NATIONAL BANK INVESTMENTS

INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended June 30, 2026

Meritage Income Portfolio

Meritage Conservative Income Portfolio

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2026, the Meritage Conservative Income Portfolio's Advisor Series units returned 4.81% compared to 5.12% for the Portfolio's blended benchmark. The broad-based indices, the Morningstar® Canada Liquid Bond Index (CAD) and the Morningstar® Developed Markets Large-Mid Cap Index (CAD), returned 2.22% and 13.97% respectively. Unlike the indices, the Portfolio's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the returns of all of the Portfolio's series, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

The Portfolio's net asset value dropped by 3.21% over the period, from $80.10 million as at December 31, 2025 to $77.52 million as at June 30, 2026.

Despite a turbulent start to the year with conflict erupting in the Middle East, equity markets have posted solid returns so far in 2026. Key tailwinds include stellar earnings growth and widespread enthusiasm for artificial intelligence. Against this backdrop, Emerging Markets stood out from the rest of the world, mostly driven by spectacular gains in Taiwan and South Korea, two countries closely tied to the semiconductor value chain through TSMC, Samsung and SK Hynix. The Canadian fixed-income universe delivered much more modest returns in line with yields-to-maturity, despite some bouts of heightened volatility as inflation concerns increased following disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.

Against this risk-on market backdrop, the fund outperformed its benchmark in the first half of 2026. Apart from a five-week period between mid-March and late-April, the portfolio manager maintained an overweight stance in equities relative to fixed income, which proved beneficial. The fund also benefitted from its overweight stance in Emerging Markets equities against EAFE equities, the former having significantly outperformed the latter over the period.

In this context, the Fund underperformed its benchmark. The RBC Canadian Dividend Fund and the Beutel Goodman Canadian Dividend Fund contributed to performance. Conversely, the Sun Life MFS Global Growth Fund detracted from performance.

Recent Developments

The fund made five strategy adjustments during the first half of the year. First, on February 24, the portfolio manager reduced the allocation to Canadian equities, realizing gains on an overweight position that had been in place since November 2023. The proceeds were redeployed to increase the overweight exposure to Emerging Market equities.

Subsequently, on March 19, the portfolio manager reduced the portfolio's overall risk by bringing the equity allocation back to its neutral level, while increasing exposure to fixed income.

Next, on April 29, equity exposure was increased as early signs emerged that the worst-case scenarios in the Strait of Hormuz were likely to be avoided. At the same time, the allocation to U.S. equities was increased at the expense of EAFE equities.

This positioning was reinforced on May 28 with a further increase in equities funded by a reduction in fixed income.

A last adjustment was made on June 30, when equity exposure was increased once again and some profits were taken on the overweight position in Emerging Markets.

The fund is currently overweight equities (+30%) and underweight the Canadian fixed income universe (-30%). Within equities, the fund is currently overweight United States (+10%) and Emerging Markets (+5%) against an underweight in the EAFE region (-15%).

The portfolio manager base-case scenario continues to anticipate economic growth close to potential, with commodity prices stabilizing and inflation gradually slowing, although the latter is expected to remain above target for some time yet. The positive "Goldilocks" scenario is gaining slightly in credibility, supported by the decline in energy prices and the resilience of the U.S. labour market, while the main downside risk has changed in nature since last quarter. Indeed, the stagflation scenario has given way to one of overheating, in which economic growth remains solid, but inflation becomes more problematic.

From an investor's perspective, despite the many challenges that remain, the portfolio manager's view is that the balance of risks continues to favour a risk-on stance.

On April 30, 2026, Norman Turnbull resigned as member and President of the Portfolio's independent review committee (the "IRC"). On May 1, 2026, Yanic Chagnon was appointed IRC member and Marie Desroches was appointed as President of the IRC.

Related Party Transactions

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

Trustee, Custodian and Registrar

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

NTC also acts as the Portfolio's custodian, registrar and transfer agent. The Manager pays NTC for its services as custodian based on the assets held by the Portfolio. In addition, a flat fee per transaction is paid to NTC. With respect to the registrar and transfer agent services for the Portfolio, a fixed annual amount is paid to NTC by the Manager.

Agent for securities lending transactions

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

Manager

As described in the *Management Fees* section, the Portfolio pays annual management fees to National Bank Investments Inc. (the "Manager") in consideration for management services. The management fees cover mainly the Manager's costs of managing the Portfolio's investments. The Manager is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of National Bank of Canada (the "Bank").

Since October 29, 2013, the Manager pays the operating expenses of the Portfolio other than its "portfolio costs" (defined below) (the "variable operating expenses"), in exchange for the Portfolio's payment to the Manager of annual fixed-rate administration fees with respect to each series of the Portfolio.

The administration fees are equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of each series of the Portfolio, calculated and paid in the same manner as the Portfolio'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 Portfolio shall also pay certain portfolio 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 Meritage Portfolios.

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 Portfolio costs.

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 Portfolio. NBI acts as both Manager and portfolio manager of the Portfolio.

Distribution and Dealer Compensation

Portfolio securities are offered by National Bank Direct Brokerage (a division of National Bank Financial Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank), National Bank Financial Inc. and other affiliated entities. Each month, brokers receive a commission representing a percentage of the average daily value of the securities held by their clients. In addition, when Advisor Series securities are purchased, brokers usually receive a commission, which varies depending on the sales charge option chosen at the time of investment.

Brokerage Fees

The Portfolio may pay broker's commissions at market rates to a corporation affiliated with National Bank Investments Inc. The brokerage fees paid by the Portfolio for the period are as follows:

	Period ended June 30, 2026
Total brokerage fees	$148.70
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	$148.70

Holdings

As at June 30, 2026, National Bank Investments Inc. held 183.93 Portfolio securities for a value of $1,883.68, which represented close to 0.0018% of the net asset value of the Portfolio at that date. Transactions between National Bank Investments Inc. and the Portfolio were carried out in the normal course of business and at the Portfolio's net asset value as at the transaction date.

Administrative and Operating Services

NBT provides the Portfolio with certain services, including accounting, reporting and portfolio valuation services. The costs incurred for these services are paid by the Manager to NBT.

Management Fees

The Portfolio pays annual management fees to the Manager in consideration for management, portfolio advisory and administrative services and facilities required by the Portfolio in its day-to-day operations. As the Portfolio 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 Portfolio. However, the Manager makes sure that the Portfolio 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 management fees are calculated as a fixed percentage of the Portfolio's daily net asset value, are accrued on a daily basis and are paid monthly. The Portfolio is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees.

Under the heading *Distribution*, expenses include the broker's compensation consisting of the maximum annual trailer fees and sales commissions paid to brokers. Under the heading *Other*, the fees relate mainly to investment management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit. The breakdown of the main services received in consideration for the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees collected from the Portfolio, is as follows:

Series	Management Fees	Distribution	Others[†]
Advisor Series*			
Front-end load**	1.45%	51.72%	48.28%
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.

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

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

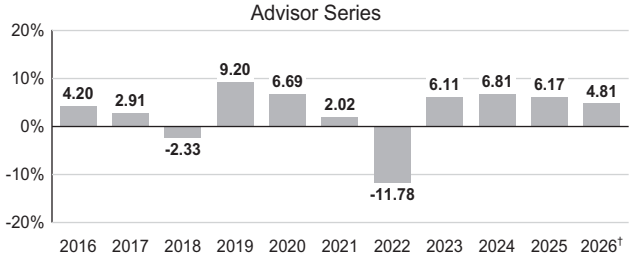
(***) The Series O is only available to selected investors that have been approved and have entered into an O Series units account agreement with National Bank Investments Inc. The criteria for approval may include the size of the investment, the expected level of account activity and the investor's total investments with NBI. No management fees are charged to the portfolio 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.

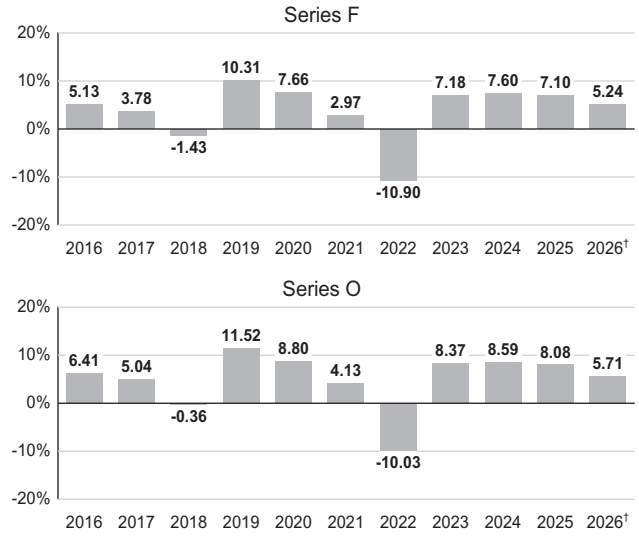
Past Performance

The performance of each series of the Portfolio presented below is calculated as of 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 the Portfolio does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

Annual Returns

The bar charts indicate the performance for each of the Portfolio'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 January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.*

Financial Highlights

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

Advisor Series

Net Assets per Unit[1] — Commencement of operations: September 25, 2006

Accounting Period Ended	2026 June 30	2025 December 31	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown [4]	6.86	6.71	6.53	6.39	7.60	7.77
Increase (Decrease) from Operations ($)						
Total revenue	0.12	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.20	0.20
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.13)	(0.14)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses)	0.09	0.10	0.04	(0.07)	(0.09)	0.11
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.18	0.18	0.25	0.36	(0.89)	(0.02)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations ($) [2]	0.33	0.40	0.42	0.38	(0.92)	0.14
Distributions ($)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	0.02	0.06	0.04	—	—
From dividends	0.02	0.11	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	0.01
Return of capital	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.14	0.26	0.27
Total Annual Distributions ($) [3]	0.12	0.26	0.25	0.24	0.32	0.33
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown ($) [4]	7.08	6.86	6.71	6.53	6.39	7.60

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2026 June 30	2025 December 31	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of $) [5]	48,304	51,245	58,486	66,877	76,564	105,395
Number of units outstanding [5]	6,835,194	7,470,105	8,718,591	10,237,132	11,988,185	13,875,315
Management expense ratio (%) [6]	1.78	1.78	1.78	2.01	2.05	2.05
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.81	1.81	1.81	2.04	2.07	2.07
Trading expense ratio (%) [7]	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) [8]	0.17	23.85	—	—	12.23	1.21
Net asset value per unit ($)	7.07	6.86	6.71	6.53	6.39	7.60

Series F

Net Assets per Unit[1] — Commencement of operations: September 25, 2006

Accounting Period Ended	2026 June 30	2025 December 31	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown [4]	8.33	8.08	7.81	7.57	8.92	9.04
Increase (Decrease) from Operations ($)						
Total revenue	0.15	0.29	0.29	0.27	0.23	0.24
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses)	0.11	0.13	0.05	(0.09)	(0.11)	0.14
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.22	0.21	0.30	0.40	(1.12)	(0.03)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations ($) [2]	0.44	0.56	0.57	0.50	(1.08)	0.26
Distributions ($)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.02	0.09	0.14	0.12	0.06	0.03
From dividends	0.03	0.13	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.11
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	0.01
Return of capital	0.09	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.23	0.24
Total Annual Distributions ($) [3]	0.14	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.38	0.39
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown ($) [4]	8.63	8.33	8.08	7.81	7.57	8.92

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2026 June 30	2025 December 31	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of $) [5]	29,218	28,852	29,427	33,450	40,390	59,055
Number of units outstanding [5]	3,391,284	3,464,126	3,641,345	4,283,625	5,337,289	6,620,186
Management expense ratio (%) [6]	0.95	0.95	0.94	1.08	1.11	1.10
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.99	0.99	0.98	1.12	1.13	1.13
Trading expense ratio (%) [7]	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) [8]	0.17	23.85	—	—	12.23	1.21
Net asset value per unit ($)	8.62	8.33	8.08	7.81	7.57	8.92

Series O

Net Assets per Unit[1] — Commencement of operations: October 31, 2013

Accounting Period Ended	2026 June 30	2025 December 31	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown [4]	9.79	9.39	9.00	8.65	10.10	10.13
Increase (Decrease) from Operations ($)						
Total revenue	0.18	0.34	0.34	0.31	0.27	0.27
Total expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Realized gains (losses)	0.13	0.16	0.06	(0.10)	(0.13)	0.15
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.26	0.25	0.36	0.49	(1.12)	(0.01)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations ($) [2]	0.57	0.75	0.76	0.70	(0.98)	0.41
Distributions ($)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.06	0.19	0.24	0.23	0.14	0.08
From dividends	0.05	0.15	0.10	0.08	0.13	0.18
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	0.01
Return of capital	—	—	0.03	0.05	0.17	0.17
Total Annual Distributions ($) [3]	0.11	0.34	0.37	0.36	0.44	0.44
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown ($) [4]	10.25	9.79	9.39	9.00	8.65	10.10

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2026 June 30	2025 December 31	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of $) [5]	2	2	2	2	1	2
Number of units outstanding [5]	184	182	176	169	162	154
Management expense ratio (%) [6]	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.17	0.03	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) [7]	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) [8]	0.17	23.85	—	—	12.23	1.21
Net asset value per unit ($)	10.24	9.79	9.39	9.00	8.65	10.10

[1] This information is derived from the Portfolio'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 Portfolio, 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 portfolio's turnover rate indicates how actively the Portfolio's manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Portfolio buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the accounting period. The higher a portfolio's turnover rate in an accounting period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Portfolio 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 Portfolio.

Summary of Investment Portfolio

As of June 30, 2026

Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
TD Canadian Core Plus Bond Fund, Series O	22.0
CI Canadian Bond Fund, Class I	22.0
Manulife Strategic Income Fund, Series I	10.5
RP Strategic Income Plus Fund, Class O	10.5
Beutel Goodman Canadian Dividend Fund, Series I	7.2
RBC Canadian Dividend Fund , Series O	7.1
BMO Dividend Fund - I	7.0
NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF	5.0
Capital Group Global Equity Fund, Series I	2.0
TD Global Equity Focused Fund	2.0
Sun Life MFS Global Growth Fund	2.0
AGF American Growth Fund - Series O	1.5
RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Series O	1.0
PH&N Overseas Equity Fund, Series O	0.5
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	(0.3)
	100.0

Net asset value	$77,523,813

Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Fixed Income Funds	64.9
Canadian Equity Funds	21.3
Global Equity Funds	7.6
Exchange Traded Funds	5.0
American Equity Funds	1.5
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	(0.3)

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

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Portfolio. A quarterly update is available. Please consult the website www.nbinvestments.ca, or contact your advisor.

The prospectus and other information on the underlying investment funds are available on the website indicated above or on SEDAR+'s website at www.sedarplus.ca.