

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2023

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 top-down 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, 2023, the NBI Multiple Asset Class Private Portfolio's Advisor Series units returned 10.04% compared to 12.32% 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 7.12%, 11.75% and 22.90% 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 3.18% over the period, from \$183.11 million as at December 31, 2022 to \$188.92 million as at December 31, 2023.

Turbulence within U.S. regional banks, conflict in the Middle East, advances in artificial intelligence, record fluctuations in interest rates, hope for a soft landing: once again this year, the economic environment has not been kind to investors. Yet, with inflation slowing, the economy holding up, and the Federal Reserve opening the door to potential rate cuts, 2023 ended positively for most investors, with equities, bonds, and even cash posting appreciable gains over the period. Quite a contrast after a particularly trying 2022 on the markets.

Specifically, global equities appreciated strongly in 2023, outperforming traditional Canadian bonds, which nonetheless had a good year. In terms of leadership, 2023 belonged mainly to U.S. technology stocks, which rebounded strongly after a more difficult 2022. This largely explains the outperformance of the U.S. stock market over Canada and emerging markets.

On the fixed-income side, while long-term bonds dominated at the end of the year, it was high-yield bonds that ended 2023 with the best performance in the category against a generally positive backdrop for risky securities. Among commodities, oil prices fell over the period, while gold rebounded amid heightened geopolitical tensions. Finally, widespread market optimism resulted in a weaker U.S. dollar against a majority of currencies at year-end, including the Canadian dollar.

Against a positive backdrop for markets overall, the Fund slightly underperformed its benchmark on an absolute basis, but still outperformed when adjusted for risk.

On the positive side, positions in "quality" style U.S. equities have largely benefited the fund, with QUAL and ZUQ outperforming the S&P 500 in 2023, respectively. In addition, the fund's underweight in emerging markets and its preference for the value style within this region also proved beneficial.

Conversely, the significant underweight in equities ultimately subtracted value from the portfolio following the spectacular year-end rally. Finally, the underperformance of alternative assets also contributed negatively to portfolio performance in 2023.

### Recent Developments

The manager made a total of three transactions during 2023, all of which involved an increase in bond allocations, first in exchange for equities and finally in exchange for cash. In all cases, these changes initially proved positive for portfolio performance, as the equity sales all preceded significant declines in the following weeks. Similarly, purchases of equities and bonds at the end of November preceded a sharp rally in both assets in December. However, November's spectacular stock market rally ultimately undermined the relative performance of these changes.

The manager also added a new position in long-dated Canadian provincial bonds (ZPL) on February 28, U.S. Treasuries (HTB) on August 30, and Japanese equities (FLJP) on November 30. While the long-dated position ultimately proved beneficial to the fund, the depreciation of the US\$ against the C\$ dampened the performance of US Treasuries, while Japanese equities slightly underperformed despite a significant appreciation of the yen.

On the economic front, with inflation potentially in the Fed's comfort zone as early as in April, we can expect to see central banks gradually shift their rhetoric to pave the way for rate cuts in the second half of 2024 in the U.S., and probably even earlier in Canada. Quantifying the extent of the economic slowdown that will accompany this process is not obvious, but with the most restrictive monetary policy since the 1980s and three "no-fault" recession signals now triggered, the risks are on the downside. Moreover, with market sentiment in "extreme optimism" territory as quantified by the manager's model, it seems that the soft-landing scenario, while not impossible, is already widely discounted.

Against this backdrop, the manager continues to favor defensive positioning, with a preference for bond markets. In over 50 years, there has never been a bear market trough with a recession before the onset of the latter. In parallel, it is common to see bond yields fall significantly during (and sometimes slightly after) a major economic downturn.

Within bond markets, the manager sees this backdrop as continuing to militate in favor of a cautious positioning, with a slightly longer duration and a neutral allocation to corporate credit at most. On the equity markets, the environment looks more challenging for emerging markets and the Canadian stock market, compared to the U.S. and EAFE. From a macroeconomic point of view, the conditions for the U.S. stock market to outperform emerging markets are likely to remain in place for several months yet, with a strong greenback, slowing global growth and restrictive monetary policies. Finally, a deterioration in economic growth on our side of the border, which is likely to be more significant and imminent, poses a greater threat to a cyclical market such as the Canadian stock market than to the EAFE region, whose largest country is Japan, renowned for the defensive nature of its currency.

On May 1, 2023, the Fund's independent review committee (the "IRC") was increased to four members when Stéphanie Raymond-Bougie 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

National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a wholly-owned 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 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.

## Portfolio Manager

The Manager has appointed National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), an 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 NBII. The brokerage fees paid by the Fund for the period are as follows:

	Period ended December 31, 2023
<b>Total brokerage fees</b>	13,662.56
<b>Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial</b>	13,662.56

## 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, 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. 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>1</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%

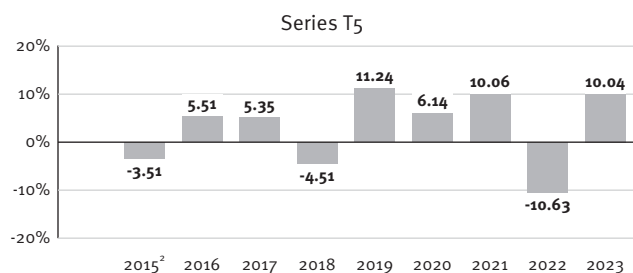
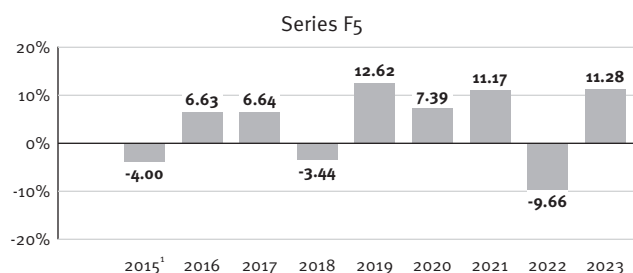
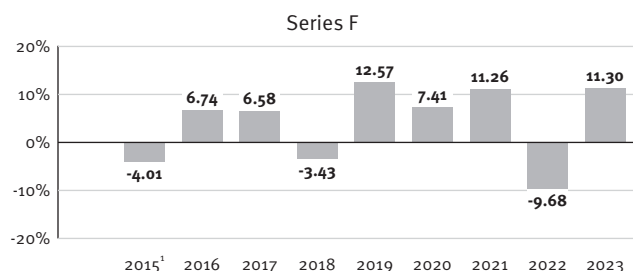
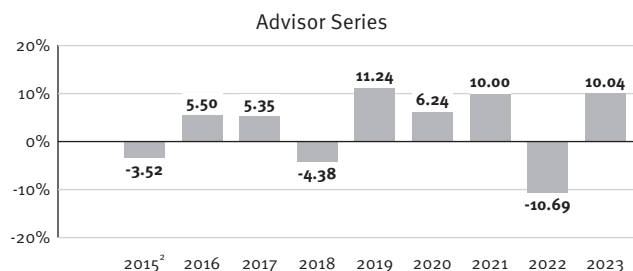
<sup>(1)</sup> Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

## 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.



<sup>(1)</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, 2023, 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)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
<b>Advisor Series<sup>1</sup></b>	10.04%	2.63%	5.02%	-	3.24%
Benchmark	12.32%	3.88%	7.40%	-	6.38%
Broad-based index 1	7.12%	(2.32)%	1.75%	-	1.99%
Broad-based index 2	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	-	8.06%
Broad-based index 3	22.90%	11.27%	14.88%	-	13.43%
<b>Series F<sup>2</sup></b>	11.30%	3.80%	6.22%	-	4.21%
Benchmark	12.32%	3.88%	7.40%	-	6.39%
Broad-based index 1	7.12%	(2.32)%	1.75%	-	2.05%
Broad-based index 2	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	-	7.58%
Broad-based index 3	22.90%	11.27%	14.88%	-	13.91%
<b>Series F5<sup>2</sup></b>	11.28%	3.78%	6.21%	-	4.20%
Benchmark	12.32%	3.88%	7.40%	-	6.39%
Broad-based index 1	7.12%	(2.32)%	1.75%	-	2.05%
Broad-based index 2	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	-	7.58%
Broad-based index 3	22.90%	11.27%	14.88%	-	13.91%
<b>Series T5<sup>1</sup></b>	10.04%	2.67%	5.03%	-	3.23%
Benchmark	12.32%	3.88%	7.40%	-	6.38%
Broad-based index 1	7.12%	(2.32)%	1.75%	-	1.99%
Broad-based index 2	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	-	8.06%
Broad-based index 3	22.90%	11.27%	14.88%	-	13.43%

<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 float-adjusted 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, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.57	12.31	11.42	10.76	9.71
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.27	0.23	0.25	0.18	0.21
Total expenses	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.17)	(0.17)
Realized gains (losses)	0.16	0.38	0.50	0.32	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.77	(1.75)	0.58	0.32	1.07
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	1.03	(1.32)	1.14	0.65	1.10
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.10	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.04
From capital gains	0.03	0.40	0.20	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.13	0.44	0.25	0.01	0.04
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	11.49	10.57	12.31	11.42	10.76

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	61,109	69,241	77,892	71,160	70,371
Number of units outstanding <sup>(6)</sup>	5,318,470	6,553,973	6,329,211	6,233,279	6,537,745
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	1.71	1.73	1.72	1.74	1.75
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.73	1.73	1.72	1.74	1.75
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.23	35.47	21.92	61.42	35.11
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.49	10.56	12.31	11.42	10.76

### Series F

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.41	12.18	11.28	10.63	9.58
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.27	0.23	0.25	0.18	0.21
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	0.17	0.39	0.48	0.32	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.74	(1.76)	0.59	0.28	1.05
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	1.13	(1.19)	1.26	0.73	1.20
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.08	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04
From dividends	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.11	0.11
From capital gains	0.03	0.42	0.19	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.25	0.59	0.37	0.13	0.15
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	11.33	10.41	12.18	11.28	10.63

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	125,205	110,439	132,797	109,101	113,134
Number of units outstanding <sup>(6)</sup>	11,053,640	10,605,178	10,906,067	9,673,476	10,639,230
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	0.60	0.61	0.60	0.62	0.65
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.62	0.61	0.60	0.62	0.65
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.23	35.47	21.92	61.42	35.11
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.33	10.41	12.18	11.28	10.63

## Series F5

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(4)</sup>

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	7.81	9.47	9.13	8.96	8.34
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.19	0.17	0.19	0.14	0.18
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	0.10	0.28	0.40	0.25	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.54	(1.29)	0.47	0.02	0.88
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.79	(0.88)	1.01	0.37	1.02
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.04
From dividends	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.10
From capital gains	0.02	0.27	0.18	—	—
Return of capital	0.24	0.35	0.34	0.35	0.28
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	0.43	0.74	0.66	0.46	0.42
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	8.24	7.81	9.47	9.13	8.96

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,293	2,137	2,384	2,784	4,232
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	156,964	273,434	251,768	305,069	472,304
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.59	0.61	0.61	0.64	0.65
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.64	0.65
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.23	35.47	21.92	61.42	35.11
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.24	7.81	9.47	9.13	8.96

## Series T5

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(4)</sup>

Commencement of operations: July 14, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	7.38	9.06	8.78	8.72	8.22
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.19	0.16	0.19	0.14	0.17
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.14)
Realized gains (losses)	0.12	0.27	0.36	0.25	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.54	(1.30)	0.46	0.24	0.91
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.73	(1.00)	0.86	0.49	0.94
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.07	0.03	0.04	—	0.03
From capital gains	0.02	0.27	0.14	—	—
Return of capital	0.31	0.43	0.40	0.44	0.38
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	0.40	0.73	0.58	0.44	0.41
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	7.71	7.38	9.06	8.78	8.72

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,316	1,291	1,689	1,393	1,607
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	170,791	174,988	186,429	158,639	184,232
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.77	1.79
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.74	1.72	1.72	1.77	1.79
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.23	35.47	21.92	61.42	35.11
Net asset value per unit (\$)	7.71	7.38	9.06	8.78	8.72

- <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. The management expense ratio includes, if necessary, the management expenses from its underlying funds, as described in Article 15.2 of Regulation 81-106.
- <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, 2023

### Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
iShares, Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF	23.8
BMO S&P 500 Index ETF	11.5
iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF	9.5
BMO S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	8.0
Horizons S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF	6.7
BMO Long Provincial Bond Index ETF	6.6
BMO DISCOUNT BOND	6.3
BMO MSCI USA HIGH QUAL INDX	3.8
BMO Low Volatility Canadian Equity ETF	3.6
HORIZONS US 7-10 YEAR TREASURY BOND ETF	3.4
ProShares S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats ETF	3.2
BMO Corporate Bond Index ETF	3.0
NBI Liquid Alternatives ETF	2.9
ISHARES MSCI USA QUALITY FAC	2.5
Franklin FTSE Japan ETF	2.3
Schwab	1.9
iShares, Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	1.0
	100.0
Net asset value	\$188,924,086

### Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Fixed Income	45.7
Global Equity	35.6
Canadian Equity	18.2
Alternative Investments	0.4
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.1

### Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	19.3
Information Technology	17.8
Industrials	12.6
Consumer Discretionary	8.6
Energy	7.5
Health Care	7.5
Consumer Staples	7.4
Materials	6.6
Communication Services	6.3
Utilities	3.5
Real Estate	2.8
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.1

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](http://www.nbinvestments.ca).

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