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NBI Global Private Equity ETF

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, the NBI Global Private Equity ETF's units returned 19.78% compared to 19.89% for the ETF's benchmark, the Morningstar® PitchBook Listed Private Equity Index. Unlike the benchmark, the ETF's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the ETF's returns, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

The ETF's net asset value rose by 29.25% over the period, from \$197.76 million as at December 31, 2020 to \$255.61 million as at June 30, 2021. The increase stemmed mainly from market fluctuations and unit purchases by investors in the ETF.

Global equity markets generated strong gains during the first half of 2021, bolstered by the success of vaccination campaigns, abundant monetary and fiscal stimulus, and the reopening of economies.

In this risk-on environment, the Canadian dollar strengthened as the Bank of Canada adopted a relatively more hawkish tone and crude oil prices increased markedly. Meanwhile, gold prices edged lower, weighed down by a generally stronger U.S. dollar and slightly higher real yields.

In equity markets, value-oriented names outperformed higher growth stocks as investors continued to favour more cyclical sectors, although this trend partly reversed in the latter part of the 6-month period. During the first half of the year, these circumstances proved especially beneficial to the Canadian stock market, the top-performing region in the world. All sectors posted gains, except for the Materials sector. While the Energy sector led the way (37%), Financials, Health Care, Real Estate, and Information Technology generated over 20%.

In the U.S., the S&P 500 Index returned 12.02% in the first half of 2021, with the Energy (41.56%), Financials (22.17%) and Real Estate (19.84%) sectors being the best contributors. On the other hand, the Utilities (-0.49%) and Consumer Staples (2.08%) sectors were the top detractors to performance during the same period.

The MSCI EAFE Index returned 5.78% during the first half of 2021, with again the Energy (10.41%) and Financials (10.05%) sectors being the best contributors to performance during the period.

In this environment, the NBI Global Private Equity ETF underperformed its benchmark, the Morningstar® PitchBook Listed Private Equity Index, in the first half of 2021.

Recent Developments

Overall, the base-case scenario assumes a sharp recovery in economic activity driven by a significant reduction in the constraints imposed by the pandemic, strong upward pressure on prices, and the maintenance of an accommodative stance by major central banks. Accordingly, the portfolio manager believes a pro-risk positioning with an overweight in emerging markets is favoured in such context.

As the summer progresses and some form of normalcy sets in, economic data will likely continue to produce surprises given that there is simply no precedent in modern history to provide meaningful insight into a post-pandemic world. Investors should therefore not be surprised if the next few months bring episodes of increased volatility. However, measures of market sentiment do not indicate an excess of optimism, which suggests a limited downside risk for stocks.

Going forward, a crucial element to watch will be the evolution of the Federal Reserve's (the "Fed") guidance in tandem with the labour market recovery. For now, bond markets appear to be standing exactly where the Fed wants them, but for this to remain the case, the U.S. Central Bank will have to strike the right balance between

coherence, credibility, and predictability, which is no easy task. Well aware of the challenges ahead, investors should, however, expect central bankers to exercise great caution in the process.

On April 30, 2021, the ETF's independent review committee (the "IRC") was reduced to three members when Yves Julien resigned as IRC member. On May 1, 2021, the Fund's IRC was increased to four members when Paul Béland was appointed as IRC member.

Related Party Transactions

National Bank Investments Inc. (the "manager") is the manager and promoter of the ETF. Accordingly, it is entitled to receive, in exchange for the services that it provides to the ETF, management fees paid to it by the ETF (see "Management Fees" below).

From time to time, the manager may, on behalf of the ETF, carry out transactions or sign agreements to involve certain persons or companies related to it, to the extent that these transactions or agreements are, in its opinion, in the interest of the ETF. The description of the transactions or agreements between the ETF and a related party is provided in this section.

Members of the manager's group may earn fees or spreads in connection with services provided to, or transactions with, the NBI ETF, including in connection with brokerage and derivatives transactions.

Trustee

The manager has retained the services of Natcan Trust Company to serve as trustee for the ETF and has retained the services of National Bank Trust to serve as portfolio manager.

Designated Broker

The manager has signed an agreement with National Bank Financial Inc. ("NBF"), a company affiliated with NBI, under which NBF will serve as a designated broker for the ETF. The designated broker agreement signed with NBF is in keeping with market conditions.

Brokerage Fees

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

	Period ended June 30, 2021
Total brokerage fees	26,476.32
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	5,462.74

Holdings

As at June 30, 2021, the Non-Traditional Capital Appreciation Pooled Fund held approximately 99.97% ownership of the redeemable units outstanding of the ETF. Transactions between the Non-Traditional Capital Appreciation Pooled Fund and the ETF were carried out in the normal course of business. The portfolio manager for this Fund is National Bank Trust Inc.

Management Fees

The management fee is payable to the ETF manager in consideration of the services that the manager provides to the ETF in its capacity as manager, such as managing the day-to-day business and affairs of the ETF.

The ETF pays an annual management fee of 0.55% to the ETF manager for its management services. The fees are calculated based on a percentage of the ETF's daily net asset value before applicable taxes and are paid on a monthly basis. The management fees primarily covers investment management and general administration services.

Past Performance

The performance of the ETF, presented below and calculated as at December 31 of each year, is based on the net asset value of the ETF.

It assumes that all distributions made in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the ETF.

These returns do not take into account sales, redemption charges, distributions, or optional charges that would have reduced returns. Past performance of an ETF does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

Year-by-Year Returns

The bar chart indicates the performance of the ETF for each of the years shown and illustrates how the performance has changed from year to year. It shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 (or made commencing from the start of the ETF) would have grown or decreased by December 31 of that year, or by June 30, as applicable.



(1) Returns for the period from March 4, 2020 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2020.

(2) Returns for the period from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

Financial Highlights

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

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾ Commencement of operations: March 04, 2020

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown⁽²⁾	31.27	-
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	1.43	0.65
Total expenses	(0.22)	(0.23)
Realized gains (losses)	2.07	2.77
Unrealized gains (losses)	2.95	8.35
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)⁽³⁾	6.23	11.54
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	0.32
From dividends	-	0.01
From capital gains	-	0.55
Return of capital	-	0.00
Total Annual Distributions (\$)⁽⁴⁾	-	0.88
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)⁽²⁾	37.45	31.27

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	255,608	197,761
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	6,825,000	6,325,000
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.63	0.63
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.63	0.63
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	31.19	39.19
Net asset value per unit (\$)	37.45	31.27
Closing market price ⁽⁹⁾	37.55	31.27

⁽¹⁾ This information is derived from the ETF'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 ETF pricing purposes. The differences are explained in the notes to the financial statements.

⁽²⁾ The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.

⁽³⁾ 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.

⁽⁴⁾ Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the ETF, or both.

⁽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 ETF's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the ETF portfolio's manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the accounting period. The higher an ETF's portfolio turnover rate in an accounting period, the greater the trading costs payable by the ETF 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 an ETF.

⁽⁹⁾ Closing market price on the last trading day of the year as reported on the TSX.

Summary of Investment Portfolio

As of June 30, 2021

Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
KKR & Co. Inc., Class A	8.1
Blackstone Group Inc., Class A	7.7
T Rowe Price Group Inc.	7.6
Partners Group Holding AG	7.4
3i Group PLC	6.6
Apollo Global Management Inc.	5.2
EXOR NV	4.4
Intermediate Capital Group PLC	4.0
EQT AB	3.6
Kinnevik AB, Class B	2.9
SBI Holdings Inc./Japan	2.7
Carlyle Group Inc.	2.7
Onex Corp.	2.5
Investment AB Latour	2.3
Brookfield Renewable Partners LP	2.2
Ares Management Corp., Class A	2.1
Wendel SE	2.0
Macquarie Infrastructure Corp.	1.8
Eurazeo SE	1.8
Encavis AG	1.7
HgCapital Trust PLC/Fund	1.6
Hamilton Lane Inc., Class A	1.5
Jafo Co. Ltd.	1.4
Greencoat UK Wind PLC/Funds	1.4
Ratos AB	1.4
	86.6
Net asset value	\$255,608,204

Regional Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
United States	38.5
United Kingdom	15.1
Sweden	10.6
Switzerland	7.5
Germany	5.0
Canada	4.7
Netherlands	4.4
Japan	4.1
France	3.8
Belgium	3.2
Guernsey	1.2
Jersey	0.8
Italy	0.6
Australia	0.1
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.4

Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	87.3
Industrials	7.0
Utilities	4.7
Health Care	0.5
Communication Services	0.1
Consumer Discretionary	0.0
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.4

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

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF. A quarterly update is available. Please consult our Web site at www.nbinvestments.ca.



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