

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2022

Global Equity Fund

## **NBI *SmartData* U.S. Equity Fund**

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

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

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI *SmartData* U.S. Equity Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term capital growth. This Fund invests directly, or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio mainly composed of equities of U.S. companies.

The portfolio sub-advisor analyzes equities using a quantitative selection process based on an analysis of various financial ratios recognized in the market. Following a comparison of the different ratios, the securities with the best overall rating are selected. The final selection of securities, as well as their weight within the portfolio, is determined so as to obtain a portfolio diversified by market sector. The Fund may invest in small, mid and large companies.

### 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, 2022, the NBI *SmartData* U.S. Equity Fund's Investor Series units returned -13.86% compared to -12.16% 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 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 40.43% over the period, from \$1.290 billion as at December 31, 2021 to \$768.37 million as at December 31, 2022.

The decline stemmed mainly from withdrawals from the Fund by other NBI Funds and market fluctuations.

Russian invasion of Ukraine, record inflation, potential recession on the horizon; it's fair to say that 2022 has proven to be challenging on many fronts. For investors, this context has resulted in declines for stocks and bonds in the first half of the year, followed by six months of ups and downs with no clear direction.

In sum, global equities (-12.0% for the MSCI World CAD) have performed similarly to traditional Canadian bonds (-11.7% for the FTSE Canada Universe) in 2022, although for fixed income, this represents their worst annual performance in history. In terms of leadership, Canadian equities (-5.8% for the S&P/TSX) did significantly better than their peers, supported in part by generally high commodity prices. On the other hand, the environment was more difficult in emerging markets (-19.7% for the MSCI EM Index in USD), held back by slowing global growth, containment in China, a strong U.S. dollar and increasingly restrictive monetary policies.

Under these circumstances, the Fund underperformed its benchmark.

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

Among sectors, our holdings within the Health Care sector contributed the most to relative performance, with our overweight position within the Biotechnology industry contributing particularly strongly. Conversely, holdings within the Energy sector detracted the most from excess returns, with the largest proportion of challenges arising from our underweight position within the Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels industry.

At an individual stock level, our underweight position in Adobe Inc was among one of the largest positive contributors to relative returns. Meanwhile, our underweight position in Exxon Mobil Corp was among one of the largest detractors from excess returns over the period.

### Recent Developments

The main overweight positions in the portfolio in comparison to the benchmark were Bank of New York Mellon, Chubb Ltd., Cisco Systems, AutoZone, and AMETEK. The main underweight positions were Procter & Gamble, JPMorgan Chase, UnitedHealth Group, Exxon Mobil, and Home Depot.

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.

On April 30, 2022, the Fund's independent review committee (the "IRC") was reduced to three members when Robert Martin resigned as IRC member. On May 1, 2022, the Fund's IRC was increased to four members when Line Deslandes was appointed as IRC member. However, on September 30, 2022, the Fund's IRC was reduced to three members when Line Deslandes resigned as IRC member.

On May 20, 2022, NBI discontinued the purchase offering of deferred sales charge and low sales charge purchase options for all new investments, including purchases made through systematic plans in all Canadian jurisdictions. Investors who purchased units under these sales charge options will continue to be subject to the redemption fee schedules under which they were purchased.

### 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<br>December 31, 2022 |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Total brokerage fees</b>                           | 35,391.78                         |
| <b>Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial</b> | 35,391.78                         |

#### Holdings

As at December 31, 2022, National Bank Investments Inc. held 472.18 Fund securities for a value of \$5,362.84, which represented close to 0.0008% 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.

As at December 31, 2022, National Bank Trust Inc. held 1.37 Fund securities for a value of \$17.56, which represented close to 0.0000% of the net asset value of the Fund at that date. Transactions between National Bank Trust 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%              |
| Back-end load - 1 to 6 years      | 1.70%           | 29.41%       | 70.59%              |
| Low load - 1 to 3 years           | 1.70%           | 29.41%       | 70.59%              |
| Low load - 4 years and more       | 1.70%           | 58.82%       | 41.18%              |
| Series H*                         |                 |              |                     |
| Front-end load                    | 1.70%           | 58.82%       | 41.18%              |
| Low load - 1 to 3 years           | 1.70%           | 29.41%       | 70.59%              |
| Low load - 4 years and more       | 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.

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

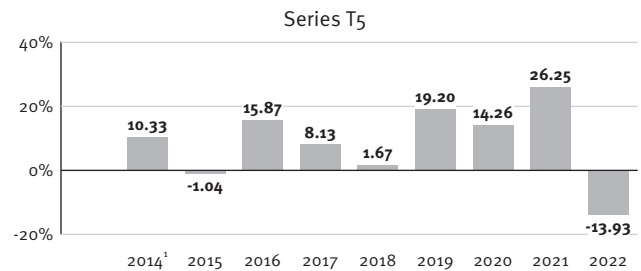
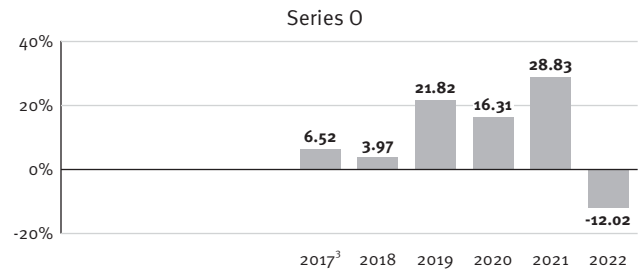
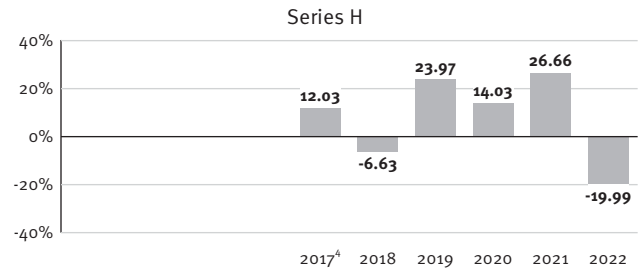
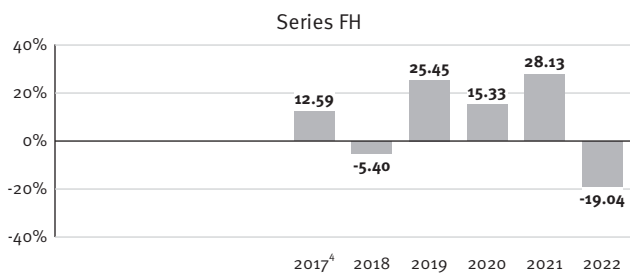
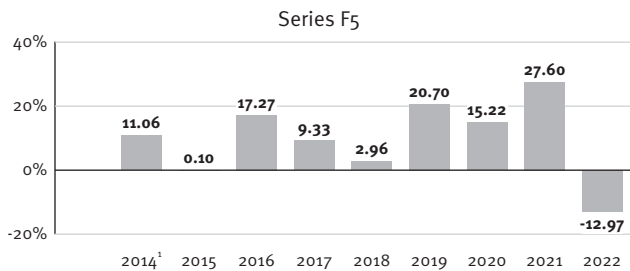
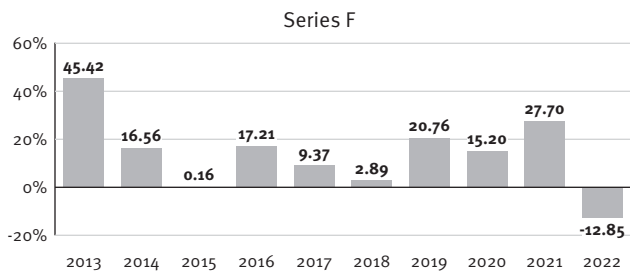
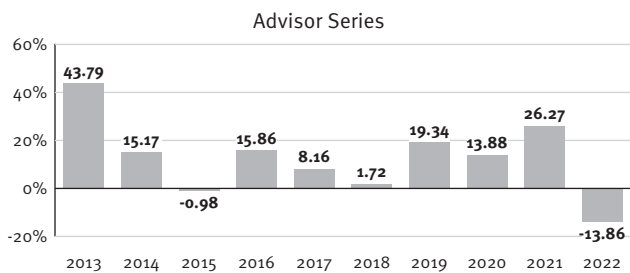
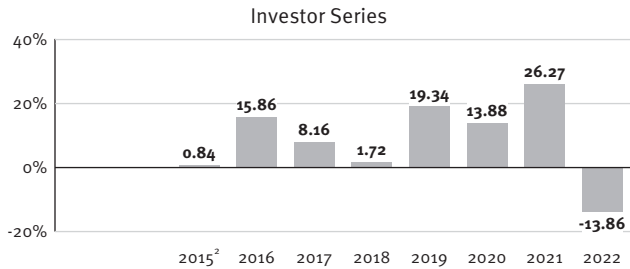
<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> There are no management fees paid by the Fund with respect to the Series O. Instead, Series O securityholders pay a negotiated administration fee directly to National Bank Investments.

#### Past Performance

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

## Annual Returns

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



<sup>(1)</sup> Returns for the period from May 21, 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.

<sup>(4)</sup> Returns for the period from May 19, 2017 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2017.

## 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, 2022, compared with the following benchmark:

- S&P 500 Index (CAD)

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|                                    | 1 year   | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years | Since inception |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Investor Series<sup>1</sup></b> | (13.86)% | 7.39%   | 8.50%   | –        | 9.36%           |
| Benchmark                          | (12.16)% | 9.25%   | 11.15%  | –        | 11.83%          |
| <b>Advisor Series<sup>2</sup></b>  | (13.86)% | 7.39%   | 8.50%   | 11.94%   | –               |
| Benchmark                          | (12.16)% | 9.25%   | 11.15%  | 16.08%   | –               |
| <b>Series F<sup>3</sup></b>        | (12.85)% | 8.63%   | 9.76%   | 13.24%   | –               |
| Benchmark                          | (12.16)% | 9.25%   | 11.15%  | 16.08%   | –               |
| <b>Series F5<sup>4</sup></b>       | (12.97)% | 8.56%   | 9.72%   | –        | 9.96%           |
| Benchmark                          | (12.16)% | 9.25%   | 11.15%  | –        | 14.57%          |
| <b>Series FH<sup>5</sup></b>       | (19.04)% | 6.16%   | 7.26%   | –        | 8.68%           |
| Benchmark                          | (12.16)% | 9.25%   | 11.15%  | –        | 11.90%          |
| <b>Series H<sup>5</sup></b>        | (19.99)% | 4.94%   | 5.99%   | –        | 7.44%           |
| Benchmark                          | (12.16)% | 9.25%   | 11.15%  | –        | 11.90%          |
| <b>Series O<sup>6</sup></b>        | (12.02)% | 9.65%   | 10.80%  | –        | 10.67%          |
| Benchmark                          | (12.16)% | 9.25%   | 11.15%  | –        | 12.07%          |
| <b>Series T5<sup>4</sup></b>       | (13.93)% | 7.48%   | 8.51%   | –        | 8.74%           |
| Benchmark                          | (12.16)% | 9.25%   | 11.15%  | –        | 14.57%          |

<sup>1</sup>Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

<sup>2</sup>Commencement of operations: November 22, 2007

<sup>3</sup>Commencement of operations: May 16, 2008

<sup>4</sup>Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

<sup>5</sup>Commencement of operations: May 12, 2017

<sup>6</sup>Commencement of operations: April 28, 2017

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 500 Index** is a float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index composed of 500 companies that measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. market. It measures the performance of the largest U.S. companies.

## 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>

Commencement of operations: November 22, 2007

| Accounting Period Ended  | 2022        | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 |
| <b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup> | 17.44       | 15.25       | 13.54       | 11.79       | 12.60       |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Total revenue  | 0.29        | 0.26        | 0.16        | 0.24        | 0.21        |
| Total expenses   | (0.33)      | (0.34)      | (0.30)      | (0.28)      | (0.29)      |
| Realized gains (losses)  | 0.78        | 1.09        | 1.11        | 0.85        | 1.06        |
| Unrealized gains (losses)  | (3.37)      | 2.30        | 0.72        | 1.65        | (0.82)      |
| <b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>   | (2.63)      | 3.31        | 1.69        | 2.46        | 0.16        |
| <b>Distributions (\$)</b>  |             |             |             |             |             |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends)                       | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           |
| From dividends   | —           | 0.01        | —           | —           | —           |
| From capital gains   | 0.37        | 1.81        | 0.18        | 0.53        | 0.99        |
| Return of capital  | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           |
| <b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>                  | 0.37        | 1.82        | 0.18        | 0.53        | 0.99        |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>  | 14.66       | 17.44       | 15.25       | 13.54       | 11.79       |

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended                                    | 2022        | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 |
| Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>         | 25,607      | 38,377      | 159,183     | 229,580     | 288,688     |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 1,747,057   | 2,200,947   | 10,438,647  | 16,944,823  | 24,483,838  |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>                | 2.12        | 2.10        | 2.15        | 2.15        | 2.16        |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) | 2.15        | 2.13        | 2.18        | 2.18        | 2.19        |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>                   | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.01        |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>                 | 159.00      | 170.31      | 174.89      | 144.90      | 140.87      |
| Net asset value per unit (\$)                              | 14.66       | 17.44       | 15.25       | 13.55       | 11.79       |

## Series F\*

<sup>(1)</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> Commencement of operations: May 16, 2008

| Accounting Period Ended  | 2022        | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 |
| <b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup> | 18.56       | 16.22       | 14.25       | 12.37       | 13.14       |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Total revenue  | 0.30        | 0.34        | 0.18        | 0.26        | 0.22        |
| Total expenses   | (0.16)      | (0.18)      | (0.15)      | (0.13)      | (0.14)      |
| Realized gains (losses)  | 0.76        | 3.48        | 1.38        | 0.91        | 1.12        |
| Unrealized gains (losses)  | (2.98)      | 1.83        | 0.82        | 1.67        | (0.82)      |
| <b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>   | (2.08)      | 5.47        | 2.23        | 2.71        | 0.38        |
| <b>Distributions (\$)</b>  |             |             |             |             |             |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends)                       | 0.01        | —           | —           | 0.01        | —           |
| From dividends   | 0.07        | 0.08        | 0.02        | 0.11        | 0.06        |
| From capital gains   | 0.29        | 2.05        | 0.17        | 0.57        | 1.04        |
| Return of capital  | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           |
| <b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>                  | 0.37        | 2.13        | 0.19        | 0.69        | 1.10        |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>  | 15.81       | 18.56       | 16.22       | 14.25       | 12.37       |

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended                                    | 2022        | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 |
| Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>         | 14,274      | 11,488      | 1,760       | 1,631       | 1,714       |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 902,954     | 618,878     | 108,514     | 114,457     | 138,647     |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>                | 0.98        | 0.99        | 1.00        | 0.99        | 0.99        |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) | 1.02        | 1.04        | 1.03        | 1.02        | 1.03        |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>                   | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.01        |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>                 | 159.00      | 170.31      | 174.89      | 144.90      | 140.87      |
| Net asset value per unit (\$)                              | 15.81       | 18.56       | 16.22       | 14.25       | 12.36       |

## Series FH

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: May 12, 2017

| Accounting Period Ended  | 2022        | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 |
| <b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup> | 17.68       | 14.02       | 12.30       | 10.12       | 10.89       |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Total revenue  | 0.27        | 0.27        | 0.15        | 0.21        | 0.21        |
| Total expenses   | (0.14)      | (0.15)      | (0.13)      | (0.12)      | (0.12)      |
| Realized gains (losses)  | (0.01)      | (2.13)      | 1.34        | 0.98        | (0.64)      |
| Unrealized gains (losses)  | (4.04)      | 7.60        | 0.62        | 1.44        | (2.32)      |
| <b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>   | (3.92)      | 5.59        | 1.98        | 2.51        | (2.87)      |
| <b>Distributions (\$)</b>  |             |             |             |             |             |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends)                       | —           | —           | —           | —           | 0.01        |
| From dividends   | 0.03        | 0.02        | 0.02        | 0.03        | 0.17        |
| From capital gains   | 0.03        | 0.23        | 0.16        | 0.34        | —           |
| Return of capital  | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           |
| <b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>                  | 0.06        | 0.25        | 0.18        | 0.37        | 0.18        |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>  | 14.26       | 17.68       | 14.02       | 12.30       | 10.12       |

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended                                    | 2022        | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 |
| Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>         | 916         | 358         | 4           | 5           | 3           |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 64,283      | 20,239      | 321         | 437         | 266         |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>                | 1.00        | 1.02        | 1.01        | 1.02        | 1.02        |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) | 1.10        | 1.16        | 1.19        | 1.17        | 1.08        |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>                   | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.01        |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>                 | 159.00      | 170.31      | 174.89      | 144.90      | 140.87      |
| Net asset value per unit (\$)                              | 14.26       | 17.68       | 14.02       | 12.31       | 10.11       |

## Series F5

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

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

| Accounting Period Ended   | 2022<br>December 31 | 2021<br>December 31 | 2020<br>December 31 | 2019<br>December 31 | 2018<br>December 31 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown<sup>(4)</sup></b> | 11.89               | 10.57               | 9.84                | 8.79                | 9.72                |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Total revenue   | 0.19                | 0.21                | 0.14                | 0.18                | 0.16                |
| Total expenses  | (0.10)              | (0.12)              | (0.10)              | (0.10)              | (0.10)              |
| Realized gains (losses)   | 0.50                | 2.29                | 0.98                | 0.64                | 0.80                |
| Unrealized gains (losses)   | (2.04)              | 0.92                | 1.38                | 0.68                | (0.58)              |
| <b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>   | (1.45)              | 3.30                | 2.40                | 1.40                | 0.28                |
| <b>Distributions (\$)</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends)                      | 0.01                | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   |
| From dividends  | 0.05                | 0.04                | 0.04                | 0.06                | 0.05                |
| From capital gains  | 0.22                | 1.01                | 0.21                | 0.30                | 0.71                |
| Return of capital   | 0.53                | 0.49                | 0.45                | 0.38                | 0.43                |
| <b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>                  | 0.81                | 1.54                | 0.70                | 0.74                | 1.19                |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>  | 9.56                | 11.89               | 10.57               | 9.84                | 8.79                |

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended                                    | 2022<br>December 31 | 2021<br>December 31 | 2020<br>December 31 | 2019<br>December 31 | 2018<br>December 31 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>         | 2,416               | 2,789               | 6                   | 5                   | 1                   |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 252,875             | 234,637             | 556                 | 519                 | 167                 |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>                | 1.01                | 1.02                | 1.02                | 0.99                | 0.96                |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) | 1.03                | 1.04                | 1.09                | 1.10                | 1.35                |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>                   | 0.02                | 0.01                | 0.02                | 0.01                | 0.01                |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>                 | 159.00              | 170.31              | 174.89              | 144.90              | 140.87              |
| Net asset value per unit (\$)                              | 9.55                | 11.89               | 10.58               | 9.84                | 8.79                |

## Series H

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

Commencement of operations: May 12, 2017

| Accounting Period Ended   | 2022<br>December 31 | 2021<br>December 31 | 2020<br>December 31 | 2019<br>December 31 | 2018<br>December 31 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown<sup>(4)</sup></b> | 16.16               | 14.15               | 12.55               | 10.36               | 11.22               |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Total revenue   | 0.26                | 0.26                | 0.15                | 0.22                | 0.18                |
| Total expenses  | (0.29)              | (0.34)              | (0.26)              | (0.25)              | (0.25)              |
| Realized gains (losses)   | 0.03                | 2.73                | 1.50                | 0.96                | (0.14)              |
| Unrealized gains (losses)   | (3.26)              | 1.24                | 0.57                | 1.34                | (1.31)              |
| <b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>   | (3.26)              | 3.89                | 1.96                | 2.27                | (1.52)              |
| <b>Distributions (\$)</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends)                      | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   |
| From dividends  | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   |
| From capital gains  | —                   | 1.73                | 0.16                | 0.28                | 0.12                |
| Return of capital   | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   |
| <b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>                  | —                   | 1.73                | 0.16                | 0.28                | 0.12                |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>  | 12.93               | 16.16               | 14.15               | 12.55               | 10.36               |

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended                                    | 2022<br>December 31 | 2021<br>December 31 | 2020<br>December 31 | 2019<br>December 31 | 2018<br>December 31 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>         | 11,884              | 17,881              | 16,080              | 12,002              | 5,344               |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 919,424             | 1,106,580           | 1,136,129           | 956,238             | 516,100             |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>                | 2.17                | 2.17                | 2.17                | 2.17                | 2.17                |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) | 2.25                | 2.25                | 2.24                | 2.24                | 2.23                |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>                   | 0.02                | 0.01                | 0.02                | 0.01                | 0.01                |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>                 | 159.00              | 170.31              | 174.89              | 144.90              | 140.87              |
| Net asset value per unit (\$)                              | 12.93               | 16.16               | 14.15               | 12.55               | 10.35               |



## Series O

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

Commencement of operations: April 28, 2017

| Accounting Period Ended   | 2022<br>December 31 | 2021<br>December 31 | 2020<br>December 31 | 2019<br>December 31 | 2018<br>December 31 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown<sup>(4)</sup></b> | 15.27               | 13.34               | 11.70               | 10.06               | 10.53               |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Total revenue   | 0.25                | 0.25                | 0.14                | 0.21                | 0.18                |
| Total expenses  | (0.01)              | (0.01)              | (0.01)              | —                   | —                   |
| Realized gains (losses)   | 0.62                | 2.84                | 1.00                | 0.74                | 0.87                |
| Unrealized gains (losses)   | (2.90)              | 0.88                | 0.65                | 1.21                | (0.76)              |
| <b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>   | (2.04)              | 3.96                | 1.78                | 2.16                | 0.29                |
| <b>Distributions (\$)</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends)                      | 0.02                | 0.01                | 0.01                | 0.01                | —                   |
| From dividends  | 0.26                | 0.20                | 0.12                | 0.16                | 0.12                |
| From capital gains  | 0.35                | 1.69                | 0.15                | 0.38                | 0.75                |
| Return of capital   | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   |
| <b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>                  | 0.63                | 1.90                | 0.28                | 0.55                | 0.87                |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>  | 12.80               | 15.27               | 13.34               | 11.70               | 10.06               |

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended                                    | 2022<br>December 31 | 2021<br>December 31 | 2020<br>December 31 | 2019<br>December 31 | 2018<br>December 31 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>         | 709,908             | 1,215,102           | 861,152             | 924,784             | 687,661             |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 55,452,089          | 79,600,918          | 64,546,197          | 78,979,269          | 68,389,519          |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>                | 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                |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>                   | 0.02                | 0.01                | 0.02                | 0.01                | 0.01                |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>                 | 159.00              | 170.31              | 174.89              | 144.90              | 140.87              |
| Net asset value per unit (\$)                              | 12.80               | 15.26               | 13.34               | 11.71               | 10.06               |

## Series T5

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

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

| Accounting Period Ended   | 2022<br>December 31 | 2021<br>December 31 | 2020<br>December 31 | 2019<br>December 31 | 2018<br>December 31 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown<sup>(4)</sup></b> | 11.92               | 9.88                | 9.19                | 8.34                | 9.34                |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Total revenue   | 0.19                | 0.19                | 0.11                | 0.17                | 0.15                |
| Total expenses  | (0.22)              | (0.22)              | (0.16)              | (0.21)              | (0.21)              |
| Realized gains (losses)   | 0.51                | (174.09)            | 0.83                | 0.59                | 0.77                |
| Unrealized gains (losses)   | (2.08)              | 176.90              | 0.51                | 1.01                | (0.56)              |
| <b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>   | (1.60)              | 2.78                | 1.29                | 1.56                | 0.15                |
| <b>Distributions (\$)</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends)                      | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   | —                   |
| From dividends  | —                   | 0.01                | 0.02                | —                   | —                   |
| From capital gains  | 0.21                | —                   | 0.10                | 0.31                | 0.68                |
| Return of capital   | 0.60                | 0.48                | 0.45                | 0.42                | 0.47                |
| <b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>                  | 0.81                | 0.49                | 0.57                | 0.73                | 1.15                |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>  | 9.47                | 11.92               | 9.88                | 9.19                | 8.34                |

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended                                    | 2022<br>December 31 | 2021<br>December 31 | 2020<br>December 31 | 2019<br>December 31 | 2018<br>December 31 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>         | 15                  | 17                  | 2                   | 2                   | 1                   |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 1,549               | 1,429               | 192                 | 180                 | 167                 |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>                | 2.17                | 2.13                | 1.77                | 2.25                | 2.17                |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) | 2.24                | 2.23                | 2.13                | 2.55                | 2.58                |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>                   | 0.02                | 0.01                | 0.02                | 0.01                | 0.01                |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>                 | 159.00              | 170.31              | 174.89              | 144.90              | 140.87              |
| Net asset value per unit (\$)                              | 9.47                | 11.92               | 9.88                | 9.19                | 8.34                |

## Private Series\*

<sup>(1)</sup> 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  | 2022        | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 |
| <b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(a)</sup> | 15.55       | 13.20       | 11.53       | 9.72        | 10.00       |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>                        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Total revenue  | 0.26        | 0.25        | 0.17        | 0.21        | 0.10        |
| Total expenses   | (0.11)      | (0.11)      | (0.10)      | (0.09)      | (0.05)      |
| Realized gains (losses)  | 0.67        | 2.72        | 1.41        | 0.78        | (0.04)      |
| Unrealized gains (losses)  | (2.78)      | 1.15        | 1.01        | 1.14        | (2.57)      |
| <b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>   | (1.96)      | 4.01        | 2.49        | 2.04        | (2.56)      |
| <b>Distributions (\$)</b>  |             |             |             |             |             |
| From net investment income (excluding dividends)                       | 0.01        | —           | —           | —           | —           |
| From dividends   | 0.10        | 0.07        | 0.02        | 0.04        | 0.01        |
| From capital gains   | 0.29        | 1.25        | 0.11        | 0.19        | —           |
| Return of capital  | —           | —           | —           | —           | —           |
| <b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>                  | 0.40        | 1.32        | 0.13        | 0.23        | 0.01        |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>  | 13.19       | 15.55       | 13.20       | 11.53       | 9.72        |

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

| Accounting Period Ended                                    | 2022        | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018        |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 | December 31 |
| Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>         | 3,349       | 3,773       | 1,250       | 259         | 87          |
| Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>                 | 253,841     | 242,597     | 94,681      | 22,456      | 8,942       |
| Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>                | 0.76        | 0.74        | 0.79        | 0.81        | 0.80        |
| Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%) | 0.76        | 0.74        | 0.79        | 0.82        | 0.85        |
| Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>                   | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.02        | 0.01        | 0.01        |
| Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>                 | 159.00      | 170.31      | 174.89      | 144.90      | 140.87      |
| Net asset value per unit (\$)                              | 13.19       | 15.55       | 13.20       | 11.53       | 9.72        |

<sup>(5)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited Financial Statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements might differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. The differences are explained in the notes to the financial statements.

<sup>(6)</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the average number of units outstanding over the accounting period.

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

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

<sup>(5)</sup> This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.

<sup>(6)</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses including sales taxes for the accounting period indicated (excluding commission, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net value during the accounting period.

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

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

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As of December 31, 2022

### Portfolio Top Holdings

|   | % of Net<br>Asset Value |
|---|-------------------------|
| Apple Inc.                              | 5.1                     |
| Microsoft Corp.                         | 4.5                     |
| Amazon.com Inc.                         | 2.8                     |
| Alphabet Inc., Class C                  | 2.7                     |
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Class B        | 2.1                     |
| Johnson & Johnson                       | 1.9                     |
| Merck & Co. Inc.                        | 1.4                     |
| PepsiCo Inc.                            | 1.3                     |
| Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets | 1.3                     |
| Cisco Systems Inc.                      | 1.2                     |
| Accenture PLC, Class A                  | 1.0                     |
| Adobe Systems Inc.                      | 1.0                     |
| Broadcom Inc.                           | 1.0                     |
| Pfizer Inc.                             | 1.0                     |
| Philip Morris International Inc.        | 1.0                     |
| Anthem Inc.                             | 0.9                     |
| Chubb Ltd.                              | 0.9                     |
| Costco Wholesale Corp.                  | 0.9                     |
| CVS Health Corp.                        | 0.9                     |
| Gilead Sciences Inc.                    | 0.9                     |
| International Business Machines Corp.   | 0.9                     |
| Lockheed Martin Corp.                   | 0.9                     |
| Tesla Motors Inc.                       | 0.9                     |
| Union Pacific Corp.                     | 0.9                     |
| Medtronic PLC                           | 0.8                     |
|   | 38.2                    |

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### Sector Allocation

|   | % of Net<br>Asset Value |
|---|-------------------------|
| Information Technology                  | 26.2                    |
| Health Care                             | 16.7                    |
| Financials                              | 11.6                    |
| Industrials                             | 9.6                     |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 9.5                     |
| Consumer Staples                        | 6.1                     |
| Communication Services                  | 5.5                     |
| Energy                                  | 5.2                     |
| Real Estate                             | 3.8                     |
| Materials                               | 2.6                     |
| Utilities                               | 1.9                     |
| Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets | 1.3                     |

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

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

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.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).