

# **ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

For the period ended December 31, 2024

NBI Portfolio

# **NBI Balanced Portfolio**

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# **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The NBI Balanced Portfolio's investment objective is to ensure current income and long-term capital appreciation. To do this, it invests primarily in a diverse mix of mutual funds (that may include exchangetraded funds ("ETFs")) that are fixed income funds and equity funds.

The portfolio manager invests up to 100% of its net assets in mutual funds and 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 is generally rebalanced based on the new selection. The fund may use a responsible investment approach, as described in the fund prospectus, this approach being one of many components of the investment strategies used to help achieve the fund's investment objective.

### 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 Balanced Portfolio's Investor Series units returned 11.55% compared to 17.45% for the Fund's blended benchmark. The broad-based indices, the Morningstar® Canada Liquid Bond Index (CAD), the Morningstar® Canada Large-Mid Index (CAD) and the Morningstar® U.S. Large Cap Index (CAD), returned 5.33%, 22.89% and 39.55% 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 10.09% over the period, from \$5.103 billion as at December 31, 2023 to \$5.618 billion as at December 31, 2024.

The increase stemmed mainly from market fluctuations.

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. For their part, Bonds had a lackluster year, posting a performance like 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 favourable 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.

In this context, the Fund underperformed its benchmark for the period. Among the largest contributors to performance were the NBI U.S. Equity Private Portfolio, the NBI SmartData U.S. Equity Fund and the NBI Canadian Equity Fund.

### **Recent Developments**

For 2025, many investment professionals feel 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.

# **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 Savings and Investments Inc. ("NBSI") acts as principal distributor for the Fund. In this capacity, NBSI 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) 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 NBI. The brokerage fees paid by the Fund for the period are as follows:

	Period ended December 31, 2024
Total brokerage fees	\$29,949.34
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	\$29,949.34

### Holdings

As at December 31, 2024, National Bank Investments Inc. held 114.05 Fund securities for a value of \$1,351.53, which represented close to 0.0000% 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.

### **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>
Investor Series and Series R	1.75%	45.71%	54.29%
Investor-2 Series and Series R-2	1.50%	50.00%	50.00%
Advisor-2 Series*			
Front-end load**	1.50%	50.00%	50.00%
Series F	1.15%	_	100.00%
Series F-2	0.75%	_	100.00%
Series O	N/A***	_	100.00%

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

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

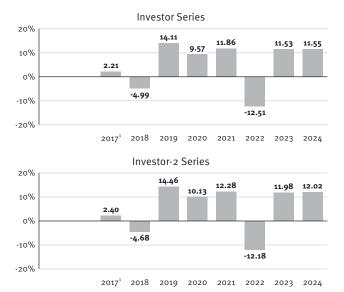
- (\*\*) Rate applicable for all investments, systematic investment programs, reinvested distributions and switches.
- (\*\*\*) The Series O is only available to selected investors that have been approved and have entered into an O Series units account agreement with National Bank Investments Inc. The criteria for approval may include the size of the investment, the expected level of account activity and the investor's total investments with NBI. No management fees are charged to the Fund with respect to the O Series units. Management fees are negotiated with and paid directly by investors and are in addition to the fixed-rate administration fee. NBI does not pay any commissions or service fees to dealers who sell O Series units. There are no sales charges payable by investors who purchase O Series units.

# **Past Performance**

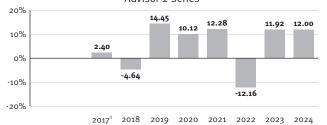
The performance of each series of the Fund is presented below and calculated as at December 31 of each year. It assumes that all distributions made in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities and does not take into account sales, redemption charges, distributions, or optional charges 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**

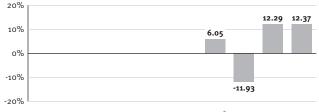
The bar charts indicate the performance for each the Fund's series in existence greater than one year during the years shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from year to year. They show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 (or made commencing from the start of 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.



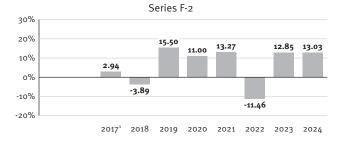
Advisor-2 Series

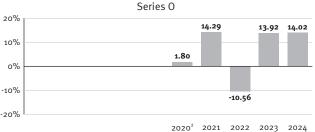


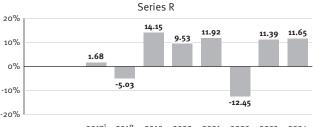
Series F



2021<sup>3</sup> 2022 2023 2024

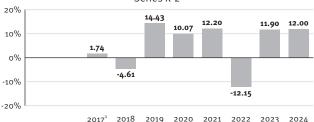






2017<sup>1</sup> 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Series R-2



2017<sup>1</sup> 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

<sup>(1)</sup> Returns for the period from May 19, 2017 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2017.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from December 3, 2020 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2020.

<sup>(3)</sup> Returns for the period from June 22, 2021 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2021.

# **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%)
- Morningstar® Canada Large-Mid Index (CAD) (21%) •
- Morningstar® U.S. Large Cap Index (CAD) (21%) ٠
- Morningstar® Developed Markets ex North America Index (CAD) (12%)
- Morningstar<sup>®</sup> Emerging Markets Large-Mid Index (CAD) (6%)

The broad-based indices are as follows:

- Broad-based index 1: Morningstar® Canada Liquid Bond Index ٠ (CAD)
- Broad-based index 2: Morningstar® Canada Large-Mid Index (CAD)
- Broad-based index 3: Morningstar® U.S. Large Cap Index (CAD)

#### **NBI Balanced Portfolio**

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Investor Series <sup>1</sup>	11.55%	2.87%	5.93%	-	5.26%
Benchmark	17.45%	6.13%	7.96%	-	8.18%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.08%
Broad-based index 2	22.89%	9.42%	11.59%	-	11.02%
Broad-based index 3	39.55%	14.60%	17.81%	-	17.81%
Investor-2 Series <sup>1</sup>	12.02%	3.28%	6.38%	-	5.66%
Benchmark	17.45%	6.13%	7.96%	-	8.18%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.08%
Broad-based index 2	22.89%	9.42%	11.59%	-	11.02%
Broad-based index 3	39.55%	14.60%	17.81%	-	17.81%
Advisor-2 Series <sup>1</sup>	12.00%	3.26%	6.36%	-	5.66%
Benchmark	17.45%	6.13%	7.96%	-	8.18%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.08%
Broad-based index 2	22.89%	9.42%	11.59%	-	11.02%
Broad-based index 3	39.55%	14.60%	17.81%	-	17.81%
Series F <sup>2</sup>	12.37%	3.58%	-	-	4.76%
Benchmark	17.45%	6.13%	-	-	7.88%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	-	-	0.50%
Broad-based index 2	22.89%	9.42%	-	-	11.74%
Broad-based index 3	39.55%	14.60%	-	-	20.02%
Series F-2 <sup>1</sup>	13.03%	4.14%	7.27%	-	6.56%
Benchmark	17.45%	6.13%	7.96%	-	8.18%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.08%
Broad-based index 2	22.89%	9.42%	11.59%	-	11.02%
Broad-based index 3	39.55%	14.60%	17.81%	-	17.81%
Series O <sup>3</sup>	14.02%	5.12%	-	-	7.66%
Benchmark	17.45%	6.13%	-	-	7.54%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	-	-	(0.20)%
Broad-based index 2	22.89%	9.42%	-	-	13.28%
Broad-based index 3	39.55%	14.60%	-	-	17.82%
Series R <sup>1</sup>	11.65%	2.88%	5.95%	-	5.27%
Benchmark	17.45%	6.13%	7.96%	-	8.18%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.08%
Broad-based index 2	22.89%	9.42%	11.59%	-	11.02%
Broad-based index 3	39.55%	14.60%	17.81%	-	17.81%
Series R-2 <sup>1</sup>	12.00%	3.26%	6.34%	-	5.64%
Benchmark	17.45%	6.13%	7.96%	-	8.18%
Broad-based index 1	5.33%	0.15%	1.33%	-	2.08%
Broad-based index 2	22.89%	9.42%	11.59%	-	11.02%
Broad-based index 3	39.55%	14.60%	17.81%	-	17.81%

<sup>1</sup>Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

<sup>2</sup>Commencement of operations: June 22, 2021

<sup>3</sup>Commencement of operations: December 3, 2020

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 **Morningstar® Canada Large-Mid Index** measures the performance of Canadian stock exchanges by targeting 90% of shares, based on their order of importance in terms of market capitalization.

The **Morningstar® U.S. Large Cap Index** measures the performance of U.S. large-cap stocks, which represent 70% of this investment universe.

The Morningstar® Developed Markets ex North America Index

measures the performance of businesses in developed markets that do not include North America. It covers approximately 97% of the total market capitalization of developped markets that do not include North America.

The **Morningstar® Emerging Markets Large-Mid Index** measures the performance of emerging markets by targeting 90% of shares, based on their order of importance in terms of market capitalization.

# **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 Series**

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operation					ations: May 19, 201
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)	12.26	11.34	13.22	12.14	11.08
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.26	0.27	0.30	0.22	0.21
Total expenses	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.24)	(0.27)	(0.23)
Realized gains (losses)	0.40	0.45	0.21	0.73	0.28
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.04	0.83	(1.91)	0.82	0.84
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.44	1.31	(1.64)	1.50	1.10
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_
From dividends	_	0.02	0.04	_	_
From capital gains	0.04	0.37	0.20	0.34	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.04	0.39	0.24	0.34	-
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	13.64	12.26	11.34	13.22	12.14

### 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>	5,198,685	4,705,293	4,340,882	4,989,131	3,131,886
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	381,032,248	383,912,274	382,761,895	376,919,118	258,006,496
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.22	2.22	2.23	2.23	2.22
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.42	2.39	2.36	2.34	2.31
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	4.32	24.18	16.71	11.54	15.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	13.64	12.26	11.34	13.24	12.14

## Investor-2 Series

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	s per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: May 19, 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)	12.41	11.49	13.43	12.29	11.16	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.25	0.27	0.28	0.21	0.20	
Total expenses	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.23)	(0.19)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.39	0.45	0.22	0.69	0.26	
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.10	0.86	(2.23)	0.86	0.78	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.51	1.37	(1.94)	1.53	1.05	
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_	
From dividends	_	0.06	0.07	0.01	_	
From capital gains	0.04	0.40	0.25	0.35	_	
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.04	0.46	0.32	0.36	_	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	13.86	12.41	11.49	13.43	12.29	

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>	33,176	34,232	35,782	64,590	64,674
Number of units outstanding (5)	2,393,847	2,759,017	3,113,132	4,805,886	5,263,031
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.85	1.84	1.85	1.83	1.76
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.96	1.92	1.89	1.85	1.76
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	4.32	24.18	16.71	11.54	15.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	13.86	12.41	11.49	13.44	12.29

# Advisor-2 Series

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	December 31				
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	12.42	11.51	13.44	12.30	11.17
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.25	0.27	0.29	0.21	0.20
Total expenses	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.22)	(0.23)	(0.19)
Realized gains (losses)	0.38	0.45	0.21	0.67	0.25
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.09	0.84	(2.06)	0.89	0.75
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.49	1.35	(1.78)	1.54	1.01
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_
From dividends	_	0.06	0.08	0.01	_
From capital gains	0.04	0.41	0.23	0.35	-
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.04	0.47	0.31	0.36	_
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	13.87	12.42	11.51	13.44	12.30

## 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>	1,922	2,132	2,313	3,429	3,693
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	138,568	171,719	200,930	254,931	300,242
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.86	1.86	1.87	1.85	1.77
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.97	1.94	1.91	1.87	1.77
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	4.32	24.18	16.71	11.54	15.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	13.87	12.42	11.51	13.45	12.30

# Series F

ccounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	9.60	8.88	10.32	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.20	0.21	0.28	0.22	
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.08)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.30	0.35	0.14	0.83	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.84	0.66	(0.80)	(0.30)	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.20	1.09	(0.51)	0.67	
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	_	0.03	-	
From dividends	0.01	0.08	0.08	0.02	
From capital gains	0.03	0.29	0.10	0.25	
Return of capital	-	_	_	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.04	0.37	0.21	0.27	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.76	9.60	8.88	10.32	

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	53,018	52,149	49,811	6,914	
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	4,929,897	5,431,084	5,606,792	669,374	
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.53	1.53	1.55	1.55	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.69	1.65	1.63	1.67	
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	4.32	24.18	16.71	11.54	
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.75	9.60	8.88	10.33	

# Series F-2

let Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Comm	encement of oper	rations: May 19,
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)	12.65	11.69	13.65	12.41	11.18
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.26	0.29	0.31	0.22	0.20
Total expenses	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.10)
Realized gains (losses)	0.40	0.47	0.22	0.71	0.26
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.15	0.86	(2.04)	0.85	0.83
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.70	1.51	(1.62)	1.66	1.19
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	_	0.06	_	_
From dividends	0.02	0.17	0.14	0.04	_
From capital gains	0.04	0.38	0.22	0.35	_
Return of capital	-	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.55	0.42	0.39	-
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	14.24	12.65	11.69	13.65	12.41

## 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>	408	424	384	474	474
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	28,642	33,490	32,851	34,672	38,220
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>66</sup>	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.00	0.96
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.14	1.12	1.08	1.05	0.98
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	4.32	24.18	16.71	11.54	15.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	14.24	12.65	11.69	13.67	12.41

# Series O

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Commencement of operations: December 3, 202			
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)	10.45	9.66	11.28	10.18	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.22	0.23	0.26	0.20	0.22	
Total expenses	0.01	0.01	_	_	_	
Realized gains (losses)	0.34	0.39	0.18	0.70	0.24	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.90	0.71	(1.64)	0.71	(0.28)	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.47	1.34	(1.20)	1.61	0.18	
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	0.06	_	_	
From dividends	0.03	0.23	0.20	0.05	_	
From capital gains	0.03	0.32	0.18	0.29	_	
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.55	0.44	0.34	-	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	11.85	10.45	9.66	11.28	10.18	

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>	314,461	294,300	269,877	307,625	6,400
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	26,534,381	28,170,588	27,947,992	27,257,656	628,687
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.06
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	4.32	24.18	16.71	11.54	15.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.85	10.45	9.66	11.29	10.18

# Series R

let Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			comm	encement of oper	ations: may 19
ccounting 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)	8.80	8.55	10.54	10.14	9.75
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.18	0.20	0.23	0.18	0.17
Total expenses	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.22)	(0.20)
Realized gains (losses)	0.29	0.33	0.16	0.58	0.23
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.71	0.62	(1.48)	0.69	0.68
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.00	0.97	(1.28)	1.23	0.88
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	_	_	_	-
From dividends	-	0.01	0.03	_	_
From capital gains	0.02	0.27	0.17	0.27	-
Return of capital	0.44	0.41	0.50	0.51	0.49
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.46	0.69	0.70	0.78	0.49
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	9.34	8.80	8.55	10.54	10.14

## 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)	14,866	12,628	12,080	15,087	11,013
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	1,591,577	1,434,440	1,413,635	1,430,400	1,085,718
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.22	2.22	2.23	2.22	2.21
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.45	2.42	2.39	2.36	2.31
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	4.32	24.18	16.71	11.54	15.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.34	8.80	8.55	10.55	10.14

# Series R-2

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Commencement of operations: May 19, 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)	8.98	8.70	10.71	10.29	9.84	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.17	0.20	0.21	0.17	0.16	
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.19)	(0.17)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.27	0.33	0.16	0.55	0.21	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.80	0.64	(1.81)	0.72	0.57	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.08	1.01	(1.61)	1.25	0.77	
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_	
From dividends	_	0.04	0.04	0.01	_	
From capital gains	0.03	0.29	0.19	0.28	_	
Return of capital	0.45	0.40	0.50	0.51	0.49	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.48	0.73	0.73	0.80	0.49	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	9.56	8.98	8.70	10.71	10.29	

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	December 31				
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	1,728	1,987	2,119	4,520	4,937
Number of units outstanding (5)	180,794	221,326	243,626	421,637	480,020
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.86	1.86	1.87	1.86	1.83
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.97	1.94	1.91	1.88	1.83
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	4.32	24.18	16.71	11.54	15.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.56	8.98	8.70	10.72	10.29

- (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.
- (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.
- (\*) 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 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**

Net asset value	\$5	618 264 02
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### Asset Mix

	% of Net
	Asset Value
US Equity	
Canadian Equity	
International Equity	
Corporate Bonds	
Exchange Traded Funds	8.7
Provincial Bonds	
Mutual Funds	
Global Equity Funds	
Foreign Bonds	
Federal Bonds	
US Bonds	2.3
Mortgage Backed Securities	1.0
Municipal Bonds	
Asset Backed Securities	0.4
Floating Rate Loans	0.1
Derivative Products	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	4.8

#### Sector Allocation

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Bonds	
Information Technology	12.0
Financials	
Exchange Traded Funds	8.7
Industrials	
Mutual Funds	
Consumer Discretionary	
Health Care	
Consumer Staples	
Communication Services	
Energy	2.0
Materials	
Real Estate	1.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	1.0
Asset Backed Securities	
Utilities	
Floating Rate Loans	
Derivative Products	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	

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.