# Fund Facts

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NATIONAL BANK INVESTMENTS

## Meritage Balanced Income Portfolio - Series O

This document contains key information you should know about the Meritage Balanced Income Portfolio. You can find more detailed information in the fund's simplified prospectus. Ask your representative for a copy, or contact National Bank Investments Inc. ("NBI") toll free, at 1-866-603-3601 or send an email at investments@nbc.ca or visit www.nbinvestments.ca.

**Before you invest in any fund, consider how the fund would work with your other investments and your tolerance for risk.**

### Quick facts

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| **Fund code:** | NBC7323 |
| **Date series started:** | October 31, 2013 |
| **Total value of fund on March 31, 2026:** | $156.8 million |
| **Management expense ratio (MER):** | 0.04% |
| **Fund manager:** | National Bank Investments Inc. ("NBI") |
| **Portfolio manager:** | National Bank Investments Inc. |
| **Distribution:** | Return of capital and/or net income, end of each month. Distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional units, unless the investor chooses differently. Net income not distributed and capital gains, special year-end distribution (must be reinvested). |
| **Minimum investment:** | Determined on a contractual basis. |

### What does the fund invest in?

The Portfolio's investment objective is to achieve a high current income by investing primarily in a diverse mix of fixed-income and equity mutual funds. Up to 35% of the Portfolio's investments in equity securities and fixed-income securities can be in foreign securities.

The charts below give you a snapshot of the fund's investments on March 31, 2026. The fund's investments will change over time.

**Top 10 Investments (as at March 31, 2026)**

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| 1. | RBC Canadian Dividend Fund , Series O | 14.4% |
| 2. | Beutel Goodman Canadian Dividend Fund, Series I | 14.3% |
| 3. | TD Canadian Core Plus Bond Fund, Series O | 14.1% |
| 4. | BMO Dividend Fund - I | 14.0% |
| 5. | CI Canadian Bond Fund, Class I | 14.0% |
| 6. | RP Strategic Income Plus Fund, Class O | 6.2% |
| 7. | Manulife Strategic Income Fund, Series I | 6.1% |
| 8. | TD Global Equity Focused Fund | 3.9% |
| 9. | Capital Group Global Equity Fund, Series I | 3.8% |
| 10. | Sun Life MFS Global Growth Fund | 3.7% |
| | **Total percentage of top 10 investments:** | **94.5%** |
| | **Total number of investments:** | **13** |

**Investment Mix (as at March 31, 2026)**

| **Asset Allocation** | |
|---|---|
| Canadian Equity Funds | 42.8% |
| Fixed Income Funds | 40.4% |
| Global Equity Funds | 14.4% |
| American Equity Funds | 2.7% |
| Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets | -0.3% |

### How risky is it?

The value of the fund can go down as well as up. You could lose money. One way to gauge risk is to look at how much a fund's returns change over time. This is called "volatility".

In general, funds with higher volatility will have returns that change more over time. They typically have a greater chance of losing money and may have a greater chance of higher returns. Funds with lower volatility tend to have returns that change less over time. They typically have lower returns and may have a lower chance of losing money.

**Risk rating**

NBI has rated the volatility of this fund as **low to medium**.

This rating is based on how much the fund's returns have changed from year to year. It doesn't tell you how volatile the fund will be in the future. This rating can change over time. A fund with a low risk rating can still lose money.

| Low | **Low to Medium** | Medium | Medium to High | High |
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For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect the fund's returns, see the Risk section of the fund's simplified prospectus.

**No guarantees**

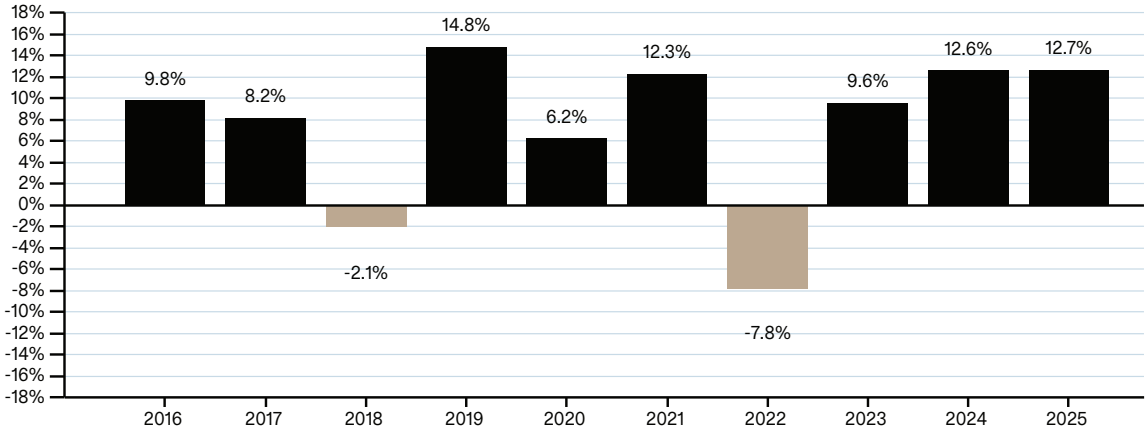
Like most mutual funds, this fund doesn't have any guarantees. You may not get back the money you invest.

## How has the fund performed?

This section tells you how Series O units of the fund have performed over the past 10 years. Returns are after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the funds' returns.

**Year-by-year returns**

This chart shows how Series O units of the fund performed in each of the past 10 years. The fund dropped in value in 2 of the 10 years. The range of returns and change from year to year can help you assess how risky the fund has been in the past. It does not tell you how the fund will perform in the future.




**Best and worst 3-month returns**

This table shows the best and worst returns for Series O units of the fund in a 3-month period over the past 10 years. The best and worst 3-month returns could be higher or lower in the future. Consider how much of a loss you could afford to take in a short period of time.

| | Return | 3 months ending | If you invested $1,000 at the beginning of the period |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Best Return** | 10.1% | January 31, 2024 | Your investment would rise to $1,101. |
| **Worst return** | -11.2% | March 31, 2020 | Your investment would drop to $888. |

**Average return**

The annual compounded return of O Series units of the fund was 7.33% over the past 10 years. If you had invested $1,000 in this fund 10 years ago, your investment would now be worth $2,029.

## Who is this fund for?

**Investors who:**

- are looking to invest for the medium to long term;
- are looking for an investment solution that allows them to invest in a wide variety of securities in order to create a fully diversified portfolio;
- want to receive a distribution regularly.

## A word about tax

In general, you'll have to pay income tax on any money you make on a fund. How much you pay depends on the tax laws where you live and whether or not you hold the fund in a registered plan, such as a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA).

Keep in mind that if you hold your fund in a non-registered account, fund distributions are included in your taxable income, whether you get them in cash or have them reinvested.

## How much does it cost?

The following tables show the fees and expenses you could pay to buy, own and sell Series O units of the fund. The fees and expenses – including any commissions – can vary among series of the fund and among funds. Higher commissions can influence representatives to recommend one investment over another. Ask about other funds and investments that may be suitable for you at a lower cost.

**1. Sales Charges**

There are no charges when you purchase your units through National Bank Savings and Investments Inc.

**2. Fund expenses**

You don't pay these expenses directly. They affect you because they reduce the fund's returns. As of December 31, 2025, the fund's expenses were 0.07% of its value. This equals $0.70 for every $1,000 invested.

## How much does it cost? (cont'd)

| | Annual rate (as a % of the fund's value) |
|---|---|
| **Management expense ratio (MER)**<br>This is the total of the fund's management fee and operating expenses (including fixed rate administration fee). NBI waived some of the fund's expenses. If it had not done so, the MER would have been higher. | 0.04% |
| **Trading expense ratio (TER)**<br>These are the fund's trading costs. | 0.03% |
| Fund Expenses | **0.07%** |

### More about the trailing commission

The trailing commission is an ongoing commission. It is paid for as long as you own the fund. It is for the services and/or advice that your representative and their firm provide to you.

NBI does not pay any trailing commission to your representative's firm with respect to Series O units.

**3. Other fees**

You may have to pay other fees when you buy, hold, sell, switch or convert units of the fund.

| Fee | What you pay |
|---|---|
| **Short-term trading fee** | 2% of the value of the units you redeem or switch within 90 days of purchase may be charged by NBI. This fee goes to the fund. |
| **Negotiated Management Fees** | Management fees are negotiated with NBI, and paid directly by investors who have entered into a Series O account agreement with us. These fees do not exceed the management fees for the Advisor Series (maximum of 1.95%). These fees are in addition to the fixed rate administration fees. |

## What if I change my mind?

Under the securities law in some provinces and territories, you have the right to:

- withdraw from an agreement to buy mutual fund units within two business days after you receive a simplified prospectus or Fund Facts document; or
- cancel your purchase within 48 hours after you receive confirmation of the purchase.

In some provinces and territories, you also have the right to cancel a purchase, or in some jurisdictions, claim damages, if the simplified prospectus, Fund Facts document or financial statements contain a misrepresentation. You must act within the time limit set by the securities law in your province or territory.

For more information, see the securities law of your province or territory or ask a lawyer.

## For more information

Contact your representative or NBI for a copy of the fund's simplified prospectus and other disclosure documents. These documents and the Fund Facts make up the fund's legal documents.

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