

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2019

Canadian Equity Private Portfolio  
**NBI Equity Income Private Portfolio**

## Notes on forward-looking statements

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Equity Income Private Portfolio's investment objective is to maximize the potential for long-term capital growth and to generate high dividend income. The Fund invests directly, or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio primarily composed of equity securities of Canadian companies that pay dividends.

The portfolio manager follows an investment process that is primarily based on bottom-up fundamental research, with a focus on capital growth. The Portfolio manager chooses quality companies that pay high income, while diversifying across industries and regions to reduce volatility. It is expected that investments in foreign securities will not exceed approximately 30% of the Fund's assets.

### Risks

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

### Results of Operations

For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2019, the NBI Equity Income Private Portfolio's Advisor Series units returned 23.70% compared to 22.88% for the Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the returns of all of the Fund's series, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

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

The Fund's net asset value rose by 51.36% over the period, from \$62.30 million as at December 31, 2018 to \$94.30 million as at December 31, 2019.

The increase stemmed mainly from net sales and by market fluctuations.

In stark contrast to the fourth quarter of 2018, global financial markets closed out 2019 with nearly every major asset class showing positive returns. These strong gains were nevertheless accompanied by a fair degree of volatility during the period.

The trade war involving the two biggest economies in the world continued to impact the market this year. The uncertainty that was brought about by the U.S. and China going head to head in a tit for tat trade war was a main driver of the volatility in all financial markets. During the dispute, the two sides set the pace in the market by imposing tariffs and retaliating against each other. In December, they finally agreed on the terms of the phase one deal that reduces some U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods in exchange for Chinese purchases of American farm, energy and manufactured goods and better protection for U.S. intellectual property. The day after Christmas, the three major U.S. indices hit record highs on raised hopes that a trade deal was in line to be signed in January. "The deal is done, it's just being translated now", President Trump said, to traders' delight.

Buoyed by upbeat economic data from China amid growing optimism over an initial U.S.-China trade deal, the Canadian equity market ended the year on a high note. Along with the rest of the world, the S&P/TSX index reached several all-time highs during the year and posted double digit gains.

The index was mainly driven by the Information Technology and Utilities sectors. In contrast, the Health Care sector shed value thanks to the unimpressive performance of names in the cannabis sector.

In this context, the Fund outperformed the benchmark. The added value can be explained by allocation and security selection. In terms of allocation, the Fund benefited the most from its overweight position in the Utilities sector. From a selection standpoint, holdings in the Financials and Utilities sectors contributed most to upside while U.S. holdings in the Information Technology sector detracted the most.

### Recent Developments

In 2019, the Fund initiated four new positions and sold one. Positions added were Intact Financial, Killam Properties REIT and BCE due to its visible dividend growth per share and strong cash flow generation. Metro was also added to the Fund's mix due to its consistency and stability of cash flows. Conversely, the portfolio manager sold the position in Cineplex and reduced positions in Industrial Alliance Financial Group, Sun Life and NFI Group.

The Fund is currently underweight the Materials sector due to limited options in terms of dividend-paying companies that meet the Fund's criteria. This position has resulted in a negative impact to returns during the year. The Fund has not had any exposure to the Consumer Discretionary sector in 2019; this position has had a positive impact on the relative return for the year. Finally, overweight positions in Utilities, Health Care and Real Estate combined with an underweight in Energy have all had a positive impact in terms of allocation.

The known 2020 headwinds are U.S. presidential impeachment, Chinese social malaise evident from the ongoing crisis in Hong Kong, and highly likely cyber-terrorism given U.S. elections in October.

The portfolio manager continues to monitor movement in yields given curve inversion at home and negative yields in most of Europe. Index valuations are attractive versus the five-year average. The pivot in rates in most economies throughout the year was done to re-accelerate growth and prevent a stall. The portfolio manager believes the risk in yields are to the upside and as such, he has reversed the Fund's hyper-defensive stance at mid-year. The Fund continues to be positioned defensively via its underweight in resources and overweight in highly visible and resilient companies.

The portfolio manager remains unwavering in his belief that quality companies with strong management teams, solid balance sheets and attractive growth prospects will continue to outperform the markets and make for superior long-term investments.

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.

#### 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

National Bank Financial Inc. ("NBF") acts as principal distributor for the Fund. NBF may receive, depending on the distributed series, a monthly commission representing a percentage of the average daily value of the securities held by its clients.

## Brokerage Fees

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

	Period ended December 31, 2019
<b>Total brokerage fees</b>	104,600.04
<b>Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial</b>	13,769.05

## Registered Plan Trust Services

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

## Administrative and Operating Services

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

## Management Fees

The Fund pays annual management fees to the Fund manager for its management services. The fees are calculated based on a percentage of the Fund's daily net asset value before applicable taxes and are paid on a monthly basis. 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>
Advisor Series			
Front-end load	1.45%	68.97%	31.03%
Series T5			
Front-end load	1.45%	68.97%	31.03%
Series F and Series F5	0.45%	—	100.00%

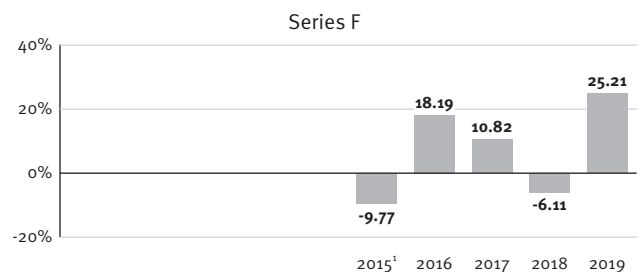
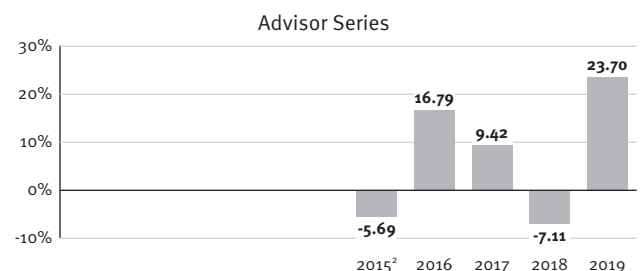
<sup>(†)</sup> Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

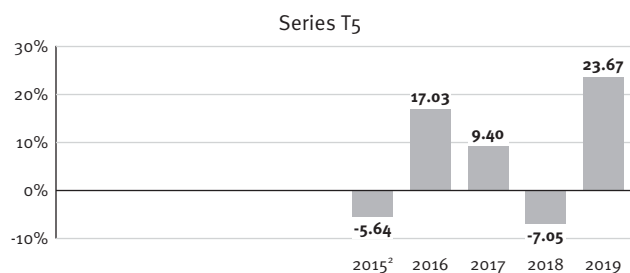
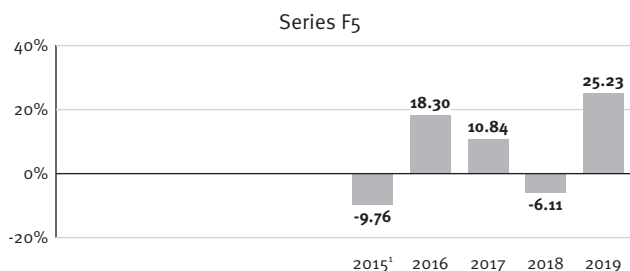
## Past Performance

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

## Annual Returns

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





<sup>(1)</sup> Returns for the period from May 21, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from July 14, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

## Annual Compounded Performance

The following table shows the Fund's annual compound returns for each series in existence greater than one year and for each of the periods ended on December 31, 2019, compared with the following benchmark:

- S&P/TSX Composite Index (CAD)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
<b>Advisor Series<sup>1</sup></b>	23.70%	7.93%	–	–	7.56%
Benchmark	22.88%	6.89%	–	–	7.55%
<b>Series F<sup>2</sup></b>	25.21%	9.22%	–	–	7.38%
Benchmark	22.88%	6.89%	–	–	6.60%
<b>Series F5<sup>2</sup></b>	25.23%	9.23%	–	–	7.42%
Benchmark	22.88%	6.89%	–	–	6.60%
<b>Series T5<sup>1</sup></b>	23.67%	7.94%	–	–	7.63%
Benchmark	22.88%	6.89%	–	–	7.55%

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

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

A discussion of the Fund's relative performance in comparison to the index (or indices) can be found in the *Results of Operations* Section of this report.

### Index Description

The **S&P/TSX Composite Index** is a subset of the S&P/TSX and reflects share price fluctuations of a group of companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and weighted by market capitalization.

## Financial Highlights

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

### Advisor Series

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

Commencement of operations: July 14, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	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>	10.19	11.46	10.80	9.39	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.42	0.46	0.41	0.39	0.18
Total expenses	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses)	0.60	0.23	0.50	0.31	(0.82)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.60	(1.26)	0.32	1.22	0.53
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	2.39	(0.78)	1.01	1.70	(0.22)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.22	0.25	0.18	0.16	0.04
From capital gains	0.32	0.22	0.17	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.54	0.47	0.35	0.16	0.04
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	12.05	10.19	11.46	10.80	9.39

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	17,420	12,933	14,081	9,463	3,397
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	1,445,114	1,269,443	1,228,686	876,318	361,722
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.80	1.81	1.88	1.93	2.01
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.80	1.81	1.88	1.93	2.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.13	0.09	0.11	0.20	0.56
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	83.72	62.87	68.00	82.83	77.16
Net asset value per unit (\$)	12.05	10.19	11.46	10.80	9.39

### Series F

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

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	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>	9.65	10.87	10.25	8.91	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.40	0.43	0.39	0.37	0.24
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses)	0.56	0.19	0.48	0.27	(0.80)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.52	(1.12)	0.28	1.15	0.07
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	2.39	(0.58)	1.07	1.71	(0.56)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.03	0.02	—	—	—
From dividends	0.30	0.35	0.30	0.26	0.12
From capital gains	0.31	0.20	0.17	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.64	0.57	0.47	0.26	0.12
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	11.41	9.65	10.87	10.25	8.91

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	45,109	35,546	48,382	40,448	12,528
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	3,952,666	3,682,176	4,451,911	3,945,444	1,406,032
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.69
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.69
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.13	0.09	0.11	0.20	0.56
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	83.72	62.87	68.00	82.83	77.16
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.41	9.65	10.87	10.25	8.91

## Series F5

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

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	8.99	10.26	9.82	8.70	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.37	0.42	0.38	0.36	0.25
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses)	0.60	0.22	0.45	0.31	(0.57)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.15	(1.27)	0.32	1.27	(0.76)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	2.04	(0.71)	1.07	1.86	(1.15)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.03	0.02	—	—	—
From dividends	0.26	0.28	0.26	0.25	0.16
From capital gains	0.29	0.15	0.11	—	—
Return of capital	0.16	0.21	0.23	0.19	0.17
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.74	0.66	0.60	0.44	0.33
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	10.49	8.99	10.26	9.82	8.70

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	31,459	13,555	7,110	3,087	631
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	2,998,879	1,507,053	693,109	314,205	72,538
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.66	0.69
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.66	0.70
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.13	0.09	0.11	0.20	0.56
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	83.72	62.87	68.00	82.83	77.16
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.49	8.99	10.26	9.82	8.70

## Series T5

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

Commencement of operations: July 14, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	9.10	10.54	10.26	9.19	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.37	0.42	0.38	0.38	0.16
Total expenses	(0.20)	(0.19)	(0.21)	(0.22)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses)	0.51	0.21	0.46	0.37	(0.74)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.45	(1.20)	0.25	1.24	(0.08)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	2.13	(0.76)	0.88	1.77	(0.77)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.19	0.22	0.17	0.14	0.05
From capital gains	0.30	0.18	0.16	—	—
Return of capital	0.26	0.31	0.34	0.32	0.20
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.75	0.71	0.67	0.46	0.25
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	10.47	9.10	10.54	10.26	9.19

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	314	269	273	206	31
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	29,954	29,555	25,954	20,110	3,390
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.83	1.80	1.87	2.01	2.01
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.83	1.81	1.88	2.03	2.48
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.13	0.09	0.11	0.20	0.56
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	83.72	62.87	68.00	82.83	77.16
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.47	9.10	10.53	10.26	9.19

- <sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited Financial Statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements might differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. The differences are explained in the notes to the financial statements.
- <sup>(2)</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the average number of units outstanding over the accounting period. For all series created before 2016, the detailed calculation of the total Increase (Decrease) from Operations as at December 31, 2015 has been adjusted to reflect the proper allocation between the following items: Total revenue, Total expenses, Realized gain (losses) and/or Unrealized gain (losses). It is a non-material correction related to a programming error in the ratio calculation.
- <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. For Series Advisor, F5 and T5, the management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions as at December 31, 2015 has been adjusted 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. For series created before 2016, the trading expense ratio as at December 31, 2015 has been adjusted to reflect a non-material correction related to a programming error in the ratio calculation.
- <sup>(8)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund portfolio's manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the accounting period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in an accounting period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the accounting period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the accounting period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As of December 31, 2019

### Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Toronto-Dominion Bank .....	8.0
Royal Bank of Canada .....	7.3
Bank of Nova Scotia .....	7.0
Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Class A .....	5.8
BCE Inc. ....	5.0
iA Financial Corp Inc. ....	5.0
TELUS Corp. ....	5.0
Enbridge Inc. ....	3.7
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets .....	3.4
Parkland Fuel Corp. ....	3.3
Fortis Inc. ....	3.0
QUALCOMM Inc. ....	3.0
Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP .....	2.8
Allied Properties Real Estate Investment Trust .....	2.6
National Bank of Canada .....	2.6
Procter & Gamble Co. ....	2.3
Thomson Reuters Corp. ....	2.3
WSP Global Group Inc. ....	2.2
Intact Financial Corp. ....	2.2
Paychex Inc. ....	2.1
Pfizer Inc. ....	2.1
TC Energy Corp. ....	2.1
Pembina Pipeline Corporation .....	2.0
Granite Real Estate Investment Trust .....	1.9
Metro Inc. ....	1.9
	88.6

Net asset value ..... \$94,301,838

### Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Financials .....	39.4
Energy .....	11.0
Communication Services .....	10.0
Utilities .....	8.7
Real Estate .....	7.9
Industrials .....	5.1
Information Technology .....	5.1
Consumer Staples .....	4.9
Health Care .....	3.2
Materials .....	1.2
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets .....	3.5

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

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