

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2021

Global Equity Fund

## **NBI Global Equity Fund**

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Global Equity Fund's investment objective is to achieve long-term capital growth. It builds a diversified portfolio of common and preferred shares listed on recognized stock exchanges.

The portfolio manager invests up to all of its net assets in mutual funds and exchange traded funds ("ETFs"). The portfolio may also invest in other mutual funds managed by third parties (ETFs and other types of mutual funds are collectively referred to as "Underlying Funds"). The portfolio manager applies a tactical allocation valuation process in which asset allocation and the choice of Underlying Funds are subject to frequent changes depending on economic and market conditions. When the target asset allocation and the choice of Underlying Funds are modified, the fund are generally rebalanced based on the new selection.

### 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, 2021, the NBI Global Equity Fund's Investor Series units returned 23.30% compared to 20.78% for the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI World Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's return 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 5.62% over the period, from \$2.031 billion as at December 31, 2020 to \$2.145 billion as at December 31, 2021.

Global equity markets posted some remarkable gains in 2021. While investors faced multiple waves of COVID-19, multi-decade highs on inflation, and an abrupt shift in the monetary policy outlook – stock markets managed to power higher thanks to a strong economic recovery that fueled earnings growth. More recently, investors have largely taken the omicron-driven spike in Covid cases in stride and global stock markets have extended their gains early-on in 2022. Investors appear willing to overlook the omicron deluge and have been encouraged by the incoming data indicating that current vaccines are at least partially effective against omicron and that omicron infections are less severe than previous strains. Investors have also responded positively to the fact that the public authorities are not panicking and are not imposing widespread restrictions and shutdowns. Still, there is still a great deal of uncertainty on the health front. If hospitals start to get overrun, then public authorities will have no choice but to start imposing more restrictions – which would undoubtedly weigh on activity.

In this environment, the NBI Global Equity Fund outperformed its benchmark. Relative outperformance was mainly driven by stock selection in the Telecommunications Services and Consumer Discretionary sectors. Partially offsetting these positives was security selection in the Information Technology sector and lack of exposure to the outperforming Energy sector.

The top contributors to performance were Alphabet and AutoZone. Conversely, the Fund suffered due to Keyence Corp and MasterCard.

The global information company, Alphabet, reported strong earnings throughout the year, driven by double digit acceleration in Search, Video streaming (YouTube) and Cloud services. The revenue growth translated into significantly higher profits for Alphabet due to the strong operating leverage of their digital business. The company furthermore engaged its largest share repurchase in its history.

AutoZone announced solid results across the board throughout the period, surpassing expectations. The company communicated that the market share gained throughout the pandemic from big-box retailers appears largely to be permanent and further stated that pricing initiatives and operational improvements have been put in place, which will alleviate margin pressure. Furthermore, the company's strategy to expand their commercial business is yielding strong results.

The payment solution provider, MasterCard, underperformed over the period given its more demanding valuation, which did not support its weaker results mostly attributable to some COVID-19 related headwinds, particularly in the physical cross-border volumes and in credit, which entails more travel, food and business-related spending. The emergence of new forms of consumer credit facilities such as BNPL (Buy-Now-Pay-Later) as well as revived fears surrounding increased regulations for credit card networks in emerging markets, including India, have added pressure on the stock. However, the portfolio manager remains confident in Mastercard's ability to navigate these risks. The company's unique economic moat and long-term growth drivers remain intact as the company is well positioned to benefit from increased digitalization as society move towards a cashless reality.

As for Japan-based sensor and factory automation manufacturer, Keyence, reported stronger than expected results with sequential sales improvements in all regions as well as enhanced profit margins. The COVID-19 pandemic has catalyzed global demand for factory automation solutions due to the need to make supply chains safer and more efficient. The stock, however, retreated from relatively higher valuations following a strong outperformance.

### Recent Developments

During the period, the portfolio manager exited positions in U.S. Bancorp and Richemont and used the proceeds to initiate a position in UnitedHealth Group, as he believes its long-term investment thesis is more attractive.

UnitedHealth Group, a leading US-based medical insurer, has a dominant position on both a local and a national basis and compelling structural growth drivers from demographics trends and increasing demand for managed care plans. The company offers health care and pharmacy benefits to an array of customers and markets as well as data and analytics for care providers and health plans. UnitedHealth's ability to lever technology across the firm's extensive scale provides a powerful edge to Cdeliver better health care services and reduce costs. Lastly, the company has demonstrated its ability to adapt to the ever-evolving regulations in the health care space.

The portfolio manager furthermore exited the position in Housing Development Finance Corporation to prioritize the investment in HDFC Bank (ADR). Lastly, he trimmed the position in Keyence Corp while adding to Sherwin Williams, which appears relatively more attractive from a valuation standpoint.

The Fund's sector and regional weights are driven by bottom-up stock selection. Going into the first quarter of 2022, the Fund remains underweight Asia Pacific and the United States as the portfolio manager continues to find more attractive opportunities in other parts of the world, such as the United Kingdom and Emerging Markets. The Fund is currently overweight Industrials, Consumer Staples and Health Care while underweight Consumer Discretionary, Energy, and Utilities.

The portfolio manager remains confident that the bottom-up, original, fundamental research, with a focus on very high-quality companies, will continue to provide steady returns over the long term, regardless of the macro environment. The Fund's investment horizon is best measured in years and the focus continues to be on identifying what are believed to be high quality companies with sustainable competitive advantages, operating in industries with high barriers to entry and contributing to durable pricing power.

On April 30, 2021, the Fund'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 of Canada ("the Bank") and its affiliated companies' roles and responsibilities related to the Fund are as follows:

### Trustee, Custodian, and Registrar

Natcan Trust Company ("NTC"), a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, is the Fund's trustee. In this capacity, it is the legal owner of the Fund's investments.

NTC acts as registrar for the Fund's 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. ("NBII"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. Therefore, NBII 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 NBII as consideration for its services.

### Distribution and Dealer Compensation

NBII acts as principal distributor for the Fund. In this capacity, NBII buys, sells and swaps securities through Bank branches and the National Bank Investments Advisory Service in Canadian provinces and territories, and through external registered representatives. Fund securities are also offered by National Bank Financial Inc. (including its division National Bank Direct Brokerage), CABN Investments (a division of NBII) and other affiliated entities. Brokers may receive, depending on the distributed series, a monthly commission representing a percentage of the average daily value of the securities held by their clients.

### Brokerage Fees

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

	Period ended December 31, 2021
<b>Total brokerage fees</b>	217,076.37
<b>Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial</b>	-

### Holdings

As at December 31, 2021, National Bank Investments Inc. held 240.38 Fund securities for a value of \$11,824.36, which represented close to 0.0004% of the net asset value of the Fund at that date. Transactions between National Bank Investments Inc. and the Fund were carried out in the normal course of business and at the Fund's net asset value as at the transaction date.

As at December 31, 2021, National Bank Trust Inc. held 1.01 Fund securities for a value of \$49.86, which represented close to 0.0000% of the net asset value of the Fund at that date. Transactions between National Bank Trust Inc. and the Fund were carried out in the normal course of business and at the Fund's net asset value as at the transaction date.

### Registered Plan Trust Services

NTC 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, NBII, to National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a wholly-owned indirect 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. 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. A portion of the management fees paid by the Fund covers maximum annual trailer fees and sales commissions paid to brokers. The remainder of the management fees primarily covers investment management and general administration services. 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>
Investor Series	2.25%	55.56%	44.44%
Investor-2 Series	2.00%	62.50%	37.50%
Advisor Series and Series T5*			
Front-end load	2.25%	55.56%	44.44%
Back-end load - 1 to 6 years	2.25%	22.22%	77.78%
Back-end load - 7 years and more	2.25%	55.56%	44.44%
Low load - 1 to 3 years	2.25%	22.22%	77.78%
Low load - 4 years and more	2.25%	44.44%	55.56%
Advisor-2 Series*			
Front-end load	2.00%	62.50%	37.50%
Back-end load - 1 to 6 years	2.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Back-end load - 7 years and more	2.00%	62.50%	37.50%
Low load - 1 to 3 years	2.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Low load - 4 years and more	2.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Series F and Series F5	0.75%	—	100.00%
Series F-2	0.75%	—	100.00%
Series O	N/A**	—	100.00%

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

<sup>(\*)</sup> Excluding sales commissions paid on the Advisor Series, Advisor-2 Series and Series T5 with low sales charges option and deferred sales charge option, which are not paid for out of the management fees.

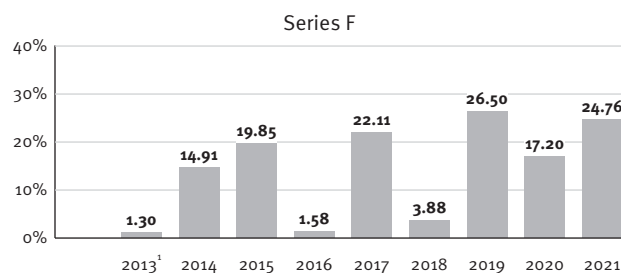
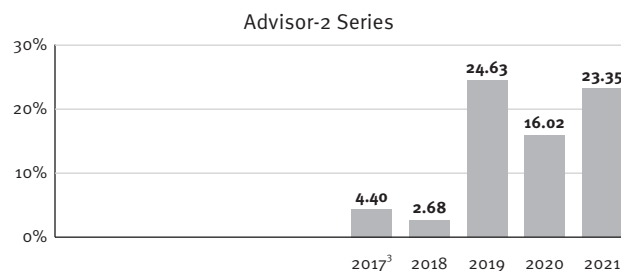
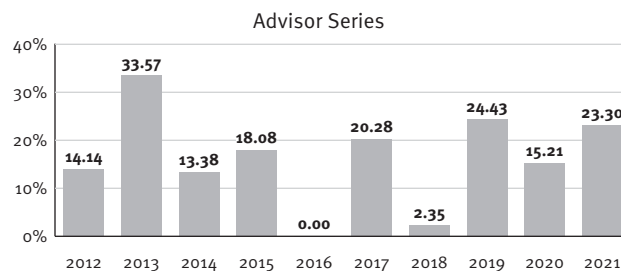
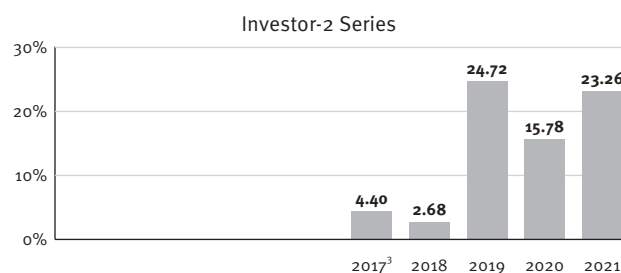
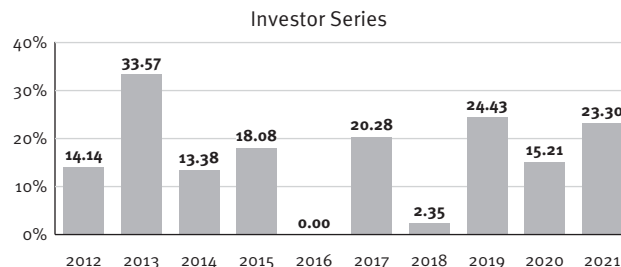
<sup>(\*\*)</sup> There are no management fees paid by the Fund with respect to the Series O. Instead, Series O securityholders pay a negotiated administration fee directly to National Bank Investments.

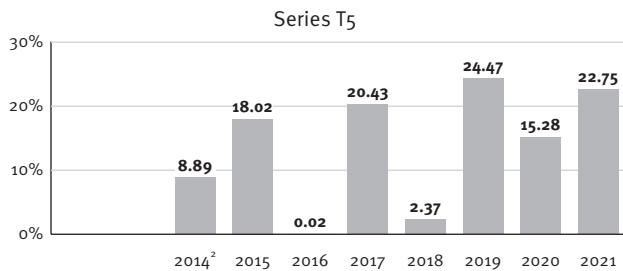
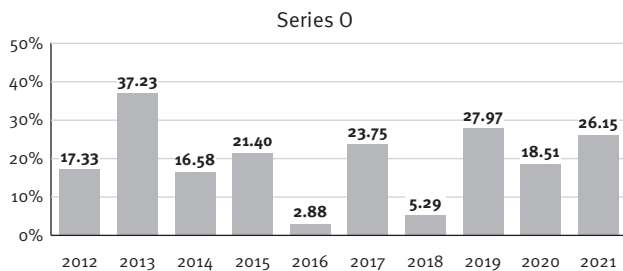
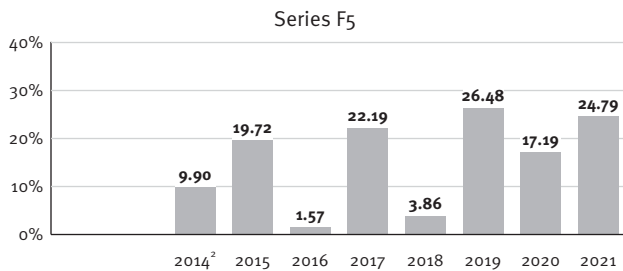
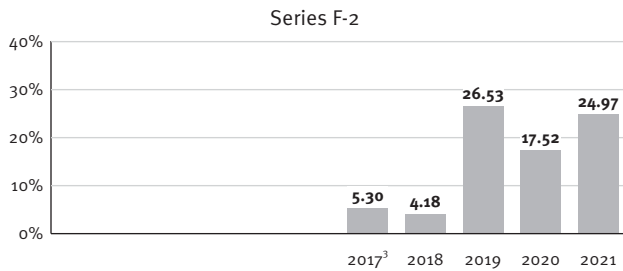
## Past Performance

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.





<sup>(1)</sup> Returns for the period from December 24, 2013 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2013.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from May 21, 2014 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2014.

<sup>(3)</sup> Returns for the period from May 19, 2017 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2017.

## 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, 2021, compared with the following benchmark:

- MSCI World Index (CAD)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
<b>Investor Series<sup>1</sup></b>	23.30%	20.91%	16.82%	16.08%	–
Benchmark	20.78%	18.57%	13.66%	15.15%	–
<b>Investor-2 Series<sup>2</sup></b>	23.26%	21.19%	–	–	15.00%
Benchmark	20.78%	18.57%	–	–	14.53%
<b>Advisor Series<sup>3</sup></b>	23.30%	20.91%	16.82%	16.08%	–
Benchmark	20.78%	18.57%	13.66%	15.15%	–
<b>Advisor-2 Series<sup>2</sup></b>	23.35%	21.27%	–	–	15.05%
Benchmark	20.78%	18.57%	–	–	14.53%
<b>Series F<sup>4</sup></b>	24.76%	22.75%	18.60%	–	16.15%
Benchmark	20.78%	18.57%	13.66%	–	13.29%
<b>Series F-2<sup>2</sup></b>	24.97%	22.94%	–	–	16.66%
Benchmark	20.78%	18.57%	–	–	14.53%
<b>Series F5<sup>5</sup></b>	24.79%	22.75%	18.61%	–	16.19%
Benchmark	20.78%	18.57%	13.66%	–	14.23%
<b>Series O<sup>6</sup></b>	26.15%	24.14%	20.04%	19.31%	–
Benchmark	20.78%	18.57%	13.66%	15.15%	–
<b>Series T5<sup>5</sup></b>	22.75%	20.77%	16.77%	–	14.42%
Benchmark	20.78%	18.57%	13.66%	–	14.23%

<sup>1</sup>Commencement of operations: January 28, 2000

<sup>2</sup>Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

<sup>3</sup>Commencement of operations: February 8, 2002

<sup>4</sup>Commencement of operations: December 24, 2013

<sup>5</sup>Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

<sup>6</sup>Commencement of operations: March 1, 2005

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 Description

The **MSCI World Index** is designed to measure global developed market equity performance and is made up of approximately 1,500 companies listed on stock exchanges in the 22 developed countries that make up the MSCI national indexes.

## 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.

### Investor / Advisor\* Series

<sup>(\*)</sup> The Advisor Series was created on February 8, 2002.

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: January 28, 2000				
Accounting Period Ended	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	21.88	19.00	15.28	14.93	12.42	
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>						
Total revenue	0.29	0.38	0.28	0.23	0.27	
Total expenses	(0.66)	(0.55)	(0.50)	(0.44)	(0.42)	
Realized gains (losses)	2.28	1.52	0.67	0.50	2.65	
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.18	1.22	3.45	0.35	0.06	
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	3.09	2.57	3.90	0.64	2.56	
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	
From dividends	—	—	—	—	0.01	
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	0.01	
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	27.01	21.88	19.00	15.28	14.93	

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	240,394	599,945	698,101	776,431	1,318,064
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	8,906,226	27,402,200	36,741,052	50,837,333	88,328,272
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.80	2.83	2.86	2.85	2.85
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.81	2.83	2.86	2.85	2.85
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	7.59	15.34	11.12	5.36	17.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	26.99	21.89	19.00	15.27	14.92

### Investor-2 Series

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

Accounting Period Ended	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	15.47	13.37	10.73	10.45	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.20	0.27	0.19	0.16	0.08
Total expenses	(0.41)	(0.31)	(0.33)	(0.27)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses)	1.84	1.09	0.49	0.33	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.97	1.01	2.31	0.09	0.48
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	3.60	2.06	2.66	0.31	0.43
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	19.09	15.47	13.37	10.73	10.45

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	101,529	89,331	83,677	73,542	79,376
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	5,319,924	5,769,045	6,260,471	6,859,753	7,605,379
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.39	2.28	2.64	2.51	2.55
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.39	2.29	2.65	2.52	2.56
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	7.59	15.34	11.12	5.36	17.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	19.08	15.48	13.37	10.72	10.44

## Advisor-2 Series

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	15.49	13.36	10.73	10.45	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.20	0.27	0.20	0.16	0.08
Total expenses	(0.40)	(0.29)	(0.33)	(0.27)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses)	1.83	1.08	0.47	0.34	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.97	0.98	2.43	0.21	0.40
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	3.60	2.04	2.77	0.44	0.35
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	19.13	15.49	13.36	10.73	10.45

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	6,169	6,347	6,776	7,799	11,331
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	322,657	409,389	507,026	727,252	1,085,710
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.35	2.13	2.68	2.48	2.55
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.36	2.15	2.69	2.49	2.56
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	7.59	15.34	11.12	5.36	17.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	19.12	15.50	13.36	10.72	10.44

## Series F

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

Commencement of operations: December 24, 2013

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	26.55	22.72	17.98	17.30	14.18
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.34	0.44	0.31	0.27	0.27
Total expenses	(0.32)	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.23)	(0.22)
Realized gains (losses)	3.24	2.03	0.88	0.52	3.14
Unrealized gains (losses)	3.45	1.59	3.40	(0.07)	(1.20)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	6.71	3.80	4.35	0.49	1.99
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.06	—	—	0.01
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	0.06	—	—	0.01
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	33.17	26.55	22.72	17.98	17.30

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	260,096	148,418	85,757	31,130	20,367
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	7,844,886	5,586,489	3,775,058	1,732,825	1,177,984
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.12	1.13	1.17	1.35	1.35
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.17	1.18	1.22	1.42	1.43
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	7.59	15.34	11.12	5.36	17.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	33.15	26.57	22.72	17.96	17.29

## Series F-2

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	16.21	13.88	10.98	10.54	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.21	0.28	0.20	0.17	0.08
Total expenses	(0.18)	(0.12)	(0.15)	(0.12)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses)	1.94	1.14	0.49	0.35	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	2.06	0.82	2.47	0.19	0.30
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	4.03	2.12	3.01	0.59	0.33
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.09	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	0.09	—	—	—
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	20.28	16.21	13.88	10.98	10.54

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,963	1,910	2,232	2,971	4,589
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	96,873	117,762	160,853	270,793	435,901
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.02	0.81	1.20	1.07	1.12
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.04	0.83	1.22	1.09	1.14
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	7.59	15.34	11.12	5.36	17.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	20.27	16.22	13.88	10.97	10.53

## Series F5

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	18.27	16.41	13.57	13.72	11.79
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.23	0.30	0.24	0.20	0.27
Total expenses	(0.22)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.19)	(0.19)
Realized gains (losses)	2.21	1.32	0.53	0.33	2.86
Unrealized gains (losses)	2.48	3.17	3.20	(0.13)	(0.40)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	4.70	4.61	3.78	0.21	2.54
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.07	0.03	—	0.05
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	0.91	0.76	0.64	0.69	0.49
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.91	0.83	0.67	0.69	0.54
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	21.80	18.27	16.41	13.57	13.72

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	7,826	2,695	844	368	2
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	359,214	147,396	51,433	27,105	119
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.09	1.14	1.22	1.37	1.30
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.12	1.18	1.25	1.39	1.80
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	7.59	15.34	11.12	5.36	17.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	21.79	18.29	16.41	13.56	13.71



## Series O

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

Commencement of operations: March 1, 2005

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	39.12	33.35	26.08	24.77	20.05
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.51	0.68	0.47	0.39	0.38
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses)	4.73	2.76	1.21	0.73	2.21
Unrealized gains (losses)	5.60	2.43	5.60	(0.16)	1.35
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	10.82	5.86	7.27	0.95	3.91
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.20	0.37	—	—	0.02
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.20	0.37	—	—	0.02
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	49.22	39.12	33.35	26.08	24.77

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,508,283	1,166,119	1,118,172	836,923	415,529
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	30,661,105	29,784,682	33,527,640	32,112,908	16,787,691
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	7.59	15.34	11.12	5.36	17.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	49.19	39.15	33.35	26.06	24.75

## Series T5

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup>

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	16.50	15.07	12.66	12.99	11.34
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.21	0.27	0.22	0.20	0.19
Total expenses	(0.50)	(0.42)	(0.40)	(0.37)	(0.37)
Realized gains (losses)	1.90	1.12	0.57	0.42	1.14
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.88	2.39	2.61	0.27	0.79
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	3.49	3.36	3.00	0.52	1.75
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.02	—	—	0.01
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	0.83	0.74	0.63	0.65	0.61
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.83	0.76	0.63	0.65	0.62
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	19.35	16.50	15.07	12.66	12.99

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	18,634	16,058	10,276	5,883	9,031
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	963,645	972,651	682,158	464,891	695,827
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.85	2.82	2.80	2.79	2.80
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.87	2.85	2.83	2.82	2.83
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	7.59	15.34	11.12	5.36	17.14
Net asset value per unit (\$)	19.34	16.51	15.06	12.65	12.98

- <sup>(1)</sup> 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.
- <sup>(2)</sup> 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.
- <sup>(4)</sup> The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.
- <sup>(5)</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.
- <sup>(7)</sup> 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, 2021

### Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Moody's Corp.....	6.7
Alphabet Inc., Class A.....	6.6
Microsoft Corp.....	6.2
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd., ADR.....	4.6
MasterCard Inc., Class A.....	4.1
AutoZone Inc.....	3.8
Sherwin-Williams Co./The.....	3.8
Keyence Corp.....	3.7
Nestlé SA.....	3.6
Johnson & Johnson.....	3.5
MSCI Inc.....	3.5
Roche Holding AG NPV.....	3.2
Diageo PLC.....	3.1
PepsiCo Inc.....	3.0
UnitedHealth Group Inc.....	2.9
TJX Companies Inc.....	2.8
Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy.....	2.7
Mettler-Toledo International Inc.....	2.7
Nike Inc., Class B.....	2.6
Becton Dickinson and Co.....	2.5
Oracle Corp.....	2.5
CME Group Inc., Class A.....	2.4
Carrier Global Corp.....	2.3
Otis Worldwide Corp.....	2.3
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets.....	0.4
	85.5

Net asset value..... \$2,144,894,299

### Regional Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
United States.....	66.3
Switzerland.....	10.7
United Kingdom.....	10.1
Taiwan.....	4.5
Japan.....	3.7
France.....	2.7
India.....	1.6
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets.....	0.4

### Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Information Technology.....	23.8
Financials.....	14.1
Industrials.....	14.1
Consumer Discretionary.....	13.8
Health Care.....	12.0
Consumer Staples.....	11.4
Communication Services.....	6.6
Materials.....	3.8
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets.....	0.4

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 Web site at [www.nbinvestments.ca](http://www.nbinvestments.ca).