

## INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended June 30, 2025

Global Equity Fund

### **NBI Global Climate Ambition Fund**

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Results of Operations

The NBI Global Climate Ambition Fund was launched on November 4, 2024, and the Fund's net asset value was \$85.25 million as at June 30, 2025. Investment performance is not provided for a Fund that has been available for less than one year.

Global equity markets delivered a positive performance for H1 in USD terms with the period being marked by significant levels of volatility due to trade and policy uncertainty. The Fund delivered positive absolute returns in the first six months of 2025.

The Portfolio Manager's focus on companies with strong quality (ROIC), sustainable growth, and free cash generation characteristics significantly benefitted performance during the quarter as these businesses are best equipped to navigate the current macro environment and policy uncertainty. Earnings estimates have proved largely resilient at the companies held in the portfolio and the Manager has taken care to purchase them at a reasonable valuation for their earnings power.

Key contributors were Lloyds Banking Group, Deutsche Börse, and Oracle Corporation. Since the beginning of 2025, Lloyds Banking Group has demonstrated sustained strength in its financial performance. The group has also upheld strong cost discipline and resilient asset quality, contributing to its solid earnings and positive outlook. In addition, the company continued its successful share buyback program, which has reassured investors given the ongoing uncertainty related to motor finance litigation in the UK. Also of note, the holding in Deutsche Börse Group has shown solid financial growth. Despite slightly lower trading volumes, the group continues to perform well. Oracle was higher during the period as robust capex guides from hyperscale customers improved investor sentiment towards technology and AI-exposed names.

On the more negative side, Thermo Fisher was lower as the group modestly reduced its full-year earnings guidance to reflect the cost inflation impact from potential tariffs. The company still reported results in line with expectations for the first quarter of the year. In addition, the holding in Merck lost some ground for the first half of the year. The share price declined after the company reported poor quarterly results for key growth franchise Gardasil, the group will limit sales into China to deal with distributor inventory issues in that market—the Portfolio Manager sold the stock during the period after a reassessment of the investment case. Finally, Novo Nordisk's performance year-to-date in 2025 has been challenging. Despite the pullback of its stock, the company released its financial results for the first quarter of 2025, reporting continued sales growth and solid earnings, reflecting strong demand for its key products. However, market sentiment appears cautious, probably influenced by wider sector pressures and profit taking after last year's strong performance.

### Recent Developments

During the first half of the year, the Portfolio Manager disposed of the Fund's holding in Merck due to increasing concerns around pipeline development at the company, and adjusted some portfolio positions to reflect relative preferences amid higher than usual volatility. The Manager continued to carefully monitor tariff developments, seeking to take advantage of any valuation dislocations that might occur. During the second part of H1, the Investment Team capitalized on significant weakness in the U.S. market to add to several names, funding these purchases by reducing a basket of outperforming European stocks. The Manager also reduced the exposure to Deere and Munich RE, while starting to build a position in U.S. roofing leader Carlisle Companies, taking advantage of the recent market sell-off to acquire this high-quality business at an attractive valuation. Additionally, the Manager added to positions in Xylem and US Bancorp.

### ESG

There were no changes with regard to the portfolio's composition specifically related to the ESG objective and strategy.

Although this is not a stated objective, the Fund is outperforming its benchmark in terms of general ESG Score/rating.

The Portfolio Manager is on track to decarbonize the portfolio in line with the Paris Agreement Framework and successfully achieved the Fund's decarbonization objective for H12025.

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	\$2,155.63
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	-

**Holdings**

As at June 30, 2025, National Bank Investments Inc. held 15,046.39 Fund securities for a value of \$163,834.19, which represented close to 0.1922% 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.

**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. 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			
Front-end load	1.75%	57.14%	42.86%
Series F	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.

<sup>(\*)</sup> 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<sup>(1)</sup>

Commencement of operations: November 4, 2024

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.06	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>		
Total revenue	0.11	0.03
Total expenses	(0.11)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses)	0.02	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.65	0.08
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.67	0.07
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—
From dividends	—	—
From capital gains	—	0.02
Return of capital	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	0.02
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.72	10.06

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1	1
Number of units outstanding <sup>(6)</sup>	100	100
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	2.19	2.24
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.19	2.24
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.04	0.61
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	10.68	4.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.73	10.04

### Series F

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

Commencement of operations: November 4, 2024

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.10	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>		
Total revenue	0.10	0.03
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	0.02	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.72	(0.15)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.78	(0.14)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—
From dividends	—	—
From capital gains	—	0.01
Return of capital	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	0.01
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.83	10.10

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	4	5
Number of units outstanding <sup>(6)</sup>	348	541
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	1.10	1.10
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.10	1.10
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.04	0.61
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	10.68	4.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.84	10.08

## Series O

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

Commencement of operations: November 4, 2024

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	10.10	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>		
Total revenue	0.11	0.04
Total expenses	—	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.02	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.67	0.15
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.80	0.20
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—
From dividends	—	0.01
From capital gains	—	0.02
Return of capital	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	0.03
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.88	10.10

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2025 June 30	2024 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	85,243	76,114
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	7,826,516	7,551,620
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.02	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.02	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.04	0.61
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	10.68	4.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.89	10.08

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

<sup>(4)</sup> The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.

<sup>(5)</sup> This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.

<sup>(6)</sup> 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.

<sup>(7)</sup> 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 June 30, 2025

### Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Microsoft Corp.....	6.8
Nvidia Corporation.....	4.1
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets.....	4.1
J. P. Morgan Chase & Co.....	3.7
Oracle Corp.....	3.0
Broadcom Inc.....	2.7
MasterCard Inc., Class A.....	2.5
Schneider Electric SA.....	2.5
Sony Corp.....	2.5
Cisco Systems Inc.....	2.4
Coca-Cola European Partners PLC.....	2.4
Lloyds TSB Group PLC.....	2.4
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc.....	2.2
Xylem Inc./NY.....	2.1
Home Depot Inc.....	2.0
AbbVie Inc.....	1.9
Deutsche Boerse AG.....	1.9
Next PLC.....	1.9
Texas Instruments Inc.....	1.9
AstraZeneca PLC.....	1.8
Koninklijke (Royal) KPN NV.....	1.8
National Grid PLC.....	1.8
Unilever PLC.....	1.8
Elevance Health, Inc.....	1.7
Trane Technologies PLC.....	1.7
	63.6

Net asset value..... \$85,247,667

### Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
US Equity.....	55.4
International Equity.....	38.9
Canadian Equity.....	1.6
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets.....	4.1

### Regional Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
United States.....	55.4
United Kingdom.....	12.1
France.....	7.4
Japan.....	5.8
Germany.....	5.1
Ireland.....	4.5
Netherlands.....	1.9
Canada.....	1.6
Denmark.....	1.3
Sweden.....	1.0
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets.....	4.1

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](http://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](http://www.sedarplus.ca).