

# **ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

For the period ended December 31, 2024

**Balanced Private Portfolio** 

# **NBI Multiple Asset Class Private Portfolio**

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# **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

#### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The NBI Multiple Asset Class Private Portfolio's investment objective is to produce long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in Exchange-Traded Funds ("ETF") that invest in Canadian or foreign fixed income and equity securities.

The portfolio manager conducts fundamental research based on a topdown investment approach. The portfolio manager selects securities by considering the economic outlook and analyzing the real risks of the various asset classes and their degree of correlation.

### Risks

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

### **Results of Operations**

For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2024, the NBI Multiple Asset Class Private Portfolio's Advisor Series units returned 12.20% compared to 16.58% for the Fund's blended benchmark. The broad-based indices, the Morningstar Canada Liquid Bond Index (CAD), the S&P/TSX Composite Index (CAD) and the S&P 500 Index (CAD), returned 5.33%, 21.65% and 36.36% respectively. 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.

Certain series of the Fund, as applicable, may make distributions at a rate determined by the manager. This rate may change from time to time. If the aggregate amount of distributions in such series exceeds the portion of net income and net realized capital gains allocated to such series, the excess will constitute a return of capital. The manager does not believe that the return of capital distributions made by such series of the Fund have a meaningful impact on the Fund's ability to implement its investment strategy or to fulfill its investment objective.

The Fund's net asset value rose by 8.89% over the period, from \$188.92 million as at December 31, 2023 to \$205.72 million as at December 31, 2024.

At the beginning of 2024, a climate of cautious optimism had set in. Indeed, while 2023 had just ended with a spectacular rebound, central banks were still faced with the daunting challenge of starting to lower interest rates when inflation was not yet back on target, but several previously flawless recession indicators had already been triggered. Ultimately, optimism prevailed, with inflation continuing to slow, central banks cutting rates and the U.S. economy continuing to exceed all expectations, stock markets enjoyed a spectacular year in 2024. Bonds, for their part, had a lackluster year, posting a performance similar to that of cash.

More specifically, global equities outperformed Canadian bonds for the second year running. Market leadership was firmly in North America, with the S&P 500 and S&P/TSX posting annual returns well above their historical averages, while emerging markets and the EAFE region posted much more modest gains.

On the fixed-income side, the risk-on environment favoured Canadian corporate bonds and high-yield U.S. securities. Conversely, government securities posted more modest annual returns in Canada, but especially in the U.S. Among commodities, the price of oil ended the year virtually unchanged. In addition, the economic and political environment was very favorable for gold, with an annual gain of 27.1% exceeding that of equities. Lastly, the U.S. dollar appreciated strongly during the year, the Greenback being buoyed by the relative outperformance of the U.S. economy and threats of tariffs from the incoming Trump administration.

Against a positive backdrop for markets overall, the Fund underperformed its benchmark.

On the positive side, positions maintained throughout the year in Canadian corporate bonds (+6.6%) and U.S. Treasuries (+8.1% in C\$) outperformed the fixed-income benchmark (Canadian bond universe; +4.0%) in 2024. Within equity markets, the overweight in U.S. equities was beneficial, as was the position in Emerging Market fundamental large caps (FNDE ETF, +22.3%), which outperformed the Emerging Markets benchmark.

On the other hand, the underweight position in equities in the first quarter detracted from the value of the portfolio following the excellent start to the year on equity markets. Other sources of underperformance were the positions in stable-dividend companies within U.S. equities (NOBL, sold on November 27), in long-dated Canadian provincial bonds (ZPL) and, above all, alternative assets (-2.9% for NALT in 2024).

#### **Recent Developments**

The manager carried out a total of 5 transactions in 2024. The first two transactions (February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 26) involved increasing the allocation to equities in exchange for bonds, ultimately leading to a neutral positioning between these two asset classes. In both cases, these changes proved positive for the fund's performance, as equities significantly outperformed bonds between February 1<sup>st</sup> and year-end.

On May 1st, the fund integrated a position in Canadian value stocks (ZVC) against the sale of Canadian low-volatility stocks (ZLB). In a second move, the fund took a position in the equal-weighted S&P 500 (RSP) against the sale of U.S. quality stocks (QUAL). In both cases, these decisions had a slightly negative impact on the fund's relative performance.

The geographic allocation within equities was then modified on June 27 to reduce the EAFE region in favour of Emerging Markets, a decision which had a marginally positive impact on performance. Finally, on November 27, the geographic allocation was again modified to significantly overweight North American equities (S&P/TSX and S&P 500) at the expense of EAFE and Emerging Markets equities. Given the underperformance of the S&P/TSX during December, this decision ultimately hurt the fund's relative performance at the end of the year.

Finally, on November 27, the manager also added a new position in S&P 600 small-cap equities (VIOO), in return for the complete sale of the position in large-cap U.S. stable-dividend companies (NOBL). As these two segments both lost around 5% following the transaction, the decision had no significant impact on relative performance compared to the status quo. Also on November 27, the manager marginally reduced the duration of its U.S. Treasuries position by replacing part of the HTB position (7-10yr maturity) with IEI (3-7yr maturity), a decision that proved beneficial for the fund.

The fund's asset allocation is neutral in equities (60%), with a marked overweighting of North American equities at the expense of EAFE and Emerging Markets equities. In Canada, the fund is slightly overweight large caps and the value factor. Within U.S. equities, the fund holds a diversified allocation of quality stocks, the equal-weighted S&P 500 and small caps of the S&P 600. In the EAFE region, the fund prefers Japanese equities (unhedged for currency), given their defensive properties and the more favourable economic outlook for Japan compared to Europe. Finally, within Emerging Markets, the manager continues to pursue a large-cap strategy, with a preference for the "value" factor.

Lastly, within fixed income, the fund holds positions in long-dated Canadian provincial bonds, Canadian corporate bonds and U.S. Treasuries. The asset class as a whole is slightly underweighted, giving way to a positioning in alternative assets, with an allocation to a quantitative strategy aiming for maximum decorrelation from equity markets and stable volatility. For 2025, the manager believes that the most likely scenario implies that a soft landing will be confirmed in the first half of the year. While this should finally turn the page on four years of major economic disruption linked to the pandemic, investors are nonetheless faced with high valuations, a weakened economy and heightened political uncertainty with Donald Trump's return to the White House considerably muddying the waters.

Under the circumstances, the manager still favours a neutral positioning between equities and bonds. For the time being, equity momentum remains strong, but the bar is high after a spectacular 2024 for risky assets.

Within equity markets, the manager recommends a significant overweight in Canadian and U.S. stocks in the current geopolitical context. Although he believes that the U.S. equity market should continue to be buoyant, high valuations and under-exposure to cyclical sectors are sources of vulnerability that Canadian equities help to offset. Finally, within fixed-income securities, the manager maintains a position in U.S. Treasuries with a slightly shorter duration, in order to reduce exposure to longer-term securities, which are more volatile in a climate of prevailing anxiety over budget deficits and inflation.

# **Related Party Transactions**

National Bank of Canada ("the Bank") and its affiliated companies' roles and responsibilities related to the Fund are as follows:

### Trustee

National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a wholly-owned direct and indirect subsidiary of the Bank, is the Fund's trustee. In this capacity, it is the legal owner of the Fund's investments.

#### **Custodian and Registrar**

Natcan Trust Company ("NTC") acts as registrar for the Fund's mutual fund series 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. ("NBI"), which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. Therefore, NBI 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 NBI as consideration for its services.

#### **Portfolio Manager**

The Manager has appointed National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, as the portfolio manager for the Fund. A flat fee is payable annually to NBT for its management services.

#### **Distribution and Dealer Compensation**

National Bank Financial Inc. ("NBF") acts as principal distributor for the Fund. NBF may receive, depending on the distributed series, a monthly commission representing a percentage of the average daily value of the securities held by its clients.

#### **Brokerage Fees**

The Fund may pay broker's commissions at market rates to a corporation affiliated with NBI. The brokerage fees paid by the Fund for the period are as follows:

	Period ended December 31, 2024
Total brokerage fees	\$13,096.79
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	\$13,096.79

#### **Registered Plan Trust Services**

NBT 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, NBI, to National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a direct and indirect whollyowned 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. As the Fund invests in underlying funds, the fees and expenses payable in connection with the management of the underlying funds are in addition to those payable by the Fund. However, the Fund manager makes sure that the Fund does not pay any management (or operating) fees that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund for the same service. 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. Under the *Distribution* heading, expenses include the broker's compensation consisting of the maximum annual trailer fees and sales commissions paid to brokers. Under the *Other* heading, the fees relate mainly to investment management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit. 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 <sup>†</sup>
Advisor Series			
Front-end load	1.32%	75.76%	24.24%
Series T5			
Front-end load	1.32%	75.76%	24.24%
Series F and Series F5	0.32%	_	100.00%

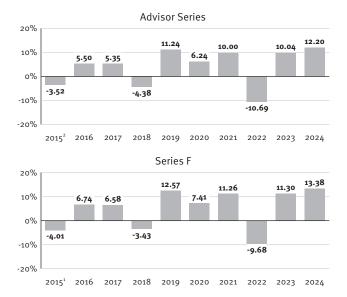
<sup>(7)</sup> Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

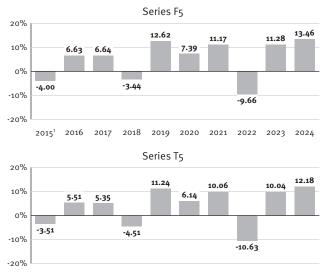
# **Past Performance**

The performance of each series of the Fund is presented below and calculated as at December 31 of each year. It assumes that all distributions made in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities and does not take into account sales, redemption charges, distributions, or optional charges that would have reduced returns. Past performance of a series of a Fund does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

## **Annual Returns**

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, 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.





2015<sup>2</sup> 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

<sup>(i)</sup> Returns for the period from May 21, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from July 14, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

# **Annual Compounded Performance**

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound returns for each series in existence greater than one year and for each of the periods ended on December 31, 2024, compared with the following benchmarks:

The blended benchmark (the "Benchmark") is composed of:

- Morningstar Canada Liquid Bond Index (CAD) (40%)
- S&P/TSX Composite Index (CAD) (21%)
- S&P 500 Index (CAD) (21%)
- MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) (CAD) (12%)
- MSCI Emerging Markets Index (CAD) (6%)

The broad-based indices are as follows:

- Broad-based index 1: Morningstar Canada Liquid Bond Index (CAD)
- Broad-based index 2: S&P/TSX Composite Index (CAD)
- Broad-based index 3: S&P 500 Index (CAD)

#### **NBI Multiple Asset Class Private Portfolio**

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Advisor Series <sup>1</sup>	12.20%	3.31%	5.20%	-	4.15%
Benchmark	16.58%	5.72%	7.57%	-	7.47%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.35%
Broad-based index 2	21.65%	8.58%	11.08%	-	9.49%
Broad-based index 3	36.36%	13.76%	16.92%	-	15.77%
Series F <sup>2</sup>	13.38%	4.46%	6.37%	-	5.12%
Benchmark	16.58%	5.72%	7.57%	-	7.47%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.41%
Broad-based index 2	21.65%	8.58%	11.08%	-	9.06%
Broad-based index 3	36.36%	13.76%	16.92%	-	16.21%
Series F5 <sup>2</sup>	13.46%	4.48%	6.37%	-	5.12%
Benchmark	16.58%	5.72%	7.57%	-	7.47%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.41%
Broad-based index 2	21.65%	8.58%	11.08%	-	9.06%
Broad-based index 3	36.36%	13.76%	16.92%	-	16.21%
Series T5 <sup>1</sup>	12.18%	3.33%	5.20%	-	4.14%
Benchmark	16.58%	5.72%	7.57%	-	7.47%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.35%
Broad-based index 2	21.65%	8.58%	11.08%	-	9.49%
Broad-based index 3	36.36%	13.76%	16.92%	-	15.77%

<sup>1</sup>Commencement of operations: July 14, 2015

<sup>2</sup>Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

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

#### **Index Descriptions**

The **Morningstar Canada Liquid Bond Index** offers diversified exposure to federal debt securities guaranteed by the federal government, to provincial debt securities guaranteed by the provincial government and to corporate debt securities denominated in Canadian dollars in order to maintain liquidity. Small issuances, issuances with limited terms and issuances with credit ratings lower than those of investment-grade securities are excluded from the index.

The **S&P/TSX Composite Index** is a subset of the S&P/TSX and reflects share price fluctuations of a group of companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and weighted by market capitalization.

The **S&P 500 Index** is a float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index composed of 500 companies that measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. market. It measures the performance of the largest U.S. companies.

The **MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East)** is a free floatadjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada. The MSCI EAFE Index consists of 21 developed market country indices.

The **MSCI Emerging Markets Index** measures the performance of the equity markets of the global emerging markets. The index is based on market capitalization and adjusted to reflect "free float" of securities, which is the proportion of outstanding shares that are deemed to be available for purchase in the public markets by international investors.

# **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.

## **Advisor Series**

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Commencement of operations: July 14				
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31		
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	11.49	10.57	12.31	11.42	10.76		
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)							
Total revenue	0.27	0.27	0.23	0.25	0.18		
Total expenses	(0.19)	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.17)		
Realized gains (losses)	0.59	0.16	0.38	0.50	0.32		
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.71	0.77	(1.75)	0.58	0.32		
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.38	1.03	(1.32)	1.14	0.65		
Distributions (\$)							
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_		
From dividends	0.08	0.10	0.04	0.05	0.01		
From capital gains	0.17	0.03	0.40	0.20	_		
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_		
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.25	0.13	0.44	0.25	0.01		
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	12.63	11.49	10.57	12.31	11.42		

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) $^{(5)}$	58,158	61,109	69,241	77,892	71,160
Number of units outstanding (5)	4,602,260	5,318,470	6,553,973	6,329,211	6,233,279
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.72	1.71	1.73	1.72	1.74
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.74	1.73	1.73	1.72	1.74
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	35.70	21.23	35-47	21.92	61.42
Net asset value per unit (\$)	12.64	11.49	10.56	12.31	11.42

## Series F

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Commencement of operations: May 21, 20			
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	11.33	10.41	12.18	11.28	10.63	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.28	0.27	0.23	0.25	0.18	
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.05)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.60	0.17	0.39	0.48	0.32	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.69	0.74	(1.76)	0.59	0.28	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.51	1.13	(1.19)	1.26	0.73	
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.06	0.08	0.02	0.02	0.02	
From dividends	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.11	
From capital gains	0.15	0.03	0.42	0.19	_	
Return of capital	-	_	-	-	-	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.37	0.25	0.59	0.37	0.13	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	12.46	11.33	10.41	12.18	11.28	

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	145,007	125,205	110,439	132,797	109,101
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	11,625,757	11,053,640	10,605,178	10,906,067	9,673,476
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.60	0.62
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.62	0.62	0.61	0.60	0.62
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	35.70	21.23	35-47	21.92	61.42
Net asset value per unit (\$)	12.47	11.33	10.41	12.18	11.28

# Series F5

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	December 31				
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	8.24	7.81	9.47	9.13	8.96
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.19	0.19	0.17	0.19	0.14
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	0.42	0.10	0.28	0.40	0.25
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.50	0.54	(1.29)	0.47	0.02
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.07	0.79	(0.88)	1.01	0.37
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.01
From dividends	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.10
From capital gains	0.11	0.02	0.27	0.18	-
Return of capital	0.27	0.24	0.35	0.34	0.35
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.54	0.43	0.74	0.66	0.46
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	8.77	8.24	7.81	9.47	9.13

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) $^{(5)}$	1,255	1,293	2,137	2,384	2,784
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	142,989	156,964	273,434	251,768	305,069
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>66</sup>	0.59	0.59	0.61	0.61	0.64
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.64
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	35.70	21.23	35-47	21.92	61.42
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.78	8.24	7.81	9.47	9.13

# Series T5

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Commencement of operations: July 14, 2				
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31		
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	7.71	7.38	9.06	8.78	8.72		
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)							
Total revenue	0.18	0.19	0.16	0.19	0.14		
Total expenses	(0.13)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.14)		
Realized gains (losses)	0.39	0.12	0.27	0.36	0.25		
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.48	0.54	(1.30)	0.46	0.24		
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.92	0.73	(1.00)	0.86	0.49		
Distributions (\$)							
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_		
From dividends	0.05	0.07	0.03	0.04	_		
From capital gains	0.11	0.02	0.27	0.14	_		
Return of capital	0.34	0.31	0.43	0.40	0.44		
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.50	0.40	0.73	0.58	0.44		
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	8.12	7.71	7.38	9.06	8.78		

# Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	December 31				
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,301	1,316	1,291	1,689	1,393
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	160,082	170,791	174,988	186,429	158,639
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.77
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.74	1.74	1.72	1.72	1.77
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	35.70	21.23	35.47	21.92	61.42
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.13	7.71	7.38	9.06	8.78

- (i) This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited 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.
- <sup>(3)</sup> 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.
- <sup>(s)</sup> This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.
- (<sup>6)</sup> 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.
- (\*) 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.
- <sup>(8)</sup> 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 December 31, 2024

### **Portfolio Top Holdings**

% of Net
% OT Net
Asset Value
iShares, Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF
BMO S&P 500 Index ETF
BMO S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF
Global X S&P/TSX 60 Index Corporate Class ETF
BMO Long Provincial Bond Index ETF
iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF
BMO DISCOUNT BOND
BMO MSCI Canada Value Index ETF
BMO MSCI USA HIGH QUAL INDX
Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF
VANGUARD S&P SMALL-CAP 600 E
BMO Corporate Bond Index ETF
Schwab
NBI Liquid Alternatives ETF 2.0
ISHARES 3-7 YEAR TREASURY BO
Global X US 7-10 Year Treasury Bond Index Corporate
Class ETF
Franklin FTSE Japan ETF
iShares, Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets
100.0

Net asset value	\$205,721,117
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#### Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Fixed Income	
US Equity	
Canadian Equity	24.1
International Equity	
Alternative Investments	0.3
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	

% of Not

#### Sector Allocation

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Financials	
Information Technology	
Industrials	
Energy	
Consumer Discretionary	8.0
Materials	
Health Care	6.2
Communication Services	
Consumer Staples	5.0
Utilities	
Real Estate	2.5
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	2.0

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 website at www.nbinvestments.ca.

If this investment Fund invests in other investment funds, please consult the prospectus and other information about the underlying investment funds on the website indicated above or on SEDAR+'s website at www.sedarplus.ca.