



## ***Important Tax Notice to U.S. Unitholders of Fund***

### **Meritage American Equity Portfolio (the “Fund”)**

#### **Passive Foreign Investment Company (PFIC) Annual Information Statement For the tax year ending December 31, 2023**

This notice is provided to unitholders who are considered United States persons (“U.S. persons”) for purposes of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “IRC”), and the regulations thereunder. The notice does not concern other unitholders. U.S. persons include U.S. citizens (whether or not they are U.S. residents), certain individuals with U.S. permanent resident status, U.S. corporations, and certain U.S. trusts and estates. Unitholders should consult with a U.S. tax specialist to determine their U.S. tax status.

Note that the Fund is classified as a Passive Foreign Investment Company (“PFIC”) as defined in Section 1297(a) of the IRC for the year ending December 31, 2023.

The PFIC Annual Information Statement (“PFIC AIS”) attached is provided pursuant to the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations §1.1295-1(g)(1). The PFIC AIS contains reporting information enabling unitholders to make a tax election. Such a tax election allows the classification of the Fund as a qualified electing fund (“QEF”). Normally, unitholders who are considered U.S. persons and make a QEF election are required to include in their U.S. tax returns their prorated share of the ordinary earnings and net capital gains of the Fund, whether or not that Fund distributed any amounts to its unitholders. Unitholders should consult a professional before making a tax election based on their situation and completing the necessary forms to file a U.S. tax return.

To make a QEF election, unitholders must file Form 8621 - *Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund* as required by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. A separate Form 8621 must be completed with respect to each fund for which the unitholder wishes to make the QEF tax election. Each form must be filed with the unitholder’s U.S. income tax return by the mandatory deadline.

In the case of a National Bank Investments Inc. fund (“NBI Fund”) whose assets include units of another NBI Fund, the owner must complete a separate Form 8621 for that other indirectly held NBI Fund in order to make the QEF tax election. The PFIC AIS allows for a QEF tax election to be made for an NBI Fund held directly or for any indirectly held underlying NBI Fund.

We recommend that unitholders consult a professional regarding U.S. tax reporting requirements. Information on the U.S. tax rules applicable to investments in PFICs is also available on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service website ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) by entering “Form 8621 Instructions” in the search bar.

If you have any questions, please contact your advisor or a U.S. tax specialist. Thank you for your support and confidence in NBI Funds.

## Meritage American Equity Portfolio (the “Fund”)

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- This Information Statement applies to the tax year of the Fund and any underlying NBI Fund(s) held by the Fund for the year beginning on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2023.
- The per-unit, per-day amounts of ordinary earnings for each series of the Fund and its underlying NBI Fund(s) as applicable for the period specified in paragraph (1) are provided in the table(s) below:

Directly Held Fund Series	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Advisor Series	0.0000000000
Series F	0.0000000000
Series F5	0.0000000000
Series T5	0.0000000000

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Advisor Series	NBI U.S. Equity Private Portfolio - Series O	0.0002261039

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Series F	NBI U.S. Equity Private Portfolio - Series O	0.0002497685

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Series F5	NBI U.S. Equity Private Portfolio - Series O	0.0001244839

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Series T5	NBI U.S. Equity Private Portfolio - Series O	0.0001238569

- The per-unit, per-day amounts of Net Capital Gains for each Fund series and its underlying NBI Fund(s) as applicable for the period specified in paragraph (1) are provided in the table(s) below:

Directly Held Fund Series	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Advisor Series	0.0002671374
Series F	0.0007351787
Series F5	0.0003608205
Series T5	0.0001444890

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Advisor Series	NBI U.S. Equity Private Portfolio - Series O	0.0008302352

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Series F	NBI U.S. Equity Private Portfolio - Series O	0.0009171296

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Series F5	NBI U.S. Equity Private Portfolio - Series O	0.0004570946

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Series T5	NBI U.S. Equity Private Portfolio - Series O	0.0004547925

- To determine the prorated amount of the ordinary income and net capital gains for the Fund series and for each of the underlying NBI Funds held directly or indirectly by the unitholder, as set out in the table above, multiply the per-unit and per-day amounts by the number of units of the respective Fund series held, and then by the number of days held by the unitholder during the period specified in paragraph (1).

5) The per-unit amounts distributed or deemed distributed by the Fund in cash or in kind at fair market value to unitholders during the period specified in paragraph (1) are provided in the table below:

<b>Directly Held Fund Series</b>	<b>Distribution Record Date</b>	<b>Cash/In Kind Distribution Per Unit (USD)</b>
Series F5	25-Jan-23	0.0272742861
Series F5	27-Feb-23	0.0269507883
Series F5	27-Mar-23	0.0267302353
Series F5	25-Apr-23	0.0268459676
Series F5	25-May-23	0.0268282488
Series F5	26-Jun-23	0.0278303537
Series F5	25-Jul-23	0.0277585553
Series F5	25-Aug-23	0.0268479378
Series F5	25-Sep-23	0.0271528242
Series F5	25-Oct-23	0.0265633169
Series F5	27-Nov-23	0.0268341524
Series F5	27-Dec-23	0.0277122945
Series T5	25-Jan-23	0.0273055990
Series T5	27-Feb-23	0.0269817298
Series T5	27-Mar-23	0.0267609236
Series T5	25-Apr-23	0.0268767887
Series T5	25-May-23	0.0268590496
Series T5	26-Jun-23	0.0278623051
Series T5	25-Jul-23	0.0277904242
Series T5	25-Aug-23	0.0268787612
Series T5	25-Sep-23	0.0271839976
Series T5	25-Oct-23	0.0265938135
Series T5	27-Nov-23	0.0268649600
Series T5	27-Dec-23	0.0277441103

- 6) The Fund and its underlying NBI Funds, if any, will, upon receipt of a request, permit the unitholder to inspect and copy its permanent books of accounts, records, and other such documents as may be maintained by the Fund that are necessary to establish its ordinary earnings and net capital gains calculated in accordance with U.S. income tax principles under IRC Section 1293, and to verify these amounts and the unitholder's prorated share thereof.

NATIONAL BANK INVESTMENTS INC.,  
acting as manager of the Funds



Eric-Olivier Savoie  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
National Bank Investments Inc.  
Date: March 28, 2024

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