant Lending Fund (the "Fund") is a Delaware statutory trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund operates as an interval fund. The Fund operates under an Agreement and Declaration of Trust ("Declaration of Trust") dated May 6, 2024 (the "Declaration of Trust"). Variant Investments, LLC serves as the investment adviser (the "Investment Manager") of the Fund. The Investment Manager is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Fund has elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

<sup>2</sup> Inception date is November 1, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> The net total return uses geometric returns and reflects the reinvestment of earnings. **The performance data quoted here represents past performance and past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

<sup>4</sup> The 1-year distribution rate sums the distribution rates over the prior four quarters. The distribution rate is the amount of a Fund's distribution divided by the Fund's prior day market price. The distribution includes a combination of ordinary dividends, capital gain, and return of investor capital and has the potential to change during any given tax year. Please refer to the 19a-1 Notice, which can be located on the Fund's website, regarding the composition of distributions, including return of capital. Final determination of a distribution's tax character will be made on Form 1099-DIV. Distributions are not guaranteed. Information is as of March 31, 2026.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance (Unaudited) (continued)

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*The Variant Alternative Lending Fund (the "Fund") is a continuously-offered, non-diversified, registered closed-end fund with limited liquidity. The Fund is new and has limited operating history. There is no guarantee the Fund will achieve its objective. An investment in the Fund should only be made by investors who understand the risks involved, who are able to withstand the loss of the entire amount invested and who can bear the risks associated with the limited liquidity of Shares.*

*Important Risks: Given the substantial investment by the Funds in private securities, there is no reliable liquid market available for the purposes of valuing the majority of the Fund's investments. There can be no guarantee that the basis of calculation of the value of the Fund's investments used in the valuation process will reflect the actual value on realization of those investments.*

*Shares are an illiquid investment. You should generally not expect to be able to sell your Shares (other than through the repurchase process), regardless of how the Fund performs. The Fund may repurchase a limited number of shares each quarter.*

*An investment in the Fund is speculative, involves substantial risks, including the risk that the entire amount invested may be lost, and should not constitute a complete investment program. The Fund may leverage its investments by borrowing, use of swap agreements, options or other derivative instruments. The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company, meaning it may be more susceptible to any single economic or regulatory occurrence than a diversified investment company. In addition, the fund is subject to investment related risks of the underlying exposures, general economic and market condition risk.*

*Alternative investments provide limited liquidity and include, among other things, the risks inherent in investing in securities, futures, commodities and derivatives, using leverage and engaging in short sales. The Fund's investment performance depends, at least in part, on how its assets are allocated and reallocated among asset classes and strategies. Such allocation could result in the Fund holding asset classes or investments that perform poorly or underperform. The Fund may pay distributions in significant part from sources that may not be available in the future and are unrelated to the Fund's performance, such as return of capital, offering proceeds, borrowings and amounts obtained from the Fund's affiliates that are subject to repayment by investors. Investments and investment transactions are subject to various counterparty risks. The counterparties to transactions in over the-counter or "inter-dealer" markets are typically subject to lesser credit evaluation and regulatory oversight compared to members of "exchange-based" markets. This may increase the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the Fund to suffer losses. The Fund and its service providers may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption, or lose operational capacity.*

**BEFORE INVESTING YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, RISKS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES. THIS AND OTHER INFORMATION IS IN THE PROSPECTUS, A COPY OF WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED FROM (877) 770-7717 OR [WWW.VARIANTINVESTMENTS.COM](http://WWW.VARIANTINVESTMENTS.COM). PLEASE READ THE PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU INVEST.**

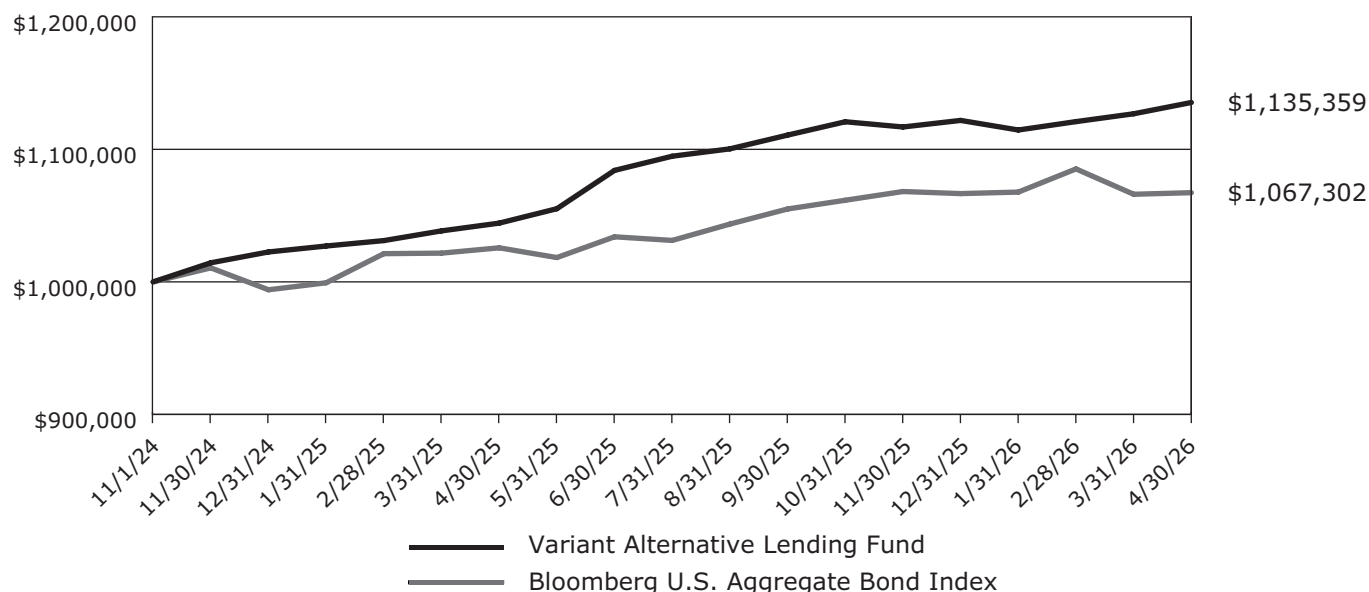
*The Fund is distributed by Distribution Services, LLC. Variant Investments, LLC (the "Investment Manager") serves as the investment manager of the Fund. Distribution Services, LLC and the Investment Manager are unaffiliated.*

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Fund Performance

April 30, 2026 (Unaudited)

### Performance of a \$1,000,000 Investment



This graph compares a hypothetical \$1,000,000 investment in the Fund's Institutional Class Shares with a similar investment in the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Results include the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. The index does not reflect expenses, fees, or sales charges, which would lower performance.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index measures the performance of the U.S. investment grade bond market. The index invests in a wide spectrum of public, investment grade, taxable, fixed income securities in the United States - including government, corporate and international dollar denominated bonds as well as mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, all with maturities of less than one year. The index is unmanaged and it is not available for investment.

| Average Annual Total Returns as of April 30, 2026                       | 1 Year | Since Inception |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Variant Alternative Lending Fund (Inception Date November 1, 2024)..... | 7.55%  | 8.86%           |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.....                                | 4.06%  | 4.45%           |

**The performance data quoted here represents past performance and past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance information quoted. The most recent quarter end performance may be obtained by calling 1 (877) 770-7717.**

For the Fund's current expense ratios, please refer to the Financial Highlights Section of this report.

Performance results include the effect of expense reduction arrangements for some or all of the periods shown. If those arrangements had not been in place, the performance results for those periods would have been lower.

Returns reflect the reinvestment of distributions made by the Fund, if any. The graph and the performance table above do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

April 30, 2026

To the Shareholders and Board of Trustees of  
Variant Alternative Lending Fund

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of Variant Alternative Lending Fund (the "Fund") as of April 30, 2026, the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the year ended April 30, 2026 and for the period November 1, 2024 (commencement of operations) through April 30, 2025, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of April 30, 2026, the results of its operations, cash flows, and changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the periods indicated above, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of April 30, 2026, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers, borrowers, participating lenders, and underlying fund administrators or managers; when replies were not received, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies advised by Variant Investments, LLC since 2018.



COHEN & COMPANY, LTD.  
Cleveland, Ohio  
June 29, 2026

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Schedule of Investments

April 30, 2026

| Investment<br>in private investment<br>companies — 5.7%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Interest<br>Rate | Reference<br>Rate           | Spread | Shares/<br>Units | First<br>Acquisition<br>Date | Maturity<br>Date | Cost/<br>Principal | Fair Value        | Percent<br>of Net<br>Assets |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Real Estate Debt — 1.3%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  |                    |                   |                             |
| BlackRock Monticello Debt<br>REIT <sup>(d)(e)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | —                | —                           | —      | —                | 6/30/2025                    |                  | \$ 900,000         | \$ 911,915        | 1.3%                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  | <u>900,000</u>     | <u>911,915</u>    | <u>1.3</u>                  |
| <b>Secondaries — 4.4%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  |                    |                   |                             |
| Legalist DIP Fund I,<br>LP <sup>(d)(e)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | —                | —                           | —      | —                | 6/30/2025                    |                  | 684,916            | 628,739           | 0.8                         |
| Legalist DIP Fund II,<br>LP <sup>(d)(e)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | —                | —                           | —      | —                | 6/30/2025                    |                  | 1,202,455          | 1,572,114         | 2.2                         |
| Legalist DIP Offshore<br>Fund I, LP <sup>(d)(e)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | —                | —                           | —      | —                | 6/30/2025                    |                  | 142,606            | 132,294           | 0.2                         |
| Legalist DIP Offshore<br>Fund II, LP <sup>(d)(e)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | —                | —                           | —      | —                | 6/30/2025                    |                  | 452,069            | 545,244           | 0.8                         |
| Legalist DIP SPV II <sup>(d)(e)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | —                | —                           | —      | —                | 6/30/2025                    |                  | <u>213,706</u>     | <u>259,767</u>    | <u>0.4</u>                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  | <u>2,695,752</u>   | <u>3,138,158</u>  | <u>4.4</u>                  |
| <b>Total investment in private<br/>investment companies.....</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  | <u>3,595,752</u>   | <u>4,050,073</u>  | <u>5.7</u>                  |
| <b>Investment in credit<br/>facilities — 81.1%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  |                    |                   |                             |
| <b>Litigation Finance — 16.9%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  |                    |                   |                             |
| BEB SPV I LLC <sup>(a)(c)(n)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 16.25%<br>PIK    | —                           | —      | —                | 5/22/2025                    | 5/21/2028        | 6,058,849          | 6,058,849         | 8.3                         |
| Steno Agency Funding I,<br>LLC <sup>(a)(b)(h)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 13.16%           | 1-Month<br>CME Term<br>SOFR | 9.50%  | —                | 3/5/2025                     | 5/8/2028         | <u>6,190,476</u>   | <u>6,190,476</u>  | <u>8.6</u>                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  | <u>12,249,325</u>  | <u>12,249,325</u> | <u>16.9</u>                 |
| <b>Portfolio Finance — 4.2%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  |                    |                   |                             |
| Marquis United, LLC <sup>(a)(g)(k)</sup> ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Blended          | —                           | —      | —                | 4/11/2025                    | 2/13/2029        | <u>2,986,404</u>   | <u>2,986,404</u>  | <u>4.2</u>                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  | <u>2,986,404</u>   | <u>2,986,404</u>  | <u>4.2</u>                  |
| <b>Real Estate Debt — 19.7%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  |                    |                   |                             |
| Beehive Hospitality,<br>Integrity RS,<br>Beehive Hospitality Ascent<br>PC, Lonestar Hospitality<br>WX, Bayou Hospitality<br>SH, and Armanda<br>Prime <sup>(a)(h)(o)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                 | 15.00%           | —                           | —      | —                | 12/19/2024                   | —                | 1,491,756          | 1,491,756         | 2.1                         |
| HomeLight Real Estate IV,<br>LLC <sup>(a)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 13.50%           | —                           | —      | —                | 8/11/2025                    | 2/8/2028         | 626,916            | 626,916           | 0.9                         |
| MBC Variant SPV, LLC <sup>(a)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11.25%           | —                           | —      | —                | 4/30/2026                    | 12/19/2028       | 750,000            | 750,000           | 1.0                         |
| MFP Infrastructure<br>LLC <sup>(a)(b)(f)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10.00%<br>PIK    | 1-Month<br>CME Term<br>SOFR | 6.00%  | —                | 8/4/2025                     | 8/5/2026         | 1,950,796          | 1,950,796         | 2.7                         |
| Midway Farms 715 LLLP,<br>Midway Farms 2795 LLLP,<br>Sundance Farms 3060<br>LLLP, Sundance Farms<br>3070 LLLP, Sundance Farms<br>3093 LLLP, Skywalker<br>Farms LLC, Skywalker<br>Farms 2 LLC, Skywalker<br>Farms 3 LLC, 1520 Sunset<br>Farms LLP, Beach Farms<br>LLC, Stephanie Mae<br>Thurston, and Wright<br>Thurston <sup>(a)(h)</sup> ..... | 14.00%           | —                           | —      | —                | 6/26/2025                    | 6/18/2026        | 5,160,594          | 5,160,594         | 7.2                         |
| TruNorth Star RTL Co-Invest,<br>LLC <sup>(a)(c)(g)(s)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Blended          | —                           | —      | —                | 5/22/2025                    | 3/31/2028        | 2,145,508          | 2,145,508         | 3.0                         |
| WHCC, LLC, Dyer 18 WHCC,<br>LLC, and RW WHCC,<br>LLC <sup>(a)(f)(h)(i)</sup> .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 13.00%<br>PIK    | —                           | —      | —                | 3/24/2025                    | 11/27/2026       | <u>2,029,114</u>   | <u>2,029,114</u>  | <u>2.8</u>                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                             |        |                  |                              |                  | <u>14,154,684</u>  | <u>14,154,684</u> | <u>19.7</u>                 |

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Schedule of Investments

April 30, 2026 (continued)

| Investment in credit facilities — 81.1%                                                                                                                     | Interest Rate | Reference Rate        | Spread | Shares/ Units | First Acquisition Date | Maturity Date | Cost/ Principal   | Fair Value        | Percent of Net Assets |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Real Estate Equity — 1.6%</b>                                                                                                                            |               |                       |        |               |                        |               |                   |                   |                       |
| VPES Fund 1 LLC <sup>(a)(g)</sup> .....                                                                                                                     | 13.00%        | —                     | —      | —             | 4/23/2025              | 4/17/2028     | \$ 1,121,195      | \$ 1,121,195      | 1.6%                  |
|                                                                                                                                                             |               |                       |        |               |                        |               | <u>1,121,195</u>  | <u>1,121,195</u>  | <u>1.6</u>            |
| <b>Royalties — 1.5%</b>                                                                                                                                     |               |                       |        |               |                        |               |                   |                   |                       |
| Beatfund II, LLC <sup>(a)(b)</sup> .....                                                                                                                    | 12.00%        | 30-Day Avg. SOFR      | 8.00%  | —             | 8/8/2025               | 7/29/2027     | 444,186           | 444,186           | 0.6                   |
| Esme Grace Fund I Patrons LP <sup>(a)(g)(i)</sup> .....                                                                                                     | 13.50%        | —                     | —      | —             | 2/2/2026               | 6/5/2028      | 679,381           | 679,381           | 0.9                   |
|                                                                                                                                                             |               |                       |        |               |                        |               | <u>1,123,567</u>  | <u>1,123,567</u>  | <u>1.5</u>            |
| <b>Specialty Finance — 37.2%</b>                                                                                                                            |               |                       |        |               |                        |               |                   |                   |                       |
| A & T Investments SARL <sup>(a)(l)(m)</sup> .....                                                                                                           | 8.60%         | —                     | —      | —             | 9/18/2025              | 4/12/2027     | 2,956,131         | 2,934,272         | 4.1                   |
| Byzfunder Funding, LLC <sup>(a)(b)(h)</sup> .....                                                                                                           | 15.28%        | 1-Month CME Term SOFR | 6.00%  | —             | 4/8/2026               | 6/5/2026      | 1,000,000         | 1,000,000         | 1.4                   |
| Copperpot Finance, LLC <sup>(a)(b)</sup> .....                                                                                                              | 14.65%        | 30-Day Avg. SOFR      | 11.00% | —             | 11/29/2024             | 11/26/2028    | 2,900,000         | 2,900,000         | 4.0                   |
| IOM Media Ventures Inc. <sup>(a)(h)(i)</sup> .....                                                                                                          | 14.00%        | —                     | —      | —             | 12/24/2024             | 12/17/2028    | 565,000           | 565,000           | 0.8                   |
| Kili Purchasing, LLC <sup>(a)(p)</sup> .....                                                                                                                | 13.40%        | —                     | —      | —             | 12/20/2024             | 12/18/2027    | 3,593,220         | 71,690            | 0.1                   |
| Leasy Mexico, S.A.P.I. DE C.V. <sup>(a)(h)</sup> .....                                                                                                      | 15.75%        | —                     | —      | —             | 7/21/2025              | 9/30/2028     | 100,000           | 100,000           | 0.1                   |
| PATRIMONIO EN FIDEICOMISO, D. Leg. 861, no inscrito en la SMV, dirigido a Inversionistas Institucionales – Arrendamientos Leasy II, <sup>(a)(h)</sup> ..... | 15.75%        | —                     | —      | —             | 7/21/2025              | 2/17/2028     | 400,000           | 400,000           | 0.6                   |
| Pier Active Transactions LLC (Series 36) <sup>(a)(b)(h)</sup> .....                                                                                         | 18.00%        | 1-Month CME Term SOFR | 14.00% | —             | 8/27/2025              | 8/30/2027     | 939,189           | 837,029           | 1.2                   |
| Preferred Point LLC <sup>(a)</sup> .....                                                                                                                    | 12.50%        | —                     | —      | —             | 7/8/2025               | 6/5/2029      | 4,356,077         | 4,356,077         | 6.1                   |
| Station Road Capital Management II, LLC <sup>(a)(b)</sup> ..                                                                                                | 12.00%        | 1-Month CME Term SOFR | 8.00%  | —             | 11/25/2024             | 7/31/2028     | 6,780,950         | 6,780,950         | 9.5                   |
| Stowe HM-PB, LLC (Jardine Norton Capital E Ltd.) <sup>(a)(g)(q)</sup> .....                                                                                 | 10.75%        | —                     | —      | —             | 8/19/2025              | —             | 2,790,763         | 2,790,763         | 3.9                   |
| SSL DBII P LLC <sup>(a)(b)(h)</sup> .....                                                                                                                   | 15.65%        | 30-Day Avg. SOFR      | 12.00% | —             | 5/23/2025              | 8/11/2027     | 3,904,384         | 3,904,384         | 5.4                   |
|                                                                                                                                                             |               |                       |        |               |                        |               | <u>30,285,714</u> | <u>26,640,165</u> | <u>37.2</u>           |
| <b>Total investment in credit facilities</b> .....                                                                                                          |               |                       |        |               |                        |               | <u>61,920,889</u> | <u>58,275,340</u> | <u>81.1</u>           |
| <b>Investment in special purpose vehicles — 1.5%</b>                                                                                                        |               |                       |        |               |                        |               |                   |                   |                       |
| <b>Real Estate Debt — 1.5%</b>                                                                                                                              |               |                       |        |               |                        |               |                   |                   |                       |
| MonticelloAM Funding, LLC Series SH-85 <sup>(d)(e)(i)</sup> .....                                                                                           | —             | —                     | —      | —             | 5/6/2025               |               | 1,061,701         | 1,075,237         | 1.5                   |
| <b>Total investment in special purpose vehicles</b> .....                                                                                                   |               |                       |        |               |                        |               | <u>1,061,701</u>  | <u>1,075,237</u>  | <u>1.5</u>            |
| <b>Investments in warrants — 0.0%</b>                                                                                                                       |               |                       |        |               |                        |               |                   |                   |                       |
| <b>Specialty Finance — 0.0%</b>                                                                                                                             |               |                       |        |               |                        |               |                   |                   |                       |
| IOM Media Ventures NS Inc. <sup>(a)(r)</sup> .....                                                                                                          | —             | —                     | —      | —             | 12/24/2024             | —             | —                 | 37,493            | 0.0                   |
| <b>Total investment in warrants</b> .....                                                                                                                   |               |                       |        |               |                        |               | <u>—</u>          | <u>37,493</u>     | <u>0.0</u>            |

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Schedule of Investments

April 30, 2026 (continued)

| Investments in money market instruments — 7.5%                                            | Interest Rate | Reference Rate | Spread | Shares/ Units | First Acquisition Date | Maturity Date | Cost/ Principal | Fair Value           | Percent of Net Assets |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, Institutional Shares <sup>(t)</sup> ..... | 3.54%         | —              | —      | —             | —                      | —             | \$ 5,371,525    | \$ 5,371,525         | 7.5%                  |
| <b>Total investment in money market instruments</b> .....                                 |               |                |        |               |                        |               | 5,371,525       | 5,371,525            | 7.5                   |
| <b>Total Investments (cost \$71,949,867)</b> .....                                        |               |                |        |               |                        |               |                 | <b>\$ 68,809,668</b> | <b>95.8%</b>          |
| Other assets less liabilities .....                                                       |               |                |        |               |                        |               |                 | 2,981,359            | 4.2%                  |
| <b>Net Assets</b> .....                                                                   |               |                |        |               |                        |               |                 | <b>\$ 71,791,027</b> | <b>100.0%</b>         |

|                                      | Expiration Date | Number of Contracts Long (Short) | Notional Value        | Value at April 30, 2026 | Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>FUTURES CONTRACTS</b>             |                 |                                  |                       |                         |                                        |
| <b>Foreign Exchange Futures</b>      |                 |                                  |                       |                         |                                        |
| CME Euro Dollar .....                | June 2026       | (21)                             | \$ (3,038,742)        | \$ (3,087,000)          | \$ (48,258)                            |
| <b>TOTAL FUTURES CONTRACTS</b> ..... |                 |                                  | <b>\$ (3,038,742)</b> | <b>\$ (3,087,000)</b>   | <b>\$ (48,258)</b>                     |

### Investments Abbreviations:

SOFR — Secured Overnight Financing Rate

CME — Chicago Mercantile Exchange

EURIBOR — Euro Interbank Offered Rate

### Footnotes:

- (a) Value was determined using significant unobservable inputs.
- (b) Variable rate security. Rate shown is the rate in effect as of April 30, 2026.
- (c) This investment is structured with a profit sharing component. The rate disclosed as of April 30, 2026 is the effective rate.
- (d) Private investment company or special purpose vehicle that does not issue shares or units.
- (e) Investment valued using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient.
- (f) This security includes a component of paid-in-kind (PIK) interest. This means that a portion or all of the interest accrued during a specific period is capitalized to the principal balance of the security.
- (g) This security includes an element of interest that is contingent upon a specific event. This means that a portion or the entirety of the interest accrued is received when a particular event takes place with the underlying collateral, resulting in the generation of cash. Typically, these cash receipts are allocated first to interest and then to principal.
- (h) This investment was made through a participation. See Note 2.
- (i) This investment has been committed to but has not been fully funded by the Fund as of April 30, 2026.
- (j) The Fund receives additional fees (e.g., agent, management, monitoring, etc.) from this security.
- (k) This security has a blended interest rate of 15.00% and 13.00% based on the underlying collateral.
- (l) This investment has a six-month lock-up with a maturity date defined as the earlier of i) the third anniversary of the origination date (April 12, 2027), ii) three to nine months after rendering a partial or full redemption notice subject to the six-month lock-up, iii) a mandatory early redemption event as declared by the issuer, or iv) the date falling immediately after a wind-down period (thirty months following issuance date) expires.
- (m) This investment has a variable interest rate calculated with a base interest of 8%, adjusted by a commitment fee based on the outstanding par value, plus 1.8%, and less the delta between the 6-Month EURIBOR rate and 6-Month CME Term SOFR rate.
- (n) As determined at the end of each waterfall period, a portion of this security's outstanding interest may, from time to time, be capitalized into its principal balance.
- (o) This security is in wind-down with no specific maturity date.
- (p) Either part or all of this security's accrual rate is set to zero as it is non-income producing. The rate disclosed as of April 30, 2026 is the base rate.
- (q) This security does not have a specific maturity date. It matures 90 days from the redemption notice date.
- (r) This warrant's expiration date is on the tenth anniversary of its initial funding date (December 17, 2034). The exercise price is \$0.00 (i.e., cashless exercise).
- (s) This security has a blended fixed interest rate of either 11.00% or 13.00%, depending on the underlying asset pool.
- (t) Rate listed is the annualized 7-day effective yield at April 30, 2026.

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# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

Portfolio Allocation (Unaudited)

April 30, 2026

## Investment Type as a Percentage of Total Net Assets As Follows:

| Security Type/Sector                | Percent of<br>Total<br>Net Assets |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Credit Facilities .....             | 81.1%                             |
| Money Market Instruments .....      | 7.5%                              |
| Private Investment Companies .....  | 5.7%                              |
| Special Purpose Vehicles.....       | 1.5%                              |
| Warrants .....                      | 0.0%                              |
| <b>Total Investments</b> .....      | <b>95.8%</b>                      |
| Other assets less liabilities ..... | 4.2%                              |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b> .....       | <b>100.0%</b>                     |

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As of April 30, 2026

### Assets

|                                                       |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Investments, at fair value (cost \$71,949,867) .....  | \$ 68,809,668     |
| Cash deposited with broker for futures contracts..... | 617,465           |
| Receivable for investments sold .....                 | 302,250           |
| Interest receivable.....                              | 715,414           |
| Accrued interest on PIK securities .....              | 102,474           |
| Accrued interest on Event-Based securities .....      | 820,699           |
| Accrued return on capital.....                        | 955,129           |
| Prepaid expenses .....                                | 23,214            |
| <b>Total Assets</b> .....                             | <u>72,346,313</u> |

### Liabilities

|                                                        |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Unrealized depreciation on open futures contracts..... | 48,258         |
| Due to Counterparty .....                              | 316,798        |
| Due to Investment Manager.....                         | 20,668         |
| Audit and tax fees payable.....                        | 80,001         |
| Legal fees payable .....                               | 29,760         |
| Accounting and administration fees payable .....       | 20,102         |
| Transfer agent fees payable .....                      | 12,732         |
| Sub-Transfer agent fees payable .....                  | 7,035          |
| Custody fees payable .....                             | 2,257          |
| Other liabilities.....                                 | 17,675         |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b> .....                         | <u>555,286</u> |

### Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Net Assets</b> ..... | <u>\$ 71,791,027</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|

### Components of Net Assets:

|                                                                                            |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Paid-in Capital (par value of \$0.001 with an unlimited amount of shares authorized) ..... | \$ 75,249,131        |
| Total distributable earnings/(accumulated loss) .....                                      | <u>(3,458,104)</u>   |
| <b>Net Assets</b> .....                                                                    | <u>\$ 71,791,027</u> |

### Institutional Class Shares:

|                                                            |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Net assets applicable to shares outstanding .....          | \$ 71,791,027 |
| Shares of beneficial interest issued and outstanding ..... | 2,978,085     |
| Net asset value per share .....                            | \$ 24.11      |

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended April 30, 2026

### Investment Income

|                                                                          |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Interest (net of withholding taxes, \$0) .....                           | \$ 5,947,346     |
| Interest on PIK securities (net of withholding taxes, \$0) .....         | 794,482          |
| Interest on Event-Based securities (net of withholding taxes, \$0) ..... | 1,152,108        |
| Dividend income .....                                                    | 367,918          |
| Distributions from private investment companies .....                    | 192,033          |
| Other Income .....                                                       | 612,052          |
| Total Investment Income .....                                            | <u>9,065,939</u> |

### Expenses

|                                                           |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Investment management fees .....                          | 928,280          |
| Transfer agent fees .....                                 | 115,574          |
| Accounting and administration fees .....                  | 111,423          |
| Audit and tax fees .....                                  | 102,280          |
| Offering cost .....                                       | 96,748           |
| Other expenses .....                                      | 93,152           |
| Sub-Transfer agent fees .....                             | 86,774           |
| Trustee fees .....                                        | 61,377           |
| Legal fees .....                                          | 45,304           |
| Blue sky fees .....                                       | 37,686           |
| Chief Compliance Officer fees .....                       | 24,386           |
| Custody fees .....                                        | 12,111           |
| Insurance fees .....                                      | 2,206            |
| Total expenses .....                                      | <u>1,717,301</u> |
| Less fees waived by Investment Manager (see Note 7) ..... | <u>(665,229)</u> |

**Net Expenses** .....

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
|  | <u>1,052,072</u> |
|--|------------------|

**Net Investment Income** .....

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
|  | <u>8,013,867</u> |
|--|------------------|

### Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)

|                                                            |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Net realized gain (loss) on:                               |                    |
| Futures contracts .....                                    | (40,043)           |
| Foreign currency transactions .....                        | <u>207,141</u>     |
| Net realized gain .....                                    | <u>167,098</u>     |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:   |                    |
| Investments .....                                          | (3,195,847)        |
| Foreign currency translations .....                        | (1,611)            |
| Futures contracts .....                                    | <u>28,107</u>      |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ..... | <u>(3,169,351)</u> |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) .....              | <u>(3,002,253)</u> |

**Net increase in net assets resulting from operations** .....

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
|  | <u>\$ 5,011,614</u> |
|--|---------------------|

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

|                                                                             | For the<br>Year Ended<br>April 30,<br>2026 | For the<br>Period<br>April 30,<br>2025 <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from:</b>                              |                                            |                                                     |
| <b>Operations:</b>                                                          |                                            |                                                     |
| Net investment income.....                                                  | \$ 8,013,867                               | \$ 904,520                                          |
| Net realized gain .....                                                     | 167,098                                    | 22,869                                              |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) .....                  | (3,169,351)                                | (19,076)                                            |
| <b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations.....</b>            | <b>5,011,614</b>                           | <b>908,313</b>                                      |
| <b>Distributions to Shareholders:</b>                                       |                                            |                                                     |
| Distributions:                                                              |                                            |                                                     |
| From earnings.....                                                          | (8,113,332)                                | (853,342)                                           |
| From return of capital.....                                                 | —                                          | (413,675)                                           |
| <b>Total distributions to shareholders .....</b>                            | <b>(8,113,332)</b>                         | <b>(1,267,017)</b>                                  |
| <b>Capital Share Transactions:</b>                                          |                                            |                                                     |
| <b>Institutional Class Shares</b>                                           |                                            |                                                     |
| Proceeds from shares sold .....                                             | 26,388,200                                 | 54,698,719                                          |
| Reinvestment of distributions .....                                         | 1,875,501                                  | 747,752                                             |
| Cost of shares repurchased.....                                             | (8,544,849)                                | (13,874)                                            |
| <b>Net increase in net assets resulting from capital transactions .....</b> | <b>19,718,852</b>                          | <b>55,432,597</b>                                   |
| <b>Total increase in net assets .....</b>                                   | <b>16,617,134</b>                          | <b>55,073,893</b>                                   |
| <b>Net Assets:</b>                                                          |                                            |                                                     |
| Beginning of period.....                                                    | 55,173,893                                 | 100,000 <sup>2</sup>                                |
| End of period .....                                                         | <u>\$ 71,791,027</u>                       | <u>\$ 55,173,893</u>                                |
| <b>Share Transactions:</b>                                                  |                                            |                                                     |
| <b>Institutional Class Shares</b>                                           |                                            |                                                     |
| Issued.....                                                                 | 1,035,907                                  | 2,174,820                                           |
| Reinvested.....                                                             | 74,636                                     | 30,083                                              |
| Repurchased .....                                                           | (340,811)                                  | (550)                                               |
| <b>Change in Institutional Class Shares.....</b>                            | <b>769,732</b>                             | <b>2,204,353</b>                                    |

<sup>1</sup> For the period November 1, 2024 (commencement of operations) to April 30, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> The Investment Manager made the initial share purchase of \$100,000 on 8/30/2024. The total initial share purchase of \$100,000 included 4,000 shares purchased at \$25 per share.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended April 30, 2026

### Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities:

|                                                                                                                         |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations .....                                                              | \$ 5,011,614        |
| Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to net cash used in operating activities: |                     |
| Net realized (gain) loss on:                                                                                            |                     |
| Futures contracts .....                                                                                                 | 40,043              |
| Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on:                                                                |                     |
| Investments .....                                                                                                       | 3,195,847           |
| Futures contracts .....                                                                                                 | (28,107)            |
| Interest on PIK securities .....                                                                                        | (794,482)           |
| Purchases of long-term investments .....                                                                                | (64,190,136)        |
| Proceeds from long-term investments sold .....                                                                          | 23,774,641          |
| Purchase of short-term investments, net .....                                                                           | 23,296,763          |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                                                            |                     |
| Due from Investment Manager .....                                                                                       | 8,288               |
| Interest receivable .....                                                                                               | (318,777)           |
| Accrued interest on PIK securities .....                                                                                | (102,474)           |
| Accrued interest on Event-Based securities .....                                                                        | (820,699)           |
| Accrued return on capital .....                                                                                         | (955,129)           |
| Prepaid expenses .....                                                                                                  | 6,333               |
| Prepaid offering .....                                                                                                  | 96,748              |
| Audit and tax fees payable .....                                                                                        | 39,780              |
| Due to counterparty .....                                                                                               | 316,798             |
| Due to Investment Manager .....                                                                                         | 20,668              |
| Legal fees payable .....                                                                                                | (47,433)            |
| Accounting and administration fees payable .....                                                                        | 5,120               |
| Trustee fees payable .....                                                                                              | (123)               |
| Custody fees payable .....                                                                                              | (420)               |
| Transfer agent fees payable .....                                                                                       | 2,334               |
| Sub-Transfer agent fees payable .....                                                                                   | 2,614               |
| Chief Compliance Officer fees payable .....                                                                             | (38)                |
| Other liabilities .....                                                                                                 | 9,196               |
| <b>Net cash used in operating activities .....</b>                                                                      | <b>(11,431,031)</b> |

### Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities:

|                                                                         |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Proceeds from shares sold, net of receivable for fund shares sold ..... | 26,504,200        |
| Payments for shares repurchased .....                                   | (8,544,849)       |
| Distributions to shareholders, net of reinvestments .....               | (6,237,831)       |
| <b>Net cash provided by financing activities .....</b>                  | <b>11,721,520</b> |

Net Increase in Cash and Restricted Cash ..... 290,489

### Cash and Restricted Cash:

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Beginning of period ..... | 326,976    |
| End of period* .....      | \$ 617,465 |

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Non-cash operating activities not included consist of paid in kind income of \$970,996.

Non-cash financing activities not included consist of reinvestment of dividends and distributions of \$1,875,501.

\* Consist of cash deposited with broker for futures contracts of \$617,465.

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Financial Highlights

### Institutional Class

Per share operating performance.

For a capital share outstanding throughout each year/period.

|                                                        | For the<br>Year Ended<br>April 30,<br>2026 | For the<br>Period Ended<br>April 30,<br>2025 <sup>1</sup> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of year/period</b> ..... | \$ 24.98                                   | \$ 25.00                                                  |
| <b>Income from Investment Operations:</b>              |                                            |                                                           |
| Net investment income <sup>2</sup> .....               | 2.71                                       | 0.88                                                      |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) .....          | (0.85)                                     | 0.22                                                      |
| Total from investment operations .....                 | 1.86                                       | 1.10                                                      |
| <b>Less Distributions:</b>                             |                                            |                                                           |
| From net investment income .....                       | (2.73)                                     | (0.72)                                                    |
| From return of capital .....                           | —                                          | (0.40)                                                    |
| Total distributions .....                              | (2.73)                                     | (1.12)                                                    |
| <b>Net asset value, end of year/period</b> .....       | \$ 24.11                                   | \$ 24.98                                                  |
| <b>Total return</b> <sup>3</sup> .....                 | 7.55%                                      | 4.43% <sup>4</sup>                                        |
| <b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>                   |                                            |                                                           |
| Net assets, end of year/period (in thousands) .....    | \$ 71,791                                  | \$ 55,174                                                 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets: <sup>6</sup>  |                                            |                                                           |
| Before fees waived/recovered .....                     | 2.31%                                      | 3.98% <sup>5</sup>                                        |
| After fees waived/recovered .....                      | 1.42%                                      | 1.25% <sup>5</sup>                                        |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets:  |                                            |                                                           |
| Before fees waived/recovered .....                     | 9.88%                                      | 4.30% <sup>5</sup>                                        |
| After fees waived/recovered .....                      | 10.76%                                     | 7.03% <sup>5</sup>                                        |
| Portfolio turnover rate .....                          | 38%                                        | 0% <sup>4</sup>                                           |

<sup>1</sup> For the period November 1, 2024 (commencement of operations) to April 30, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Based on average shares outstanding for the year/period.

<sup>3</sup> Total returns would have been lower had expenses not been waived by the Investment Manager. Returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

<sup>4</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>5</sup> Annualized.

<sup>6</sup> Does not include acquired fund fees and expenses, if any.

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

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## Notes to Financial Statements

April 30, 2026

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### 1. Organization

The Variant Alternative Lending Fund (the "Fund") is a closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act") and organized as a Delaware statutory trust on May 6, 2024. The Fund operates as an interval fund pursuant to Rule 23c-3 of the Investment Company Act, and has adopted a fundamental policy to conduct quarterly repurchase offers at net asset value ("NAV"). Prior to November 3, 2025, the Fund operated as a tender offer fund pursuant to Rule 13e-4 under the Investment Company Act. Variant Investments, LLC serves as the investment adviser (the "Investment Manager") of the Fund. The Investment Manager provides day-to-day investment management services to the Fund. The Fund is non-diversified, which means that under the Investment Company Act, it is not limited in the percentage of its assets that it may invest in any single issuer of securities. No holder of Shares (each, a "Shareholder" and collectively, "Shareholders") will have the right to require the Fund to redeem its Shares. In addition, no public market exists for the Shares and the Fund does not expect any trading market to develop for Shares. As a result, if investors decide to invest in the Fund, they will have very limited opportunity to sell their Shares. The Fund is an appropriate investment only for those investors who can tolerate a high degree of risk and do not require a liquid investment. The Fund commenced operations after the close of business October 31, 2024, with Institutional Class Shares. Only Institutional Class Shares have been issued as of the date of the accompanying financial statements. Institutional Class Shares and Access Class Shares are subject to different fees and expenses. In the future, other classes of Shares may be offered.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide a high level of current income while seeking to prioritize capital preservation. Capital appreciation is considered a secondary objective. Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes), directly or indirectly, in senior secured alternative income-generating lending investments ("Alternative Lending Investments") (the "80% Policy"). For the purpose of the 80% Policy, Alternative Lending Investments are investments that the Investment Manager believes are outside of traditional public equity and bond markets and are likely to generate an interest payment, pay dividends, or have other forms of distributions that generally accrue value over time, or securities that provide the Fund with exposure to such investments. The Fund's Alternative Lending Investments may include, but are not limited to, specialty finance, litigation finance-related investments, real estate debt securities, transportation finance, portfolio finance, trade finance, royalties and warehouse facilities, purchases of interests in private credit funds in the secondary market, and warrants and equity securities acquired by the Fund in connection with the restructuring of Alternative Lending Investments. The Fund expects to allocate its assets primarily through the direct origination of senior secured credit facilities and, on an opportunistic basis, other investment vehicles ("Underlying Funds") purchased on a secondary basis. While the Fund will comply with the 80% Policy, under normal market conditions, the Fund expects to invest at least 90% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes), directly or indirectly, in Alternative Lending Investments. The Fund may change the 80% Policy without Shareholder approval upon at least 60 days' prior written notice to Shareholders.

The Fund is deemed to be an individual reporting segment and is not part of a consolidated reporting entity. The objective and strategy of the Fund is used by the Investment Manager to make investment decisions, and the results of the operations, as shown on the Statement of Operations and the financial highlights for the Fund is the information utilized for the day-to-day management of the Fund. The Fund is party to the expense agreements as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and there are no resources allocated to the Fund based on performance measurements. The principals of the Investment Manager are deemed to be the Chief Operating Decision Makers with respect to the Fund's investment decisions.

### 2. Accounting Policies

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In the reporting period, the Fund adopted ASU 2023-09, which enhances income tax disclosures, including disclosure income taxes paid disaggregated by jurisdiction. Adoption of the new standard did not materially impact financial statement disclosures and did not affect the Fund's financial position or the results of its operations.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Notes to Financial Statements

April 30, 2026 (continued)

### 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Basis of Preparation and Use of Estimates

The Fund is an investment company and follows the accounting and reporting guidance under FASB ASU Topic 946, *Financial Services — Investment Companies*. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### Organizational and Offering Costs

Organizational costs consist of the costs of forming the Fund, drafting of bylaws, administration, custody and transfer agency agreements, legal services in connection with the initial meeting of the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board" and the members thereof, "Trustees") and the Fund's seed audit costs. Offering costs consist of the costs of preparation, review and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") of the Fund's registration statement, the costs of preparation, review and filing of any associated marketing or similar materials, the costs associated with the printing, mailing or other distribution of the Fund's Prospectus, Statement of Additional Information and/or marketing materials, and the amounts of associated filing fees and legal fees associated with the offering. Offering costs are amortized over 12 months, the aggregate amount of offering costs expensed in the current year is \$96,748 as listed in the Statement of Operations.

The Investment Manager has agreed to reimburse the Fund's organizational costs and offering costs already incurred and any additional costs incurred prior to the commencement of operations of the Fund. Organizational costs are expensed as incurred and are subject to recoupment by the Investment Manager.

#### Federal Income Taxes

The Fund has elected to qualify as a regulated investment company (a "RIC") for federal income tax purposes under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC"). As a RIC, the Fund will generally not be subject to federal corporate income tax, provided that when it is a RIC, it distributes out all of its income and gains each year. The Fund utilizes a tax-year end of October 31.

#### Investment Transactions and Related Investment Income

Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses on investment transactions are determined using cost calculated on a specific identification basis. Some or all of the interest payments of a loan or preferred equity may be structured in the form of PIK or Event-Based. Event-Based structured loans or preferred equities imply that interest payments are not scheduled at regular intervals, such as monthly or quarterly. Instead, payments of interest or principal are triggered by a specific cash-generating event associated with the underlying collateral backing the investment.

Investments structured in the form of PIK accrue to cost and principal on a current basis but is generally not paid in cash until maturity or some other determined payment date. Investments structured in the form of Event-Based accrue to outstanding interest on a current basis and is paid as the investment's underlying assets and collateral generate cash to pay down interest and principal. Investments structured with Profit Share accrue to outstanding interest on a current basis and is paid periodically in accordance with the loan agreement.

Interest payments structured in the form of PIK, Event-Based, and Profit Share are subject to the risk that a borrower could default when actual cash interest or principal payments are due. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest is recognized on an accrual basis. Distributions from private investments that represent returns of capital in excess of cumulative profits and losses are credited to investment cost rather than investment income.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

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## Notes to Financial Statements

April 30, 2026 (continued)

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### 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Distributions to Shareholders

Distributions are paid at least monthly on the Shares in amounts representing substantially all of the Fund's net investment income, if any, earned each year. Effective as of April 1, 2026, the Fund's distribution policy changed to increase the frequency of distributions from quarterly to monthly. The Fund determines annually whether to distribute any net realized long-term capital gains in excess of net realized short-term capital losses (including capital loss carryover); however, it may distribute any excess annually to its shareholders. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The exact amount of distributable income for each fiscal year can only be determined at the end of the Fund's tax year. Under Section 19 of the Investment Company Act, the Fund is required to indicate the sources of certain distributions to shareholders. The estimated distribution composition may vary from quarter to quarter because it may be materially impacted by future income, expenses and realized gains and losses on securities and fluctuations in the value of the currencies in which Fund assets are denominated.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and short-term investment which are readily convertible into cash and have an original maturity of three months or less. UMB Bank, N.A., serves as the Fund's custodian. Cash and cash equivalents are subject to credit risk to the extent those balances exceed applicable Securities Investor Protection Corporations or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limitations.

Cash and Investments, at value on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities can include deposits in money market funds, which are classified as Level 1 assets.

#### Valuation of Investments

The Fund values its investments at fair value.

The Board has designated the Investment Manager as its valuation designee (in such capacity, the "Valuation Designee") pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act to perform fair value determinations for investments that do not have readily available market quotations. Under the valuation policy and procedures for the Fund (the "Valuation Procedures") adopted by the Fund, the Board has delegated day-to-day responsibility for fair value determinations and pricing to the Valuation Designee subject to the oversight of the Board.

Short-term securities, including bonds, notes, debentures and other debt securities, such as certificates of deposit, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances and obligations of domestic and foreign banks, with maturities of 60 days or less, for which reliable market quotations are readily available shall each be valued at current market quotations as provided by an independent pricing service or principal market maker. Money market funds are valued at NAV.

For equity, equity related securities, and options that are freely tradable and listed on a securities exchange or over-the-counter market, the Fund fair values those securities at their last sale price on that exchange or over-the-counter market on the valuation date. If the security is listed on more than one exchange, the Fund will use the price from the exchange that it considers to be the principal exchange on which the security is traded. Securities listed on the NASDAQ will be valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price, which may not necessarily represent the last sale price. If there has been no sale on such exchange or over-the-counter market on such day, the security will be valued at the mean between the last bid price and last ask price on such day.

Fixed income securities (i.e. credit facilities, other than the short-term securities as described above) are valued by (a) using readily available market quotations based upon the last updated sale price or (b) by a value from an approved pricing service generated by a pricing matrix based upon yield data for securities with similar characteristics or (c) by obtaining a direct written broker-dealer quotation from a dealer who has made a market in the security. If no price is obtained for a security in accordance with the foregoing, because either an external price is not readily available or such external price is believed by the Investment Manager not to reflect the market value, the Valuation Designee will make a determination in good faith of the fair value of the security in accordance with the Valuation Procedures. In general, fair value represents a good faith approximation of the current value of an asset and will be used when there is no public market or possibly no market at all for the asset. The fair values of one or more assets may not be the prices at which those assets are ultimately sold and the differences may be significant.

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### 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

Prior to investing in any private investment companies or special purpose vehicles (collectively, "Underlying Funds"), the Investment Manager will conduct an initial due diligence review of the valuation methodologies utilized by the Underlying Fund, which generally shall be based upon readily observable market values when available, and otherwise utilize principles of fair value that are reasonably consistent with those used by the Fund for valuing its own investments. Subsequent to investment in an Underlying Fund, the Investment Manager will monitor the valuation methodologies used by each Underlying Fund. The Fund values its interests in Underlying Funds using the NAV provided by the managers of the Underlying Funds and/ or their agents. These valuations involve significant judgment by the managers of the Underlying Funds and may differ from their actual realizable value. Under certain circumstances, the Valuation Designee may modify the managers' valuations based on updated information received since the last valuation date. The Valuation Designee may also modify valuations if the valuations are deemed to not fully reflect the fair value of the investment. Valuations will be provided to the Fund based on interim unaudited financial records of the Underlying Funds, and, therefore, will be estimates and may fluctuate as a result. The Board, the Investment Manager and the Valuation Designee may have limited ability to assess the accuracy of these valuations.

In circumstances in which market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable, or in the case of the valuation of private, direct investments, such investments may be valued as determined in good faith using Valuation Procedures approved by the Board. In these circumstances, the Fund determines fair value in a manner that seeks to reflect the market value of the security on the valuation date based on consideration by the Valuation Designee of any information or factors deemed appropriate. The Valuation Designee may engage third party valuation consultants on an as-needed basis to assist in determining fair value.

Fair valuation involves subjective judgments, and there is no single methodology for determining the fair value of an investment. The fair value determined for an investment may differ materially from the value that could be realized upon the sale of the investment. Fair values used to determine the Fund's NAV may differ from quoted or published prices, or from prices that are used by others, for the same investment. Thus, fair valuation may have an unintended dilutive or accretive effect on the value of shareholders' investments in the Fund. Information that becomes known to the Fund or its agents after the NAV has been calculated on a particular day will not be used to retroactively adjust the price of a security or the NAV determined earlier. Prospective investors should be aware that situations involving uncertainties as to the value of investments could have an adverse effect on the Fund's NAV if the judgments of the Valuation Designee regarding appropriate valuations should prove incorrect.

#### Foreign Currency Future Contracts

The Fund may utilize foreign currency future contracts ("futures contracts") under which they are obligated to exchange currencies on specified future dates at specified rates, and are subject to the translations of foreign exchange rates fluctuations. All futures are "marked-to-market" daily and any resulting unrealized gains or losses are recorded as unrealized appreciation or depreciation on foreign currency translations. The Fund records realized gains or losses at the time the futures contract is settled. Counter-parties to these contracts are major U.S. financial institutions. Futures contracts are carried at fair value using the primary exchange's closing (settlement) price and are generally categorized in Level 1. As of April 30, 2026, all futures were entered in exchanges located in U.S. domestic markets.

Engaging in these transactions involves risk of loss, which could adversely affect the value of the Fund's net assets. No assurance can be given that a liquid market will exist for any particular futures contract at any particular time. Many exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single trading day. Once the daily limit has been reached in a particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond that limit or trading may be suspended for specified periods during the trading day. Futures contract prices could move to the limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of futures positions and potentially subjecting the Fund to substantial losses.

#### Foreign Currency Translation

The Fund's records are maintained in U.S. dollars. The value of securities, currencies and other assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollars are translated into U.S. dollars based upon foreign exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period. The currencies are translated into U.S. dollars by using quoted exchange rates prior to when the Fund's NAV is next determined. Purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses are translated on the respective dates of such transactions.

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### 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

The Fund does not isolate that portion of its net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates from the impact arising from changes in market prices. Such fluctuations are included with net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments and foreign currency.

Net realized foreign currency transaction gains and losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the differences between the amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign currency translation gains and losses arise from changes in the value of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities, resulting from changes in the exchange rates.

#### Participations and Assignments

The Fund may acquire interests in loans either directly (by way of original issuance, sale or assignment) or indirectly (by way of participation). The purchaser of an assignment typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations of the assigning institution and becomes a lender under the credit agreement with respect to the debt obligation; however, its rights can be more restricted than those of the assigning institution. Participation interests in a portion of a debt obligation typically result in a contractual relationship only with the institution participating in the interest, not with the borrower. In purchasing participations, the Fund generally will have no right to enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement, nor any rights of set-off against the borrower, and the Fund may not directly benefit from the collateral supporting the debt obligation in which it has purchased the participation. As a result, the Fund will assume the risk of both the borrower and the institution selling the participation.

### 3. Principal Risks

#### Indemnifications

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these agreements is dependent on future claims that may be made against the Fund, and therefore cannot be established; however, the risk of loss from such claims is considered remote.

#### Borrowing, Use of Leverage

The Fund may leverage its investments by "borrowing," use of swap agreements, options or other derivative instruments, use of short sales or issuing preferred stock or preferred debt. The use of leverage increases both risk of loss and profit potential. The Investment Manager may cause the Fund to use various methods to leverage investments, including (i) borrowing, (ii) issuing preferred stock or preferred debt, (iii) swap agreements or other derivative instruments, or (iv) a combination of these methods. However, the Investment Manager expects that the Fund's primary use of leverage will be for working capital management, as opposed to structural leverage. The Fund expects that under normal business conditions it will utilize a combination of the leverage methods described above. The Fund is subject to the Investment Company Act requirement that an investment company limit its borrowings to no more than 50% of its total assets for preferred stock or preferred debt and 33 1/3% of its total assets for debt securities, including amounts borrowed, measured at the time the investment company incurs the indebtedness. Although leverage may increase profits, it exposes the Fund to credit risk, greater market risks and higher current expenses. The effect of leverage with respect to any investment in a market that moves adversely to such investment could result in a loss to the investment portfolio of the Fund that would be substantially greater than if the investment were not leveraged. Also, access to leverage and financing could be impaired by many factors, including market forces or regulatory changes, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to secure or maintain adequate leverage or financing. The ability of the Fund to transact business with any one or number of counterparties, the lack of any independent evaluation of such counterparties' financial capabilities and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate settlement may increase the potential for losses by the Fund.

Margin borrowings and transactions involving forwards, swaps, futures, options and other derivative instruments could result in certain additional risks to the Fund. In such transactions, counterparties and lenders will likely require the Fund to post collateral to support its obligations. Should the securities and other assets pledged as collateral

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### 3. Principal Risks (continued)

decline in value or should brokers increase their maintenance margin requirements (i.e., reduce the percentage of a position that can be financed), the Fund could be subject to a "margin call," pursuant to which it must either deposit additional funds with the broker or suffer mandatory liquidation of the pledged assets to compensate for the decline in value. In the event of a precipitous drop in the value of pledged securities, the Fund might not be able to liquidate assets quickly enough to pay off the margin debt or provide additional collateral and may suffer mandatory liquidation of positions in a declining market at relatively low prices, thereby incurring substantial losses.

#### Limited Liquidity

Shares in the Fund provide limited liquidity since Shareholders will not be able to redeem Shares on a daily basis. A Shareholder may not be able to tender its Shares in the Fund promptly after it has made a decision to do so. There is no assurance that you will be able to tender your Shares when or in the amount that you desire. In addition, with very limited exceptions, Shares are not transferable, and liquidity will be provided only through repurchase offers made quarterly by the Fund. Shares in the Fund are therefore suitable only for investors who can bear the risks associated with the limited liquidity of Shares and should be viewed as a long-term investment.

#### Non-Diversified Status

The Fund is a "non-diversified" management investment company. Thus, there are no percentage limitations imposed by the Investment Company Act on the Fund's assets that may be invested, directly or indirectly, in the securities of any one issuer. Consequently, if one or more securities are allocated a relatively large percentage of the Fund's assets, losses suffered by such securities could result in a higher reduction in the Fund's capital than if such capital had been more proportionately allocated among a larger number of securities. The Fund may also be more susceptible to any single economic or regulatory occurrence than a diversified investment company.

#### Private Markets Risk

The securities in which the Fund, directly or indirectly, may invest include privately issued securities of both public and private companies. Private securities have additional risk considerations than investments in comparable public investments. Whenever the Fund invests in companies that do not publicly report financial and other material information, it assumes a greater degree of investment risk and reliance upon the Investment Manager's ability to obtain and evaluate applicable information concerning such companies' creditworthiness and other investment considerations. Certain private securities may be illiquid. Because there is often no readily available trading market for private securities, the Fund may not be able to readily dispose of such investments at prices that approximate those at which the Fund could sell them if they were more widely traded. Private securities that are debt securities generally are of below-investment grade quality, frequently are unrated and present many of the same risks as investing in below-investment grade public debt securities. Investing in private debt instruments is a highly specialized investment practice that depends more heavily on independent credit analysis than investments in other types of obligations.

#### Credit Risks

The value of any underlying collateral, the creditworthiness of the borrower and the priority of the lien are each of great importance. An investor could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security or the counterparty to a derivatives contract, repurchase agreement, or a loan of portfolio securities defaults or is unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments or to otherwise honor its obligations. A downgrade of the credit of a security may also decrease its value.

#### SOFR Risk

SOFR is intended to be a broad measure of the cost of borrowing funds overnight in transactions that are collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. SOFR is calculated based on transaction-level repo data collected from various sources. For each trading day, SOFR is calculated as a volume-weighted median rate derived from such data. SOFR is calculated and published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York ("FRBNY"). If data from a given source required by the FRBNY

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### 3. Principal Risks (continued)

to calculate SOFR is unavailable for any day, then the most recently available data for that segment will be used, with certain adjustments. If errors are discovered in the transaction data or the calculations underlying SOFR after its initial publication on a given day, SOFR may be republished at a later time that day. Rate revisions will be effected only on the day of initial publication and will be republished only if the change in the rate exceeds one basis point.

Because SOFR is a financing rate based on overnight secured funding transactions, it differs fundamentally from LIBOR. LIBOR is intended to be an unsecured rate that represents interbank funding costs for different short-term maturities or tenors. It is a forward-looking rate reflecting expectations regarding interest rates for the applicable tenor. Thus, LIBOR is intended to be sensitive, in certain respects, to bank credit risk and to term interest rate risk. In contrast, SOFR is a secured overnight rate reflecting the credit of U.S. Treasury securities as collateral. Thus, it is largely insensitive to credit-risk considerations and to short-term interest rate risks. SOFR is a transaction-based rate, and it has been more volatile than other benchmark or market rates, such as three-month LIBOR, during certain periods. For these reasons, among others, there is no assurance that SOFR, or rates derived from SOFR, will perform in the same or a similar way as LIBOR would have performed at any time, and there is no assurance that SOFR-based rates will be a suitable substitute for LIBOR. SOFR has a limited history, having been first published in April 2018. The future performance of SOFR, and SOFR-based reference rates, cannot be predicted based on SOFR's history or otherwise. Levels of SOFR in the future, including following the discontinuation of LIBOR, may bear little or no relation to historical levels of SOFR, LIBOR or other rates.

#### Repurchase Offers

The Fund calculates its NAV as of the close of business on each business day and at such other times as the Board may determine, including in connection with repurchases of Shares, in accordance with the procedures described below or as may be determined from time to time in accordance with policies established by the Board.

The Fund is a closed-end investment company structured as an "interval fund" and, as such, has adopted a fundamental policy to make quarterly repurchase offers, at per-class NAV, of not less than 5% of the Fund's outstanding Shares on the repurchase request deadline. The Fund will offer to purchase only a small portion of its Shares each quarter, and there is no guarantee that Shareholders will be able to sell all of the Shares that they desire to sell in any particular repurchase offer.

Under current regulations, such offers must be for not less than 5% nor more than 25% of the Fund's Shares outstanding on the repurchase request deadline. If a repurchase offer is oversubscribed, the Fund may repurchase only a pro rata portion of the Shares tendered by each Shareholder. The potential for may cause some investors to tender more Shares for repurchase than they wish to have repurchased.

#### Market Disruption and Geopolitical Risks

Certain local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illnesses and/or other public health issues, financial institution instability, threatened or actual imposition of tariffs, recessions or other events may have a significant impact on a security or instrument. Tensions, war or open conflict between nations, such as recently between Russia and Ukraine, in the Middle East or in eastern Asia, could affect the economies of many nations, including the United States. These types of events and other like them are collectively referred to as "Market Disruptions and Geopolitical Risks" and they may have adverse impacts on the worldwide economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, the financial health of individual companies and the markets in general in significant and unforeseen ways. Some of the impacts noted in recent times include but are not limited to embargos, political actions, supply chain disruptions, bank failures, restrictions on investment and/or monetary movement including the forced selling of securities or the inability to participate in impacted markets. The United States has enacted or proposed to enact significant tariffs, (which the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled were unconstitutional) and various federal agencies have been directed to further evaluate key aspects of U.S. trade policy, which could potentially lead to significant changes to current policies, treaties, and tariffs. Significant uncertainty remains about the United States future relationships with other countries with respect to such trade policies, treaties, military conflicts, sanctions and potential tariffs. These developments, or the perception thereof, may have a material adverse effect on global trade, trade between the impacted nations and the United States, the stability of global financial markets and overall global

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### 4. Fair Value of Investments

economic conditions. These events could adversely affect the Fund's performance, the performance of the securities in which the Fund invests and may lead to losses. The ultimate impact of "Market Disruptions and Geopolitical Risks" on the financial performance of the Fund's investments is not reasonably estimable at this time.

#### **(a) Fair value – Definition**

The Fund uses a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The objective of a fair value measurement is to determine the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). Accordingly, the fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 — Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 — Valuations based on inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 — Valuations based on inputs that are both significant and unobservable to the overall fair value measurement.

The availability of valuation techniques and observable inputs can vary from investment to investment and are affected by a wide variety of factors, including type of investment, whether the investment is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, determining fair value requires more judgment. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, estimated values may be materially higher or lower than the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Investment Manager in determining fair value is greatest for investments categorized in Level 3.

In some circumstances, the inputs used to measure fair value might be categorized within different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In those instances, the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

#### **(b) Fair Value – Valuation Techniques and Inputs**

When determining fair value, the Fund uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

#### **Investments in Private Investment Companies**

The Fund values private investment companies using the NAVs provided by the Underlying Funds as a practical expedient. The Fund applies the practical expedient to Underlying Funds on an investment-by-investment basis, and consistently with the Fund's entire position in a particular investment, unless it is probable that the Fund will sell a portion of an investment at an amount different from the NAV of the investment. Each of these Underlying Funds has certain restrictions with respect to rights of withdrawal by the Fund as specified in the respective agreements. Generally, the Fund is required to provide notice of its intent to withdraw after the investment has been maintained for a certain period of time. The management agreements of the private investment companies provide for compensation to the managers in the form of fees ranging from 0% to 2.00% annually of net assets and performance incentive allocations or fees ranging from 0% to 20% on net profits earned.

#### **Investments in Credit Facilities**

The Fund has invested in credit facilities that are either secured by the borrower's assets or are unsecured in nature. The credit facilities have been made directly or through participation with private investment or operating companies. For certain credit facilities, the Fund has determined that cost approximates fair value. These investments are monitored and adjusted accordingly for certain changes, such as (i) a material change in interest rates for similar notes or (ii) if the Investment Manager becomes aware of a fundamental change that has not been reflected in the cost.

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### 4. Fair Value of Investments (continued)

For credit facilities where cost does not reflect fair value, the Fund determined its fair value through a discounted cash flow or market approach method as of April 30, 2026. The methodology applied is based on the structure of the credit facility, the type of collateral pledged to the facility, and the information available on the pledged assets. The discounted cash flow method is based on the future cash flows generated by the underlying collateral, which are discounted to present value using an appropriate rate of return. The market approach method is based on the relevant market value of the underlying asset or a recent transaction, or other key indicator/market yield. When appropriate, the adjusted value may be present valued using a relevant rate of return. Investments in credit facilities are categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles

Special purpose vehicles ("SPV") consist of an investment by the Fund in an entity that invests directly or indirectly in a note secured by the expected value of contingency fees received from future case settlements, real estate, specialty finance investments, and royalties. The debt offerings are short-term in nature and carry a fixed interest rate. During the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026, the Investment Manager determined there were minimal credit impairments. Investments in SPV are generally measured based on NAV as a practical expedient. For investments that cannot be measured based on NAV as a practical expedient as of April 30, 2026, the Fund determined its value through a market approach method. These investments are categorized as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

#### Investments in Warrants

As a part of the credit facilities, the Fund receives exercisable warrants in the private investments or operating companies of the borrower. The Fund has determined to value its investments in warrants through a discounted cash flow or market approach as of April 30, 2026. The discounted cash flow method is based on the future cash flows generated by the private investments or operating companies of the borrower, which are discounted to present value using an appropriate rate of return. Adjustments may be made based on expected performance and other market-based inputs. The market approach method is based on the relevant market valuation of the private investments or operating companies of the borrower and is generally adjusted based on the Fund's ownership percentage. Investments in warrants are categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### (c) Fair Value – Hierarchy

The Fund's assets recorded at fair value have been categorized based on a fair value hierarchy as described in the Fund's significant accounting policies above. The following table presents information about the Fund's assets and liabilities measured at fair value by level as of April 30, 2026. Assets valued using NAV as a practical expedient, an indicator of fair value, are listed in a separate column to permit reconciliation to totals in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

| Investments                                    | Level 1             | Level 2     | Level 3              | Investments<br>Valued at Net<br>Asset Value | Total                |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Private Investment Companies ..                | \$ —                | \$ —        | \$ —                 | \$ 4,050,073                                | \$ 4,050,073         |
| Credit Facilities.....                         | —                   | —           | 58,275,340           | —                                           | 58,275,340           |
| Special Purpose Vehicles.....                  | —                   | —           | —                    | 1,075,237                                   | 1,075,237            |
| Warrants .....                                 | —                   | —           | 37,493               | —                                           | 37,493               |
| Money Market Instruments .....                 | 5,371,525           | —           | —                    | —                                           | 5,371,525            |
| <b>Total Investments .....</b>                 | <b>\$ 5,371,525</b> | <b>\$ —</b> | <b>\$ 58,312,833</b> | <b>\$ 5,125,310</b>                         | <b>\$ 68,809,668</b> |
| <b>Other Financial Instruments<sup>1</sup></b> |                     |             |                      |                                             |                      |
| Future Contracts .....                         | (48,258)            | —           | —                    | —                                           | (48,258)             |
| <b>Total Assets.....</b>                       | <b>\$ 5,323,267</b> | <b>\$ —</b> | <b>\$ 58,312,833</b> | <b>\$ 5,125,310</b>                         | <b>\$ 68,761,410</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Other financial instruments are derivative instruments such as futures contracts, forward contracts and swap contracts. Futures contracts, forward contracts and swap contracts are valued at the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on the instrument.

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### 4. Fair Value of Investments (continued)

#### (d) Fair Value – Changes in Level 3 Measurements

The following table presents the changes in assets and transfers in and out which are classified in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026:

|                                                                                                                                  | Credit<br>Facilities  | Warrants         | Total                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>April 30, 2025</b> .....                                                                                                      | \$ 25,851,306         | \$ —             | \$ 25,851,306         |
| Realized gains (losses).....                                                                                                     | 207,374               | —                | 207,374               |
| Change in Unrealized gains (losses).....                                                                                         | (3,701,197)           | 37,493           | (3,663,704)           |
| Transfer into level 3.....                                                                                                       | —                     | —                | —                     |
| Transfer out of level 3.....                                                                                                     | —                     | —                | —                     |
| Recategorized.....                                                                                                               | —                     | —                | —                     |
| Purchases.....                                                                                                                   | 58,861,994            | —                | 58,861,994            |
| Sales.....                                                                                                                       | (22,944,137)          | —                | (22,944,137)          |
| <b>April 30, 2026</b> .....                                                                                                      | <b>\$ 58,275,340</b>  | <b>\$ 37,493</b> | <b>\$ 58,312,833</b>  |
| <b>Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation)<br/>attributable to Level 3 investments held at April 30, 2026</b> ..... | <b>\$ (3,645,549)</b> | <b>\$ 37,493</b> | <b>\$ (3,608,056)</b> |

#### (e) Fair Value – Significant Unobservable Inputs

The following table summarizes the valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs used for the Fund's investments that are categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy as of April 30, 2026:

| Investment<br>Category | Fair Value    | Valuation<br>Technique | Unobservable<br>Inputs      | Range<br>of Inputs | Weighted<br>Average <sup>1</sup> | Impact on<br>Valuation from<br>an increase in<br>Input |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Credit Facilities...   | \$ 58,275,340 | Market<br>Approach     | Discount Rate               | 17.70% – 20.00%    | 17.88%                           | Decrease                                               |
|                        |               |                        | Recent<br>Transaction Price | \$100.00           | \$100.00                         | Increase                                               |
|                        |               |                        | Recovery %                  | 0.00% – 75.00%     | 36.97%                           | Increase                                               |
| Warrants .....         | \$ 37,493     | Market<br>Approach     | Market Multiple             | 5.40x – 5.74x      | 5.57x                            | Increase                                               |

<sup>1</sup> Unobservable inputs were weighted by the fair value of the instruments as of the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026.

### 5. Derivative and Hedging Disclosure

U.S. GAAP requires enhanced disclosures about the Fund's derivative and hedging activities, including how such activities are accounted for and their effects on the Fund's financial position, performance and cash flows. The Fund invested in futures contracts for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026.

The effects of these derivative instruments on the Fund's financial position and financial performance as reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Operations are presented in the tables below. The fair values of derivative instruments as of April 30, 2026, by risk category are as follows:

| Statement of Assets and Liabilities                                          | Derivatives not<br>designated as hedging<br>instruments | Asset Derivatives | Liability Derivatives |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                              |                                                         | Value             | Value                 |
| Unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on open<br>futures currency risk..... | Future contracts                                        |                   | \$ 48,258             |

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### 5. Derivative and Hedging Disclosure (continued)

The effects of derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026, are as follows:

#### Amount of Net Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

| Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments | Futures Contracts |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Future currency risk contracts .....              | \$ (40,043)       |
| Total .....                                       | \$ (40,043)       |

#### Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

| Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments | Futures Contracts |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Future currency risk contracts .....              | \$ 28,107         |
| Total .....                                       | \$ 28,107         |

The number of contracts is included on the Schedule of Investments. The quarterly average volumes of derivative instruments as of April 30, 2026, are as follows:

| Derivative             | Quarterly Average      | Amount         |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Future contracts ..... | Average Notional Value | \$ (3,897,391) |

### 6. Capital Stock

Pursuant to exemptive relief obtained from the SEC, the Fund is permitted to offer multiple classes of Shares. The Fund is currently authorized to offer two separate classes of Shares, designated as Institutional Class Shares and Access Class Shares. Only Institutional Class Shares have been issued as of the date of the accompanying financial statements. Institutional Class Shares and Access Class Shares are subject to different fees and expenses. The Fund has adopted a Distribution and Servicing Plan with respect to Access Class Shares in compliance with Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act. Under the Distribution and Servicing Plan, the Fund is permitted to pay as compensation up to 0.50% on an annualized basis of the aggregate net assets attributable to Access Class Shares to the Fund's Distributor or other qualified recipients under the Distribution and Servicing Plan. The Distribution and Servicing Fee is paid out of the Fund's assets and decreases the net profits or increases the net losses of the Fund. While the Fund presently offers two classes of Shares, it may offer other classes of Shares as well in the future. From time to time, the Board may create and offer additional classes of Shares, or may vary the characteristics of the Institutional Class Shares or Access Class Shares described herein, including without limitation, in the following respects: (1) the amount of fees permitted by a distribution and/or service plan as to such class; (2) voting rights with respect to a distribution and/or service plan as to such class; (3) different class designations; (4) the impact of any class expenses directly attributable to a particular class of Shares; (5) differences in any dividends and NAVs resulting from differences in fees under a distribution and/or service plan or in class expenses; (6) the addition of sales loads; (7) any conversion features, as permitted under the Investment Company Act.

The minimum initial investment in Institutional Class Shares and Access Class Shares by any investor is \$1 million. However, the Fund, in its sole discretion, may accept investments below this minimum with respect to Institutional Class Shares and Access Class Shares. Shares may be purchased by principals and employees of the Investment Manager or its affiliates and their immediate family members without being subject to the minimum investment requirement. The purchase price for each class of Shares is based on the NAV per Share of that Class as of the date such Shares are purchased.

Neither Institutional Class Shares nor Access Class Shares are subject to any initial sales charge. However, investors will be assessed fees for returned checks and stop payment orders at prevailing rates charged by the Administrator. The returned check and stop payment fees are currently \$25.

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 6. Capital Stock (continued)

Shares are generally offered for purchase on each business day, except that Shares may be offered less frequently as determined by the Board in its sole discretion. The Board may also suspend or terminate offerings of Shares at any time.

Except as otherwise permitted by the Board, initial and subsequent purchases of Shares will be payable in cash. Orders will be priced at the appropriate price next computed after the order is received by the Fund. The Fund reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any subscription to purchase Shares in the Fund at any time.

The Fund intends to provide a limited degree of liquidity to the Shareholders by conducting repurchase offers quarterly with a Valuation Date (as defined below) on or about February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year. For each repurchase offer the Board will set an amount between 5% and 25% of the Fund's Shares based on relevant factors, including the liquidity of the Fund's positions and the Shareholders' desire for liquidity. A Shareholder whose Shares (or a portion thereof) are repurchased by the Fund will not be entitled to a return of any sales charge that was charged in connection with the Shareholder's purchase of the Shares. Shares will be repurchased at their NAV determined as of approximately February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, as applicable (each such date, a "Valuation Date"). Shareholders tendering Shares directly through the Fund and not through a registered investment adviser or other intermediary ("Authorized Intermediary") for repurchase will be asked to give written notice of their intent to do so by the date specified in the notice describing the terms of the applicable repurchase offer, which date will be the Valuation Date. Shareholders who tender may not have all of the tendered Shares repurchased by the Fund. If over-subscriptions occur, the Fund may elect to repurchase less than the full amount that a Shareholder requests to be repurchased. In such an event, the Fund may repurchase only a pro rata portion of the amount tendered by each Shareholder. In certain circumstances, the Board may require a Shareholder to tender its Shares. Any such redemption will be conducted consistent with the requirements of Rule 23c-2 under the Investment Company Act.

A Shareholder who tenders for repurchase only a portion of its Shares in the Fund will be required to maintain a minimum account balance of \$50,000,000. If a Shareholder tenders a portion of its Shares and the repurchase of that portion would cause the Shareholder's account balance to fall below this required minimum of \$50,000,000, the Fund reserves the right to repurchase all of such Shareholder's outstanding Shares. Such minimum capital account balance requirement may also be waived by the Board or by the Investment Manager in its sole discretion, subject to applicable federal securities laws.

|                                              | <b>Tender Offer</b> | <b>Tender Offer</b> | <b>Tender Offer</b> | <b>Repurchase Offer</b> |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Commencement Date.....                       | April 17, 2025      | July 18, 2025       | October 16, 2025    | January 23, 2026        |
| Repurchase Request Deadline.....             | May 15, 2025        | August 15, 2025     | November 14, 2025   | February 13, 2026       |
| Repurchase Pricing Date.....                 | May 15, 2025        | August 15, 2025     | November 14, 2025   | February 13, 2026       |
| Net Asset Value as of Repurchase Offer Date  |                     |                     |                     |                         |
| Institutional Class.....                     | \$ 25.07            | \$ 25.62            | \$ 25.43            | \$ 24.69                |
| Amount Repurchased                           |                     |                     |                     |                         |
| Institutional Class.....                     | \$ 130,567          | \$ 172,494          | \$ 4,191,743        | \$ 4,050,045            |
| Percentage of Outstanding Shares Repurchased |                     |                     |                     |                         |
| Institutional Class.....                     | 0.23%               | 0.22%               | 5.00%               | 5.23%                   |

The Fund fulfilled all repurchase requests in all repurchase offer periods except for November 14, 2025.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 7. Investment Management and Other Agreements

The Fund has entered into an investment management agreement (the "Investment Management Agreement") with the Investment Manager. Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, the Fund pays the Investment Manager a management fee (the "Investment Management Fee") at an annual rate of 1.25%, which is calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears, based upon the Fund's average daily "Managed Assets" (defined as total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to leverage that may be outstanding) minus the sum of accrued liabilities (including accrued fees and expenses and other than debt representing financial leverage and the aggregate liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred shares). Average daily Managed Assets is the sum of the Managed Assets at the beginning of each business day and the Managed Assets at the end of such business day and divided by two. Accrued liabilities are expenses incurred in the normal course of the Fund's operations.

The Investment Manager has entered into an expense limitation and reimbursement agreement (the "Expense Limitation and Reimbursement Agreement") with the Fund, whereby the Investment Manager has agreed to waive fees that it would otherwise have been paid, and/or to assume expenses of the Fund (a "Waiver"), if required to ensure the Total Annual Expenses (excluding any taxes, leverage interest, brokerage commissions, dividend and interest expenses on short sales, acquired fund fees and expenses (as determined in accordance with SEC Form N-2), expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, and extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses) do not exceed, 1.25% and 1.75% of the average daily net assets of Institutional Class Shares and Access Class Shares, respectively, for the period May 1, 2025 to September 11, 2025, and 1.50% and 2.00% of the average daily net assets of Institutional Class Shares and Access Class Shares, respectively, for the period September 12, 2025 through April 30, 2026 (the "Expense Limit"). Because taxes, leverage interest, brokerage commissions, dividend and interest expenses on short sales, acquired fund fees and expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, and extraordinary expenses are excluded from the Expense Limit, Total Annual Expenses (after fee waivers and expense reimbursements) are expected to exceed 1.50% and 2.00% of the average daily net assets of Institutional Class Shares and Access Class Shares, respectively. For the avoidance of doubt, Fund expenses incurred in connection with the organization of the Fund and the initial offering of Shares are subject to the Expense Limit. For a period not to exceed three years from the date on which a Waiver is made, the Investment Manager may recoup amounts waived or assumed, provided it is able to effect such recoupment and remain in compliance with the Expense Limit in effect at the time of the Waiver and the Expense Limit in effect at the time of recoupment. The Expense Limitation and Reimbursement Agreement is in effect until September 11, 2026, and may not be terminated by the Investment Manager before that date. The Expense Limitation and Reimbursement Agreement may be terminated at any time by the Fund's Board of Trustees upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the Investment Manager.

For the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026, the Investment Manager has waived fees totaling \$665,229, consisting of \$568,481 of waived fees and \$96,748 of waived offering fees. For a period not to exceed three years from the date on which a Waiver is made, the Investment Manager may recoup amounts waived or assumed, provided it is able to effect such recoupment and remain in compliance with the Expense Limit in place at the time of the waiver. Total waived fees of \$1,116,946 consist of organizational costs of \$98,445, which are eligible for recoupment no later than August 30, 2027, and waived fees of \$353,272, and \$665,229 for the period November 1, 2024 (commencement of operations) through April 30, 2025, and the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026, which are eligible for recoupment no later than April 30, 2028, and April 30, 2029, respectively.

Distribution Services, LLC serves as the Fund's principal underwriter.

The Fund has retained an administrator, UMB Fund Services, Inc. (the "Administrator") to provide administrative services, and to assist with operational needs. In consideration for these services, the Fund pays the Administrator a minimum monthly administration fee (the "Administration Fee"). The Administration Fee is paid to the Administrator out of the assets of the Fund and therefore decreases the net profits or increases the net losses of the Fund. The Administrator is also reimbursed by the Fund for out-of-pocket expenses relating to services provided to the Fund and receives a fee for transfer agency services. The Administration Fee and the other terms of the Administration Agreement may change from time to time as may be agreed to by the Fund management and the Administrator.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Notes to Financial Statements

April 30, 2026 (continued)

### 7. Investment Management and Other Agreements (continued)

A Trustee and an officer of the Fund are employees of the Administrator. The Fund does not compensate the Trustee or officer affiliated with the Administrator. For the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026, the Fund's allocated fees incurred for Trustees are reported on the Statement of Operations.

UMB Bank, N.A. (the "Custodian"), an affiliate of the Administrator, serves as the primary custodian of the assets of the Fund, and may maintain custody of such assets with U.S. and non-U.S. sub custodians (which may be banks and trust companies), securities depositories and clearing agencies in accordance with the requirements of Section 17(f) of the Investment Company Act and the rules thereunder. Assets of the Fund are not held by the Investment Manager or commingled with the assets of other accounts other than to the extent that securities are held in the name of the Custodian or U.S. or non-U.S. sub custodians in a securities depository, clearing agency or omnibus customer account of such custodian. In consideration for these services, the Fund pays the Custodian a minimum monthly custodian fee.

### 8. Related Party Transactions

At April 30, 2026, the Investment Manager and its affiliates owned \$3,619,131 (or 4.99% of net assets) of the Fund.

### 9. Federal Income Taxes

At April 30, 2026, gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments and short securities, based on cost for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

|                                                  |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cost of Investments.....                         | \$ 71,870,503         |
| Gross Unrealized Appreciation .....              | \$ 666,407            |
| Gross Unrealized Depreciation .....              | (3,727,242)           |
| Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) ..... | <u>\$ (3,060,835)</u> |

The difference between cost amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes is due primarily to timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses in security transactions.

U.S. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets to be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share. For the tax year ended October 31, 2025, permanent differences in book and tax accounting have been reclassified to paid-in capital and distributable earnings as follows:

| Increase (Decrease) |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Paid in Capital     | Total Distributable Earnings |
| \$ 411,357          | \$ (411,357)                 |

As of October 31, 2025, the Fund's most recent tax year end, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

|                                                          |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Undistributed ordinary income.....                       | \$ 833,662          |
| Undistributed long-term gains .....                      | —                   |
| Accumulated capital and other losses .....               | (129,360)           |
| Unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments..... | 482,137             |
| Foreign currency translations .....                      | —                   |
| Total accumulated earnings/(deficit).....                | <u>\$ 1,186,439</u> |

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Notes to Financial Statements

April 30, 2026 (continued)

### 9. Federal Income Taxes (continued)

The tax character of distributions paid during the tax year ended October 31, 2025 as follows:

| Distributions paid from:         | 2025                |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ordinary income.....             | \$ 4,556,947        |
| Net long term capital gains..... | —                   |
| Return of Capital .....          | —                   |
| Total distributions paid .....   | <u>\$ 4,556,947</u> |

As of October 31, 2025, the Fund had accumulated capital loss carryforwards as follows:

| Not subject to expiration: |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Short-term .....           | \$ 51,744         |
| Long-term .....            | 77,616            |
|                            | <u>\$ 129,360</u> |

To the extent that a fund may realize future net capital gains, those gains will be offset by any of its unused capital loss carryforward. Future capital loss carryover utilization in any given year may be subject to IRC limitations.

For the year ended October 31, 2025, the Fund utilized capital loss carry overs totaling \$0.

### 10. Investment Transactions

For the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026, purchases and sales of investments, excluding short-term investments, were \$64,088,172 and \$23,774,641, respectively.

### 11. Commitments

On January 19, 2022, the SEC granted the Investment Manager exemptive relief under section 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act and rule 17d-1 that permits closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with affiliated investments funds and account.

Credit facilities may be structured to be fully funded at the time of investment or include unfunded loan commitments, which are contractual obligations for future funding. The Fund may receive a commitment fee based on the undrawn portion of such unfunded loan commitments. The commitment fee is typically set as a percentage of the commitment amount. Commitment fees are processed as income when received and are part of interest income in the Statement of Operations. As of April 30, 2026, the Fund had unfunded loan commitments to credit facilities of \$3,749,169.

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 11. Commitments (continued)

The following table represents investment categories, unfunded commitments and redemptive restrictions of investments that are measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient as of April 30, 2026:

| Investment Name                              | Vehicle Type                                | Fair Value          | Unfunded Commitments | Redemption Frequency | Redemption Notice Period                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BlackRock Monticello Debt REIT .....         | Private Investment Companies <sup>(2)</sup> | \$ 911,915          | —                    | Quarterly            | After a 2-year lock-up period, each limited partner may submit a withdrawal request 2 days prior to each calendar quarter-end. |
| Legalist DIP Fund I, LP .....                | Private Investment Companies <sup>(1)</sup> | 628,739             | —                    | None                 | N                                                                                                                              |
| Legalist DIP Fund II, LP .....               | Private Investment Companies <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,572,114           | —                    | None                 | N                                                                                                                              |
| Legalist DIP Offshore Fund I, LP .....       | Private Investment Companies <sup>(1)</sup> | 132,294             | —                    | None                 | N                                                                                                                              |
| Legalist DIP Offshore Fund II, LP .....      | Private Investment Companies <sup>(1)</sup> | 545,244             | —                    | None                 | N                                                                                                                              |
| Legalist DIP SPV II .....                    | Private Investment Companies <sup>(1)</sup> | 259,767             | —                    | None                 | N                                                                                                                              |
| MonticelloAM Funding, LLC Series SH-85 ..... | Special Purpose Vehicles <sup>(2)</sup>     | 1,075,237           | 111,173              | None                 | N                                                                                                                              |
|                                              | <b>Total</b>                                | <b>\$ 5,125,310</b> | <b>\$ 111,173</b>    |                      |                                                                                                                                |

<sup>1</sup> Private partnerships that are secondaries positions. These investments are purchased in the secondary market of a limited partner's interest in a private credit fund from the primary owner.

<sup>2</sup> Real estate debt private partnerships. These are extensions of new debt backed by real estate assets or the purchase of existing loans backed by residential or commercial real estate assets.

### 12. Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of issuance of the financial statements included herein. There have been no subsequent events or transactions that occurred during this period that materially impacted the amounts or disclosures in the Fund's financial statements except for the following:

The Fund commenced a repurchase offer on April 24, 2026 and the results are as follows:

|                                              | Repurchase Offer |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Commencement Date.....                       | April 24, 2026   |
| Repurchase Request Deadline.....             | May 15, 2026     |
| Repurchase Pricing Date.....                 | May 15, 2026     |
| Net Asset Value as of Repurchase Offer Date  |                  |
| Institutional Class.....                     | \$ 24.49         |
| Amount Repurchased                           |                  |
| Institutional Class.....                     | \$ 3,309,453     |
| Percentage of Outstanding Shares Repurchased |                  |
| Institutional Class.....                     | 4.54%            |

The Fund fulfilled all repurchase requests in this repurchase offer.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

## Fund Management

April 30, 2026 (Unaudited)

The members of the Board and the Fund's officers and their brief biographical information, including their addresses, their year of birth and descriptions of their principal occupations during the past five years, are set forth below. The Fund's Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about the membership of the Board, and is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund at (877) 770-7717.

## INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

| NAME, ADDRESS<br>AND YEAR OF<br>BIRTH                                                                                    | POSITION(S)<br>HELD WITH<br>THE FUND | TERM OF<br>OFFICE AND<br>LENGTH<br>OF TIME<br>SERVED* | PRINCIPAL<br>OCCUPATION(S)<br>DURING PAST 5 YEARS                                                                                                                                                                                 | NUMBER OF<br>PORTFOLIOS<br>IN FUND<br>COMPLEX**<br>OVERSEEN<br>BY TRUSTEE | OTHER<br>DIRECTORSHIPS<br>HELD BY<br>TRUSTEES***                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| David G. Lee<br>Year of Birth: 1952<br><br>c/o UMB Fund<br>Services, Inc.<br>235 W. Galena St.<br>Milwaukee, WI 53212    | Chairman and<br>Trustee              | Since<br>Inception                                    | Retired (Since 2012);<br>President and Director,<br>Client Opinions, Inc.<br>(2003 – 2012); Chief<br>Operating Officer,<br>Brandywine Global<br>Investment Management<br>(1998 – 2002).                                           | 33                                                                        | None                                                                                           |
| Robert Seyferth<br>Year of Birth: 1952<br><br>c/o UMB Fund<br>Services, Inc.<br>235 W. Galena St.<br>Milwaukee, WI 53212 | Trustee                              | Since<br>Inception                                    | Retired (Since 2009);<br>Chief Procurement<br>Officer/Senior<br>Managing Director, Bear<br>Stearns/JP Morgan Chase<br>(1993 – 2009).                                                                                              | 33                                                                        | None                                                                                           |
| Gary E. Shugrue<br>Year of Birth: 1954<br><br>c/o UMB Fund<br>Services, Inc.<br>235 W. Galena St.<br>Milwaukee, WI 53212 | Trustee                              | Since<br>Inception                                    | Retired (Since<br>2023); Managing<br>Director, Veritable LP<br>(investment advisory<br>firm) (2016 – 2023);<br>Founder/ Chief Investment<br>Officer, Ascendant<br>Capital Partners, LP<br>(private equity firm)<br>(2003 – 2018). | 33                                                                        | Trustee, Quaker<br>Investment Trust<br>(1 portfolio)<br>(registered<br>investment<br>company). |

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

Fund Management

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## INTERESTED TRUSTEE AND OFFICERS

| NAME, ADDRESS<br>AND YEAR OF<br>BIRTH                                                                                                 | POSITION(S)<br>HELD WITH<br>THE FUND | TERM OF<br>OFFICE AND<br>LENGTH<br>OF TIME<br>SERVED* | PRINCIPAL<br>OCCUPATION(S)<br>DURING PAST 5 YEARS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NUMBER OF<br>PORTFOLIOS<br>IN FUND<br>COMPLEX**<br>OVERSEEN<br>BY TRUSTEE | OTHER<br>DIRECTORSHIPS<br>HELD BY<br>TRUSTEES***                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Terrance<br>P. Gallagher****<br>Year of Birth: 1958<br><br>c/o UMB Fund<br>Services, Inc.<br>235 W. Galena St.<br>Milwaukee, WI 53212 | Trustee                              | Since<br>Inception                                    | Retired (Since<br>October 2025); Trustee,<br>Investment Managers<br>Series Trust II (registered<br>investment company)<br>(2013 – Present);<br>Executive Vice<br>President and Trust<br>Platform Director, UMB<br>Fund Services, Inc.<br>(2024 – October 2025);<br>President, Investment<br>Managers Series Trust II<br>(registered<br>investment company)<br>(2013 – April 2025);<br>Executive Vice<br>President and Director<br>of Fund Accounting,<br>Administration and Tax,<br>UMB Fund Services, Inc.<br>(2007 – 2023). | 33                                                                        | Trustee,<br>Investment<br>Managers<br>Series Trust II<br>(247 portfolios)<br>(registered<br>investment<br>company). |
| Robert W. Elsasser<br>Year of Birth: 1968<br><br>c/o UMB Fund<br>Services, Inc.<br>235 W. Galena St.<br>Milwaukee, WI 53212           | President                            | Since<br>Inception                                    | Principal, Variant<br>Investments, LLC<br>(2017 – Present); Director<br>of Fixed Income, CTC<br>myCFO (2010 – 2016).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | N/A                                                                       | N/A                                                                                                                 |
| Curtis Fintel<br>Year of Birth: 1970<br><br>c/o UMB Fund<br>Services, Inc.<br>235 W. Galena St.<br>Milwaukee, WI 53212                | Treasurer                            | Since<br>Inception                                    | Principal, Variant<br>Investments, LLC<br>(2017 – Present);<br>Chief Investment<br>Strategist, CTC myCFO<br>(2006 – 2016).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | N/A                                                                       | N/A                                                                                                                 |

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## Fund Management

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| NAME, ADDRESS<br>AND YEAR OF<br>BIRTH                                                                                      | POSITION(S)<br>HELD WITH<br>THE FUND | TERM OF<br>OFFICE AND<br>LENGTH<br>OF TIME<br>SERVED* | PRINCIPAL<br>OCCUPATION(S)<br>DURING PAST 5 YEARS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | NUMBER OF<br>PORTFOLIOS<br>IN FUND<br>COMPLEX**<br>OVERSEEN<br>BY TRUSTEE | OTHER<br>DIRECTORSHIPS<br>HELD BY<br>TRUSTEES*** |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Bernadette Murphy<br>Year of Birth: 1964<br><br>c/o UMB Fund<br>Services, Inc.<br>235 W. Galena St.<br>Milwaukee, WI 53212 | Chief<br>Compliance<br>Officer       | Since<br>Inception                                    | Director, Vigilant<br>Compliance, LLC<br>(investment management<br>solutions firm)<br>(2018 – Present).                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | N/A                                                                       | N/A                                              |
| Ann Maurer<br>Year of Birth: 1972<br><br>c/o UMB Fund<br>Services, Inc.<br>235 W. Galena St.<br>Milwaukee, WI 53212        | Secretary                            | Since<br>Inception                                    | Senior Vice President,<br>Registered Funds<br>Product Manager<br>(August 2025 – Present),<br>Senior Vice President,<br>Client Services<br>(2017 – 2025), Vice<br>President, Senior<br>Client Service Manager<br>(2013 – 2017), Assistant<br>Vice President, Client<br>Relations Manager<br>(2002 – 2013), UMB Fund<br>Services, Inc. | N/A                                                                       | N/A                                              |

\* Trustees serve on the Board for terms of indefinite duration. A Trustee's position in that capacity will terminate if the Trustee is removed or resigns or, among other events, upon the Trustee's death, incapacity or retirement. Officers hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified and serve at the pleasure of the Trustees.

\*\* As of April 30, 2026, the fund complex consists of the AFA Asset Based Lending Fund, Agility Multi-Asset Income Fund, Aspiriant Capital Appreciation Fund, Aspiriant Real Assets Fund, Destiny Alternative Fund, Felicitas Income Fund, Felicitas Private Markets Fund, First Trust Alternative Opportunities Fund, First Trust Enhanced Private Credit Fund, First Trust Hedged Strategies Fund, First Trust Private Assets Fund, First Trust Private Credit Fund, First Trust Real Assets Fund, FT Vest Hedged Equity Income Fund: Series A2, FT Vest Hedged Equity Income Fund: Series A3, FT Vest Hedged Equity Income Fund: Series A4, FT Vest Hedged Equity Income Fund: Series B1, FT Vest Hedged Equity Income Fund: Series B2, FT Vest Hedged Equity Income Fund: Series B3, FT Vest Rising Dividend Achievers Total Return Fund, FT Vest Total Return Income Fund: Series A1, FT Vest Total Return Income Fund: Series A2, FT Vest Total Return Income Fund: Series A3, FT Vest Total Return Income Fund: Series A4, FT Vest Total Return Income Fund: Series B1, FT Vest Total Return Income Fund: Series B2, FT Vest Total Return Income Fund: Series B3, FT Vest Total Return Income Fund: Series B4, Infinity Core Alternative Fund, Pender Real Estate Credit Fund, Variant Alternative Income Fund, Variant Alternative Lending Fund and Variant Impact Fund.

\*\*\* As of April 30, 2026.

\*\*\*\* Mr. Gallagher is deemed to be an interested person of the Fund because of his affiliation with the Fund's administrator, UMBFS.

# Variant Alternative Lending Fund

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## Other Information

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## Proxy Voting

The Fund is required to file Form N-PX, with its complete proxy voting record for the twelve months ended June 30, no later than August 31. The Fund's Form N-PX filing and a description of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures are available:

- (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund at 1-877-770-7717 or
- (ii) by visiting the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## Availability of Quarterly Portfolio Schedules

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by calling the Fund at 1-877-770-7717.

## Tax Information

For the year ended October 31, 2025, the Fund designates \$0 as a 20% rate gain distribution for purposes of the dividends paid deduction.

For the year ended October 31, 2025, 0% of the dividends paid from net investment income, including short-term capital gains (if any), for the Fund, is designated as qualified dividend income.

For the year ended October 31, 2025, 0% of the dividends paid from net investment income, including short-term capital gains (if any), for the Fund, qualifies for the dividends received deduction available to corporate shareholders.

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Other Information

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## Privacy Policy

| FACTS        | WHAT DOES THE FUND DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Why?</b>  | Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>What?</b> | <p>The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Security number</li> <li>• account balances</li> <li>• account transactions</li> <li>• transaction history</li> <li>• wire transfer instructions</li> <li>• checking account information</li> </ul> <p>Even when you are <i>no longer</i> our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.</p> |
| <b>How?</b>  | All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons funds choose to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Reasons we can share your personal information                                                                                                                                               | Does the Fund share? | Can you limit this sharing? |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>For our everyday business purposes –</b><br>such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus | Yes                  | No                          |
| <b>For our marketing purposes –</b><br>to offer our products and services to you                                                                                                             | No                   | We don't share              |
| <b>For joint marketing with other financial companies</b>                                                                                                                                    | No                   | We don't share              |
| <b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –</b><br>information about your transactions and experiences                                                                               | Yes                  | No                          |
| <b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –</b><br>information about your creditworthiness                                                                                           | No                   | We don't share              |
| <b>For our affiliates to market to you</b>                                                                                                                                                   | No                   | We don't share              |
| <b>For nonaffiliates to market to you</b>                                                                                                                                                    | No                   | We don't share              |

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| <b>Questions?</b> | Call 1-877-770-7717. |
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Other Information

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## Privacy Policy (continued)

| What we do                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>How does the Fund protect my personal information?</b> | To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>How does the Fund collect my personal information?</b> | <p>We collect your personal information, for example, when you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• open an account</li><li>• provide account information</li><li>• give us your contact information</li><li>• make a wire transfer</li><li>• tell us where to send money</li></ul> <p>We also collect your information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.</p>                            |
| <b>Why can't I limit all sharing?</b>                     | <p>Federal law gives you the right to limit only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes — information about your creditworthiness</li><li>• sharing for affiliates from using your information to market to you</li><li>• sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you</li></ul> <p>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</p> |
| Definitions                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Affiliates</b>                                         | <p>Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Our affiliates include companies such as Variant Investments, LLC and UMB Fund Services, Inc.</i></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Nonaffiliates</b>                                      | <p>Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Fund doesn't share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.</i></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Joint marketing</b>                                    | <p>A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Fund doesn't jointly market.</i></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |