For the six-months ended June 30, 2024

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance for the period ended June 30, 2024

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This Management Report of Fund Performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the investment fund's performance and outlook for the period ended June 30, 2024. Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this Management Report of Fund Performance is accurate and complete, however, the investment fund cannot guarantee the accuracy or the completeness of this material. For more information, please refer to the Fund's Simplified Prospectus ("Prospectus") and the audited financial statements. In this report, "Manager", refers to NewGen Asset Management Limited, the Manager of the Fund. The "Fund" refers to the NewGen Focused Alpha Fund. In addition, "net asset value" or "NAV" refers to the value of the Fund as calculated for transaction purposes, on which the discussion of Fund performance is based. All dollar figures are reported in Canadian dollars or in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Fund's principal investment objective is to provide investors with long-term capital gains. In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund intends to invest in a concentrated portfolio of high-quality equities predominantly listed in Canada. The Fund may use leverage. The leverage will be created through the use of cash borrowings, short sales and derivative contracts. The aggregate gross exposure of the Fund shall not exceed the limits on the use of leverage permitted under applicable securities legislation.

The Fund primarily invests long, but it may also opportunistically short equities that offer the potential to generate outsized returns and to offset market risk. The Fund will hold a portfolio of approximately 25 core equity positions. Portfolio construction will rely on in-depth fundamental analysis with the aim of identifying attractive equity opportunities in the Canadian investment universe. It may also invest up to 20% of its NAV in securities of listed in the U.S. equities or in U.S. issuers when compelling risk-reward opportunities arise. Positions will be weighted in the portfolio relative to their estimated potential return as estimated by the Manager, as well as the securities' underlying liquidity and risk profiles.

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### Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the Prospectus. The Fund is suitable for someone who is looking for steady long-term capital appreciation and a stable stream of income in a diversified portfolio of investments to hold as part of their balanced portfolio and has a medium to longer term investment horizon.

There were no significant changes to the investment objectives and strategies that affected the Fund's overall level of risk during the reporting period.

### Global Pandemic Risk

The continued or prolonged spread of an epidemic or pandemic may have an adverse impact on a Fund. An escalation in an existing outbreak, such as the COVID-19 outbreak, could see a significant decline in global economic growth. Businesses in major financial centres around the world may curtail their travel and meeting plans. This is likely to slow consumer demand and both domestic and international business activity. The banking industry, and in particular, financial markets, have been and continue to be significantly adversely affected by credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers impacted by COVID-19. Certain international governmental regulatory authorities have imposed limitations on short sales of equity securities, which may impact the Manager's ability to trade in certain equities and/or equity index derivatives. An epidemic or pandemic may also require certain employees of the Manager or certain key service providers to a Fund to be absent from work or work remotely for prolonged periods of time. The ability of the employees of the Manager and/or other service providers to a Fund to work effectively on a remote basis may adversely impact the day-to-day operations of the Fund. Any similar future outbreak or pandemic to the COVID-19 outbreak could have similar potential adverse effects on the global economy and a Fund.

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### **Results of Operations**

During the period ended June 30, 2024, Class C units returned 4.43%, Class F units returned 4.07 %, Class G units returned 3.85% and Class I units returned 5.79%, after fees. By comparison, the S&P/TSX Composite Index was up 6.05% on a total return basis. It is important to note that the Fund's return reflects the effect of fees and expenses for professional management, and it comprises both long and short positions, while the S&P/TSX Composite Index Composite Index does not have such costs and is fully invested.

In 2024, Class F (USD) and Class G (USD) units were authorized and created. Trading in Class F (USD) and Class G (USD) units has not commenced yet.

The net asset value (NAV) of the Fund increased by \$5.7 million to \$53.5 million from December 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024, with the main changes to equity derived through a combination of \$3.3 million in net inflows and \$2.4 million in net gain.

Canadian markets ended the half-year mark on a positive note, with the TSX Composite up by 4.38%. Trading activity continued to be volatile throughout the first half of the year, as the market digested various headlines and narratives surrounding the Fed's rate path, economic growth, artificial intelligence, geopolitics and upcoming elections. The primary emphasis remains on inflation and the FED, with associated economic data having outsized impacts on the market's intraday performance. Breadth across the broader market remains elusive as a select group of Big Tech names continue to outperform small and mid caps. The TSX's performance was bolstered by leadership across the Materials (+12.6%) and Energy sub-sectors (+11.3%), which found supportive price action in the underlying commodities because of ongoing geopolitical tensions across Europe and the Middle East, while rate sensitive areas such as Communications Services (-14.6%) and Real Estate (-6%) lagged.

The Canadian market has lagged the performance of its US peers on a year-to-date basis, as a result of big tech leadership driven by investor demand for secular exposure to the AI thematic. Broader concerns regarding the health of the consumer and continued economic growth remain, however, a strong labour market and the FED's elusive first rate cut maintains the potential to provide additional firepower to stimulate growth activity.

During the period ended June 30, 2024, the Fund did not breach the aggregate gross exposure limit of 300% of the Fund's NAV as prescribed by securities legislation, while the Fund's aggregate gross exposure ranged from 108.5% to 180.7% of the Fund's NAV during such period of time. As of June 30, 2024, the Fund's aggregate gross exposure was 141.1%. The primary source of leverage was short positions in equity securities.

### **Recent Developments**

Sentiment and sector rotation continue to shift rapidly as economic and geopolitical events unfold. Technology continues to be the stand-out performer in global markets as the demand for exposure to artificial intelligence grows. Energy and materials exhibited double digit performance as geopolitical tensions supported underlying commodity prices. Opportunistic positioning in these areas providing positive attribution. The market also has been rewarding areas with defensive characteristics as inflation cools and investors increase their concerns regarding slower growth. This can be exhibited by the TSX Staples performance of +7.6% on a year-to-date basis. Negative attribution has been driven by continued underperformance of small and mid cap companies, which continue to lag despite a large disconnect in their fundamentals and underlying valuation.

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### **Related Party Transactions**

#### Management fees:

As a result of providing investment and management services, the Manager receives a management fee calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the class of units of the Fund, plus applicable taxes, payable on the last day of each calendar month. For the period ended June 30, 2024, the Fund incurred management fees of \$221,431 plus applicable taxes. Management fees, if any, in respect of Class I units are direct fees negotiated with the investor.

The Manager uses these management fees to pay for sales and trailing commissions to registered dealers on the distribution of the Fund's shares, investment advice, as well as general administrative expenses relating to the Manager's role as Manager.

The following is a breakdown:

As a Percentage of Management Fees									
Class of Units	Annual Rates	Dealer Compensation	General Administration and Investment Advice						
Class C units Class F units	0.75% 1.00%	0.0% 0.0%	100.0% 100.0%						
Class F (USD) units	1.00%	0.0%	100.0%						
Class G units	2.00%	50.0%	50.0%						
Class G (USD) units	2.00%	50.0%	50.0%						
Class I units	Negotiable*	0.0%	100.0%						

\*Negotiated by the investor and paid directly by the investor. The management fee rate would not exceed the management fee payable on Class G units of the Fund.

### Performance fees:

The Manager receives a performance fee in respect of each class of units of the Fund. The Fund will pay the Manager a performance fee each calendar quarter (a "Performance Fee Determination Period") equal to 15% of the Net Profit (as defined below) of each applicable class of units subject to the High Watermark (as defined below). The performance fee will be calculated and accrued for each class on a daily basis during each Performance Fee Determination Period and, with respect to an intra-quarter redemption of units of a class, on the relevant redemption date. For the period ended June 30, 2024, the total performance fees incurred were \$461,524.

Net Profit means, in respect of any class of units of the Fund for any Valuation Day, the positive amount (if any) calculated by deducting the NAV per unit of the class for that Valuation Day from the highest NAV per unit in respect of which a performance fee liability has previously arisen (the "High Watermark") (or the initial offering price of the units if no performance fee liability has previously arisen in respect of such class of units). The performance fee will be determined by multiplying the amount of Net Profit by the total number of the units of such class outstanding at the close of business on such Valuation Day.

No performance fee shall be paid in respect of a class unless the class NAV per unit exceeds the High Watermark and, in such circumstances, a performance fee shall only be paid on that portion of the Net Profit that exceeds the High Watermark.

Investors in Class I units may negotiate a performance fee to be paid by the investor that is different than the one described above or no performance fee at all.

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### **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Class C, Class F, Class G and Class I units of the Fund, respectively, and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past period since the inception date in 2021.

The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class C Unit (1)	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning				
of period	12.13	11.15	11.36	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations				
Total revenue	0.49	0.42	0.12	0.07
Total expenses	(0.26)	(0.72)	(0.32)	(0.76)
Realized gain (loss) for the period	0.03	1.64	(0.61)	2.08
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period	0.31	0.15	0.55	0.87
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	0.57	1.49	(0.26)	2.26
Distributions:				
From net income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	(1.45)
From dividends	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.55)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Distributions (2) (3)	-	(0.55)	-	(1.45)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of				
period (2)	12.66	12.13	11.15	11.36
Ratios and Supplemental Data				
Total Net Asset Value (4)	\$ 45,940,640	\$ 43,077,527	\$ 21,350,389	\$ 16,984,281
Number of units outstanding (4)	3,627,921	3,552,642	1,915,667	1,494,906
Management expense ratio including performance fees (5)	3.33%	3.95%	1.80%	5.80%
Management expense ratio excluding performance fees (5)	1.44%	1.60%	1.50%	1.87%
Trading expense ratio (6)	1.40%	4.23%	3.25%	2.04%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	274.90%	709.00%	596.08%	571.05%
Net Asset Value per Unit	12.66	12.13	11.15	11.36

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The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class F Unit (1)	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning				
of period	12.62	11.28	11.50	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations				
Total revenue	0.62	0.39	0.12	0.07
Total expenses	(0.26)	(0.60)	(0.33)	(0.68)
Realized gain (loss) for the period	0.07	1.17	(0.71)	2.34
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period	(0.28)	(0.14)	0.35	0.43
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	0.15	0.82	(0.57)	2.16
Distributions:				
From net income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	(2.30)
From dividends	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.12)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Distributions (2) (3)	-	(0.12)	-	(2.30)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of				
period (2)	13.14	12.62	11.28	11.50
Ratios and Supplemental Data				
Total Net Asset Value (4)	\$ 3,639,665	\$ 1,552,802	\$ 289,767	\$ 537,068
Number of units outstanding (4)	277,074	123,015	25,693	46,693
Management expense ratio including performance fees (5)	3.07%	3.31%	1.83%	5.25%
Management expense ratio excluding performance fees (5)	1.72%	1.77%	1.78%	1.77%
Trading expense ratio (6)	1.40%	4.23%	3.25%	2.04%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	274.90%	709.00%	596.08%	571.05%
Net Asset Value per Unit	13.14	12.62	11.28	11.50

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The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class G Unit (1)	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning				
of period	11.79	10.96	11.30	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations				
Total revenue	0.54	0.44	0.12	0.07
Total expenses	(0.32)	(0.82)	(0.43)	(0.83)
Realized gain (loss) for the period	0.03	1.84	(0.63)	2.03
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period	0.25	(0.09)	0.51	0.80
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	0.50	1.37	(0.43)	2.07
Distributions:				
From net income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	(1.16)
From dividends	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.56)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Distributions (2) (3)	-	(0.56)	-	(1.16)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of				
period (2)	12.25	11.79	10.96	11.30
Ratios and Supplemental Data				
Total Net Asset Value (4)	\$ 1,651,813	\$ 1,046,827	\$ 702,174	\$ 593,417
Number of units outstanding (4)	134,893	88,777	64,094	52,515
Management expense ratio including performance fees (5)	4.37%	4.92%	2.93%	6.42%
Management expense ratio excluding performance fees (5)	2.76%	2.97%	2.83%	2.88%
Trading expense ratio (6)	1.40%	4.23%	3.25%	2.04%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	274.90%	709.00%	596.08%	571.05%
Net Asset Value per Unit	12.25	11.79	10.96	11.30

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The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class I Unit (1)		2024		2023		2022		2021
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning								
of period		10.80		11.17		11.26		10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations								
Total revenue		0.44		0.46		0.13		0.07
Total expenses		(0.08)		(0.37)		(0.20)		(0.30)
Realized gain (loss) for the period		0.03		2.02		(0.58)		1.96
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period		0.23		(0.33)		0.55		1.20
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)		0.62		1.78		(0.10)		2.93
Distributions:								
From net income (excluding dividends)		-		-		-		(1.68)
From dividends		-		-		-		-
From capital gains		-		(1.74)		-		-
Return of capital		-		-		-		-
Total Annual Distributions (2) (3)		-		(1.74)		-		(1.68)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of								
period (2)		11.43		10.80		11.17		11.26
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Total Net Asset Value (4)	\$	2,312,700	\$	2,197,852	\$	2,542,173	\$	2,489,767
Number of units outstanding (4)		202,357		203,444		227,622		221,079
Management expense ratio including performance fees (5)		0.60%		0.83%		0.67%		1.90%
Management expense ratio excluding performance fees (5)		0.60%		0.83%		0.67%		1.90%
Trading expense ratio (6)		1.40%		4.23%		3.25%		2.04%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)		274.90%		709.00%		596.08%		571.05%
Net Asset Value per Unit		11.43		10.80		11.17		11.26

#### Notes:

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's financial statements for June 30, 2024, December 31, 2023, December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 and is not a reconciliation of beginning and ending net assets per unit.
- (2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/(decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash or automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- (4) This information is provided as at June 30, 2024 and December 31, of the years shown as applicable.
- (5) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the year.
- (6) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the year.
- (7) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the units in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a funds' portfolio turnover rate in the period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

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### Past performance of the Fund

The following bar charts present the performance of each class of the Fund for each of the fiscal periods shown. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each period, or on the class inception date, as applicable, would have increased or decreased by the last day of the period presented. The following information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the period shown were reinvested in additional securities of the investment fund and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. As required under applicable securities regulation, the return of the Fund's long and short portfolio positions are shown for each class in addition to the overall total return for each such class.

How the investment fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the Fund's annual performance for each of the units classes shown, as applicable, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment in Class C, F, G and I units, respectively, made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of the financial year.

Trading in Class F (USD) and Class G (USD) units has not commenced yet.



Class F

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#### Note:

- 1. The inception date for the Class F, Class G, Class C and Class I units is January 29, 2021. The actual trading for these units commenced on March 30, 2021.
- 2. The 2024 returns are for the six months ended June 30, 2024.

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### **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

The following table shows selected key financial information about the Fund and is intended to assist in the understanding of the Fund's financial performance for the period ended June 30, 2024.

### **Portfolio Composition**

Sector Allocation	% of Net Assets Value
Long Allocations	
Basic Materials	26.78
Consumer, Cyclical	9.48
Consumer, Non-cyclical	6.45
Diversified	1.87
Energy	20.58
Financial	9.25
Funds	0.07
Industrial	21.89
Technology	13.25
Cash And Other Net Assets	7.77
Total Long Allocations	117.39
Short Allocations	
Basic Materials	(4.66)
Consumer, Cyclical	(2.51)
Consumer, Non-cyclical	(3.82)
Energy	(0.01)
Financial	(2.09)
Funds	(0.04)
Industrial	(4.26)
Total Short Allocations	(17.39)
Total Net Assets Value (000's)	\$ 53,544.82

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#### **Top 25 Holdings**

Issuer	% of Net Assets Value	lssuer	% of Net Assets Value
Long Positions		Short Positions	
Cash And Other Net Assets	7.77	GFL Environmental Inc.	(2.07)
MDA Space Ltd.	4.71	Altus Group Ltd.	(1.51)
Dye & Durham Ltd.	4.62	Coeur Mining Inc.	(1.48)
Hammond Power Solutions Inc.	4.44	Premium Brands Holdings Corp.	(1.41)
Cineplex Inc.	4.39	BRP Inc.	(1.36)
Winpak Ltd.	4.17	Centerra Gold Inc.	(1.24)
Total Energy Services Inc.	4.10	Aecon Group Inc.	(1.24)
Karora Resources Inc.	3.94	Restaurant Brands International Inc.	(1.12)
Cenovus Energy Inc.	3.86	Allied Properties Real Estate Investment Trust	(1.08)
Galaxy Digital Holdings Ltd.	3.68	iA Financial Corp Inc.	(0.95)
Valeura Energy Inc.	3.61	CCL Industries Inc.	(0.94)
Mawson Gold Ltd.	3.58	ERO Copper Corp.	(0.93)
Alaris Equity Partners Income	3.36	RB Global Inc.	(0.60)
HubSpot Inc.	3.17	Osino Resources Corp.	(0.56)
QUALCOMM Inc.	3.16	i-80 Gold Corp.	(0.45)
North American Construction Group Ltd.	3.03	dentalcorp Holdings Ltd.	(0.30)
Exchange Income Corp.	2.96	Bank of Montreal Put \$115 16AUG24	(0.06)
Capstone Copper Corp.	2.77	iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF Put \$31.50 19JUL24	(0.03)
Founders Metals Inc.	2.76	AutoCanada Inc.	(0.02)
Canfor Corp.	2.74	BRP Inc. Put \$85 19JUL24	(0.02)
Kraken Robotics Inc.	2.67	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust Put \$515 19JUL24	(0.01)
Spire Global Inc.	2.47	WSP Global Inc. Call \$220 19JUL24	(0.01)
Lightspeed Commerce Inc.	2.29	Suncor Energy Inc. Call \$56 16AUG24	(0.01)
Greenfire Resources Ltd.	2.25	Suncor Energy Inc. Put \$47 16AUG24	(0.01)
goeasy Ltd.	2.14	GFL Environmental Inc. Put \$45 19JUL24	
Total Long Positions	88.64	Total Short Positions	(17.41)
Total Percentage of Net Assets Value Repres	ented by Holdings		71.23

The "Top 25 Holdings" of the Fund, as a percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund, have been presented in accordance with National Instrument 81-106.

The Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of the Investment Portfolio are available within 60 days of each quarter end.

The prospectus and other information about the underlying investment funds are available on the internet at www.sedarplus.com.