

# Alternative Energy Fund

December 2010 Newsletter

## Net Asset Value Per Share

**December 31, 2010:**  
**Series A (CAM400)- \$38.8972**  
**Series B (CAM401)- \$38.4572**  
**Series F (CAM402)- \$39.0262**

## Fund Description

The Creststreet Alternative Energy Fund (the "Fund" or "CAEF") provides Canadian investors with exposure to a broad array of investments in sub-sectors of the energy market outside of conventional oil and natural gas. The investment objective is to provide stable long-term growth of capital while conservatively managing value at risk. The Fund invests primarily in securities of North American issuers whose businesses exploit opportunities to generate energy beyond what traditional dependence on carbon-emitting sources supply.

## Performance <sup>(1)</sup>

As at December 31, 2010

MTD	3 month	6 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
6.5%	6.0%	6.0%	-7.5%	40.5%	-	-	52.8%

Historical Annual Performance

2007	2008	2009	YTD 2010
34.8%	142.1%	23.7%	-7.5%

(1) Inception date of the Fund is November 21, 2007. The indicated rates of return are historical annual compound total returns and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or operational charges or income taxes payable by any security holder that would have reduced returns. Performance is calculated net of fees. The performance and other statistics presented in this document are for Series A and may not be indicative of the performance or statistics of the specific series of shares held by a particular investor.

## Portfolio Managers



**Robert J. Toole, CA**  
 President, CEO &  
 Portfolio Manager



**Michael Clare, CA, CFA**  
 Vice President &  
 Portfolio Manager

## Top 5 Holdings <sup>long positions only</sup>

5N Plus Inc.  
 First Solar Inc.  
 Orleans Energy Ltd.  
 Pure Technologies Ltd.  
 Windtronics LLC.

## Fund Details

Type	► North American Equity
Sector	► Alternative Energy
Inception Date	► November 21, 2007
RRSP/TFSA eligible	► Yes
Distributions	► Annually – capital gains

Pricing	► Weekly
Minimum initial purchase	► \$1,000
Minimum subsequent purchase	► \$100
Switch fee	► None

Series	Fund Code	Load Type	Mgmt Fee	Performance Fee	Service Fee	Short-Term Trading Fee
A	CAM400	FE 0-5%	2.00%	2/20 over S&P 500	0.50%	2% within 90 days of purchase
B	CAM 401	FE 0-5%	2.00%	2/20 over S&P 500	1.00%	2% within 90 days of purchase
F	CAM 402	No Load	2.00%	2/20 over S&P 500	0.00%	2% within 90 days of purchase

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## Fund Commentary

The Creststreet Alternative Energy Fund (the "Fund") was up 6.5% during the month of December compared the Wilderhill Clean Energy Index, which was up 8.3%, and the S&P 500 Index, which was up 6.5%. For the full year, the Fund was off 7.5% compared to the Wilderhill Clean Energy Index, which was off 5.3%, and the S&P 500 Index, which is up 12.8%.

The Fund continues to employ a strategy of investing the top renewable energy companies while hedging broader market equity exposure. This strategy has been very profitable for the Fund. Since inception, the Fund has generated a compounded annual return of +52.8% outperforming both its benchmarks, as the S&P 500 and the Wilderhill Clean Energy Index were down 3.8% and 21.9%, respectively, on a compounded annual basis since the Fund's inception.

In late 2009 and early 2010 the Fund began building its cash position by selectively trimming certain long positions which had been successful investments for the fund but were reaching the high end of our targeted valuation ranges. This resulted in a cash position of 30% of fund assets. During the first half of 2010 we began to see a reduced appetite for risk assets as concerns over the European sovereign debt crisis, the Chinese property market and the general sustainability of the global economic recovery increased investor uncertainty. This negative sentiment particularly impacted the less liquid and smaller capitalization stocks that are characteristic in the alternative energy sector. Because of the cautious stance adopted in late 2009 and the Fund's cash reserves, the Fund was significantly but not completely shielded from the sharp sell off experienced in the renewable energy sector in the first half of 2010. In the fourth quarter of 2010, we began to see early signs of money flowing back into the alternative energy sector and cautiously started increasing our net exposure by adding positions and reducing market hedges. As such, the Fund had positive performance during the second half of the year but underperformed the broader market given our cautious stance. With an improving North American economy, continued robust growth in emerging markets and higher energy prices, we expect that additional capital will flow into the sector in 2011 and we have positioned the Fund to take advantage of these flows.

## Outlook

Global equity markets rallied in December to close the year near levels last seen in September 2008. Despite some laggards in the alternative energy sector, the long term outlook for the sector remains very positive and we believe the sector will outperform broad North American equity markets over the next decade. We believe most equity investors should have exposure to the alternative energy sector as part of the energy component of their investment portfolio. We recognize that the key risk to the Fund's strategy is that it could potentially underperform the broader equity markets for short periods of time, as it did in 2010. However, we believe continuing the Fund's conservative investment philosophy of having exposure to the highest quality alternative energy names while hedging broader market equity risk will result in superior risk-adjusted returns for our investors the long run.

## Performance Discussion

Performance during the month of December benefited from positive stock performance in a number of the Fund's positions. The solar sector rebounded after a disappointing November benefiting First Solar Inc. ("FSLR") and 5N Plus Inc. ("VNP"), two of the Fund's largest positions. Additionally, the Fund's only private position, Windtronics LLC, completed an equity raise at a level higher than where the Fund invested in the position. We believe that the prospects for these companies and other positions held by the Fund are extremely positive as we enter 2011 and expect that the Fund will benefit from growth in the sector as the economy continues to recover.

**Use of Benchmarks** - WilderHill Clean Energy Index (WCEI) is comprised of North American renewable energy companies and is used as a benchmark to show how the Fund is performing in relation to a basket of similar companies to those in which the Fund invests. The S&P 500 is comprised of 500 U.S. large cap companies and is used as a benchmark to show how the Fund is performing in relation to the broader North American market on a relative basis.

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