

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2023

Canadian Equity Private Portfolio

## **NBI Canadian High Conviction Equity Private Portfolio**

### **Notes on forward-looking statements**

This report may contain forward-looking statements concerning the Fund, its future performance, its strategies or prospects or about future events or circumstances. Such forward-looking statements include, among others, statements with respect to our beliefs, plans, expectations, estimates and intentions. The use of the expressions "foresee", "intend", "anticipate", "estimate", "assume", "believe" and "expect" and other similar terms and expressions indicate forward-looking statements.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements imply the use of assumptions and necessarily involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Consequently, there is a significant risk that the explicit or implicit forecasts contained in these forward-looking statements might not materialize or that they may not prove to be accurate in the future. A number of factors could cause future results, conditions or events to differ materially from the objectives, expectations, estimates or intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. Such differences might be caused by several factors, including changes in Canadian and worldwide economic and financial conditions (in particular interest and exchange rates and the prices of other financial instruments), market trends, new regulatory provisions, competition, changes in technology and the potential impact of conflicts and other international events.

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Canadian High Conviction Equity Private Portfolio's investment objective is to provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests, directly or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio that consists primarily of common shares of Canadian companies selected using a high conviction investment approach.

The portfolio manager selects a portfolio of securities of well-established companies with long-term growth prospects, relying on its convictions to select portfolio securities. In applying this high conviction investment approach, industry and geographic allocation and the weighting of each security in the portfolio will generally differ significantly from the allocation and weighting in the fund's reference index. It is expected that investments in foreign securities will not exceed approximately 10 % of the Fund's assets.

### 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 Canadian High Conviction Equity Private Portfolio's Advisor Series units returned 10.61% compared to 11.75% for the Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, 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 9.47% over the period, from \$1.998 billion as at December 31, 2022 to \$2.187 billion as at December 31, 2023.

Canada's stock market produced a solid, double-digit gain in 2023. The S&P/TSX Composite Index chopped sideways in a broad range for much of the year in response to the shifting outlook for economic growth and interest rates. However, the backdrop improved considerably in the November-December time frame on mounting expectations that the Bank of Canada and other major central banks would stop tightening policy and perhaps even begin cutting interest rates in the year ahead. In addition, GDP growth remained on track to finish 2023 in positive territory, raising hopes that the economy could experience a "soft landing" despite the increase in rates over the past two years. Together, these favorable developments helped the index close near an 18-month high. The energy, financials, and mining sectors all provided solid absolute returns and contributed to the positive showing. Still, Canada trailed both the United States and its global developed-market peers due largely to its tilt toward energy stocks and other value-oriented sectors (including financials and materials) that lagged.

Over the period the Fund underperformed its benchmark. The largest contribution to performance came as a result of security selection in the Energy, Consumer Staples, Consumer Discretionary and Financials sectors, and an underweight to the Materials sector. Conversely, the majority of underperformance came as a result of an underweight in Technology names.

### Recent Developments

In terms of changes throughout the year, positions in WSP Global, CAE, Pembina Pipeline and Tourmaline Oil were initiated. Conversely, positions in Transcontinental and Blackberry were sold.

The portfolio manager added to existing positions in Royal Bank of Canada and Bank of Montreal. Meanwhile he reduced our positions in Toronto Dominion Bank, Canadian Natural Resources, Shopify, and Brookfield Corp.

The Fund's overall stance has not changed materially from the previous period, and he continues to position the portfolio conservatively. Valuations in Canada remain at a much more reasonable level than the U.S., but he believes earnings estimates for 2024 could be vulnerable to downward revisions. He is also carefully watching the impact of rising rates on the Canadian consumer, which he expects to be vulnerable given already high debt servicing costs and depleting savings.

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 Advisor Series, Series F, Series F5 or Series T5 of 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.

NBII acts as principal distributor for the Series N and Series NR of the Fund. Trailing commissions are covered by NBI Private Wealth Management's service fees, which are paid directly by investors.

### 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>	685,300.97
<b>Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial</b>	21,248.51

### Holdings

As at December 31, 2023, National Bank Investments Inc. held 295.07 Fund securities for a value of \$2,698.16, which represented close to 0.0002% 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.

### Independent Review Committee Approvals and Recommendations

The Fund followed the standing instructions of its Independent Review Committee with respect to one or more of the following transactions:

- Purchasing or holding the securities of a related issuer, in particular, those of National Bank of Canada;
- Investing in the securities of an issuer when an entity related to the manager acts as an underwriter for the placement or at any time during the 60-day period after the end of the placement;
- Purchasing or selling securities to another investment Fund managed by the manager or a company in the same group;
- Purchasing or selling debt securities on the secondary market, through related brokers that are main brokers in the Canadian debt securities market (in accordance with an exemption received from the Canadian Securities Administrators);
- Entering into foreign exchange transactions (including both spot transactions and forward transactions) with National Bank of Canada.

The Manager has implemented policies and procedures to make sure that the conditions applicable to each of the above transactions are met. The applicable standing instructions require that these transactions be carried out in accordance with NBII policies, which specify, in particular, that investment decisions pertaining to these related party transactions must be made free from any influence by an entity related to NBII and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to NBII. Furthermore, the investment decisions must represent the business judgment of the securities advisor, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interest of the Fund and must achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

### 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. 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 management fees paid by the Fund only cover management of fund investments, i.e. the fees related to management of fund portfolios constituting the profiles of the NBI Private Wealth Management service ("PWM"). General administration services, trailer fees and sale commissions paid to brokers are covered by the PWM's service fees, which are paid directly by investors. The breakdown of major services provided in consideration of the management fees, expressed as an approximate percentage of the management fees is as follows:

Series	Management Fees	Distribution	Others <sup>†</sup>
Advisor Series			
Front-end load	1.45%	68.97%	31.03%
Series T5			
Front-end load	1.45%	68.97%	31.03%
Series F and Series F5	0.45%	—	100.00%
Series N and Series NR*	0.20%	—	100.00%
Series O	N/A**	—	100.00%

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

<sup>(j)</sup> For Series N and NR, offered only to investors using the NBI Private Wealth Management service ("PWM"), management fees only cover management of fund investments, i.e. the fees related to management of fund portfolios constituting the PWM profiles. General administration services, trailer fees and sale commissions paid to brokers are covered by the PWM's service fees, which are paid directly by investors.

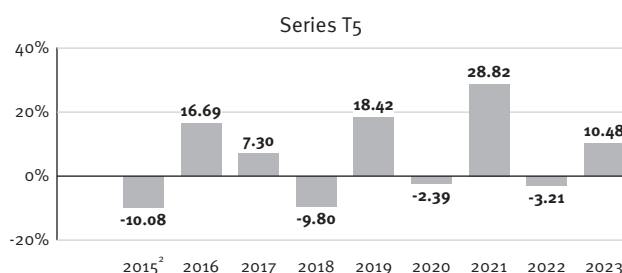
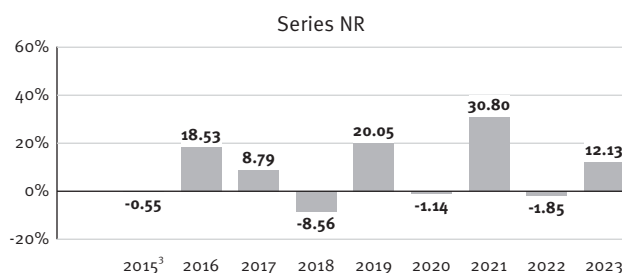
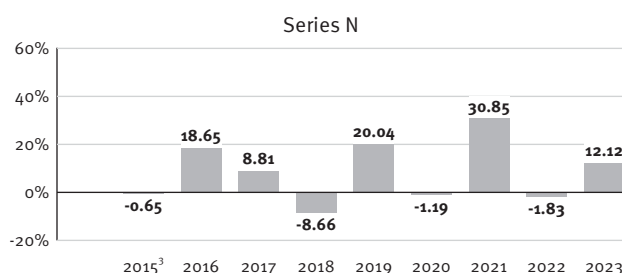
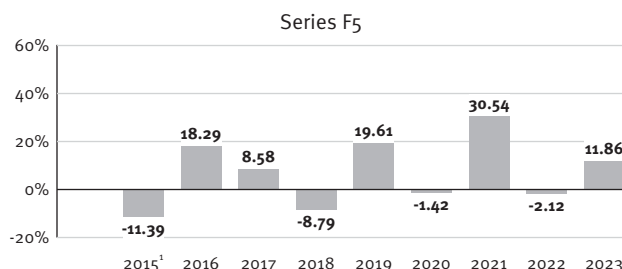
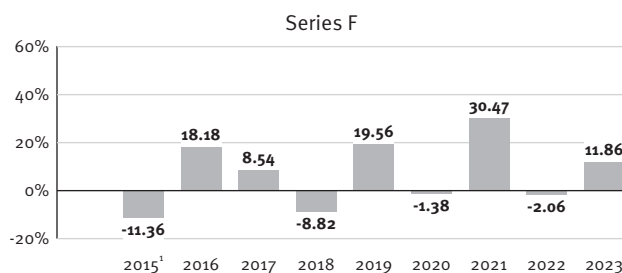
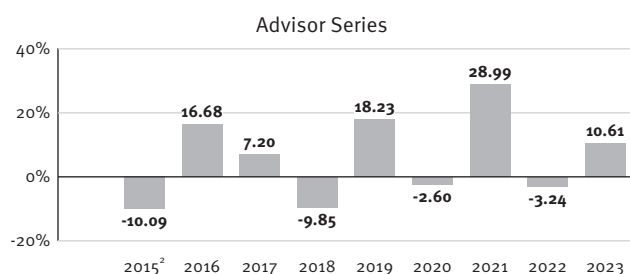
<sup>(k)</sup> The Series O is only available to selected investors that have been approved and have entered into an O Series units account agreement with National Bank Investments Inc. The criteria for approval may include the size of the investment, the expected level of account activity and the investor's 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.



<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.

<sup>(3)</sup> Returns for the period from October 30, 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 benchmark:

- S&P/TSX Composite Index (CAD)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
<b>Advisor Series<sup>1</sup></b>	10.61%	11.35%	9.71%	–	5.80%
Benchmark	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	–	8.06%
<b>Series F<sup>2</sup></b>	11.86%	12.65%	11.00%	–	6.69%
Benchmark	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	–	7.58%
<b>Series F5<sup>2</sup></b>	11.86%	12.64%	11.00%	–	6.71%
Benchmark	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	–	7.58%
<b>Series N<sup>3</sup></b>	12.12%	12.93%	11.31%	–	8.86%
Benchmark	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	–	8.97%
<b>Series NR<sup>3</sup></b>	12.13%	12.91%	11.31%	–	8.88%
Benchmark	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	–	8.97%
<b>Series T5<sup>4</sup></b>	10.48%	11.27%	9.75%	–	5.84%
Benchmark	11.75%	9.59%	11.30%	–	8.06%

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Commencement of operations: October 30, 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 Description

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.

## 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>	12.15	12.62	9.86	10.41	9.01
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.43	0.41	0.32	0.33	0.36
Total expenses	(0.24)	(0.23)	(0.22)	(0.18)	(0.19)
Realized gains (losses)	0.30	0.49	0.30	(0.40)	0.16
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.90	(0.72)	2.40	(0.69)	1.30
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	1.39	(0.05)	2.80	(0.94)	1.63
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.19	0.06	0.10	0.28	0.19
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	0.05
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.19	0.06	0.10	0.28	0.24
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	13.25	12.15	12.62	9.86	10.41

### 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>	6,587	6,914	3,159	2,479	6,133
Number of units outstanding <sup>(6)</sup>	497,285	568,920	250,312	251,347	589,258
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	1.83	1.83	1.84	1.84	1.83
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.83	1.83	1.84	1.84	1.83
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	27.20	33.36	17.78	36.11	36.43
Net asset value per unit (\$)	13.25	12.15	12.62	9.86	10.41

### Series F / Private Series\*

<sup>(1)</sup> Please note that the Private Series was created on November 28, 2016, and is offered by way of private placement.

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>	13.50	14.11	10.99	11.46	9.87
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.48	0.44	0.37	0.37	0.39
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.08)
Realized gains (losses)	0.34	0.52	0.32	(0.35)	0.17
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.84	(1.25)	2.65	(0.25)	1.38
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	1.56	(0.39)	3.25	(0.30)	1.86
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.38	0.32	0.23	0.31	0.29
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	0.05
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.38	0.32	0.23	0.31	0.34
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	14.72	13.50	14.11	10.99	11.46

### 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>	200,800	184,556	173,919	102,375	122,943
Number of units outstanding <sup>(6)</sup>	13,644,125	13,672,564	12,322,676	9,314,204	10,725,511
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	0.66	0.65	0.64	0.65	0.69
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.66	0.65	0.64	0.65	0.69
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	27.20	33.36	17.78	36.11	36.43
Net asset value per unit (\$)	14.72	13.50	14.11	10.99	11.46

## 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>	10.27	11.05	8.85	9.50	8.34
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.36	0.34	0.28	0.30	0.33
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses)	0.24	0.40	0.27	(0.28)	0.14
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.65	(1.12)	2.17	(0.14)	1.13
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	1.18	(0.45)	2.65	(0.18)	1.53
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.26	0.25	0.21	0.23	0.26
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	0.04
Return of capital	0.25	0.31	0.23	0.25	0.16
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	0.51	0.56	0.44	0.48	0.46
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	10.94	10.27	11.05	8.85	9.50

### 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>	390	253	231	210	225
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	35,667	24,627	20,951	23,736	23,711
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.66	0.68
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.66	0.68
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	27.20	33.36	17.78	36.11	36.43
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.94	10.27	11.05	8.85	9.50

## Series N

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

Commencement of operations: October 30, 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>	13.59	14.22	11.08	11.49	9.83
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.49	0.44	0.37	0.37	0.39
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	0.34	0.52	0.33	(0.30)	0.17
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.84	(1.23)	2.75	0.17	1.39
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	1.61	(0.33)	3.39	0.19	1.90
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.40	0.36	0.28	0.27	0.27
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	0.04
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	0.40	0.36	0.28	0.27	0.31
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	14.83	13.59	14.22	11.08	11.49

### 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>	818,697	702,595	793,846	550,923	429,262
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	55,203,958	51,706,794	55,820,130	49,701,812	37,354,023
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	27.20	33.36	17.78	36.11	36.43
Net asset value per unit (\$)	14.83	13.59	14.22	11.08	11.49

## Series NR

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

Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	9.96	10.80	8.70	9.44	8.33
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.35	0.32	0.28	0.30	0.32
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	0.24	0.38	0.26	(0.24)	0.14
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.60	(0.90)	2.11	0.09	1.17
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	1.15	(0.24)	2.61	0.11	1.59
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.29	0.27	0.22	0.24	0.28
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	0.04
Return of capital	0.31	0.38	0.30	0.33	0.22
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	0.60	0.65	0.52	0.57	0.54
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	10.53	9.96	10.80	8.70	9.44

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	7,575	7,003	8,638	6,152	5,214
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	719,593	703,425	800,125	707,460	552,562
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	27.20	33.36	17.78	36.11	36.43
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.53	9.96	10.80	8.70	9.44

## Series O

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

Commencement of operations: May 29, 2023

Accounting Period Ended	2023
	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>	
Total revenue	0.23
Total expenses	—
Realized gains (losses)	0.12
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.46
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.81
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>	
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—
From dividends	0.10
From capital gains	—
Return of capital	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	0.10
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	10.71

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023
	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	18,114
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	1,690,557
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	27.20
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.71



## Series T5

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

Commencement of operations: July 14, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	7.92	8.62	6.99	7.61	6.74
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.30	0.26	0.22	0.23	0.26
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.12)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses)	0.16	0.31	0.20	(0.29)	0.13
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.07	(0.69)	1.71	(0.86)	0.90
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	1.38	(0.27)	1.98	(1.04)	1.16
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.10	0.10	0.07	0.15	0.12
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	0.02
Return of capital	0.30	0.33	0.28	0.25	0.21
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.40	0.43	0.35	0.40	0.35
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	8.33	7.92	8.62	6.99	7.61

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	45	1	2	1	47
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	5,409	185	175	168	6,145
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.84	1.82	1.87	1.67	1.73
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.85	1.82	1.87	1.69	1.74
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	27.20	33.36	17.78	36.11	36.43
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.33	7.92	8.62	6.99	7.61

## Series PW\*

<sup>(1)</sup> Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

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

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	19.49	20.38	15.91	16.61	14.33
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.69	0.63	0.52	0.53	0.56
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses)	0.48	0.75	0.47	(0.48)	0.25
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.25	(1.70)	3.87	(0.21)	2.07
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	2.35	(0.39)	4.79	(0.22)	2.82
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.60	0.52	0.41	0.46	0.51
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	0.07
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.60	0.52	0.41	0.46	0.58
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	21.23	19.49	20.38	15.91	16.61

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,039,071	995,052	972,353	598,948	567,094
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	48,943,441	51,049,634	47,704,558	37,641,221	34,143,208
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	27.20	33.36	17.78	36.11	36.43
Net asset value per unit (\$)	21.23	19.49	20.38	15.91	16.61

## Series PWO\*

<sup>(1)</sup> Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

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

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	14.78	15.45	12.08	12.62	10.92
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.52	0.48	0.40	0.40	0.43
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.37	0.57	0.36	(0.37)	0.18
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.95	(1.18)	3.04	(0.17)	1.75
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	1.82	(0.15)	3.78	(0.16)	2.34
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.50	0.43	0.36	0.38	0.44
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	0.06
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	0.50	0.43	0.36	0.38	0.50
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	16.09	14.78	15.45	12.08	12.62

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	95,655	101,382	101,947	82,454	90,699
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	5,946,465	6,858,568	6,597,380	6,826,639	7,186,997
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	27.20	33.36	17.78	36.11	36.43
Net asset value per unit (\$)	16.09	14.78	15.45	12.08	12.62

<sup>(5)</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>(6)</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>(7)</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>(a)</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
Royal Bank of Canada	6.5
Toronto-Dominion Bank	5.0
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	4.0
Shopify Inc., Class A	3.7
Bank of Montreal	3.6
Brookfield Corp.	3.5
CANADIAN PACIFIC KANSAS CITY	3.5
Enbridge Inc.	3.4
Canadian National Railway Co.	3.2
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	2.5
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	2.2
Waste Connections Inc.	2.2
Scotiabank	2.1
Manulife Financial Corp.	2.0
TC Energy Corp.	2.0
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	1.9
Constellation Software Inc.	1.8
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.	1.8
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1.6
Power Corporation of Canada	1.6
Barrick Gold Corp.	1.6
Nutrien Ltd.	1.5
Thomson Reuters Corp.	1.5
Imperial Oil Ltd.	1.4
Teck Resources Ltd., Class B	1.3
	65.4

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### Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	32.5
Energy	18.1
Industrials	14.1
Materials	9.2
Information Technology	7.2
Consumer Staples	4.6
Consumer Discretionary	3.9
Communication Services	3.0
Utilities	2.9
Real Estate	2.0
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	2.5

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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