

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2023

Short Term and Income Fund **NBI Preferred Equity Fund**

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Preferred Equity Fund's investment objective is to generate high dividend income while focusing on capital preservation. This Fund invests directly, or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio mainly composed of preferred shares of Canadian companies and other income generating Canadian equities.

The portfolio manager conducts fundamental research, but will also consider quantitative and technical factors. The portfolio securities selection is based on knowledge of the company, its industry and its growth prospects. An extensive credit analysis for each security and an assessment of the risk profiles, the relative performance and the general conditions are completed in order to confirm the selection and the relative weight of each portfolio security. It is expected that investments in foreign securities will not exceed approximately 30% of the Fund's assets.

Risks

The global investment risk of the Fund remains as described in the simplified prospectus or any amendments thereto and Fund Facts.

Results of Operations

For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2023, the NBI Preferred Equity Fund's Investor Series units returned 7.20% compared to 5.90% for the Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the returns of all of the Fund's series, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

The Fund's net asset value dropped by 90.05% over the period, from \$299.35 million as at December 31, 2022 to \$29.79 million as at December 31, 2023.

The decline stemmed mainly from withdrawals from the Fund by other NBI Funds and net redemptions by unitholders of the Fund.

The new year got off to a roaring start on rising hopes for a soft landing for developed economies as inflationary pressures showed signs of abating and the Federal Reserve downshifted its pace of tightening.

After decreasing for most of the first quarter, North American yields were much higher over the second quarter especially at the front end of the curve as the fiscal situation remained challenging for the bond market.

The last quarter of 2023 saw a reversal in the trend compared to most of the rest of the year, with yields falling significantly and the yield curve steepening despite the continuing theme of higher-for-longer interest rates and a general risk-off tone.

The Canadian preferred share market started the year off on a volatile note. While fund flows during the first quarter were relatively supportive for preferred shares, the situation became more challenging during the second quarter (particularly in May) as investors were reluctant to add exposure to the asset class due to the potential dividend tax change for corporations that could occur later in 2023.

Fixed reset issues performed strongly throughout the year while fixed rate issues were detractors to the overall asset class performance in 2023.

In this context, the Fund overperformed its benchmark for the period. The fund's fixed-floating segment was the largest contributor to the performance over the year. The fund's underweight to perpetual issues was also a strong contributor. Security selection within the energy and real estate segments was also positive. On the other hand, the fund's security selection and underweight in banks proved to be a detractor.

Recent Developments

Throughout the year, the portfolio manager slightly increased the exposure to fixed-floating issues while reducing our exposure to perpetual issues. The sector allocation to banks was also increased.

We are underweighting in perpetual and overweight in fixed-floating issues. Sector-wise, we remain overweight in the Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunication Services sectors and are underweight in Banks.

Major central banks are now likely finished hiking interest rates for this cycle. Monetary policy is restrictive and will lead to softer growth in 2024.

The average current yield of Canadian preferred shares remains attractive and could increase substantially over the next few quarters. Volatility should remain important in 2024 subject to the timing and amplitude of the Central Bank's interest rate cuts in this low and potentially negative Canadian GDP growth.

On May 1, 2023, the Fund's independent review committee (the "IRC") was increased to four members when Stéphanie Raymond-Bougie was appointed as IRC member.

Related Party Transactions

National Bank of Canada ("the Bank") and its affiliated companies' roles and responsibilities related to the Fund are as follows:

Trustee, Custodian, and Registrar

Natcan Trust Company ("NTC"), a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, is the Fund's trustee. In this capacity, it is the legal owner of the Fund's investments.

NTC acts as registrar for the Fund's securities and the names of securityholders. NTC also acts as the Fund's custodian. The fees for NTC's custodial services are based on the standard rates in effect at NTC.

Agent for securities lending transactions

NTC acts as the agent for securities lending transactions acts on behalf of the Fund in administering securities lending transactions entered into by the Fund. NTC is an affiliate of the Manager.

Fund Manager

The Fund is managed by National Bank Investments Inc. ("NBII"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. Therefore, NBII provides or ensures the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund's current operations, including investment consulting, the arrangement of brokerage contracts for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio, bookkeeping and other administrative services required by the Fund.

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the Fund other than its "Fund costs" (defined below) (the "variable operating expenses"), in exchange for the Fund's payment to the Manager of annual fixed-rate administration fees with respect to each series of the Fund.

The administration fees are equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of each series of the Fund, calculated and paid in the same manner as the Fund's management fees. The variable operating expenses payable by the Manager include, but are not limited to: transfer agency and recordkeeping costs; custodial costs; accounting and valuation fees; audit fees and legal fees; costs of preparing and distributing financial reports, simplified prospectuses, annual information forms, Fund Facts, continuous disclosure material and other securityholder communications; and costs of trustee services relating to registered tax plans, as applicable.

In addition to administration fees, the Fund shall also pay certain Fund costs, namely: taxes (including, but not limited to, GST/HST and income taxes); costs of compliance with any changes to existing governmental or regulatory requirements introduced after August 1, 2013; costs of compliance with any new governmental or regulatory requirements, including any new fees introduced after August 1, 2013; interest and borrowing costs; costs related to external services that were not commonly charged in the Canadian mutual fund industry as at August 1, 2013; Independent Review Committee costs, including compensation paid to IRC members, travel expenses, insurance premiums and costs associated with their continuing education; and variable operating expenses incurred outside of the normal course of business of the Fund.

The Manager may, from time to time and at its sole discretion, decide to absorb a portion of a series' management fees, administration fees or Fund costs.

As described under the heading *Management Fees*, the Fund pays annual management fees to NBII as consideration for its services.

Portfolio Manager

The Manager has appointed National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, as the portfolio manager for the Fund. A flat fee is payable annually to NBT for its management services.

Distribution and Dealer Compensation

NBII acts as principal distributor for the Fund. In this capacity, NBII buys, sells and swaps securities through Bank branches and the National Bank Investments Advisory Service in Canadian provinces and territories, and through external registered representatives. Fund securities are also offered by National Bank Financial Inc. (including its division National Bank Direct Brokerage), CABN Investments (a division of NBII) and other affiliated entities. Brokers may receive, depending on the distributed series, a monthly commission representing a percentage of the average daily value of the securities held by their clients.

Brokerage Fees

The Fund may pay broker's commissions at market rates to a corporation affiliated with NBII. The brokerage fees paid by the Fund for the period are as follows:

	Period ended December 31, 2023
Total brokerage fees	55,911.44
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	-

Holdings

As at December 31, 2023, National Bank Investments Inc. held 221.33 Fund securities for a value of \$1,706.17, which represented close to 0.0057% of the net asset value of the Fund at that date. Transactions between National Bank Investments Inc. and the Fund were carried out in the normal course of business and at the Fund's net asset value as at the transaction date.

Independent Review Committee Approvals and Recommendations

The Fund followed the standing instructions of its Independent Review Committee with respect to one or more of the following transactions:

- Purchasing or holding the securities of a related issuer, in particular, those of National Bank of Canada;
- Investing in the securities of an issuer when an entity related to the manager acts as an underwriter for the placement or at any time during the 60-day period after the end of the placement;
- Purchasing or selling securities to another investment Fund managed by the manager or a company in the same group;
- Purchasing or selling debt securities on the secondary market, through related brokers that are main brokers in the Canadian debt securities market (in accordance with an exemption received from the Canadian Securities Administrators);
- Entering into foreign exchange transactions (including both spot transactions and forward transactions) with National Bank of Canada.

The Manager has implemented policies and procedures to make sure that the conditions applicable to each of the above transactions are met. The applicable standing instructions require that these transactions be carried out in accordance with NBII policies, which specify, in particular, that investment decisions pertaining to these related party transactions must be made free from any influence by an entity related to NBII and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to NBII. Furthermore, the investment decisions must represent the business judgment of the securities advisor, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interest of the Fund and must achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

Registered Plan Trust Services

NTC receives a fixed amount per registered account for services provided as trustee for registered plans.

Administrative and Operating Services

The provision of certain services was delegated by the Fund Manager, NBII, to National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of the Bank. These include accounting, reporting and portfolio valuation services. The fees incurred for these services are paid to NBT by the Fund manager.

Management Fees

The Fund pays annual management fees to the Fund manager for its management services. The fees are calculated based on a percentage of the Fund's daily net asset value before applicable taxes and are paid on a monthly basis. Under the *Distribution* heading, expenses include the broker's compensation consisting of the maximum annual trailer fees and sales commissions paid to brokers. Under the *Other* heading, the fees relate mainly to investment management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit. The breakdown of major services provided in consideration of the management fees, expressed as an approximate percentage of the management fees is as follows:

Series	Management Fees	Distribution	Others [†]
Investor Series	1.25%	60.00%	40.00%
Advisor Series*			
Front-end load**	1.25%	60.00%	40.00%
Back-end load - 1 to 6 years	1.25%	20.00%	80.00%
Low load - 1 to 3 years	1.25%	20.00%	80.00%
Low load - 4 years and more	1.25%	60.00%	40.00%
Series F	0.50%	—	100.00%
Series O	N/A***	—	100.00%

^(†) Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

^(*) Excluding sales commissions paid on the Advisor Series with the low sales charge option and deferred sales charge option, which are not paid for out of the management fees.

^(**) Rate applicable for all investments, including Advisor Series existing before May 14, 2015, systematic investment programs, reinvested distributions and switches.

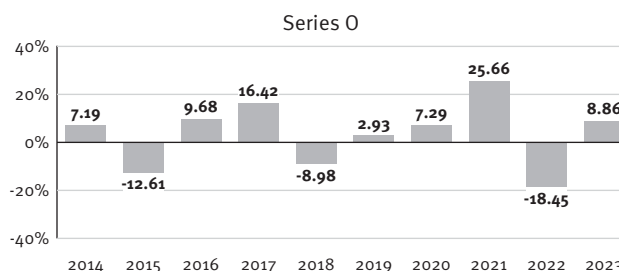
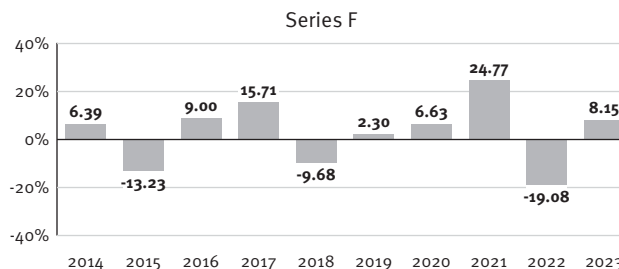
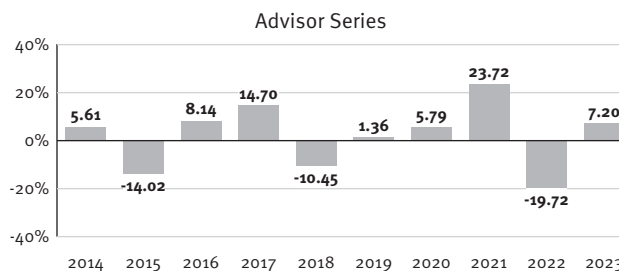
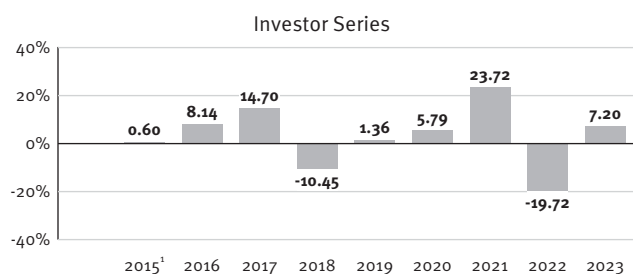
^(***) The Series O is only available to selected investors that have been approved and have entered into an O Series units account agreement with National Bank Investments Inc. The criteria for approval may include the size of the investment, the expected level of account activity and the investor's total investments with NBII. No management fees are charged to the Fund with respect to the O Series units. Management fees are negotiated with and paid directly by investors and are in addition to the fixed-rate administration fee. NBII does not pay any commissions or service fees to dealers who sell O Series units. There are no sales charges payable by investors who purchase O Series units.

Past Performance

The performance of each series of the Fund is presented below and calculated as at December 31 of each year. It assumes that all distributions made in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities and does not take into account sales, redemption charges, distributions, or optional charges that would have reduced returns. Past performance of a series of a Fund does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

Annual Returns

The bar charts indicate the performance for each the Fund's series in existence greater than one year during the years shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from year to year. They show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 (or made commencing from the start of the series) would have grown or decreased by December 31 of that year, in the case of the Annual management report of fund performance, or by June 30, in the case of the Interim management report of fund performance.



^(†) Returns for the period from October 30, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

Annual Compounded Performance

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound returns for each series in existence greater than one year and for each of the periods ended on December 31, 2023, compared with the following benchmark:

- S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index (CAD)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Investor Series¹	7.20%	2.11%	2.68%	—	3.02%
Benchmark	5.90%	1.17%	2.61%	—	3.19%
Advisor Series²	7.20%	2.11%	2.68%	1.42%	—
Benchmark	5.90%	1.17%	2.61%	1.46%	—
Series F²	8.15%	2.98%	3.56%	2.28%	—
Benchmark	5.90%	1.17%	2.61%	1.46%	—
Series O²	8.86%	3.71%	4.26%	2.98%	—
Benchmark	5.90%	1.17%	2.61%	1.46%	—

¹Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

²Commencement of operations: October 12, 2012

A discussion of the Fund's relative performance in comparison to the index (or indices) can be found in the *Results of Operations* Section of this report.

Index Description

The **S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index** is a subset of the S&P/TSX Index and reflects the preferred share price fluctuations of a group of companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and weighted by market capitalization.

Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the accounting periods shown.

Investor* / Advisor Series

⁽¹⁾ The Investor Series was created on October 30, 2015.

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾ Commencement of operations: October 12, 2012

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	7.41	9.57	7.97	7.89	8.11
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.44	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.11)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses)	(8.17)	(0.07)	0.09	(0.34)	(0.28)
Unrealized gains (losses)	8.35	(2.10)	1.54	0.27	0.02
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.50	(1.88)	1.90	0.25	0.05
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.33	0.30	0.27	0.32	0.32
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.33	0.30	0.27	0.32	0.32
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	7.60	7.41	9.57	7.97	7.89

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	10,681	12,481	17,654	15,610	17,549
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	1,405,007	1,684,725	1,845,156	1,958,627	2,223,819
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	1.56	1.56	1.58	1.54	1.54
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.57	1.57	1.59	1.55	1.55
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	2.61	21.58	23.33	26.31	22.00
Net asset value per unit (\$)	7.60	7.41	9.57	7.97	7.89

Series F

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾ Commencement of operations: October 12, 2012

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	7.46	9.64	8.04	7.97	8.22
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.44	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses)	(6.26)	(0.05)	0.08	(0.35)	(0.26)
Unrealized gains (losses)	6.36	(2.05)	1.63	0.08	(0.19)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.49	(1.74)	2.06	0.11	(0.08)
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.39	0.38	0.36	0.40	0.41
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.39	0.38	0.36	0.40	0.41
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	7.66	7.46	9.64	8.04	7.97

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	11,126	19,926	35,322	34,633	47,454
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	1,452,632	2,671,139	3,662,024	4,307,937	5,950,099
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.72	0.72	0.74	0.69	0.70
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.76	0.77	0.79	0.75	0.75
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	2.61	21.58	23.33	26.31	22.00
Net asset value per unit (\$)	7.66	7.46	9.65	8.04	7.98

Series O

Net Assets per Unit⁽⁴⁾

Commencement of operations: October 12, 2012

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	7.50	9.68	8.05	7.97	8.17
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.44	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43
Total expenses	—	(0.01)	—	—	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses)	(2.03)	(0.08)	0.09	(0.35)	(0.29)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.90	(2.08)	1.47	0.38	0.10
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.31	(1.75)	1.98	0.46	0.23
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.03	0.01	—	—	—
From dividends	0.43	0.42	0.41	0.44	0.42
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.46	0.43	0.41	0.44	0.42
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	7.68	7.50	9.68	8.05	7.97

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	7,982	257,469	330,978	252,589	286,604
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	1,039,434	34,339,697	34,189,225	31,367,960	35,937,555
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	2.61	21.58	23.33	26.31	22.00
Net asset value per unit (\$)	7.68	7.50	9.68	8.05	7.98

Private Series*

⁽¹⁾ Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

Net Assets per Unit⁽⁴⁾

Commencement of operations: July 17, 2017

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	7.43	9.67	8.04	7.88	8.99
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.39	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.47
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.49)	(0.01)	0.09	0.07	(0.06)
Unrealized gains (losses)	11.07	(2.32)	1.42	3.34	(0.11)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	10.93	(1.96)	1.88	3.78	0.25
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.25	0.45	0.36	0.34	1.24
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.25	0.45	0.36	0.34	1.24
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	7.81	7.43	9.67	8.04	7.88

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	0	9,478	76,196	49,062	0
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	49	1,276,640	7,882,016	6,103,478	41
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.49	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.51
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.49	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.51
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	2.61	21.58	23.33	26.31	22.00
Net asset value per unit (\$)	7.81	7.42	9.67	8.04	7.89

- ⁽¹⁾ This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited Financial Statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements might differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. The differences are explained in the notes to the financial statements.
- ⁽²⁾ Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the average number of units outstanding over the accounting period.
- ⁽³⁾ Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- ⁽⁴⁾ The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.
- ⁽⁵⁾ This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Management expense ratio is based on total expenses including sales taxes for the accounting period indicated (excluding commission, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net value during the accounting period. The management expense ratio includes, if necessary, the management expenses from its underlying funds, as described in Article 15.2 of Regulation 81-106.
- ⁽⁷⁾ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the accounting period. The trading expense ratio includes, if necessary, the trading expenses from its underlying funds, as described in Article 15.2 of Regulation 81-106.
- ⁽⁸⁾ The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund portfolio's manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the accounting period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in an accounting period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the accounting period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the accounting period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

Summary of Investment Portfolio

As of December 31, 2023

Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Bank of Montreal, 3.62%, Series 29	2.4
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 3.60%, Series 43	1.9
Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners, 3.14%, Series 1	1.9
Enbridge Inc., 4.40%, Series 13	1.9
Royal Bank of Canada, 3.60%, Series BD	1.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 3.60%, Series 7	1.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 3.90%, Series 1	1.7
Pembina Pipeline Corporation, 4.75%, Series 9	1.7
TC Energy Corp., 3.90%, Series 7	1.7
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 3.68%, Series 3	1.6
Enbridge Inc., 4.00%, Series R	1.6
Great-West Lifeco Inc., 4.85%, Series H	1.6
Manulife Financial Corp., 3.80%, Series 19	1.6
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	1.6
BCE Inc., 2.76%, Series AM	1.5
Enbridge Inc., 4.40%, Series 15	1.5
Manulife Financial Corp., 3.90%, Series 17	1.5
AltaGas Ltd., 3.38%, Series A	1.4
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 3.90%, Series 39	1.4
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 3.75%, Series 5	1.4
Enbridge Inc., 4.00%, Series 3	1.4
Enbridge Inc., 4.40%, Series 11	1.4
Fortis Inc., 3.91%, Series M	1.4
BCE Inc., 2.75%, Series Al	1.3
Cenovus Energy Inc., 4.59%, Series 5	1.3
	40.3

Net asset value \$29,789,707

Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Preferred Shares	93.7
Corporate Bonds	4.7
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	1.6

Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	47.6
Energy	24.7
Utilities	12.8
Communication Services	7.5
Bonds	4.7
Real Estate	1.1
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	1.6

The above table shows the top 25 positions held by the Fund. In the case of a Fund with fewer than 25 positions, all positions are indicated.

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