

# **INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

For the period ended June 30, 2024

Global Equity Fund NBI SmartData U.S. Equity Fund

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# **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

#### **Results of Operations**

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2024, the NBI *SmartData* U.S. Equity Fund's Investor Series units returned 19.61% compared to 19.64% for the Fund's benchmark, the S&P 500 Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the the returns of all of the Fund's series, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

Certain series of the Fund, as applicable, may make distributions at a rate determined by the manager. This rate may change from time to time. If the aggregate amount of distributions in such series exceeds the portion of net income and net realized capital gains allocated to such series, the excess will constitute a return of capital. The manager does not believe that the return of capital distributions made by such series of the Fund have a meaningful impact on the Fund's ability to implement its investment strategy or to fulfill its investment objective.

The Fund's net asset value rose by 10.84% over the period, from \$643.57 million as at December 31, 2023 to \$713.35 million as at June 30, 2024.

The increase stemmed mainly from investments in the Fund by other NBI Funds and market fluctuations.

The S&P 500 Index rose significantly in the second quarter of 2024, following two consecutive quarters of robust performance.

Concerns around hotter than expected inflation and overall economic performance at the start of the quarter drove market sentiment downwards. However, the market rebounded in the month of May, this strong performance is primarily attributable to better-than-expected first-quarter earnings results from several companies across multiple sectors.

Markets were further strengthened by improved manufacturing activity, as was witnessed by an increase in the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which rose towards the end of the period, signalling a modest improvement in the health of the industry. Despite inflation remaining above Fed's target, the Core Personal Consumption Expenditures Index rose less than previous months, the possibility of a rate cut helped market sentiment in general.

In terms of sectoral performances, the InfoTech and Utilities sectors gained significantly, both on the back of strong sentiment around stocks in the Artificial Intelligence industry and rising earnings. The Energy sector declined on falling oil prices while Consumer Discretionary eked out a modest gain as consumer spending concerns were highlighted on multiple corporate earnings calls.

In this context, the Fund underperformed its benchmark.

Among investment themes, signals within the Sentiment Analysis pillar contributed most positively to relative returns followed by the suite of signals within Themes and Trends, High-Quality Business Models, and Fundamental Mispricings.

Within Sentiment Analysis, investor sentiment factors performed well. Meanwhile, signals gauging price momentum within the Themes and Trends pillar helped relative performance. Additionally, within High-Quality Business Models, factors evaluating alternative profitability added to the relative returns of the portfolio. Finally, changes in valuation-related signals helped the performance of the Fundamental Mispricings pillar.

Among sectors, holdings within the Health Care sector contributed the most to relative performance, with an underweight position within the biotechnology industry contributing particularly strongly. On the downside, holdings within the Financials sector detracted the most from excess returns, where an overall overweight position within the insurance industry hurt relative performance.

At an individual stock level, an underweight position in Walt Disney Co, held primarily due to views around High-Quality Business Modelsrelated factors, performed well. Conversely, an overweight position in Monster Beverage Corp, held primarily due to views on Sentiment Analysis-related factors did not do well.

#### **Recent Developments**

There have been no material changes in the investment process/strategy during 1H24. However, our team has always maintained a robust research effort to develop new factors and data sources in order to maintain innovative sources of alpha.

Here are some highlights of our latest research enhancements over the past year:

In the first half of 2024, the QIS Equity Alpha team introduced signals based on new data sets and expanded the scope of existing signals to more markets globally. Examples of expanded signals include the team's most recent sentiment signals that employ the latest in Natural Language Processing and transformer technology that were first implemented in the US.

Within our Sentiment Analysis investment pillar, we extended the suite of signals from our US model to our European model, which help identify changes in sentiment within company regulatory filings. These signals employ transformer technology to generate the contextual meaning of language used within the documents, aiding in forecasting stock returns. Additionally, we also introduced signals which leverage recent trading activity data from select European countries to further expand the set of market exchanges the team can use in order to gauge trading sentiment surrounding a company. This suite of signals analyzes recent trading activity from local versus international investors, and seeks to anticipate the stock price impact caused by these flows and their subsequent trading activity.

Within our Themes & Trends investment pillar, we introduced a suite of signals in the US model, which aim to uncover hidden linkages between companies using the details disclosed in regulatory reports. These signals seek to generate insights based on what companies disclose with regard to their own competitors.

Looking ahead, we continue to believe that cheaper stocks should outpace more expensive ones and good momentum stocks should do better than poor momentum stocks. We also prefer names about which fundamental research analysts are becoming more positive and companies that are profitable, have sustainable earnings and use their capital to enhance shareholder value. As such, we anticipate remaining fully invested and expect that the value we may add over time will be due to stock selection, as opposed to size allocations.

## **Related Party Transactions**

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

### Trustee, Custodian, and Registrar

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

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

### Agent for securities lending transactions

NTC acts as the agent for securities lending transactions acts on behalf of the Fund in administering securities lending transactions entered into by the Fund. NTC is an affiliate of the Manager.

#### Fund Manager

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Distribution and Dealer Compensation**

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

#### **Brokerage Fees**

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

	Period ended June 30, 2024
Total brokerage fees	7,670.61
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	7,670.61

#### Holdings

As at June 30, 2024, National Bank Investments Inc. held 494.10 Fund securities for a value of \$7,910.00, which represented close to 0.0013% of the net asset value of the Fund at that date. Transactions between National Bank Investments Inc. and the Fund were carried out in the normal course of business and at the Fund's net asset value as at the transaction date.

#### **Registered Plan Trust Services**

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. Under the *Distribution* heading, expenses include the broker's compensation consisting of the maximum annual trailer fees and sales commissions paid to brokers. Under the *Other* heading, the fees relate mainly to investment management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit. The breakdown of major services provided in consideration of the management fees, expressed as an approximate percentage of the management fees is as follows:

Series	Management Fees	Distribution	Others <sup>†</sup>
Investor Series	1.70%	58.82%	41.18%
Advisor Series and Series T5*			
Front-end load**	1.70%	58.82%	41.18%
Series H*			
Front-end load	1.70%	58.82%	41.18%
Series F, Series FH and Series F5	0.70%	-	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, Series H and Series T5 with low sales charges option and deferred sales charge option, which are not paid for out of the management fees.

(\*\*) Rate applicable for all investments, including Advisor Series existing before May 14, 2015, systematic investment programs, reinvested distributions and switches.

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

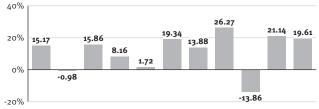
The performance of each series of the Fund is presented below and calculated as at December 31 of each year. It assumes that all distributions made in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities and does not take into account sales, redemption charges, distributions, or optional charges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

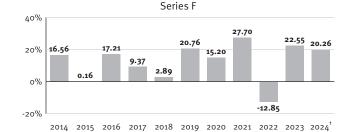
The bar charts indicate the performance for each the Fund's series in existence greater than one year during the years shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from year to year. They show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 (or made commencing from the start of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

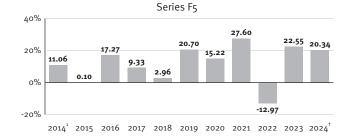


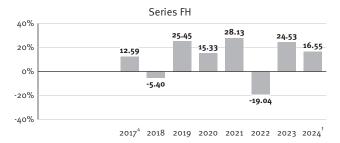
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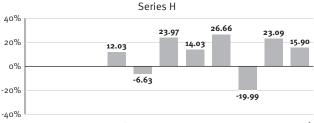


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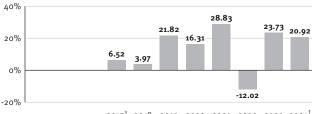






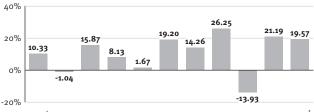
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 $2017^3$  2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024<sup>†</sup>

Series T5



 $2014^{1}$  2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 $^{\dagger}$ 

<sup>(1)</sup> Returns for the period from May 21, 2014 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2014

- <sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from October 30, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.
- <sup>(3)</sup> Returns for the period from April 28, 2017 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2017.
- (4) Returns for the period from May 19, 2017 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2017.
- <sup>(†)</sup> Returns for the period from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

# Financial Highlights

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

### Investor\* / Advisor\*\* Series

<sup>(\*)</sup> The Investor Series was created on October 30, 2015. Please note that the data presented below is in CAD although this Series is also available under the USD purchase option. <sup>(\*)</sup> Please note that the data presented below is in CAD although this Series is also available under the USD purchase option.

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			Co	mmencement o	of operations: N	ovember 22,
Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	17.64	14.66	17.44	15.25	13.54	11.79
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.15	0.25	0.29	0.26	0.16	0.24
Total expenses	(0.20)	(0.34)	(0.33)	(0.34)	(0.30)	(0.28)
Realized gains (losses)	1.74	1.66	0.78	1.09	1.11	0.85
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.77	1.54	(3.37)	2.30	0.72	1.65
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	3.46	3.11	(2.63)	3.31	1.69	2.46
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_	_
From dividends	_	_	_	0.01	_	-
From capital gains	_	0.12	0.37	1.81	0.18	0.53
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	_	0.12	0.37	1.82	0.18	0.53
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	21.10	17.64	14.66	17.44	15.25	13.54

Ratios and Supplemental Data Accounting Period Ended 2021 2020 2024 2023 December 31 2022 2019 December 31 December 31 December 31 December 31 June 30 Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5 26,846 229,580 25,607 38,377 159,183 33,151 Number of units outstanding (5) 1,570,842 1,521,708 10,438,647 16,944,823 1,747,057 2,200,947 Management expense ratio (%)  $^{\scriptscriptstyle (6)}$ 2.12 2.12 2.12 2.10 2.15 2.15 Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) 2.15 2.15 2.15 2.13 2.18 2.18 Trading expense ratio (%)  $^{\scriptscriptstyle (7)}$ 0.01 0.02 0.02 0.01 0.02 0.01 Portfolio turnover rate (%)  $^{(8)}$ 81.01 164.10 170.31 174.89 159.00 144.90 Net asset value per unit (\$) 21.10 17.64 14.66 17.44 15.25 13.55

# Series F\*

<sup>(\*)</sup> Please note that the data presented below is in CAD although this Series is also available under the USD purchase option.

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	June 30	December 31				
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	19.20	15.81	18.56	16.22	14.25	12.37
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.17	0.27	0.30	0.34	0.18	0.26
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.18)	(0.15)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses)	1.90	1.78	0.76	3.48	1.38	0.91
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.94	1.69	(2.98)	1.83	0.82	1.67
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	3.91	3.57	(2.08)	5.47	2.23	2.71
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	0.01	0.01	_	_	0.01
From dividends	_	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.02	0.11
From capital gains	_	0.11	0.29	2.05	0.17	0.57
Return of capital	_	-	-	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	_	0.17	0.37	2.13	0.19	0.69
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	23.09	19.20	15.81	18.56	16.22	14.25

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
-	June 30	December 31				
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	20,947	18,087	14,274	11,488	1,760	1,631
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	907,215	942,111	902,954	618,878	108,514	114,457
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.99	1.00	0.99
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.04	1.03	1.02	1.04	1.03	1.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	81.01	164.10	159.00	170.31	174.89	144.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	23.09	19.20	15.81	18.56	16.22	14.25

## Series FH

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>				Commence	ons: May 12,	
Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	17.58	14.26	17.68	14.02	12.30	10.12
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.15	0.24	0.27	0.27	0.15	0.21
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.15)	(0.13)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses)	1.56	1.62	(0.01)	(2.13)	1.34	0.98
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.19	1.94	(4.04)	7.60	0.62	1.44
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.81	3.65	(3.92)	5.59	1.98	2.51
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	0.01	_	_	_	_
From dividends	_	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03
From capital gains	_	0.10	0.03	0.23	0.16	0.34
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	_	0.17	0.06	0.25	0.18	0.37
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	20.48	17.58	14.26	17.68	14.02	12.30

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	795	652	916	358	4	5
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	38,821	37,077	64,283	20,239	321	437
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.02	1.02	1.00	1.02	1.01	1.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.16	1.19	1.17
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	81.01	164.10	159.00	170.31	174.89	144.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	20.49	17.58	14.26	17.68	14.02	12.31

# Series F5

Net Assets per  $\mathsf{Unit}^{\scriptscriptstyle(1)}$ Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014 Accounting Period Ended 2023 December 31 2024 2022 2021 2020 2019 December 31 December 31 December 31 December 31 June 30 Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4) 11.10 9.56 11.89 10.57 9.84 8.79 Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) Total revenue 0.10 0.16 0.19 0.21 0.14 0.18

Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.12)	(0.10)	(0.10)
Realized gains (losses)	1.10	1.06	0.50	2.29	0.98	0.64
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.02	1.00	(2.04)	0.92	1.38	0.68
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	2.16	2.12	(1.45)	3.30	2.40	1.40
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	0.01	_	_	_
From dividends	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06
From capital gains	-	0.08	0.22	1.01	0.21	0.30
Return of capital	0.27	0.44	0.53	0.49	0.45	0.38
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.28	0.56	0.81	1.54	0.70	0.74
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	13.06	11.10	9.56	11.89	10.57	9.84

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	3,268	2,289	2,416	2,789	6	5
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	250,273	206,147	252,875	234,637	556	519
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.02	1.02	0.99
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.04	1.09	1.10
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	81.01	164.10	159.00	170.31	174.89	144.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	13.06	11.10	9.55	11.89	10.58	9.84

### Series H

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>				Commence	ons: May 12, 2017	
Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	15.79	12.93	16.16	14.15	12.55	10.36
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.13	0.21	0.26	0.26	0.15	0.22
Total expenses	(0.18)	(0.30)	(0.29)	(0.34)	(0.26)	(0.25)
Realized gains (losses)	1.37	1.45	0.03	2.73	1.50	0.96
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.20	1.44	(3.26)	1.24	0.57	1.34
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	2.52	2.80	(3.26)	3.89	1.96	2.27
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_	_
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	0.13	_	1.73	0.16	0.28
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	_	0.13	_	1.73	0.16	0.28
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	18.30	15.79	12.93	16.16	14.15	12.55

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	6,565	6,906	11,884	17,881	16,080	12,002
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	358,750	437,395	919,424	1,106,580	1,136,129	956,238
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.17	2.17	2.17	2.17	2.17	2.17
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.23	2.24	2.25	2.25	2.24	2.24
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	81.01	164.10	159.00	170.31	174.89	144.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	18.30	15.79	12.93	16.16	14.15	12.55

### Series O

Net Assets per  $\mathsf{Unit}^{\scriptscriptstyle(1)}$ Commencement of operations: April 28, 2017 Accounting Period Ended 2023 December 31 2024 2022 2021 2020 2019 June 30 December 31 December 31 December 31 December 31 Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4) 15.50 12.80 15.27 13.34 11.70 10.06 Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)

Total revenue	0.13	0.22	0.25	0.25	0.14	0.21
Total expenses	_	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	_
Realized gains (losses)	1.52	1.42	0.62	2.84	1.00	0.74
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.61	1.44	(2.90)	0.88	0.65	1.21
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	3.26	3.07	(2.04)	3.96	1.78	2.16
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
From dividends	-	0.21	0.26	0.20	0.12	0.16
From capital gains	-	0.11	0.35	1.69	0.15	0.38
Return of capital	_	-	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	-	0.34	0.63	1.90	0.28	0.55
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	18.73	15.50	12.80	15.27	13.34	11.70

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	641,520	583,806	709,908	1,215,102	861,152	924,784
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	34,254,207	37,678,449	55,452,089	79,600,918	64,546,197	78,979,269
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	81.01	164.10	159.00	170.31	174.89	144.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	18.73	15.49	12.80	15.26	13.34	11.71

# Series T5

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>				Commencement of operations: May 21, 2012		
Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.89	9.47	11.92	9.88	9.19	8.34
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.10	0.16	0.19	0.19	0.11	0.17
Total expenses	(0.13)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.16)	(0.21)
Realized gains (losses)	1.15	1.04	0.51	(174.09)	0.83	0.59
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.72	0.98	(2.08)	176.90	0.51	1.01
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.84	1.96	(1.60)	2.78	1.29	1.56
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	_	_	_	_	_
From dividends	_	_	_	0.01	0.02	_
From capital gains	_	0.07	0.21	_	0.10	0.31
Return of capital	0.27	0.47	0.60	0.48	0.45	0.42
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.27	0.54	0.81	0.49	0.57	0.73
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	12.72	10.89	9.47	11.92	9.88	9.19

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	77	18	15	17	2	2
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	6,044	1,634	1,549	1,429	192	180
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.17	2.16	2.17	2.13	1.77	2.25
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.19	2.24	2.24	2.23	2.13	2.55
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	81.01	164.10	159.00	170.31	174.89	144.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	12.73	10.89	9.47	11.92	9.88	9.19

### **Private Series\***

(\*) Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement and that the data presented below is in CAD although this Series is also available under the USD purchase option.

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>				Commencement of operations: May 14, 2018		
Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	16.03	13.19	15.55	13.20	11.53	9.72
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.14	0.22	0.26	0.25	0.17	0.21
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses)	1.60	1.52	0.67	2.72	1.41	0.78
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.53	1.33	(2.78)	1.15	1.01	1.14
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	3.20	2.95	(1.96)	4.01	2.49	2.04
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	0.01	0.01	_	-	-
From dividends	_	0.07	0.10	0.07	0.02	0.04
From capital gains	_	0.10	0.29	1.25	0.11	0.19
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	-
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	_	0.18	0.40	1.32	0.13	0.23
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	19.31	16.03	13.19	15.55	13.20	11.53

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 June 30	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	7,030	4,965	3,349	3,773	1,250	259
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	363,965	309,732	253,841	242,597	94,681	22,456
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.77	0.77	0.76	0.74	0.79	0.81
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.77	0.77	0.76	0.74	0.79	0.82
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	81.01	164.10	159.00	170.31	174.89	144.90
Net asset value per unit (\$)	19.32	16.03	13.19	15.55	13.20	11.53

(1) 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.

(2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the average number of units outstanding over the accounting period.

<sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>(4)</sup> The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.

<sup>(s)</sup> This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.

(<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.

(7) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the accounting period. The trading expense ratio includes, if necessary, the trading expenses from its underlying funds, as described in Article 15.2 of Regulation 81-106.

(8) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund portfolio's manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the accounting period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in an accounting period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the accounting period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the accounting period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

### **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

### As of June 30, 2024

### **Portfolio Top Holdings**

Portiono rop notalings	% of Net
	Asset Value
Microsoft Corp.	
Apple Inc.	
Nvidia Corporation	
Alphabet Inc., Class C	
Amazon.com Inc.	4.3
Meta Platforms, Inc., Class A	
Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Class B	
Broadcom Inc.	
Costco Wholesale Corp.	
Exxon Mobil Corp.	
Johnson & Johnson	1.3
Procter & Gamble Co.	1.3
Tesla Motors Inc.	
Netflix Inc.	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	
Visa Inc., Class A	
Eli Lilly & Co.	
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	<b>1.1</b>
Pfizer Inc.	0.9
Texas Instruments Inc.	
Citigroup Inc.	
International Business Machines Corp.	0.8
KLA Tencor Corp.	
Morgan Stanley	
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	
	55.1

#### Sector Allocation

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Information Technology	
Financials	12.7
Health Care	
Consumer Discretionary	
Communication Services	
Industrials	8.4
Consumer Staples	4.3
Energy	
Materials	
Real Estate	
Utilities	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	

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

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment Fund. A quarterly update is available. Please consult our website at www.nbinvestments.ca.

If this investment Fund invests in other investment funds, please consult the prospectus and other information about the underlying investment funds on the website indicated above or on SEDAR+'s website at www.sedarplus.ca.