

## INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended June 30, 2020

Money Market Fund

### **NBI Money Market Fund**

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2020, the NBI Money Market Fund's Investor Series units returned 0.32% compared to 0.81% for the Fund's benchmark, the FTSE Canada 91 Day T-Bill 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.

The Fund's net asset value dropped by 78.34% over the period, from \$298.05 million as at December 31, 2019 to \$64.57 million as at June 30, 2020.

This decline stemmed mainly from net redemptions by unitholders of the Fund.

2020 started with positive momentum with many markets reaching record highs up until mid-February. However, fears of a global pandemic that nobody saw coming, quickly turned to reality, sending markets across the world in a downward spiral.

Fear gripped investors and financial markets were roiled against the backdrop of the escalating COVID-19 pandemic and the economic fallout from the aggressive countermeasures to contain it. Meanwhile, the global oil price war added to a fragile and panic-stricken backdrop, which emboldened the risk-off trade. The gloomy mood sent shockwaves through the marketplace and global equity markets as well as corporate, high yield and emerging bonds slid into bear market terrain before paring almost all its losses due to unconditional support from central banks and fiscal stimulus. At the peak of the crisis, in mid-March, a global flight to safety where only government backed securities seemed to have any value, propelled Treasury bills rate and government bond yields lower.

Fortunately, central banks around the world were quick to react, cutting rates and launching various programs aimed at providing liquidity and reestablishing a functioning market. Both the U.S. Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada lowered their benchmark rates to minimal levels (0.25% in Canada and 0.13% in the U.S. during the period. Governments over the world also launched massive stimulus packages offering support to individuals and businesses.

In this tumultuous and unprecedented market environment, corporate credit yield spreads vs Treasury bills blew out in March as the economic shutdown threatened corporate health and liquidity seized up. Over the second quarter, those spreads begun to narrow as quantitative easing programs took effect and market conditions improved.

In this context, Canadian T-bill rates have nevertheless ended the semester much lower, regardless of their respective maturities.

In this falling rate environment, the Fund failed to outpace its benchmark after fees. While the portfolio manager's strategy has always been to add value by holding credit securities, the first quarter has been particularly difficult with the COVID 19 outbreak. However, as market stabilized, these assets regained strength and added value to the Fund's return in Q2.

During the worst of the credit market distress situation in March-April, the portfolio manager did replace the maturing credit securities with short-term government ones to avoid any outflow-funding risk. Since federal and provincial securities are yielding less than financials and corporate ones, the average yield of the portfolio was indeed reduced.

With the financial markets coming back to a more normal status, albeit with much lower rates, the portfolio manager did return to his proven strategy to add value with high credit securities. To buffer any unpleasant rating event, he did reduce his investments in R1 LOW rating securities to only a few names.

### Recent Developments

The portfolio manager believes that the worst of the financial debacle is behind us and that we will not see negative interest rates in North America. We must get used to extremely low yields for the foreseeable future. But as yield spread between Canada T-Bills and either Commercial Paper, Banker Acceptances and Provincial Securities are near their all-time low, it will get more challenging to add extra value.

On April 30, 2019, the Fund's independent review committee (the "IRC") was reduced to three members when André Godbout resigned as an IRC member. On May 22, 2019, the Fund's IRC was increased to five members when Norman Turnbull and Robert Martin were appointed as IRC members.

### Related Party Transactions

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

#### Trustee, Custodian, and Registrar

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

NTC acts as registrar for the Fund's securities and the names of securityholders. NTC also acts as the Fund's custodian. The fees for NTC's custodial services are based on the standard rates in effect at NTC.

#### Fund Manager

The Fund is managed by National Bank Investments Inc. ("NBII"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. Therefore, NBII provides or ensures the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund's current operations, including investment consulting, the arrangement of brokerage contracts for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio, bookkeeping and other administrative services required by the Fund.

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the Fund other than its "Fund costs" (defined below) (the "variable operating expenses"), in exchange for the Fund's payment to the Manager of annual fixed-rate administration fees with respect to each series of the Fund.

The administration fees are equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of each series of the Fund, calculated and paid in the same manner as the Fund's management fees. The variable operating expenses payable by the Manager include, but are not limited to: transfer agency and recordkeeping costs; custodial costs; accounting and valuation fees; audit fees and legal fees; costs of preparing and distributing financial reports, simplified prospectuses, annual information forms, Fund Facts, continuous disclosure material and other securityholder communications; and costs of trustee services relating to registered tax plans, as applicable.

In addition to administration fees, the Fund shall also pay certain Fund costs, namely: taxes (including, but not limited to, GST/HST and income taxes); costs of compliance with any changes to existing governmental or regulatory requirements introduced after August 1, 2013; costs of compliance with any new governmental or regulatory requirements, including any new fees introduced after August 1, 2013; interest and borrowing costs; costs related to external services that were not commonly charged in the Canadian mutual fund industry as at August 1, 2013; Independent Review Committee costs, including compensation paid to IRC members, travel expenses, insurance premiums and costs associated with their continuing education; and variable operating expenses incurred outside of the normal course of business of the Fund.

The Manager may, from time to time and at its sole discretion, decide to absorb a portion of a series' management fees, administration fees or Fund costs.

As described under the heading *Management Fees*, the Fund pays annual management fees to NBII as consideration for its services.

## Distribution and Dealer Compensation

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

## 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

NTC receives a fixed amount per registered account for services provided as trustee for registered plans.

## Administrative and Operating Services

The provision of certain services was delegated by the Fund Manager, NBII, to National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of the Bank. These include accounting, reporting and portfolio valuation services. The fees incurred for these services are paid to NBT by the Fund manager.

## Management Fees

The Fund pays annual management fees to the Fund manager for its management services. The fees are calculated based on a percentage of the Fund's daily net asset value before applicable taxes and are paid on a monthly basis. A portion of the management fees paid by the Fund covers maximum annual trailer fees and sales commissions paid to brokers. The remainder of the management fees primarily covers investment management and general administration services. The breakdown of major services provided in consideration of the management fees, expressed as an approximate percentage of the management fees is as follows:

Series	Management Fees	Distribution	Others <sup>†</sup>
Investor Series	0.75%	33.33%	66.67%
Advisor Series*			
Front-end load	0.75%	33.33%	66.67%
Back-end load - 1 to 6 years	0.75%	33.33%	66.67%
Back-end load - 7 years and more	0.75%	33.33%	66.67%
Low load - 1 to 3 years	0.75%	33.33%	66.67%
Low load - 4 years and more	0.75%	33.33%	66.67%
Series F	0.50%	—	100.00%
Series O	N/A**	—	100.00%

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

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

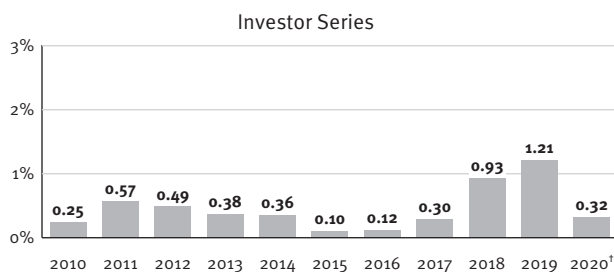
<sup>(\*\*)</sup> There are no management fees paid by the Fund with respect to the Series O. Instead, Series O securityholders pay a negotiated administration fee directly to National Bank Investments.

## Past Performance

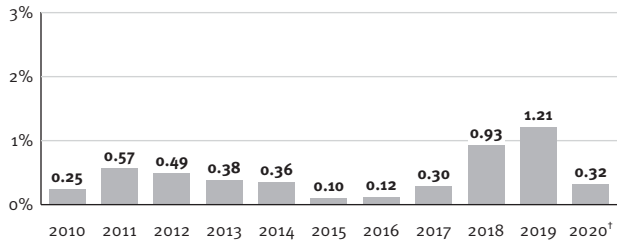
The performance of each series of the Fund is presented below and calculated as at December 31 of each year. It assumes that all distributions made in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities and does not take into account sales, redemption charges, distributions, or optional charges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

## Annual Returns

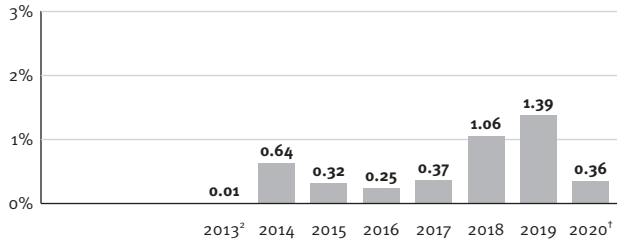
The bar charts indicate the performance for each the Fund's series in existence greater than one year during the years shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from year to year. They show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 (or made commencing from the start of the series) would have grown or decreased by December 31 of that year, or by June 30, as applicable.



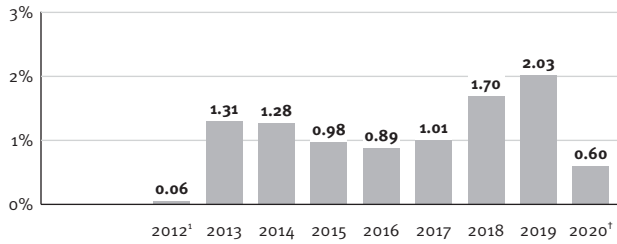
Advisor Series



Series F



Series O



<sup>(1)</sup> Returns for the period from December 14, 2012 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2012.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from December 24, 2013 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2013.

<sup>(†)</sup> Returns for the period from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the accounting periods shown.

### Investor / Advisor\* Series

<sup>(1)</sup> The Advisor Series was created on February 8, 2002.

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: December 21, 1990

Accounting Period Ended	2020 June 30	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>						
Total revenue	0.06	0.20	0.17	0.10	0.09	0.10
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.03	0.12	0.09	0.02	0.01	0.01
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.03	0.12	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.01
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.03	0.12	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.01
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2020 June 30	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	57,647	44,623	54,551	51,267	134,880	153,979
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	5,764,669	4,462,265	5,455,036	5,126,641	13,488,013	15,397,886
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.59	0.84	0.78	0.75	0.79	0.90
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.69	0.86	0.81	0.94	0.95	0.95
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

### Series F

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: December 24, 2013

Accounting Period Ended	2020 June 30	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>						
Total revenue	0.06	0.20	0.17	0.11	0.10	0.09
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.01)	0.01	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.03	0.14	0.11	0.04	0.03	0.02
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.04	0.14	0.11	0.04	0.25	0.03
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.04	0.14	0.11	0.04	0.25	0.03
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2020 June 30	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	3,590	1,702	1,999	3,132	1,037	1,097
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	358,995	170,160	199,881	313,240	103,692	109,720
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.48	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.65	0.67
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.58	0.68	0.69	0.67	0.66	0.67
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

## Series O

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

Commencement of operations: December 14, 2012

Accounting Period Ended	2020 June 30	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>						
Total revenue	0.09	0.20	0.18	0.10	0.09	0.10
Total expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Realized gains (losses)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	—	—	—	—	—	(0.01)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	0.09	0.20	0.18	0.10	0.09	0.09
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.06	0.20	0.17	0.10	0.06	0.10
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(b)</sup>	0.06	0.20	0.17	0.10	0.06	0.10
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2020 June 30	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(c)</sup>	3,330	251,721	269,317	82,407	108,534	112,371
Number of units outstanding <sup>(c)</sup>	332,989	25,172,093	26,931,678	8,240,716	10,853,432	11,237,133
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(d)</sup>	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.12	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(e)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(f)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited Financial Statements and Interim Unaudited 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 before waivers or absorptions as at December 31, 2015 has been adjusted for the Investor and Advisor Series to reflect a non-material correction related to a programming error in the ratio calculation.

<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. Since calculating an average daily allocation of the trading expenses would take considerable effort, an average monthly allocation has been used instead for the accounting periods prior to 2016.

<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 June 30, 2020

### Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Province of New Brunswick, 0.22%, due September 3, 2020	10.5
Province of Ontario, 0.25%, due September 2, 2020	9.3
Bank of Nova Scotia, Floating, due July 13, 2020	7.4
Fédération des caisses Desjardins, 0.29%, due August 31, 2020	6.5
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 1.85%, due July 14, 2020	4.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 0.30%, due August 25, 2020	4.6
Province of Ontario, 0.25%, due September 9, 2020	4.6
Royal Bank of Canada, Floating, due July 28, 2020	3.9
Toronto-Dominion Bank, Floating, due July 6, 2020	3.1
Bank of Montreal, Floating, due July 14, 2020	2.9
CDP Financial Inc., 4.60%, due July 15, 2020	2.7
Bank of Montreal, 0.31%, due August 12, 2020	2.6
John Deere Canada Funding Inc., 1.60%, due July 13, 2020	2.4
Royal Bank of Canada, 0.32%, due September 14, 2020	2.3
Énergir Inc., 0.33%, due July 2, 2020	2.3
Nestlé SA, 0.28%, due August 26, 2020	2.1
OMERS Finance Trust, 0.28%, due July 24, 2020	2.1
BMW Canada Inc., 1.88%, due December 11, 2020	2.0
Great-West Lifeco Inc., 4.65%, due August 13, 2020	2.0
Ontario Teachers Finance Trust, 0.34%, due November 18, 2020	2.0
National Bank of Canada, 0.29%, due July 2, 2020	1.9
Honda Canada Finance Inc., Floating, due August 28, 2020	1.9
TransLink, 0.29%, due July 9, 2020	1.9
HSBC Bank Canada, 1.82%, due July 7, 2020	1.8
Cash and Other Net Assets	0.4
	88.0

Net asset value ..... \$64,566,535

### Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Corporate Bonds	33.7
Provincial T-Bills	24.5
Banker's Acceptance	17.9
Commercial Papers	10.5
Short Term Notes	10.3
Provincial Bonds	2.7
Cash and Other Net Assets	0.4

The above table shows the top 25 positions held by the Fund. In the case of a Fund with fewer than 25 positions, all positions are indicated.

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment Fund. A quarterly update is available. Please consult our Web site at [www.nbinvestments.ca](http://www.nbinvestments.ca).