

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2019

Short Term and Income Fund

## **NBI Floating Rate Income Fund**

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Floating Rate Income Fund's investment objective is to generate income corresponding to current short-term bond yields while minimizing the effects of interest-rate fluctuations. The Fund invests, directly or indirectly, in a portfolio composed mainly of Canadian debt securities while using interest rate derivatives to minimize interest rate risk and deliver a floating rate of income.

The portfolio manager uses fundamental credit research to select companies that, based on its view of the industry and the company's growth prospects, seem to offer attractive risk-adjusted returns. It is expected that investments in foreign securities will not exceed approximately 40% 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 Floating Rate Income Fund's Investor Series units returned 3.74% compared to 1.61% for the Fund's benchmark, the FTSE Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the returns of all of the Fund's series, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

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 28.80% over the period, from \$223.53 million as at December 31, 2018 to \$159.16 million as at December 31, 2019.

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

Among the asset classes held in the Fund, corporate bonds finished well ahead of preferred equities which underperformed over the semester.

The Bank of Canada didn't follow its peers around the world in lowering its benchmark rate, instead opting to maintain its key interest rate of 1.75% throughout the year. The Governing Council stated that the resilience of Canada's economy will be increasingly tested as trade conflicts and uncertainty persist but that it will only act by considering its own economic indicators. CPI inflation in Canada remains generally on target, and measures of core inflation are around 2%, consistent with an economy operating near capacity. The unemployment rate remained impressively low during the year; however, the Canadian economy posted its biggest monthly job loss since the financial crisis in November, pushing the unemployment rate higher near the year's end. The Bank of Canada ("BoC") thus ended the year as one of the few major central banks to maintain its policy rate, rather than decreasing it.

The Canadian yield curve briefly inverted in March for the first time since 2007 then stayed inverted for as long as seven months, reaching its most prominent inversion in August and recovering slowly since then. The Canadian 10-year rate fell by 27 bps to 1.7% and reached its lowest point of 1.09% in August. Corporate and high yield credit spreads also tightened versus federal bonds during the period, with more amplitude, however, for HY bonds.

In this context, the overall Canadian bond universe index ended 2019 with a return of 6.87%. With interest rates lower on the year, all sectors posted gains for the period. However, provincial and municipal bonds were still among the best performers, as were longer-term issues.

Within credit assets, high yield bonds (lower than BBB-rated) outperformed investment grade corporate bonds, returning about 10.4% all in, compared to 8.1% for all Canadian corporate bonds. Sector-wise, the Energy and Infrastructure sectors led the other sectors, gaining respectively 11.2% and 11.4% whereas securitized assets and the Financial sector underperformed, gaining, however, 4.7% and 5.2%.

Canadian preferred shares for their part, ended the year in positive territory but lagged other major asset classes such as corporate bonds and common equities. Fixed rate perpetuals were the best performers, gaining about 11.4% thanks to the fall in 5-year rates, with banks outperforming the other sectors; floating rate issues for their part, lagged the overall asset class with a loss of 6.6%, with the energy sector getting hurt the most.

Given these circumstances, the Fund outperformed its benchmark for the period. Both fixed income and preferred shares added major value this year. In the former, the large weighting and the selection in financial names was very beneficial, adding the bulk of the performance. Energy issues also added value, while real estate lagged slightly. In preferred shares, fixed-reset issues, which form the bulk of the preferred equity part of the portfolio, were the main positive contributors, despite gaining only 0.84%. Fixed rate perpetuals gained the most, with a return of 5.7%, but their very small weight in the portfolio had a negligible impact.

### Recent Developments

In Canada, the passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada trade Agreement (USMCA) will bring some relief on this front. The portfolio manager looks for moderate overall growth to continue, including a modest lift from federal tax cuts and spending. With inflation running near target he expects the BoC to remain in wait-and-see mode before adding stimulus to the economy but is biased to easing should growth disappoint. In this environment he doesn't expect significant upward pressure on longer-term bond yields from current levels. The low yield environment is set to continue, and he believes demand for higher yielding investments will remain a dominant theme in 2020. However, credit spreads have narrowed from earlier attractive levels and provide less break-even protection than in the recent past. Given the elevated state of economic and geopolitical risks could increase the volatility going forward, he will remain disciplined at managing credit risk exposures.

Despite the strong performance of the preferred share market in Q4, the performance of the asset class continued to lag other asset classes like credit assets (Investment grade corporate and high yield bonds) as well as equities. With the tax loss selling season behind us, the U.S. Federal Reserve and the BoC on the sidelines, and some positive development on trade deals, the portfolio manager is expecting a total performance of the preferred share market stronger than the average dividend yield in 2020. He's expecting buyers to be back as the yield pickup over other asset classes continues to be at the top end of its range since 2015. He expects non-financial issuers to limit preferred share funding in the near-term as the hybrid structure remains more attractive on a funding cost basis while providing a stronger institutional investor base. Subject to regulatory capital requirements, he thinks financial issuers will continue issuing additional tier 1 capital including preferred shares, but he expects financial issuers to closely monitor the funding cost spread between Canadian preferred shares and US AT1 perpetual structures (ex: Bank of Montreal and Bank of Nova Scotia). As a result, he expects supply to be quiet (lower than expected) over the next few quarters which should be a technical positive for the asset class. Flows into the ETFs will continue to be an important driver of daily volatility. In this environment, fixed-reset issues with mid reset level should outperform fixed-reset issues with high reset levels, fixed-reset issues with floors and fixed rate perpetuals.

In this context, the portfolio manager continued to improve the quality of preferred share issues within the portfolio by increasing the average reset level of the fixed-reset issues especially in the second half of the year. He also reduced the allocation to floating rate issues and took some profit by reducing the allocation to some expensive fixed rate perpetual issues. Heading into 2020, he will favor fixed-reset and floating rate issues that trade at a discount to par.

In the corporate bond's component of the Fund, he will continue to focus on the quality of issuing companies rather than taking undue credit risk since the Fund is mostly exposed to this asset class. He will seek the best opportunities in a variety of industries and along the corporate term structure.

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.

### Portfolio Manager

The Manager has appointed National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), an 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

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 December 31, 2019
<b>Total brokerage fees</b>	11,992.08
<b>Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial</b>	53.11

### Holdings

As at December 31, 2019, National Bank Investments Inc. held 432.17 Fund securities for a value of \$4,118.73, which represented close to 0.0026% 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:

- Purchasing or holding the securities of a related issuer, in particular, those of National Bank of Canada;
- Investing in the securities of an issuer when an entity related to the manager acts as an underwriter for the placement or at any time during the 60-day period after the end of the placement;
- Purchasing or selling securities to another investment Fund managed by the manager or a company in the same group;
- Purchasing or selling debt securities on the secondary market, through related brokers that are main brokers in the Canadian debt securities market (in accordance with an exemption received from the Canadian Securities Administrators);
- Entering into foreign exchange transactions (including both spot transactions and forward transactions) with National Bank of Canada.

The Manager has implemented policies and procedures to make sure that the conditions applicable to each of the above transactions are met. The applicable standing instructions require that these transactions be carried out in accordance with NBII policies, which specify, in particular, that investment decisions pertaining to these related party transactions must be made free from any influence by an entity related to NBII and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to NBII. Furthermore, the investment decisions must represent the business judgment of the securities advisor, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interest of the Fund and must achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

## Registered Plan Trust Services

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

## Administrative and Operating Services

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

## Management Fees

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

Series	Management Fees	Distribution	Others <sup>†</sup>
Investor Series and Series R	1.20%	54.17%	45.83%
Advisor Series and Series T*			
Front-end load	1.20%	54.17%	45.83%
Back-end load - 1 to 6 years	1.20%	20.83%	79.17%
Back-end load - 7 years and more	1.20%	54.17%	45.83%
Low load - 1 to 3 years	1.20%	20.83%	79.17%
Low load - 4 years and more	1.20%	54.17%	45.83%
Series F and Series FT	0.55%	—	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 and Series T with low sales charges option and deferred sales charge option, which are not paid for out of the management fees.

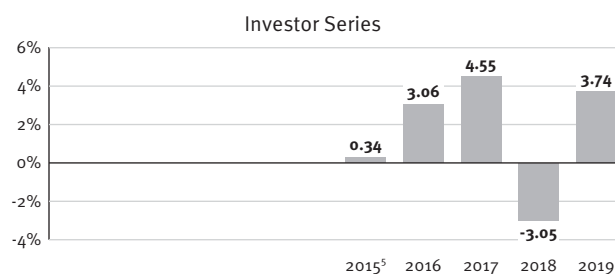
<sup>(\*\*)</sup> There are no management fees paid by the Fund with respect to the Series O. Instead, Series O securityholders pay a negotiated administration fee directly to National Bank Investments.

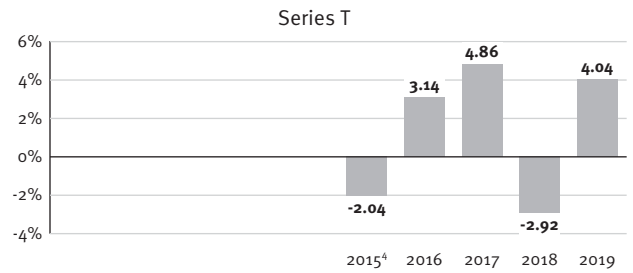
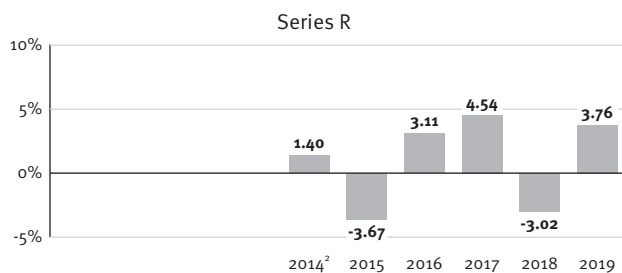
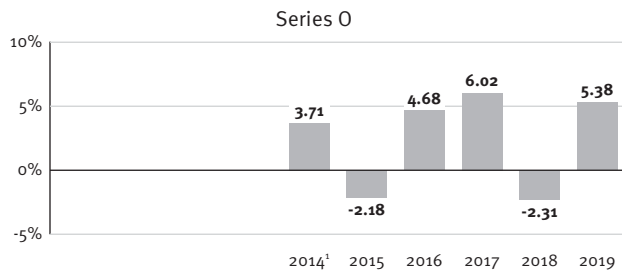
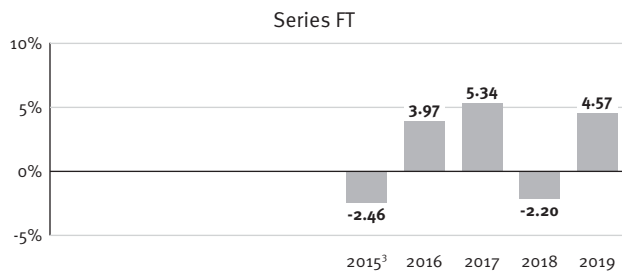
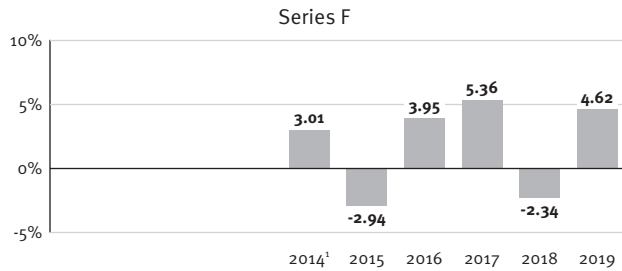
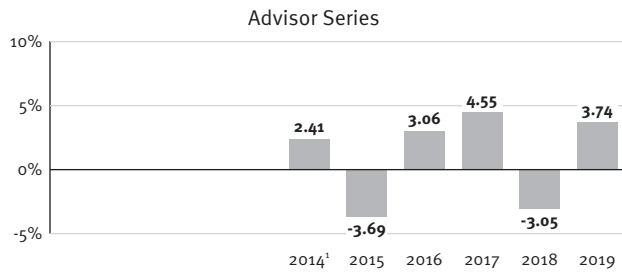
## Past Performance

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

## Annual Returns

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





<sup>(1)</sup> Returns for the period from January 8, 2014 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2014.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from January 24, 2014 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2014.

<sup>(3)</sup> Returns for the period from May 21, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

<sup>(4)</sup> Returns for the period from January 14, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

<sup>(5)</sup> 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, 2019, compared with the following benchmark:

- FTSE Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index (CAD)

### NBI Floating Rate Income Fund

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
<b>Investor Series<sup>1</sup></b>	3.74%	1.69%	–	–	2.03%
Benchmark	1.61%	1.18%	–	–	1.03%
<b>Advisor Series<sup>2</sup></b>	3.74%	1.69%	0.86%	–	1.12%
Benchmark	1.61%	1.18%	0.94%	–	1.11%
<b>Series F<sup>2</sup></b>	4.62%	2.49%	1.66%	–	1.89%
Benchmark	1.61%	1.18%	0.94%	–	1.11%
<b>Series FT<sup>3</sup></b>	4.57%	2.51%	–	–	1.93%
Benchmark	1.61%	1.18%	–	–	1.09%
<b>Series O<sup>2</sup></b>	5.38%	2.96%	2.25%	–	2.50%
Benchmark	1.61%	1.18%	0.94%	–	1.11%
<b>Series R<sup>4</sup></b>	3.76%	1.70%	0.88%	–	0.98%
Benchmark	1.61%	1.18%	0.94%	–	1.11%
<b>Series T<sup>5</sup></b>	4.04%	1.93%	–	–	1.37%
Benchmark	1.61%	1.18%	–	–	1.16%

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

<sup>2</sup>Commencement of operations: January 8, 2014

<sup>3</sup>Commencement of operations: May 21, 2015

<sup>4</sup>Commencement of operations: January 24, 2014

<sup>5</sup>Commencement of operations: January 14, 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 **FTSE Canada 91 Day T-Bill Index** tracks the daily return on 91-day Canadian Treasury bills.

## Financial Highlights

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

### Investor\* / Advisor Series

<sup>(1)</sup> The Investor Series was created on October 30, 2015.

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

Commencement of operations: January 8, 2014

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>	9.47	10.02	9.78	9.65	10.15
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.39	0.36	0.31	0.27	0.29
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.18)
Realized gains (losses)	0.09	(0.12)	0.11	(0.06)	(0.13)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.02	(0.31)	0.18	0.22	(0.36)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.36	(0.22)	0.45	0.29	(0.38)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.15	0.15	0.06	0.04	0.02
From dividends	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.10
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	0.05	0.03	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.26	0.25	0.20	0.17	0.12
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	9.56	9.47	10.02	9.78	9.65

### 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 (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	147,292	201,168	374,394	469,717	488,624
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	15,400,375	21,240,663	37,349,232	48,006,677	50,604,938
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.48
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.50	1.51	1.51	1.50	1.48
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	17.03	6.18	28.08	30.25	24.19
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.56	9.47	10.02	9.78	9.66

### Series F

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

Commencement of operations: January 8, 2014

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>	9.61	10.13	9.83	9.67	10.17
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.39	0.36	0.31	0.27	0.29
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses)	0.11	(0.12)	0.10	(0.07)	(0.14)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.01)	(0.40)	0.20	0.20	(0.43)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.42	(0.23)	0.54	0.33	(0.39)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.23	0.21	0.13	0.11	0.08
From dividends	0.11	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.12
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.34	0.29	0.22	0.21	0.20
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	9.71	9.61	10.13	9.83	9.67

### 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 (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	10,259	20,160	17,591	15,976	19,910
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	1,056,530	2,097,385	1,736,452	1,625,177	2,058,741
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.73	0.73
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.74	0.75	0.78	0.79	0.74
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	17.03	6.18	28.08	30.25	24.19
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.71	9.61	10.13	9.83	9.67

## Series FT

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>	9.60	10.06	9.79	9.66	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.40	0.37	0.32	0.28	0.17
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses)	0.07	(0.13)	0.11	(0.07)	(0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.03	(1.17)	0.17	0.24	(0.32)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	0.44	(1.00)	0.53	0.38	(0.25)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.33	0.16	0.14	0.11	0.04
From dividends	0.30	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.05
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	0.02	0.02	0.03	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.63	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.09
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	9.41	9.60	10.06	9.79	9.66

### 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>	1	1	1	1	1
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	116	109	106	104	101
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.68	0.75	0.69	0.69	0.74
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.34	0.81	1.78	2.13	2.91
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	17.03	6.18	28.08	30.25	24.19
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.41	9.61	10.06	9.79	9.66

## Series O

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

Commencement of operations: January 8, 2014

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>	9.53	10.06	9.78	9.65	10.14
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.40	0.36	0.23	0.28	0.29
Total expenses	—	(0.07)	—	—	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	0.08	(0.12)	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.13)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.02	(0.40)	0.38	0.24	(0.35)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	0.50	(0.23)	0.58	0.45	(0.23)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.29	0.21	0.20	0.18	0.14
From dividends	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.12
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	0.03	0.03	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.39	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.26
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	9.65	9.53	10.06	9.78	9.65

### 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>	2	2	2	41,372	40,008
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	203	195	189	4,227,903	4,143,524
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	—	0.68	0.02	0.02	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.37	1.15	0.02	0.02	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	17.03	6.18	28.08	30.25	24.19
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.65	9.53	10.06	9.79	9.66



## Series R

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

Commencement of operations: January 24, 2014

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>(4)</sup>	9.15	9.69	9.45	9.37	9.93
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.38	0.35	0.30	0.26	0.29
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.18)
Realized gains (losses)	0.08	(0.12)	0.10	(0.06)	(0.13)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.03	(0.31)	0.18	0.19	(0.36)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.35	(0.22)	0.44	0.25	(0.38)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.14	0.15	0.06	0.03	0.01
From dividends	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	0.05	0.07	0.09
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.25	0.24	0.20	0.20	0.20
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	9.24	9.15	9.69	9.45	9.37

### 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>	1,603	2,194	4,193	5,594	6,471
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	173,466	239,783	432,964	591,678	690,642
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	17.03	6.18	28.08	30.25	24.19
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.24	9.15	9.68	9.45	9.37

## Series T

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

Commencement of operations: January 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>(4)</sup>	9.33	9.85	9.59	9.50	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.51	0.35	0.31	0.27	0.28
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.12)	(0.14)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses)	0.05	(0.12)	0.10	(0.07)	(0.14)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.25	(0.39)	0.15	0.25	(0.32)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.69	(0.29)	0.44	0.31	(0.21)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.16	0.16	0.08	0.05	0.12
From dividends	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.10	0.11
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	0.04	0.07	0.05
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.26	0.24	0.20	0.22	0.28
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	9.44	9.33	9.85	9.59	9.50

### 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>	1	1	1	1	1
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	113	110	108	105	103
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.32	1.28	1.26	1.42	0.01
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.83	2.12	2.36	2.85	1.38
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	17.03	6.18	28.08	30.25	24.19
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.44	9.33	9.85	9.59	9.51



- <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 Series F, FT, O, R and T, 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. The management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions as at December 31, 2015 has been adjusted for Series FT, to reflect an adequate annualization, where the ratio changed from 1.56 to 2.91, and for Series T, to reflect a non-material correction related to a programming error in the ratio calculation.
- <sup>(7)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the accounting period. The trading expense ratio includes, if necessary, the trading expenses from its underlying funds, as described in Article 15.2 of Regulation 81-106. Since calculating an average daily allocation of the trading expenses would take considerable effort, an average monthly allocation has been used instead for the accounting periods prior to 2016.
- <sup>(8)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund portfolio's manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the accounting period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in an accounting period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the accounting period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the accounting period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

As of December 31, 2019

### Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Morgan Stanley, 3.00%, due February 7, 2024 .....	2.7
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets .....	2.2
Husky Energy Inc., 3.95%, due April 15, 2022 .....	2.1
Citigroup Inc., 4.09%, due June 9, 2025 .....	2.0
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., 3.60%, due June 2, 2025 .....	1.9
Wells Fargo & Co., 3.87%, due May 21, 2025 .....	1.9
Empire Life Insurance, 3.38%, due December 16, 2026 .....	1.7
Sun Life Financial Inc., Floating, due September 19, 2023 .....	1.7
H&R Real Estate Investment Trust, 3.37%, due January 30, 2024 .....	1.7
Granite Reit Holdings LP, 3.87%, due November 30, 2023 .....	1.7
Smart Real Estate Investment Trust, 2.99%, due August 28, 2024 .....	1.7
Bank of America Corp., 3.23%, due June 22, 2022 .....	1.6
Ford Credit Canada Ltd., 3.28%, due July 2, 2021 .....	1.5
Enbridge Inc., 3.19%, due December 5, 2022 .....	1.5
Inter Pipeline Ltd., 2.61%, due September 13, 2023 .....	1.5
Laurentian Bank of Canada, Floating, due June 22, 2022 .....	1.4
Calloway Real Estate Investment Trust, 3.73%, due July 22, 2022 .....	1.4
Loblaw Companies Ltd., 4.86%, due September 12, 2023 .....	1.4
First Capital Realty Inc., 4.50%, due March 1, 2021 .....	1.4
Teranet Holdings LP, 3.65%, due November 18, 2022 .....	1.4
AltaGas Ltd., 3.84%, due January 15, 2025 .....	1.3
Ford Credit Canada Ltd., 2.71%, due February 23, 2022 .....	1.3
Enbridge Inc., 3.94%, due January 13, 2023 .....	1.3
TD Capital Trust IV, Floating, due June 30, 2021 .....	1.3
TransAlta Corp., 5.00%, due November 25, 2020 .....	1.3
	40.9

Net asset value ..... \$159,157,387

### Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Canadian Corporate Bonds .....	65.3
Preferred Shares .....	19.7
US Bonds .....	11.8
Mortgage Backed Securities .....	0.9
Municipal Bonds .....	0.1
Derivative Products .....	(7.1)
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets .....	9.3

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 Web site at [www.nbinvestments.ca](http://www.nbinvestments.ca).