

# Important Tax Notice to U.S. Unitholders of Fund

## Meritage Conservative Portfolio (the "Fund")

#### Passive Foreign Investment Company (PFIC) Annual Information Statement For the tax year ending December 31, 2024

This notice is provided to unitholders who are considered United States persons ("U.S. persons") for purposes of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"), and the regulations thereunder. The notice does not concern other unitholders. U.S. persons include U.S. citizens (whether or not they are U.S. residents), certain individuals with U.S. permanent resident status, U.S. corporations, and certain U.S. trusts and estates. Unitholders should consult with a U.S. tax specialist to determine their U.S. tax status.

Note that the Fund is classified as a Passive Foreign Investment Company ("PFIC") as defined in Section 1297(a) of the IRC for the year ending December 31, 2024.

The PFIC Annual Information Statement ("PFIC AIS") attached is provided pursuant to the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations §1.1295-1(g)(1). The PFIC AIS contains reporting information enabling unitholders to make a tax election. Such a tax election allows the classification of the Fund as a qualified electing fund ("QEF"). Normally, unitholders who are considered U.S. persons and make a QEF election are required to include in their U.S. tax returns their prorated share of the ordinary earnings and net capital gains of the Fund, whether or not that Fund distributed any amounts to its unitholders. Unitholders should consult a professional before making a tax election based on their situation and completing the necessary forms to file a U.S. tax return.

To make a QEF election, unitholders must file Form 8621 - *Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund* as required by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. A separate Form 8621 must be completed with respect to each fund for which the unitholder wishes to make the QEF tax election. Each form must be filed with the unitholder's U.S. income tax return by the mandatory deadline.

In the case of a National Bank Investments Inc. fund ("NBI Fund") whose assets include units of another NBI Fund, the owner must complete a separate Form 8621 for that other indirectly held NBI Fund in order to make the QEF tax election. The PFIC AIS allows for a QEF tax election to be made for an NBI Fund held directly or for any indirectly held underlying NBI Fund.

We recommend that unitholders consult a professional regarding U.S. tax reporting requirements. Information on the U.S. tax rules applicable to investments in PFICs is also available on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service website (www.irs.gov) by entering "Form 8621 Instructions" in the search bar.

If you have any questions, please contact your advisor or a U.S. tax specialist. Thank you for your support and confidence in NBI Funds.

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- 1) This Information Statement applies to the tax year of the Fund and any underlying NBI Fund(s) held by the Fund for the year beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024.
- 2) The per-unit, per-day amounts of ordinary earnings for each series of the Fund and its underlying NBI Fund(s) as applicable for the period specified in paragraph (1) are provided in the table(s) below:

<b>Directly Held Fund Series</b>	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Advisor Series	0.0003621057
Private Series	0.0005339010
Series F	0.0006004059
Series F5	0.0003815870
Series T5	0.0002064911

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Advisor Series	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.0000417709

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Private Series	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.0000359152

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Series F	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.0000413925

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Series F5	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.0000262947

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Ordinary Earnings (USD)
Series T5	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.0000236431

3) The per-unit, per-day amounts of Net Capital Gains for each Fund series and its underlying NBI Fund(s) as applicable for the period specified in paragraph (1) are provided in the table(s) below:

<b>Directly Held Fund Series</b>	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Advisor Series	0.0001067351
Private Series	0.0000917722
Series F	0.0001057682
Series F5	0.0000671894
Series T5	0.0000604140

Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Advisor Series	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.000000000
Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Private Series	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.000000000
Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Series F	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.000000000
Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Series F5	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.000000000
Directly Held Fund Series	Underlying NBI Funds Held by the Fund	Per-Day Per-Unit Net Capital Gains (USD)
Series T5	NBI Sustainable Canadian Short Term Bond ETF - Series A	0.000000000

4) To determine the prorated amount of the ordinary income and net capital gains for the Fund series and for each of the underlying NBI Funds held directly or indirectly by the unitholder, as set out in the table above, multiply the per-unit and per-day amounts by the number of units of the respective Fund series held, and then by the number of days held by the unitholder during the period specified in paragraph (1). 5) The per-unit amounts distributed or deemed distributed by the Fund in cash or in kind at fair market value to unitholders during the period specified in paragraph (1) are provided in the table below:

Directly Held Fund Series	Distribution Record Date	Cash/In Kind Distribution Per Unit (USD)
Advisor Series	25-Mar-24	0.0090441122
Advisor Series	25-Jun-24	0.0292612388
Advisor Series	25-Sep-24	0.0280112877
Advisor Series	30-Dec-24	0.0837373035
Private Series	25-Mar-24	0.0271875690
Private Series	25-Jun-24	0.0508881242
Private Series	25-Sep-24	0.0469478687
Private Series	30-Dec-24	0.0894636149
Series F	25-Mar-24	0.0303962000
Series F	25-Jun-24	0.0514160199
Series F	25-Sep-24	0.0502339225
Series F	30-Dec-24	0.1061082510
Series F5	25-Jan-24	0.0230743569
Series F5	26-Feb-24	0.0230333753
Series F5	25-Mar-24	0.0229214228
Series F5	25-Apr-24	0.0227339128
Series F5	27-May-24	0.0227771679
Series F5	25-Jun-24	0.0227888417
Series F5	25-Jul-24	0.0225396481
Series F5	26-Aug-24	0.0230812013
Series F5	25-Sep-24	0.0231137680
Series F5	25-Oct-24	0.0224211209
Series F5	25-Nov-24	0.0222273798
Series F5	30-Dec-24	0.0386691248
Series T5	25-Jan-24	0.0209118541
Series T5	26-Feb-24	0.0208747132
Series T5	25-Mar-24	0.0207732528
Series T5	25-Apr-24	0.0206033160
Series T5	27-May-24	0.0206425174
Series T5	25-Jun-24	0.0206530971
Series T5	25-Jul-24	0.0204272576
Series T5	26-Aug-24	0.0209180571
Series T5	25-Sep-24	0.0209475717
Series T5	25-Oct-24	0.0203198386
Series T5	25-Nov-24	0.0201442548
Series T5	30-Dec-24	0.0331390010

6) The Fund and its underlying NBI Funds, if any, will, upon receipt of a request, permit the unitholder to inspect and copy its permanent books of accounts, records, and other such documents as may be maintained by the Fund that are necessary to establish its ordinary earnings and net capital gains calculated in accordance with U.S. income tax principles under IRC Section 1293, and to verify these amounts and the unitholder's prorated share thereof.

NATIONAL BANK INVESTMENTS INC., acting as manager of the Funds

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Eric-Olivier Savoie President and Chief Executive Officer National Bank Investments Inc. Date: March 27, 2025

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Information contained herein is taken from the Fund's financial statements and is provided in order to assist unitholders in making calculations and does not constitute tax advice. Copies of the financial statements are available at <u>www.nbinvestments.ca</u>. Unitholders are advised to consult their own tax professional concerning the overall tax consequences of the ownership of units arising in their own particular situations under United States Federal, State, Local or Foreign law.

Units of the Fund offered by NBI have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("1933 Act") or under the securities laws of any state. Subject to certain exceptions, the units may not be offered or sold in the United States or offered or sold to U.S. persons (as such term is defined in the 1933 Act). The Fund offered by NBI has not been and will not registered under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. NBI has not been regis tered under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

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