

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2024

Fixed Income Private Portfolio

# **NBI Canadian Bond 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.

The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decision, investors and others relying on our forward-looking statements should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other factors. We caution readers not to rely unduly on these forward-looking statements. We assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements in the light of new information, future events or other circumstances unless applicable legislation so provides.

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## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

## **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The NBI Canadian Bond Private Portfolio's investment objective is to provide a high level of current income and sustained capital growth. The Fund invests, directly or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio consisting primarily of Canadian government and Canadian corporate bonds.

The portfolio manager's security selection is based on an analysis of economic conditions in Canada and their impact on interest rates. Shorter or longer term issues will be favored depending on whether interest rates are expected to rise or fall. It is expected that investments in debt securities of foreign companies will not exceed approximately 40% of the Fund's assets. The fund may use a responsible investment approach, as described in the fund prospectus, this approach being one of many components of the investment strategies used to help achieve the fund's investment objective.

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The global investment risk of the Fund remains as described in the simplified prospectus or any amendments thereto and Fund Facts.

#### **Results of Operations**

For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2024, the NBI Canadian Bond Private Portfolio's Advisor Series units returned 4.01% compared to 4.23% for the Fund's benchmark, the FTSE Canada Universe Bond 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 dropped by 16.87% over the period, from \$6.647 billion as at December 31, 2023 to \$5.526 billion as at December 31, 2024.

The decline stemmed mainly from a rebalancing of the managed solutions offered by National Bank.

At the beginning of 2024, a climate of cautious optimism had set in. Indeed, while 2023 had just ended with a spectacular rebound, central banks were still faced with the daunting challenge of starting to lower interest rates when inflation was not yet back on target, but several previously flawless recession indicators had already been triggered. Ultimately, optimism prevailed, with inflation continuing to slow, central banks cutting rates and the U.S. economy continuing to exceed all expectations, stock markets enjoyed a spectacular year in 2024. Bonds, for their part, had a lackluster year, posting a performance similar to that of cash.

On the fixed-income side, the risk-on environment favoured Canadian corporate bonds and high-yield U.S. securities. Conversely, government securities posted more modest annual returns in Canada, but especially in the U.S. Among commodities, the price of oil ended the year virtually unchanged. In addition, the economic and political environment was very favorable for gold, with an annual gain of 27.1% exceeding that of equities. Lastly, the U.S. dollar appreciated strongly during the year, the Greenback being buoyed by the relative outperformance of the U.S. economy and threats of tariffs from the incoming Trump administration.

In this context the Fund underperformed the benchmark for the period. Sector selection contributed to the Fund's absolute performance over the period, with duration positioning also proving to be drivers of performance. Security selection also helped.

#### **Recent Developments**

During the year 2024, the duration of the NBI Canadian Bond Private Portfolio remained at the index level. Unlike at the beginning of the year, when the portfolio was overweight in 5-year bonds, the fund is now overexposed to 10-year terms. The overexposure to provincial bonds slightly decreased to +0.71 years in duration dollars. The deviation in corporate bonds was reduced from +0.44 to +0.17 years in duration dollars by the end of the year.

A divergence seems to be emerging in the direction of monetary policies of industrialized countries. On one hand, the Bank of Canada and the European Central Bank have started their monetary easing with respective 0.25% cuts in their key interest rate.

On the other hand, the Federal Reserve continues to push back the date when it deems that monetary easing will be required given the risks associated with an inflation resurgence. Whereas it previously expected to reduce its key rate three times at a time when the economy showed excess demand, the Fed now foresees only one cut in 2024 as economic activity shows signs of exhaustion. Cumulative savings are nearly depleted while restrictive financial conditions weaken demand for credit consumption. In the future, household spending will evolve more at the pace of labor market income. The latter is gradually rebalancing, which weakens wage pressure and could reduce the pace of spending. However, wage growth in Canada is still strong. The unionization rate in Canada is 29.4% compared to 10.3% for our southern neighbors. The adjustment of salaries is therefore slower to take place in Canada, because multi-year collective agreements are not all renegotiated. This could complicate the Bank of Canada's task of controlling service inflation and calming its monetary easing intentions.

Effective on or about September 13, 2023, the Series GPO-2 of the Fund was renamed Series O TBN.

On May 9, 2024, the Series O was launched for the Fund.

## **Related Party Transactions**

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

#### Trustee

National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a wholly-owned direct and indirect subsidiary of the Bank, is the Fund's trustee. In this capacity, it is the legal owner of the Fund's investments.

## **Custodian and Registrar**

Natcan Trust Company ("NTC") acts as registrar for the Fund's mutual fund series securities and the names of securityholders. NTC also acts as the Fund's custodian. The fees for NTC's custodial services are based on the standard rates in effect at NTC.

## Agent for securities lending transactions

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

#### **Fund Manager**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Portfolio Manager

The Manager has appointed National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, as the portfolio manager for the Fund. A flat fee is payable annually to NBT for its management services.

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

National Bank 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.

National Bank Savings and Investments Inc. ("NBSI") 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 NBI. The brokerage fees paid by the Fund for the period are as follows:

	Period ended December 31, 2024
Total brokerage fees	\$22,710.24
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	\$22,740.24

## Holdings

As at December 31, 2024, National Bank Investments Inc. held 208.74 Fund securities for a value of \$2,083.41, which represented close to 0.0000% of the net asset value of the Fund at that date. Transactions between National Bank Investments Inc. and the Fund were carried out in the normal course of business and at the Fund's net asset value as at the transaction date.

#### **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:

- a) 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 6o-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;
- d) 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):
- e) Entering into foreign exchange transactions (including both spot transactions and forward transactions) with National Bank of

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 NBI 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 NBI and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to NBI. 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, NBI, to National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a direct and indirect whollyowned subsidiary of the Bank. These include accounting, reporting and portfolio valuation services. The fees incurred for these services are paid to NBT by the Fund manager.

## **Management Fees**

The Fund pays annual management fees to the Fund manager for its management services. As the Fund invests in underlying funds, the fees and expenses payable in connection with the management of the underlying funds are in addition to those payable by the Fund. However, the Fund manager makes sure that the Fund does not pay any management (or operating) fees that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund for the same service.

The fees are calculated based on a percentage of the Fund's daily net asset value before applicable taxes and are paid on a monthly basis. Under the *Distribution* heading, expenses include the broker's compensation consisting of the maximum annual trailer fees and sales commissions paid to brokers. Under the *Other* heading, the fees relate mainly to investment management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

The 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	0.70%	71.43%	28.57%
Series F	0.37%	_	100.00%
Series N and Series NR*	0.10%	_	100.00%
Series O	N/A**	_	100.00%

- (\*) Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.
- (°) 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.
- (\*\*) 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 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.

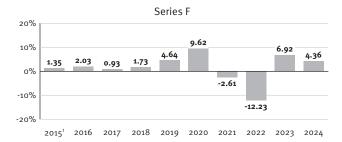
## **Past Performance**

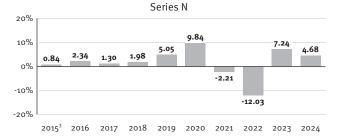
The performance of each series of the Fund is presented below and calculated as at December 31 of each year. It assumes that all distributions made in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities and does not take into account sales, redemption charges, distributions, or optional charges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

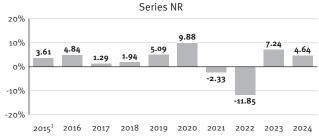
## **Annual Returns**

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.









- (1) Returns for the period from May 21, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.
- (2) Returns for the period from July 14, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.
- (a) 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, 2024, compared with the following benchmark:

• FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index (CAD)

#### **NBI Canadian Bond Private Portfolio**

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Advisor Series¹	4.01%	(1.13)%	0.41%	-	0.99%
Benchmark	4.23%	(0.60)%	0.79%		1.91%
<b>Series F</b> <sup>2</sup>	4.36%	(0.69)%	0.90%	-	1.57%
Benchmark	4.23%	(0.60)%	0.79%		1.99%
<b>Series N³</b>	4.68%	(0.42)%	1.19%	-	1.89%
Benchmark	4.23%	(0.60)%	0.79%		1.95%
Series NR³	4.64%	(0.36)%	1.20%	-	1.91%
Benchmark	4.23%	(0.60)%	0.79%		1.95%

<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 TSSC Canada Universe Bond Index is composed of over 900 bonds with a term to maturity of more than one year and tracks the performance of the Canadian Bond market.

# **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	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	8.94	8.61	10.06	10.55	9.97
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.30	0.29	0.27	0.27	0.28
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.15)	(0.20)	(0.51)	(0.04)	0.28
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.25	0.52	(0.94)	(0.03)	0.43
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.33	0.53	(1.27)	0.10	0.88
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.24	0.22	0.17	0.16	0.18
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	_	0.14
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.24	0.22	0.17	0.16	0.32
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	9.05	8.94	8.61	10.06	10.55

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	23,033	24,050	31,923	42,724	10,100
Number of units outstanding (5)	2,545,095	2,689,463	3,705,711	4,245,941	957,153
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.86	0.93	1.02	1.04	1.03
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.97	0.96	1.02	1.04	1.03
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	66.89	82.09	179.44	83.53	143.52
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.05	8.94	8.61	10.06	10.55

## Series F / Private Series\*

 $^{(\prime)}$  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	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	9.01	8.67	10.13	10.62	10.03
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.30	0.29	0.27	0.27	0.28
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.15)	(0.22)	(0.50)	(0.06)	0.28
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.28	0.62	(1.01)	0.08	0.42
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.40	0.65	(1.28)	0.24	0.93
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.27	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.23
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	_	0.14
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.27	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.37
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	9.12	9.01	8.67	10.13	10.62
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Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	December 31				
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	799,980	758,987	459,926	601,757	101,668
Number of units outstanding (5)	87,710,370	84,239,781	53,058,136	59,415,939	9,576,305
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.48	0.48	0.47	0.49	0.50
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.59	0.51	0.47	0.49	0.50
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	66.89	82.09	179.44	83.53	143.52
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.12	9.01	8.67	10.13	10.62

## **Series N**

Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)

Trading expense ratio (%)  $^{(7)}$ Portfolio turnover rate (%)  $^{(8)}$ 

Net asset value per unit (\$)

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
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Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (a)	9.06	8.72	10.19	10.68	10.09
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					0
Total revenue	0.31	0.29	0.27	0.27	0.28
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.11)	(0.23)	(0.52)	(0.06)	0.28
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.18	0.53	(0.84)	(0.40)	0.43
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (a)  Distributions (\$)	0.37	0.58	(1.11)	(0.21)	0.97
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From capital gains		_	_		0.13
Return of capital		-			
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Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	9.14	9.06	8.72	10.19	10.68
Ratios and Supplemental Data					
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (s)	1,629,033	3,173,888	2,060,742	1,934,245	1,721,459
Number of units outstanding (5)	178,157,775	350,189,430	236,260,204	189,910,201	161,140,730
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.18	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.17
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.29	0.22	0.17	0.17	0.17
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	66.89	82.09	179.44	83.53	143.52
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## Series O

Net Assets per  $\mathsf{Unit}^{\scriptscriptstyle(1)}$ 

Commencement of operations: May 9, 2024

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.22	
Total expenses	0.01	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.14)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.55	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.64	
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.22	
From dividends	_	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.22	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.42	
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	1	
Number of units outstanding (5)	102	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.02	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.13	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	66.89	

## **Series PW\***

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

Net asset value per unit (\$)

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

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2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
10.36	9.97	11.65	12.21	11.53
0.35	0.34	0.31	0.31	0.33
(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.03)
(0.17)	(0.24)	(0.59)	(0.07)	0.33
0.33	0.55	(1.09)	(0.37)	0.48
0.50	0.63	(1.39)	(0.16)	1.11
0.34	0.32	0.29	0.28	0.30
_	_	_	_	_
_	_	_	_	0.15
_	_	_	_	_
0.34	0.32	0.29	0.28	0.45
10.49	10.36	9.97	11.65	12.21
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Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	2,824,320	2,453,209	1,960,919	2,433,243	1,646,594
Number of units outstanding (5)	269,335,987	236,880,306	196,714,361	208,897,193	134,820,709
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.22
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.34	0.26	0.22	0.22	0.22
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	66.89	82.09	179.44	83.53	143.52
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.49	10.36	9.97	11.65	12.21

 $<sup>^{(^{\</sup>circ})}$  Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

# Series PWO\*

 $^{(\circ)}$  Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

Net Assets per  $\mathsf{Unit}^{\scriptscriptstyle{(1)}}$ 

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	8.89	8.56	10.00	10.49	9.92
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.30	0.29	0.26	0.27	0.28
Total expenses	_	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.14)	(0.20)	(0.51)	(0.06)	0.28
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.27	0.40	(0.95)	(0.38)	0.43
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.43	0.48	(1.21)	(0.18)	0.98
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.27
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	_	0.14
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.30	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.41
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	9.00	8.89	8.56	10.00	10.49

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	225,747	192,215	170,149	251,086	213,892
Number of units outstanding (5)	25,090,083	21,631,465	19,882,713	25,099,725	20,384,806
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.10
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.22	0.14	0.10	0.10	0.10
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	66.89	82.09	179.44	83.53	143.52
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.00	8.89	8.56	10.00	10.49

# Series O TBN\*

Net Assets per  $\mathsf{Unit}^{\scriptscriptstyle{(1)}}$ 

Commencement of operations: March 23, 2021

2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	
9.45	8.90	10.15	10.00	
0.32	(0.01)	0.30	0.21	
_	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	
(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.64)	(0.04)	
0.27	0.30	1.40	1.75	
0.44	0.14	1.05	1.91	
0.32	0.09	0.05	0.14	
_	_	_	_	
_	_	_	_	
_	_	_	_	
0.32	0.09	0.05	0.14	
9.56	9.45	8.90	10.15	
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Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	
Total net asset value (000's of \$) (5)	1	1	201	1	
Number of units outstanding (5)	108	104	22,622	103	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.13	0.12	0.10	0.10	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.24	0.15	0.10	0.10	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	66.89	82.09	179.44	83.53	
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.56	9.45	8.90	10.15	

 $<sup>^{(^{\</sup>diamond})}$  Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited Financial Statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements might differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. The differences are explained in the notes to the financial statements.
- (2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the average number of units outstanding over the accounting period.
- <sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- (4) The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.
- $^{(\!s\!)}$  This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.
- (6) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses including sales taxes for the accounting period indicated (excluding commission, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net value during the accounting period. The management expense ratio includes, if necessary, the management expenses from its underlying funds, as described in Article 15.2 of Regulation 81-106.
- (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.
- (®) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund portfolio's manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the accounting period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in an accounting period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the accounting period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the accounting period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

# **Summary of Investment Portfolio**

## As of December 31, 2024

## **Portfolio Top Holdings**

9	% of Net
	et Value
NBI Sustainable Canadian Bond ETF	
Government of Canada, 3.50%, due March 1, 2034	3.4
Province of Ontario, 4.05%, due February 2, 2032	2.3
Government of Canada, 3.50%, due September 1, 2029	1.9
Province of Ontario, 4.10%, due March 4, 2033	1.7
Hydro-Québec, 3.40%, due September 1, 2029	1.5
Province of Ontario, 4.10%, due October 7, 2054	1.3
Province of Ontario, 1.55%, due November 1, 2029	1.2
Government of Canada, 1.75%, due December 1, 2053	
Government of Canada, 2.75%, due December 1, 2055	0.9
Province of Ontario, 1.85%, due February 1, 2027	
Province of Quebec, 3.90%, due November 22, 2032	
Hydro-Québec, 5.00%, due February 15, 2050	0.8
City of Toronto, 4.55%, due July 27, 2042	0.8
Government of Canada, 1.50%, due June 1, 2031	
Hydro-Québec, 2.00%, due September 1, 2028	
Province of Ontario, 3.65%, due June 2, 2033	
Province of Ontario, 4.15%, due June 2, 2034	0.7
Province of Ontario, 4.65%, due June 2, 2041	
National Bank of Canada, 4.97%, due December 7, 2026	0.6
Fédération des caisses Desjardins, Floating,	
due February 23, 2025	
Canada Housing Trust, 1.75%, due June 15, 2030	0.6
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.6
Canada Housing Trust, 1.90%, due March 15, 2031	
Province of Ontario, 4.60%, due December 2, 2055	0.5
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#### **Asset Mix**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Canadian Corporate Bonds	36.2
Provincial Bonds	35.1
Federal Bonds	15.5
Municipal Bonds	
Derivative Products	1.7
Fixed Income Funds	
US Bonds	1.0
Asset Backed Securities	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	(0.9)

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.