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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Liquid Alternatives ETF's investment objective is to provide a positive return while maintaining low correlation to, and lower volatility than, the return of the global equity markets. It will aim to achieve this investment objective regardless of prevailing market conditions or general market direction. It will seek to achieve this objective by investing primarily in long and short positions on financial derivatives that provide exposure to different major global asset classes, such as government bonds, currencies, equities or commodities.

The ETF uses a quantitative, rules-based strategy designed to evaluate the overall current expected return, risk and correlation of the investible universe available to the ETF. The Portfolio Manager uses computer models that analyze the available information on the current interactions between different asset classes (correlation), their current risk levels and short, medium and long-term return expectations. Following this analysis, results are aggregated to automatically propose long and short positions to the Portfolio Manager that reduce risk and correlation while aiming to maintain a positive return. The use of derivatives may introduce leverage into the ETF. Under normal market conditions, the fund's leverage ratio, expressed as a ratio of aggregate gross exposure of the fund to borrowing, short selling and derivatives divided by its net asset value, will not exceed three times (300% or 3:1).

Risks

The global investment risk of the ETF remains as described in the simplified prospectus or any amendments thereto and ETF Facts.

Results of Operations

For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2025, the NBI Liquid Alternatives ETF's units returned 2.63% compared to 2.84% for the ETF's benchmark, the FTSE Canada T Bill 91 Days 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 Fund's net asset value dropped by 51.5% over the period, from $419.36 million as at December 31, 2024 to $203.42 million as at December 31, 2025.

The decline stemmed mainly from net redemptions by unitholders of the Fund.

In 2025, the resilience of the global economy and the absence of a worrying rise in inflation enabled equity markets to maintain an upward trajectory, posting above-average gains for the third consecutive year.

More specifically, global equities (+22.9% for the MSCI ACWI) outperformed their historical average and far outpaced the Canadian bond universe (+2.4%). Unlike in 2024, stock market leadership in 2025 was firmly outside the United States. The S&P 500 (+17.9%) significantly underperformed the S&P/TSX (+31.7%), the MSCI EAFE (+31.9%) and the MSCI Emerging Markets (+34.4%). In Canada, the S&P/TSX was buoyed in part by the spectacular performance of gold miners amid a sharp rise in the price of gold (+62.5%).

In fixed income, risk appetite favored Canadian corporate bonds (+4.3%) over government bonds (+2.0%). The same was true in the United States, where high-yield bonds (+8.5%) outperformed Treasury bonds (+6.2%). Finally, the US dollar depreciated significantly (-9.4% for the DXY index) during the year, against a backdrop of new tariffs imposed by the Trump administration and deteriorating investor sentiment toward U.S. assets.

In this context, the Fund underperformed its benchmark.

Its three biggest return contributors were due to futures positions in Silver, Gold, and British pound; its three biggest return detractors were due to futures positions in U.S. long, Natural gas, and Brent crude.

In the first quarter of 2025, NALT outperformed in absolute terms. During this period, its three biggest return contributors were due to futures positions in Gold, Copper, and Silver; its three biggest return detractors were due to futures positions in U.S. long, Australian dollar, and Brent crude.

In the second quarter of 2025, NALT underperformed in absolute terms. During this period, its three biggest return contributors were due to futures positions in British pound, Gold, and U.S. 2 year; its three biggest return detractors were due to futures positions in Copper, Canadian dollar, and Brent crude.

In the third quarter of 2025, NALT underperformed in absolute terms. During this period, its three biggest return contributors were due to futures positions in Silver, Gold, and Wheat; its three biggest return detractors were due to futures positions in Copper, British pound, and Natural gas.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, NALT outperformed in absolute terms. During this period, its three biggest return contributors were due to futures positions in Silver, Gold, and Japanese yen; its three biggest return detractors were due to futures positions in Natural gas, Gasoline, and Heating oil.

Recent Developments

The Fund follows a weekly systematic trading strategy. As such, outside of discretionary decisions, the impact of the weekly changes in positions is only incremental. There were no discretionary decisions in 2025.

As of 2025-12-31, NALT's positioning in futures was long in fixed income (except for the 3-month SOFR), long in currencies (except for the Japanese Yen), short in energy (except for Heating Oil), long in agriculture (except for the Soybean Oil), and long in metals.

As of 2025-12-31, the effective duration of the portfolio was +4.02.

There was one quarterly cash distribution for NALT in 2025. Unitholders of record on March 24, 2025 received $0.4500 per unit on March 31, 2025. There were no other distributions for NALT in 2025. Distributions do not affect the total return (which includes distributions) but do impact the ex-dividend return (which is often the default return displayed by data providers).

For 2026, the manager's baseline scenario forecasts sustained economic growth in 2026, supported by monetary easing and expansionary fiscal measures. However, risks remain, both on the downside and upside. On the negative side, a further deterioration in the labor market would be problematic, especially if the current dynamic of "low hiring and low layoffs" shifted toward more significant layoffs. On the positive side, higher-than-expected productivity gains from investments in artificial intelligence could support economic growth while containing inflationary pressures. However, with so many accommodative measures in place, any disappointment on the productivity front could reignite fears of economic overheating.

It is important to recall that NALT's underlying models are purely quantitative. These models try to capture market trends to favorably direct weekly allocations. It is thus hard to predict the ETF's strategy for the coming months, except for the punctual and infrequent discretionary decisions. The strategy is strictly bound to respect diverse constraints nonetheless, which keep it in line with NALT's 3 main objectives: a sustained absolute positive performance, a moderate volatility, and decorrelation to equity markets.

On or about May 14, 2025, National Bank Investments Inc. ("NBI") replaced National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT") as portfolio manager of the ETF. The investment objectives of the ETF remain unchanged. This change has no impact on the sub-advisor currently making investment decisions for the ETF.

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 Investments Inc. to serve as portfolio manager for the ETF.

Agent for securities lending transactions

NTC acts as the agent for securities lending transactions on behalf of the ETF in administering securities lending transactions entered into by the ETF. NTC is an affiliate of the 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 December 31, 2025
Total brokerage fees	$535,264.13
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	-

Holdings

As at December 31, 2025, ownership of the redeemable units outstanding of the ETF was held by the following NBI Funds as indicated below:

NBI Funds	Ownership of the redeemable units outstanding of the ETF %
NBI Presumed Sound Investments Fund	18.11
NBI Multiple Asset Class Private Portfolio	10.50
Meritage Tactical ETF Moderate Portfolio	7.13
Meritage Tactical ETF Balanced Portfolio	13.85
Meritage Tactical ETF Growth Portfolio	11.38

Transactions between the NBI Funds and the ETF were carried out in the normal course of business. The portfolio manager for these Funds is National Bank Investments Inc.

As at December 31, 2025, the Multi Asset Class Basket Private Pool held approximately 1.30% ownership of the redeemable units outstanding of the ETF. Transactions between the Multi Asset Class Basket Private Pool and the ETF were carried out in the normal course of business. The portfolio manager for this Fund is National Bank Investments Inc.

As at December 31, 2025, the NBI Exclusive Income Pooled Fund held approximately 37.73% ownership of the redeemable units outstanding of the ETF. Transactions between the NBI Exclusive Income Pooled Fund and the ETF were carried out in the normal course of business. The portfolio manager for this Fund is National Bank Investments 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.

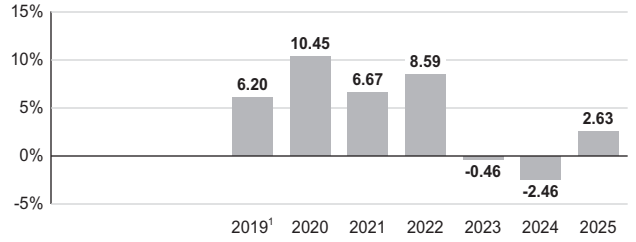
The ETF pays an annual management fee of 0.60% to the ETF manager for its management services. The fees are calculated based on a percentage of the ETF's daily net asset value before applicable taxes and are paid on a monthly basis. The management fees primarily covers investment management and general 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.



[(1)] *Returns for the period from February 8, 2019 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2019.*

Annual Compounded Performance

The following table shows the ETF's annual compound returns greater than one year and for each of the periods ended on December 31, 2025, compared with the following benchmark:

- FTSE Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index (CAD)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
ETF Units[1]	2.63%	(0.12)%	2.92%	–	4.49%
Benchmark	2.84%	4.15%	2.88%	2.79%	2.79%

[1]Commencement of operations: February 8, 2019

A discussion of the ETF's relative performance in comparison to the index (or indices) can be found in the *Results of Operations* Section of this report.

Index Description

The **FTSE Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index** tracks the daily return on 91-day Canadian Treasury bills.

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: February 8, 2019

Accounting Period Ended	2025 December 31	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown [2]	22.10	23.17	23.64	22.04	21.81
Increase (Decrease) from Operations ($)					
Total revenue	0.54	(0.33)	0.09	0.51	1.26
Total expenses	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.01)	—	(0.04)	(0.07)	(0.05)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.01)	(0.18)	—	—	—
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations [3]	0.34	(0.69)	(0.11)	0.27	1.05
Distributions ($)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	0.22	1.26
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	0.45	0.53	0.37	—	0.03
Total Annual Distributions [4]	0.45	0.53	0.37	0.22	1.29
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown [2]	22.23	22.10	23.17	23.64	22.04

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2025 December 31	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of $) [5]	203,424	419,357	402,562	332,146	84,853
Number of units outstanding [5]	9,150,000	18,975,000	17,375,000	14,050,000	3,850,000
Management expense ratio (%) [6]	0.67	0.64	0.69	0.69	0.69
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.67	0.64	0.69	0.69	0.69
Trading expense ratio (%) [7]	0.15	0.12	—	—	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) [8]	—	—	8.66	33.04	—
Net asset value per unit ($)	22.23	22.10	23.17	23.64	22.04
Closing market price [9]	22.17	22.02	23.23	23.69	22.03

[1] This information is derived from the ETF's Annual Audited 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. 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 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 December 31, 2025

Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
5yr United States Notes Index, March 2026	45.6
US 10-year Treasury Note, March 2026	29.4
US 2-year Treasury, March 2026	27.0
British Pound, March 2026	23.7
3 Months SOFR FUT, March 2026	(22.7)
Canadian Dollar, March 2026	22.3
Australian Dollar, March 2026	18.6
US Long Bond, March 2026	7.5
Gold 100 oz, February 2026	6.7
Japanese Yen, March 2026	(6.3)
Silver, March 2026	6.2
Copper, March 2026	4.9
Heating oil, January 2026	2.0
NYMEX Crude Oil, January 2026	(1.9)
Soybean Meal, March 2026	1.7
Brent Crude Oil, January 2026	(1.3)
Gasoline RBOB, January 2026	(1.3)
Soybean, March 2026	1.0
Corn, March 2026	0.7
Natural Gas, January 2026	(0.6)
Wheat, March 2026	0.3
Soybean Oil, March 2026	(0.1)
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	(63.4)
	100.0

Net asset value	$203,421,967

Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Derivative Products	5.0
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	95.0

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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