

## LENO FINANCIAL SAC CONSERVATIVE FUND Quarterly Report for the period ended March 31, 2024

## **Investment Objective**

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Leno Financial Conservative Fund (the "Fund") is a fixed-income fund that aims to provide a modest level of return while maintaining liquidity and preserving capital, mainly through investments in Government Bonds, high-quality corporate securities, and term deposits. The Fund seeks to maintain a Net Asset Value that provides its Shareholders stable, low-risk returns.

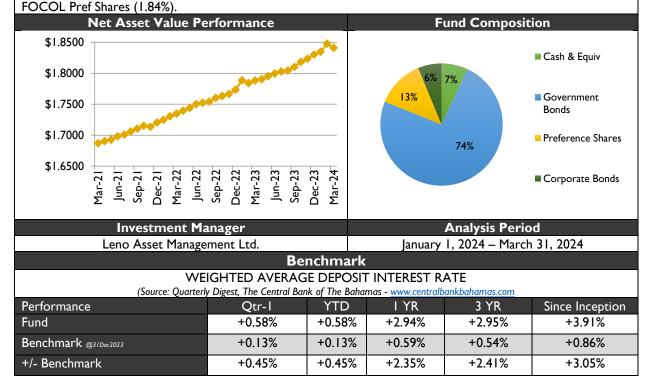
The Fund invests predominantly in Bahamas Government bonds and a diversified portfolio of bank deposits, corporate bonds, and preference shares. Its emphasis is on principal protection and maintaining high credit quality. The portfolio carries a low level of risk to the Investor and provides capital preservation while generating a reasonable yield.

## 1st Quarter Review

The economic and fixed-income market update for the quarter under review is as follows:

- > Total visitor arrivals were 1.6 million, a 12% increase driven by sea travel.
- > Excess liquidity rose by \$337.8 million, while excess reserves grew by \$305.9 million.
- Commercial, Consumer credit, and Residential mortgages increased cumulatively by \$33.9 million, while private sector arrears decreased by 1.7%.
- Discount rates for 91-day Treasury Bills remained flat, while the discount rate for 182 Treasury Bills increased by 16 basis points.
- Commercial banks continue to take up the lion's share of Treasury offerings.
- > 3 to 10-year bond prices rose while 20 and 30-year bond valuations remained unchanged.
- The Central Bank of The Bahamas held three benchmark offers amongst the introduction of competitive bidding as an option for Bahamas Registered Securities (BRS).

The Fund ended the quarter with a Net Asset Value of \$1.8409, outperforming its benchmark by +0.45%. The top five preference share and corporate bond holdings in the portfolio include I) University of The Bahamas (3.05%); 2) Cable Bahamas (2.86%); 3) Public Hospital Authority (2.05%); 4) Nassau Cruise Port (1.98%); 5)



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