

INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended June 30, 2022

Specialized Fund
NBI Resource Fund

Notes on 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 interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights, but does not contain the complete interim financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the interim 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, 500, Place d'Armes, 12th floor, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 2W3, by visiting our website at www.nbinvestments.ca, by visiting SEDAR's website at www.sedar.com, 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

Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2022, the NBI Resource Fund's Investor Series units returned 7.96% compared to 8.27% for the Fund's blended benchmark. The broad-based index, the S&P/TSX Composite Index (CAD), returned -9.87%. Unlike the indices, 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 8.49% over the period, from \$53.65 million as at December 31, 2021 to \$58.20 million as at June 30, 2022.

The year began with continued uncertainty as investors' fears shifted from COVID-19 variants to socio-political crisis and war in eastern Europe. Coupled with rising energy prices and inflation concerns, the first quarter was one of significant volatility across markets and sectors. In this environment, the S&P/TSX Composite posted an eighth consecutive quarter of positive returns, up 3.82% in the first quarter. This represents the longest streak of quarters with positive total returns in over 25 years. The volatility of the start of the year continued in the second quarter as investors adjusted to a more persistent inflationary environment and socio-political turmoil in Europe showed no signs of ending. Despite aggressive central bank action, recession fears increased and fuelled negative sentiment in all areas of the market. After eight consecutive quarters of positive returns, the S&P/TSX shifted into negative territory during the quarter with a broad-based downturn affecting all sectors. The strongest performing sectors during the quarter were Energy (26.2%) and Utilities (1.3%), with Health Care (-53.9%) and Information Technology (-55.3%) the biggest laggards.

Under these circumstances, the Fund underperformed its benchmark.

Significant detractors to performance over the quarter were CCL Industries and Kinross Gold. As one of the largest global label manufacturers, CCL Industries profits from an extensive network of facilities serving Consumers Packaged Goods worldwide. It has built a strong operating culture, focused on costs and providing autonomy to business units to achieve their goals. The company has displayed discipline in capital allocation and holds a good track record of growing earnings per share over time. In the half of the year, rising oil prices put upward pressure on the company's input costs which negatively affected their results; although we expect this to be temporary and in the second quarter, their results showed their ability to pass on these price increases over time. Kinross Gold is another Materials company that underperformed over the first half of 2022. The company had significant assets in Russia that it divested from following the outbreak of the war in eastern Europe. This combined with gold price volatility put significant downward pressure on the stock during the period.

Among the leading contributors to performance over the quarter were Canadian Natural Resources and Tourmaline. Canadian Natural Resources is one of the best-run energy producers in Canada with a low-cost structure and a strong record of capital allocation in a tough industry. In the half of the year, the company benefitted from higher oil prices brought on in part by socio-economic turmoil in Europe. Tourmaline is an oil and natural gas exploration and production company in Western Canada. As the largest natural gas producer in the country and one of the lowest-cost players in the industry, the company operates conservatively with only a modest amount of leverage. During the period, the company also benefitted from rising energy prices in part due to ongoing socio-economic turmoil in Europe.

Recent Developments

We did not initiate or exit any positions during the first 6 months of this year.

We currently have positions in a portfolio of well managed and profitable Canadian companies in the Energy and Materials space, including Canadian Natural Resources, TC Energy, Nutrien and Cenovus among our top 10 holdings.

Investors in our strategy have the benefit of an investment team with a solid long-term track record of performance, with a focus on capital preservation. Our commitment remains to investing in high-quality companies with a demonstrated ability to compound intrinsic value over time, with our portfolio continuing to trade at an attractive discount to intrinsic value.

On April 30, 2022, the Fund's independent review committee (the "IRC") was reduced to three members when Robert Martin resigned as IRC member. On May 1, 2022, the Fund's IRC was increased to four members when Line Deslandes was appointed as IRC member.

On May 20, 2022, NBI discontinued the purchase offering of deferred sales charge and low sales charge purchase options for all new investments, including purchases made through systematic plans in all Canadian jurisdictions. Investors who purchased units under these sales charge options will continue to be subject to the redemption fee schedules under which they were purchased.

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"), a direct or 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. ("NBII"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. Therefore, NBII 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 NBII as consideration for its services.

Distribution and Dealer Compensation

NBII acts as principal distributor for the Fund. In this capacity, NBII buys, sells and swaps securities through Bank branches and the National Bank Investments Advisory Service in Canadian provinces and territories, and through external registered representatives. Fund securities are also offered by National Bank Financial Inc. (including its division National Bank Direct Brokerage), CABN Investments (a division of NBII) 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 NBII. The brokerage fees paid by the Fund for the period are as follows:

| | Period ended June 30, 2022 |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Total brokerage fees | 33,615.89 |
| Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial | 3,664.56 |

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, NBII, to National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a wholly-owned indirect 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. A portion of the management fees paid by the Fund covers maximum annual trailer fees and sales commissions paid to brokers. The remainder of the management fees primarily covers investment management and general administration services. 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 [†] |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Investor Series | 2.00% | 62.50% | 37.50% |
| Advisor Series* | | | |
| Front-end load** | 2.00% | 62.50% | 37.50% |
| Back-end load - 1 to 6 years | 2.00% | 25.00% | 75.00% |
| Low load - 1 to 3 years | 2.00% | 25.00% | 75.00% |
| Low load - 4 years and more | 2.00% | 50.00% | 50.00% |
| Series F | 0.75% | — | 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 paid for out of the management fees.

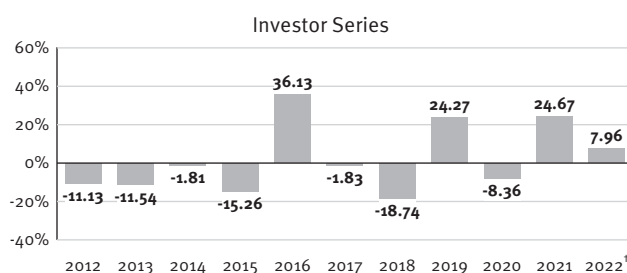
^(**) Rate applicable for all investments, including Advisor Series existing before May 14, 2015, systematic investment programs, reinvested distributions and switches.

Past Performance

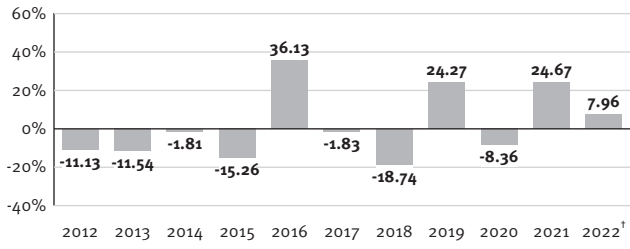
The bar charts indicate the performance for each the Fund's series in existence greater than one year during the years shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from year to year. They show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 (or made commencing from the start of the series) would have grown or decreased by December 31 of that year, or by June 30, as applicable.

Annual Returns

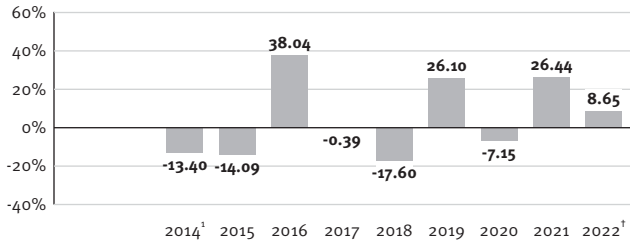
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Advisor Series



Series F



⁽¹⁾ Returns for the period from May 21, 2014 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2014.

⁽¹⁾ Returns for the period from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

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.

Investor / Advisor* Series

⁽¹⁾ The Advisor Series was created on June 12, 2009.

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾ Commencement of operations: November 10, 1989

| Accounting Period Ended | 2022 June 30 | 2021 December 31 | 2020 December 31 | 2019 December 31 | 2018 December 31 | 2017 December 31 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾ | 38.96 | 31.25 | 34.10 | 27.44 | 33.77 | 34.40 |
| Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) | | | | | | |
| Total revenue | 0.72 | 1.10 | 0.87 | 0.76 | 0.69 | 0.61 |
| Total expenses | (0.58) | (0.92) | (0.81) | (0.81) | (0.86) | (0.90) |
| Realized gains (losses) | 2.68 | 3.51 | 0.82 | (0.62) | (0.94) | 0.04 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) | 2.52 | 4.14 | (3.78) | 7.35 | (5.09) | (0.43) |
| Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾ | 5.34 | 7.83 | (2.90) | 6.68 | (6.20) | (0.68) |
| Distributions (\$) | | | | | | |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends) | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| From dividends | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| From capital gains | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Return of capital | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾ | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾ | 42.05 | 38.96 | 31.25 | 34.10 | 27.44 | 33.77 |

Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended | 2022 June 30 | 2021 December 31 | 2020 December 31 | 2019 December 31 | 2018 December 31 | 2017 December 31 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾ | 40,247 | 51,757 | 47,937 | 58,958 | 53,592 | 76,254 |
| Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾ | 956,957 | 1,328,551 | 1,533,782 | 1,728,993 | 1,953,322 | 2,258,042 |
| Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾ | 2.46 | 2.47 | 2.47 | 2.47 | 2.47 | 2.47 |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) | 2.46 | 2.48 | 2.48 | 2.48 | 2.48 | 2.48 |
| Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾ | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.19 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾ | 18.77 | 34.49 | 71.21 | 50.27 | 66.72 | 90.00 |
| Net asset value per unit (\$) | 42.06 | 38.96 | 31.25 | 34.10 | 27.44 | 33.77 |

Series F

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾ Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

| Accounting Period Ended | 2022 June 30 | 2021 December 31 | 2020 December 31 | 2019 December 31 | 2018 December 31 | 2017 December 31 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾ | 12.48 | 9.87 | 10.63 | 8.43 | 10.23 | 10.27 |
| Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) | | | | | | |
| Total revenue | 0.29 | 0.36 | 0.28 | 0.24 | 0.21 | 0.19 |
| Total expenses | (0.09) | (0.13) | (0.13) | (0.11) | (0.12) | (0.13) |
| Realized gains (losses) | 0.46 | 1.07 | 0.27 | (0.20) | (0.33) | (0.05) |
| Unrealized gains (losses) | (4.01) | 1.22 | (1.19) | 2.25 | (1.63) | 0.24 |
| Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾ | (3.35) | 2.52 | (0.77) | 2.18 | (1.87) | 0.25 |
| Distributions (\$) | | | | | | |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends) | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| From dividends | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| From capital gains | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Return of capital | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾ | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾ | 13.56 | 12.48 | 9.87 | 10.63 | 8.43 | 10.23 |

Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended | 2022 June 30 | 2021 December 31 | 2020 December 31 | 2019 December 31 | 2018 December 31 | 2017 December 31 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾ | 17,958 | 1,894 | 882 | 798 | 579 | 699 |
| Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾ | 1,324,154 | 151,809 | 89,338 | 75,079 | 68,678 | 68,329 |
| Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾ | 1.09 | 1.10 | 1.17 | 1.02 | 1.05 | 1.05 |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) | 1.12 | 1.15 | 1.19 | 1.04 | 1.08 | 1.09 |
| Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾ | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.19 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾ | 18.77 | 34.49 | 71.21 | 50.27 | 66.72 | 90.00 |
| Net asset value per unit (\$) | 13.56 | 12.48 | 9.87 | 10.63 | 8.43 | 10.23 |

- ⁽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.
- ⁽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, 2022

Portfolio Top Holdings

| | % of Net Asset Value |
|--|-------------------------|
| TC Energy Corp..... | 9.6 |
| Canadian Natural Resources Ltd..... | 9.3 |
| Nutrien Ltd..... | 8.5 |
| Enbridge Inc..... | 8.0 |
| Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets..... | 6.2 |
| Franco-Nevada Corp..... | 6.0 |
| Barrick Gold Corp..... | 5.3 |
| Wheaton Precious Metals Corp..... | 4.4 |
| Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd..... | 4.1 |
| Tourmaline Oil Corp..... | 4.1 |
| Suncor Energy Inc..... | 3.4 |
| Cenovus Energy Inc..... | 3.3 |
| Pembina Pipeline Corporation..... | 3.3 |
| Teck Resources Ltd., Class B..... | 3.0 |
| Imperial Oil Ltd..... | 2.2 |
| CCL Industries Inc., Class B..... | 1.8 |
| First Quantum Minerals Ltd..... | 1.7 |
| ARC Resources Ltd..... | 1.5 |
| Yamana Gold Inc..... | 1.2 |
| Newmont Mining Corp..... | 1.1 |
| Champion Iron Ltd..... | 1.0 |
| Kinross Gold Corp..... | 1.0 |
| West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd..... | 1.0 |
| Headwater Exploration Inc..... | 0.9 |
| MEG Energy Corp..... | 0.8 |
| | 92.7 |

Net asset value..... \$58,204,876

Regional Allocation

| | % of Net Asset Value |
|--|-------------------------|
| Canada..... | 91.0 |
| United States..... | 1.8 |
| Australia..... | 1.0 |
| Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets..... | 6.2 |

Sector Allocation

| | % of Net Asset Value |
|--|-------------------------|
| Oil Gas & Consumable Fuels..... | 49.4 |
| Metals & Mining..... | 33.1 |
| Chemicals..... | 8.5 |
| Containers & Packaging..... | 1.8 |
| Paper & Forest Products..... | 1.0 |
| Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets..... | 6.2 |

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 Web site at www.nbinvestments.ca.