

# **ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

For the period ended December 31, 2024

Global Equity Fund

# **NBI International Equity Fund**

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This report may contain forward-looking statements concerning the Fund, its future performance, its strategies or prospects or about future events or circumstances. Such forwardlooking statements include, among others, statements with respect to our beliefs, plans, expectations, estimates and intentions. The use of the expressions "foresee", "intend", "anticipate", "estimate", "assume", "believe" and "expect" and other similar terms and expressions indicate forward-looking statements.

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The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decision, investors and others relying on our forward-looking statements should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other factors. We caution readers not to rely unduly on these forward-looking statements. We assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements in the light of new information, future events or other circumstances unless applicable legislation so provides.

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights, but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-888-270-3941 or 514-871-2082, by writing to us at National Bank Investments Advisory Service, 800 Saint-Jacques Street, Transit 44331, Montreal, Quebec, H3C 1A3, by visiting our website at www.nbinvestments.ca, by visiting SEDAR+'s website at www.sedarplus.ca, or by contacting your advisor. You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

# **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

#### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The NBI International Equity Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests, directly or indirectly through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio comprised primarily of common shares of companies located outside of North America selected using a high conviction investment approach.

The portfolio sub-advisor invests in a geographically diversified portfolio consisting primarily of common shares of medium and large capitalization companies located outside of North America. The portfolio sub-advisor seeks undervalued shares in every sector, and also considers the quality and liquidity of the securities. The portfolio sub-advisor relies on its convictions in selecting portfolio securities. The fund may invest up to 25% of its assets in emerging market securities. The fund may use a responsible investment approach, as described in the fund prospectus, this approach being one of many components of the investment strategies used to help achieve the fund's investment objective.

### 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, 2024, the NBI International Equity Fund's Advisor Series units returned 11.62% compared to 13.24% for the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI EAFE 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 rose by 63.57% over the period, from \$229.06 million as at December 31, 2023 to \$374.68 million as at December 31, 2024.

The increase stemmed mainly from unit purchases by investors in the Fund and market fluctuations.

The new year got off to a cloudier start. Sentiment wavered somewhat as investors contemplated the prospect for aggressive monetary policy easing in an environment of still robust growth and elevated inflation. Policymakers cemented the end of their aggressive tightening campaigns and appeared to shift their focus to when to begin easing policy. Meanwhile, the frenzy around artificial intelligence lingered on which catalyzed a market rally that sent many global indices to new record highs.

Equity markets experienced a short-lived sell-off and subsequent recovery in August after the Bank of Japan hiked rates at a time that coincided with weaker U.S. labour and manufacturing data. Moderating inflation also enabled the European Central Bank (ECB) to ease policy twice.

The U.S. presidential election results played a prominent role in global market performance over the latter part of the year. President-elect Trump's victory, along with Republican control of both houses of Congress, fuelled market expectations for tax cuts, deregulation, and protectionist trade policies. The perception of Trump's nationalist and business-oriented vision led to optimism for U.S. stocks, while European and Asian markets grew wary in the face of tariff threats, with the strong U.S. dollar further serving as a headwind. As for the European Central Bank, it delivered a fourth cut in light of weakness in the region's economy, political instability in France and Germany and looming potential trade war. Equity markets continued broadening over the second half of the year.

Over the year, the MSCI EAFE Index gained 13.2%. The best-performing sectors were the Financials and Communication Services sectors, with returns of 31.7% and 21.2% respectively. On the other hand, the Materials and Energy sectors were the only negative performers of 2024, with returns of -5.0% and -2.4%.

In this context, the Fund underperformed its benchmark.

Over the period the Fund's relative performance was primarily driven by security selection in the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors, while selection within the Industrials and Consumer Staples sectors detracted from relative performance.

Among the top relative contributors held in the strategy over the period were Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) and InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG).

TSMC continues to benefit from significant AI investments as the world's number one supplier of the leading-edge nodes as it reported strong results in 2024. The company is seeing and expects rapid growth as their advanced manufacturing and packaging capabilities enable them to be a trusted global supplier. Despite efforts from competitors, TSMC believes its chips' better performance, capacity, and track record will allow them to consistently capture AI demand.

As for IHG, the company reported solid earnings in 2024, benefitting from the Olympics in Europe and Chinese travel to Japan, Vietnam, and Thailand, as outbound flights from China have been normalizing post-COVID restrictions. The company also announced that negotiations with their credit card partner JP Morgan resulted in an economically attractive deal, which the Portfolio Manager believes reflects its robust loyalty program and its luxury hotels portfolio.

Among the top relative detractors held in the strategy over the period were Nestlé and LVMH Moet Hennessy.

As it relates to Nestlé, underperformance was driven by a few factors — (1) pricing and volume headwinds after significant growth in the post-COVID period, (2) margin impact from input cost inflation (expected to moderate), (3) execution problems related to M&A and an IT integration issue with their Health Science division, (4) CEO change uncertainty, and (5) the market rotation out of bond-like proxies/defensive stocks into high-growth companies. The Portfolio Manager believes Nestlé remains a great business given its leading brands and attractive positioning in higher quality categories such as coffee, Pet care, sparkling water, etc. Additionally, Nestlé is actively concentrating the business into less commoditized food categories. The Portfolio Manager believes the long-term thesis and downside protection role in the portfolio remain fully intact.

As for LVMH, the luxury giant shares underperformed in 2024 as broader concerns over a consumer spending slowdown, namely the aspirational LVMH customer, as well as macroeconomic headlines in China dampened sentiment. LVMH remains a core holding due to what the Portfolio Manager believes to be its best-in-class portfolio of global luxury brands in jewelry, fashion, spirits, watches, retailing, and perfumes.

#### **Recent Developments**

During 2024, the Portfolio Manager exited an existing position in Roche and used the sale proceeds to initiate a new position in Amadeus IT Group. The motivation for the Roche exit was better opportunity elsewhere.

The Portfolio Manager believes that Amadeus, a major player in the travel technology ecosystem, has a positive outlook given its dominant market position, high barriers to entry, strong operational prowess, and attractive financials. The company has three key divisions—airline ticket distribution, airline IT systems, and hospitality IT systems. In short, Amadeus bridges the distribution network between airlines, hotels, and car rental companies with travel industry buyers such as travel agencies or online booking platforms. With longstanding network effects of having suppliers and buyers seamlessly connected, the Portfolio Manager believes the company is well positioned for the future as travel volume growth continues, and the business captures market share gains. Furthermore, it has enabled the company to generate high returns on free cashflow and invested capital.

The Fund's sector and regional weights are driven by a bottom-up stock selection. Entering 2025, the Fund remains underweight Japan and Asia Pacific EX Japan as the Portfolio Manager continues to find more attractive opportunities in other parts of the world, such as the United Kingdom and Emerging Markets. The Fund remains overweight Consumer Staples, Information Technology, and Consumer Discretionary while underweight Financials, Energy, and Communication Services.

The Fund's investment horizon is best measured in years, conceivably decades, not months or quarters. The Portfolio Manager's focus continues to be on identifying what they believe to be high-quality companies with sustainable competitive advantages, operating in industries with high barriers to entry, and contributing to durable pricing power.

# **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"), an 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. ("NBI"), which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. Therefore, NBI 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 NBI as consideration for its services.

#### **Portfolio Manager**

The Manager has appointed National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a direct and 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**

National Bank Savings and Investments Inc. ("NBSI") acts as principal distributor for the Fund. In this capacity, NBSI buys, sells and swaps securities through external registered representatives. Fund securities are also offered by National Bank Financial Inc. (including its division National Bank Direct Brokerage) 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 NBI. The brokerage fees paid by the Fund for the period are as follows:

	Period ended December 31, 2024
Total brokerage fees	\$94,078.06
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	-

#### **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, NBI, to National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a direct and indirect whollyowned 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 <sup>†</sup>
Advisor Series and Series H			
Front-end load	1.75%	57.14%	42.86%
Series F and Series FH	0.75%	-	100.00%
Series O	N/A*	_	100.00%

<sup>(†)</sup> Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

(°) 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 NBI. 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. NBI 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.





(2) Returns for the period from July 12, 2023 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2023.

## **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, 2024, compared with the following benchmark:

• MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) (CAD)

### **NBI International Equity Fund**

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Advisor Series <sup>1</sup>	11.62%	-	-	-	9.83%
Benchmark	13.24%	-	-	-	18.88%
Series F <sup>1</sup>	12.77%	-	-	-	11.03%
Benchmark	13.24%	-	-	-	18.88%
Series FH <sup>2</sup>	11.43%	-	-	-	10.28%
Benchmark	13.24%	-	-	-	18.88%
Series H <sup>2</sup>	10.20%	-	-	-	9.09%
Benchmark	13.24%	-	-	-	18.88%
Series O <sup>1</sup>	13.97%	-	_	-	12.22%
Benchmark	13.24%	-	-	-	18.88%

<sup>1</sup>Commencement of operations: June 20, 2023

<sup>2</sup>Commencement of operations: July 12, 2023

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 **MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East)** is a free floatadjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada. The MSCI EAFE Index consists of 21 developed market country indices.

# **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.

### **Advisor Series**

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Commencement of operations: June 20, 2023
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.33	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)			
Total revenue	0.14	0.06	
Total expenses	(0.27)	(0.15)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.11	0.03	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.40	0.81	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.38	0.75	
Distributions (\$)			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	
From dividends	_	_	
From capital gains	_	0.02	
Return of capital	-	-	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	-	0.02	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	11.56	10.33	

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	4,442	495
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	385,405	47,934
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	2.27	2.29
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.27	2.29
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.10	0.60
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	5.70	8.46
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.53	10.33

### Series F\*

(\*) Please note that the data presented below is in CAD although this Series is also available under the USD purchase option.

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Commencement of operations: June 20, 2023
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.40	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)			
Total revenue	0.15	0.05	
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.09)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.09	0.03	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.83	1.27	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.93	1.26	
Distributions (\$)			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	-	
From dividends	0.02	_	
From capital gains	_	0.01	
Return of capital	_	-	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.02	0.01	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	11.75	10.40	

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023
	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	156,786	46,954
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	13,383,742	4,514,172
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.11	1.05
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.11	1.05
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.10	0.60
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	5.70	8.46
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.71	10.40

# Series FH

Net Assets per  $\mathsf{Unit}^{\scriptscriptstyle(1)}$ 

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.30	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)			
Total revenue	0.16	0.06	
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.08)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.18)	0.08	
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.62	0.13	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.46	0.19	
Distributions (\$)			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	_	
From dividends	0.05	_	
From capital gains	_	0.13	
Return of capital	_	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.05	0.13	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	11.47	10.30	

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	2,436	3,604
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	213,050	349,872
Management expense ratio (%) $^{\scriptscriptstyle (6)}$	1.14	1.14
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.14	1.14
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.10	0.60
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	5.70	8.46
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.43	10.30

# Series H

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Commencement of operations: July 12, 2023
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.29	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)			
Total revenue	0.17	0.07	
Total expenses	(0.27)	(0.13)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.23)	0.09	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.84	0.18	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.51	0.21	
Distributions (\$)			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	_	
From dividends	-	_	
From capital gains	-	0.08	
Return of capital	-	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	_	0.08	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	11.38	10.29	

# Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	592	205
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	52,199	19,956
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.29	2.29
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.29	2.29
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.10	0.60
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	5.70	8.46
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.34	10.29

### Series O

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

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2024 December 31	2023 December 31	
10.40	10.00	
0.16	0.05	
(0.01)	(0.03)	
0.07	0.05	
1.24	0.47	
1.46	0.54	
-	_	
0.15	0.03	
-	0.04	
-	-	
0.15	0.07	
11.74	10.40	
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#### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023
	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	210,421	177,805
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	17,978,293	17,099,530
Management expense ratio (%) $^{\scriptscriptstyle (6)}$	0.02	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.02	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.10	0.60
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	5.70	8.46
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.70	10.40

(i) 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.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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.

<sup>(s)</sup> 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.

<sup>(8)</sup> 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, 2024

### **Portfolio Top Holdings**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd., ADR	8.4
London Stock Exchange Group PLC	
Novo Nordisk A/S	
Intercontinental Hotels Group PLC	
Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessy.	
Essilor International SA	
ASML Holding NV	
SAP SE	
Keyence Corp.	
Nestlé SA	
S&P Global Inc.	
Cie Financière Richemont SA, Class A.	
L'Oréal SA	
Alcon AG	
Diageo PLC	,
Schindler Holding AG, PTG Cert	
Canadian National Railway Co.	
Air Liquide SA	
Amadeus IT Holding SA	
Howden Joinery Group PLC	
Unilever PLC	
Aon PLC	
HDFC Bank Ltd., ADR	
Intertek Group PLC	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	
	85.9

Net asset value	\$374,677,466
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#### **Regional Allocation**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
United Kingdom	26.9
France	-
Switzerland	
Taiwan	
Japan	
Germany	-
Denmark.	
Netherlands	
United States	
Canada	
Spain	
India	
Australia	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	

#### Sector Allocation

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Information Technology	22.6
Industrials	17.8
Financials	
Consumer Discretionary	
Consumer Staples	12.7
Health Care	12.2
Materials	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.8

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.

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment Fund. A quarterly update is available. Please consult our website at www.nbinvestments.ca.

If this investment Fund invests in other investment funds, please consult the prospectus and other information about the underlying investment funds on the website indicated above or on SEDAR+'s website at www.sedarplus.ca.