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This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights, but does not contain the complete interim financial statements of the ETF. You can get a copy of the interim financial statements of the ETF at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-866-603-3601, by emailing us at investments@nbc.ca, by visiting our website at www.nbinvestments.ca, by visiting SEDAR+'s website at www.sedarplus.ca, or by contacting your advisor. You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the ETF'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, 2024, the NBI Global Private Equity ETF's units returned 9.04% compared to 15.96% for the ETF's benchmark, the MSCI World Index (CAD). 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 Fund's net asset value rose by 10.55% over the period, from \$370.21 million as at December 31, 2023 to \$409.27 million as at June 30, 2024.

The increase stemmed mainly from market fluctuations.

The first half of 2024 was characterized by a bull market for stocks, with marked outperformance by the S&P 500 driven by technology giants which sparked optimism regarding advances in artificial intelligence.

Specifically, U.S. equities (S&P 500) posted a total return of +15.3% over the period, a performance largely attributable to the technology stocks (Technology +28.2%; Communication Services +26.7%). Internationally, emerging markets rebounded (+7.7%) while the EAFE developed countries equity index grew by 5.7%, a performance similar to that of Canadian equities, with the S&P/TSX up by 6.1%.

In this context, the Fund underperformed its benchmark.

Security selection was the biggest detractor during the period. The ETF's heavy concentration in the financial sector, particularly at the expense of information technology, detracted value. Indeed, names such as Partners Group and Blackstone were beaten out by the rest of the global market. Geographically, underperformance was mainly concentrated in Europe and the United States.

Recent Developments

No transactions were carried out in the Fund during the period.

The Fund is heavily overweight in the financial sector, at the expense of all other sectors. The Fund is underweight in the United States as well as the Pacific region, and is overweight in Europe, especially in the United Kingdom and Sweden.

Since the start of the year, economic news has generally been better than expected, with, among other things, a recovery in global manufacturing activity and sustained consumer spending in the United States. And while the fog is still dense on the inflation front, the latest news has been more encouraging, prompting the Bank of Canada to cut its benchmark interest rate for the first time since 2020, and the Federal Reserve to maintain its intention to do the same later in the year.

Consequently, with inflation closing in on the landing strip, the next 6 to 12 months are likely to be a moment of truth in terms of the U.S. economy's ability to continue demonstrating resilience. As such, we'll need to keep a close eye on the evolution of consumer spending and, ultimately, the resilience of the job market, which could be challenged later this year. Nevertheless, in the shorter term, the fact that the Fed Chairman is keeping the door open to rate cuts could continue to generate optimism in the stock markets for a few months yet. Moreover, it suggests that the Fed will not hesitate to act quickly—as it did last year during the regional bank debacle—in the event of a significant deterioration in economic activity, thereby reducing the risk of a financial accident.

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, 2024
Total brokerage fees	19,619.09
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	12,655.70

Holdings

As at June 30, 2024, the NBI Private Equity Master Pooled Fund held approximately 97.97% ownership of the redeemable units outstanding of the ETF. Transactions between the NBI Private Equity Master 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, 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.



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

^(†) Returns for the period from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

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 4, 2020			
Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (2)	41.02	30.22	43.27	31.27	25.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.53	0.99	0.90	2.34	0.65	
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.22)	(0.21)	(0.24)	(0.23)	
Realized gains (losses)	1.61	1.64	0.73	4.36	2.77	
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.69	8.86	(13.25)	6.12	8.35	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (3)	3.69	11.27	(11.83)	12.58	11.54	
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	0.70	0.54	2.06	0.32	
From dividends	_	0.03	0.02	_	0.01	
From capital gains	_	0.51	1.51	4.69	0.55	
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	
Total Annual Distributions (4)	-	1.24	2.07	6.75	0.88	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (2)	44.72	41.02	30.22	43.27	31.27	

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	409,274	370,212	237,972	296,415	197,761
Number of units outstanding ^(s)	9,150,000	9,025,000	7,875,000	6,850,000	6,325,000
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.60	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.60	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.05	_	0.12	0.09	0.16
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	16.55	35.05	26.75	55.50	39.19
Net asset value per unit (\$)	44.73	41.02	30.22	43.27	31.27
Closing market price ⁽⁹⁾	44.00	41.08	30.26	43.30	31.27

(i) 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.

 $^{\scriptscriptstyle(2)}$ The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.

⁽⁹⁾ 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.

^(s) 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. Data for periods prior to 2023 have been restated.

(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, 2024

Portfolio Top Holdings

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	% of Net
	Asset Value
Blackstone Group Inc.	
3i Group PLC	
KKR & Co. Inc., Class A	
Partners Group Holding AG	6.1
Ares Management Corp.	4.2
Carlyle Group Inc.	
EQT AB	
Intermediate Capital Group PLC	
T Rowe Price Group Inc.	3.3
Blue Owl Capital Inc.	2.5
Hamilton Lane Incorporated	
Onex Corp.	
SBI Holdings Inc.	
Ackermans & van Haaren NV	
HG Capital Trust PLC	
Investment AB Latour, Series B	
3i Infrasctructure PLC	
Eurazeo SE	
Stepstone Group inc.	
Bridgepoint Group Ltd.	
DigitalBridge Group Inc.	
Wendel SA	
Compass Diversified Holdings	
TPG INC.	
Princess Private Equity Holding Limited	
	76.4
	70.4

Net asset value	\$409,273,963
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Regional Allocation

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%	of Net
Asset	Value
United States	39.9
United Kingdom	. 20.0
Sweden	8.7
Switzerland	6.8
France	4.5
Japan	4.0
Guernsey	3.7
Belgium	3.1
Canada	
Jersey	1.7
Germany	1.6
Cayman Islands	
Italy	0.7
Australia	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.4

Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	
Industrials	6.6
Communication Services	2.8
Utilities	
Health Care	0.8
Consumer Discretionary	0.3
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 website at www.nbinvestments.ca.



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