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## NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Pender Growth Fund Provides Financial Highlights and Company Updates**

**VANCOUVER, B.C. (TSXV: PTF)** Pender Growth Fund Inc. (the “Company”) today announced its financial and operational results for the year ended December 31, 2019.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- Net assets per Class C common share (“Share”) as at December 31, 2019 were \$4.19 (December 31, 2018 - \$4.14).
- Management Expense Ratio (“MER”) was 3.94% for the year ended December 31, 2019, down from 4.18% over same period in the prior year, primarily due to the reduction in management fee rates announced in June 2019.
- The Company’s net assets as at December 31, 2019 were \$33.8 million (December 31, 2018 - \$17.2 million) and Shares outstanding were 8,083,329 (December 31, 2018 – 4,152,545), both increased as a result of the public offering of Shares in Q2 of 2019.
- At December 31, 2019, the Company had a 50% weighting in private investments and a 25% weighting in public companies, with 24% cash on hand and 1% other assets. The cash will allow us to continue to act quickly when entry points are favourable in the opportunities we are actively tracking.
- Net income per Share for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$0.31 (December 31, 2018 – loss of \$0.35), as a result of realized gains from divestitures and moderate net unrealized gains on publicly-listed portfolio companies during the year, partially offset by fees and expenses.

<b>PERFORMANCE (based on Reported Net Asset Value per Share)</b>	<b>3 Month</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Year</b>	<b>5 Year</b>	<b>Since Inception</b>
Class C	18.7%	12.6%	2.4%	32.1%	17.1%

*Source: PenderFund*

#### **Portfolio Highlights**

During the year the Company began to deploy the capital it raised in Q2, adding two private companies and eight publicly listed companies to the portfolio. The Company quickly realized a gain on its investment in Carbonite Inc., acquired in October 2019 and sold after the announcement of its upcoming acquisition.

The Company continues to aggressively deploy capital in markets where the massive, unprecedented impact of COVID-19 creates what we believe to be excellent buying opportunities. We believe that we are particularly well-positioned today to pursue our investment objectives in the context of current market volatility and valuations in micro and small cap stocks in North America.

Following the Company’s capital raise in Q2 of 2019, we believe portfolio risk decreased and the Company’s liquidity profile improved as the relative weighting in key private companies was reduced. In Q4 we continued to deploy the capital raised and we encourage you to refer to the Company’s MD&A and

annual audited financial statements for the year-ended December 31, 2019 for additional information and disclosures available under the Company's profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### **Corporate Update**

The Company announces that Tony Rautava has been appointed Corporate Secretary of the Company. Mr. Rautava has worked with investment funds since 2003 in the areas of operations, investment management and financial reporting. He is also experienced with compliance and continuous disclosure obligations, having served as the corporate secretary of a reporting issuer listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

### **About the Company**

Pender Growth Fund Inc. is an investment company with the objective of achieving long-term capital appreciation for its investors. The Company utilizes its small capital base and long-term horizon to invest in unique situations; primarily small cap, special situations, and illiquid public and private companies. The Company trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "PTF".

Please visit [www.pendergrowthfund.com](http://www.pendergrowthfund.com).

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