

INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended June 30, 2025

Short Term and Income Fund **NBI Senior Loan Fund**

Notes on forward-looking statements

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Results of Operations

The NBI Senior Loan Fund was launched on November 4, 2024, and the Fund's net asset value was \$109.29 million as at June 30, 2025. Investment performance is not provided for a Fund that has been available for less than one year.

The Fund's net asset value rose by 34.78% over the period, from \$81.09 million as at December 31, 2024 to \$109.29 million as at June 30, 2025.

This increase was mainly due to investor purchases of the fund's units.

In the first six months of 2025, financial markets were marked by high volatility, due in part to a tariff war. The 90-day U.S. trade truce temporarily revived interest among issuers, but ongoing geopolitical tensions continued to dampen activity. The volume of issuance reached \$US 453 billion, down from \$US 727 billion in the same period in 2024. This decline is partly explained by a particularly weak month of April. Refinancing operations dominated, accounting for 70% of cumulative volumes, while mergers and acquisitions accounted for 17%.

On the demand side, CLO issuance totalled \$US 76.4 billion over six months, stable compared to 2024. Despite the uncertain backdrop, the market showed signs of resilience, particularly in May, which allowed for a partial recovery in the second quarter.

Recent Developments

In the first half of 2025, several securities were included in the portfolio in line with the fund's investment philosophy. There seems to be a shift in the direction of the monetary policies of the industrialized countries. On the one hand, the Bank of Canada and the European Central Bank have begun their monetary easing with 0.25% cuts in their key interest rates, respectively. On the other hand, the Federal Reserve continues to extend the date on which it believes monetary stimulus will be required to take the risks associated with a resumption of inflation.

The economy was showing excess demand, now the Fed is forecasting a single decline in 2024 as economic activity shows signs of exhaustion. Accumulated savings are almost exhausted while restrictive financial conditions weaken demand for consumption on credit. In the future, household spending will move more in line with labour market incomes. The economy is gradually rebalancing, which is easing wage pressures and could reduce the pace of spending.

However, wage growth in Canada is still strong. The unionization rate in Canada is 29.4% compared to 10.3% for our neighbours to the south. As a result, wage adjustments are slower in Canada because not all multi-year collective agreements are renegotiated. This could make it difficult for the Bank of Canada to tame services inflation and dampen its monetary stimulus intentions.

On or about May 14, 2025, National Bank Investments Inc. ("NBI") replaced National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT") as portfolio manager of the Fund. The investment objectives of the Fund remain unchanged. This change has no impact on the sub-advisor currently making investment decisions for the Fund.

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 Investments Inc. ("NBI"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, as the portfolio manager for the Fund. NBI acts as both Manager and portfolio manager of the Fund.

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 June 30, 2025
Total brokerage fees	\$389.25
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	\$389.25

Holdings

As at June 30, 2025, National Bank Investments Inc. held 205.52 Fund securities for a value of \$2,041.81, which represented close to 0.0019% 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 NBI 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 NBI and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to NBI. 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, NBI, to National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a direct and indirect wholly-owned 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. As the Fund invests in underlying funds, the fees and expenses payable in connection with the management of the underlying funds are in addition to those payable by the Fund. However, the Fund manager makes sure that the Fund does not pay any management (or operating) fees that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund for the same service.

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 [†]
Advisor Series			
Front-end load	1.20%	41.67%	58.33%
Series F	0.70%	—	100.00%
Series O	N/A*	—	100.00%

^(†) 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

Investment performance is not provided for a Fund that has been available for less than one year.

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⁽¹⁾

Commencement of operations: November 4, 2024

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	9.99	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.32	0.11
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	0.50	(0.71)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.56)	0.61
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.19	(0.03)
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.16	—
From dividends	—	—
From capital gains	—	—
Return of capital	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.16	—
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	9.98	9.99

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	2,528	486
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁶⁾	253,226	48,676
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁴⁾	1.54	1.51
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.54	1.51
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	—	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	10.42	8.63
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.98	9.99

Series F

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾

Commencement of operations: November 4, 2024

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	9.98	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.31	0.10
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.46	(0.42)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.52)	0.33
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.21	(0.01)
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.19	0.02
From dividends	—	—
From capital gains	—	—
Return of capital	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.19	0.02
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	9.97	9.98

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	35,131	10,557
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁶⁾	3,523,240	1,057,638
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁴⁾	0.94	0.92
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.94	0.92
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	—	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	10.42	8.63
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.97	9.98

Series O

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾

Commencement of operations: November 4, 2024

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	9.98	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.29	0.10
Total expenses	—	—
Realized gains (losses)	0.30	(0.42)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.36)	0.33
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.23	0.01
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.27	0.02
From dividends	—	—
From capital gains	—	—
Return of capital	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.27	0.02
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	9.94	9.98

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	71,634	70,048
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	7,204,902	7,013,844
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.06	0.04
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.06	0.04
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	—	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	10.42	8.63
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.94	9.99

Private Series*

⁽⁷⁾ Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾

Commencement of operations: November 4, 2024

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	9.96	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.30	0.04
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.30	(0.16)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.37)	0.13
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.19	(0.01)
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.22	0.02
From dividends	—	—
From capital gains	—	0.01
Return of capital	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.22	0.03
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	9.93	9.96

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	1	1
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	103	100
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.87	0.92
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.87	0.92
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	—	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	10.42	8.63
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.93	9.96

⁽¹⁾ This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited Financial Statements and Interim Unaudited 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 June 30, 2025

Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Government of Canada, 2.73%, due July 30, 2025.....	5.4
AlixPartners LLP, Floating, due February 4, 2028.....	3.1
Boost Newco Borrower LLC, Floating, due January 31, 2031.....	3.1
Go Daddy Operating Co LLC, Floating, due June 2, 2031.....	3.1
Medline Borrower LP, Floating, due October 23, 2028.....	3.1
Trans Union LLC, Floating, due June 30, 2025.....	3.1
Government of United States, 4.33%, due September 18, 2025.....	3.0
Aramark Services Inc., Floating, due January 15, 2027.....	3.0
Gates Corp/DE, Floating, due November 16, 2029.....	3.0
SS&C Technologies Inc., Floating, due May 9, 2031.....	3.0
First Trust Senior Loan ETF.....	2.9
Charter Communications Operating LLC, Floating, due November 24, 2031.....	2.9
Invesco Senior Loan ETF.....	2.9
SPDR Blackstone Senior Loan ETF.....	2.9
Alliant Holdings, Floating, due September 19, 2031.....	2.8
API Group DE Inc., Floating, due March 1, 2029.....	2.8
Asplundh Tree Expert LLC, Floating, due May 23, 2031.....	2.8
Burlington Coat, Floating, due September 19, 2031.....	2.8
CHG Healthcare Services Inc., Floating, due September 29, 2028.....	2.8
Elanco Animal Health Inc., Floating, due August 1, 2027.....	2.8
Nexstar Media Inc., Floating, due June 24, 2032.....	2.8
Restaurant Brand, Floating, due September 23, 2030.....	2.8
Ryan Specialty LLC, Floating, due September 15, 2031.....	2.8
Zelis Payments, Floating, due October 27, 2031.....	2.8
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets.....	1.8
	<u>74.3</u>

Net asset value..... \$109,293,817

Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Floating Rate Loans.....	87.8
Foreign Bonds.....	5.9
Corporate Bonds.....	2.7
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets.....	1.8

Credit Quality

	% of Net Asset Value
AAA.....	8.3
A.....	4.6
BBB.....	25.5
BB.....	39.5
B.....	19.9

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.