

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2022

Short Term and Income Fund  
**NBI Corporate Bond Fund**

## Notes on forward-looking statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements concerning the Fund, its future performance, its strategies or prospects or about future events or circumstances. Such forward-looking statements include, among others, statements with respect to our beliefs, plans, expectations, estimates and intentions. The use of the expressions "foresee", "intend", "anticipate", "estimate", "assume", "believe" and "expect" and other similar terms and expressions indicate forward-looking statements.

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Corporate Bond Fund's investment objective is to ensure long-term capital growth and to generate high income. The Fund invests directly, or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio comprised mainly of debt securities of Canadian and U.S. companies.

The portfolio manager carefully analyzes the credit standing of every security and evaluates risk, relative return and the economic situation when confirming the selection and relative weighting of each holding in the portfolio. This is carried out to identify bonds with attractive return potential. The portfolio manager also takes economic considerations and their impact on interest rates into account. Shorter or longer term issues are favoured, depending on whether interest rates are expected to rise or fall. The Fund may invest approximately 25% of its assets in foreign debt securities.

### 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 Corporate Bond Fund's Investor Series units returned -11.27% compared to -9.87% for the Fund's benchmark, the FTSE Canada Corporate Bond Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the returns of all of the Fund's series, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

The Fund's net asset value dropped by 9.90% over the period, from \$1.400 billion as at December 31, 2021 to \$1.261 billion as at December 31, 2022. The decrease stemmed mainly from withdrawals in the Fund by other NBI Funds and market fluctuations.

Risk assets were hit hard, and bond yields continued their upward movement in the first half of 2022 as markets adjusted to very hawkish central banks that needed to raise rates significantly to try to bring inflation back under control. At the beginning of the year, interest rates were already under upward pressure as central banks had come to the realization that inflation was more persistent than first thought caused by pent-up demand and the ongoing supply chain issues brought on by the virus.

The third quarter saw global bond yields continue to increase significantly, especially at the front end of the curves as markets expected central banks would have to be even more aggressive to bring inflation back under control.

Global rates continued to generally increase during the fourth quarter especially at the front end of the curves as government bond markets once again maintained their belief that central banks had more work to do to bring inflation back under control. On the other hand, most risk assets performed well as expectations grew for a pause and an eventual pivot in monetary policy. U.S. core inflation has peaked and started to fall, but it is still elevated at 6.0%.

The Bank of Canada increased its target for the overnight rate by 100 basis points to 4.25% over the last 3 months of the year, bringing cumulative rate hikes to 400 bps for the year. Bond yields moved in the same direction as the central bank, but the curve continued to invert. 2-year Canada bond yields jumped 26 basis points to 4.05%.

In this context, the Fund slightly underperformed its benchmark for the period. Duration contributed positively relative to the index. Although yield to carry helped performance, it was partially offset by the spread widening we saw throughout 2022.

From a sector perspective, positioning in communications and financials proved difficult during the year, as well as our overweight positioning in the energy sector. On the other hand, the large underweight position in the infrastructure sector more than offset the losses from the other three sectors mentioned previously.

### Recent Developments

The Fund has a slightly shorter duration and a higher running yield relative to the index. The Fund is overweighted in Financial and Real Estate bonds and continues to maintain an underweight in infrastructure and industrial issues. Over the year, the portfolio manager increased our weighting to the 3 to 5 years maturity range, and the Fund went from being underweight in that segment to a slightly overweight.

Inflation will continue to be the key to the direction of bond yields and credit tone. The Bank of Canada and the Federal Reserve were very aggressive in hiking rates in 2022, but we now expect this tightening cycle to end sometime during the first half of 2023. Although the Fund manager expects the Bank of Canada to stop hiking rates this year, we also believe they will have to keep rates elevated for a long period of time before underlying inflation falls back to target.

Portfolio duration and curve positioning ended the year close to the index. In Canada, the market expects the first interest rate cut to happen before the end of 2023, whereas the Fund manager expects sticky inflation driven by a tight labour market to make this a 2024 story.

Corporate spreads already reflect the Fund manager base case scenario of a modest recession, but if they tighten too quickly, the portfolio manager looks to take profits, or if they widen to reflect a significant slowdown; exposure will be increased.

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.

On June 17, 2022, National Bank Trust Inc. replaced Fiera Capital Corporation as portfolio manager of the fund, the latter which became the portfolio sub-advisor.

On or about October 1, 2022, the management fees and maximum annual trailing commissions for the Investor Series and Advisor Series of the Fund were reduced. The management fees were reduced to 1.25% and its maximum annual trailing commissions were reduced to 0.50%.

### 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.

### **Holdings**

As at December 31, 2022, National Bank Investments Inc. held 123.04 Fund securities for a value of \$1,194.69, which represented close to 0.0001% 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 1.16 Fund securities for a value of \$11.25, 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.

### **Independent Review Committee Approvals and Recommendations**

The Fund followed the standing instructions of its Independent Review Committee with respect to one or more of the following transactions:

- a) Purchasing or holding the securities of a related issuer, in particular, those of National Bank of Canada;
- b) 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;
- c) Purchasing or selling securities to another investment Fund managed by the manager or a company in the same group;
- d) Purchasing or selling debt securities on the secondary market, through related brokers that are main brokers in the Canadian debt securities market (in accordance with an exemption received from the Canadian Securities Administrators);
- e) Entering into foreign exchange transactions (including both spot transactions and forward transactions) with National Bank of 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. 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	1.25%	40.00%	60.00%
Advisor Series*			
Front-end load**	1.25%	40.00%	60.00%
Back-end load - 1 to 6 years	1.25%	20.00%	80.00%
Low load - 1 to 3 years	1.25%	20.00%	80.00%
Low load - 4 years and more	1.25%	40.00%	60.00%
Series F	0.60%	—	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 with the low sales charge 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.

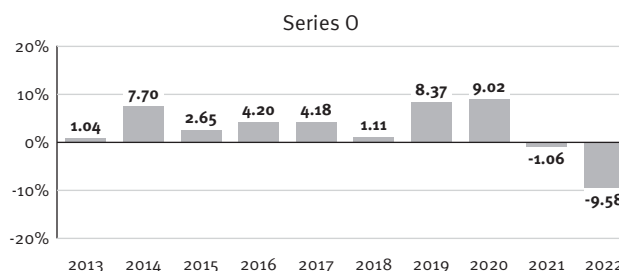
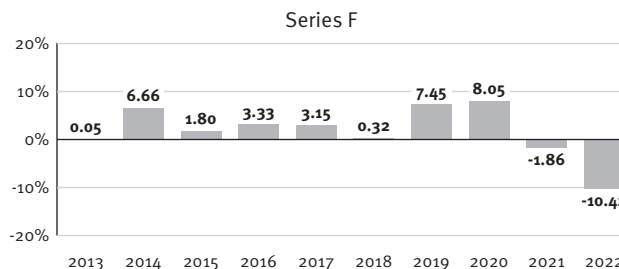
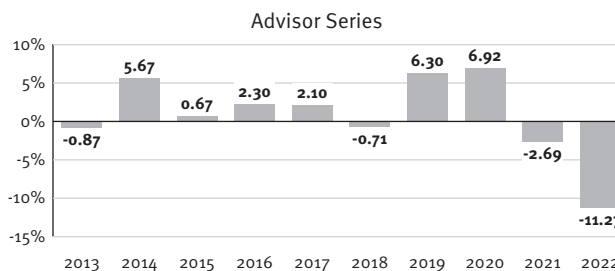
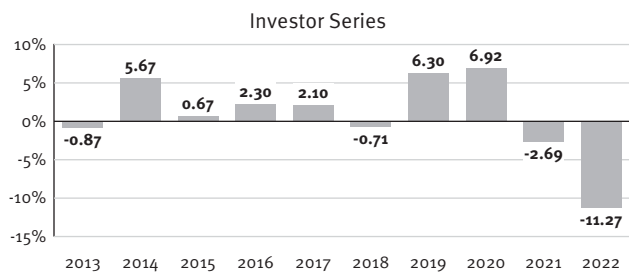
<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> There are no management fees paid by the Fund with respect to the Series O. Instead, Series O securityholders pay a negotiated administration fee directly to National Bank Investments.

## 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.



## 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:

- FTSE Canada Corporate Bond Index (CAD)

### NBI Corporate Bond Fund

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
<b>Investor Series<sup>1</sup></b>	(11.27)%	(2.63)%	(0.52)%	0.71%	—
Benchmark	(9.87)%	(1.12)%	1.10%	2.36%	—
<b>Advisor Series<sup>1</sup></b>	(11.27)%	(2.63)%	(0.52)%	0.71%	—
Benchmark	(9.87)%	(1.12)%	1.10%	2.36%	—
<b>Series F<sup>1</sup></b>	(10.42)%	(1.70)%	0.47%	1.72%	—
Benchmark	(9.87)%	(1.12)%	1.10%	2.36%	—
<b>Series O<sup>1</sup></b>	(9.58)%	(0.83)%	1.34%	2.62%	—
Benchmark	(9.87)%	(1.12)%	1.10%	2.36%	—

<sup>1</sup>Commencement of operations: June 1, 2010

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 Corporate Bond Index** represents the corporate bond component of the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index. It includes short-term bonds (1 to 5 years), medium-term bonds (5 to 10 years) and long-term bonds (10 years or more).

## 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

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: June 1, 2010

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>	11.00	11.47	10.88	10.39	10.65
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.39	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.38
Total expenses	(0.19)	(0.21)	(0.22)	(0.21)	(0.20)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.12)	—	0.04	0.01	(0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(2.18)	(1.77)	0.54	0.52	(0.24)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	(2.10)	(1.62)	0.73	0.69	(0.10)
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.24	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.18
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.24	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.18
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	9.52	11.00	11.47	10.88	10.39

### 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>	4,371	17,291	218,638	297,117	372,922
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	459,140	1,571,713	19,060,993	27,301,210	35,888,367
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.89	1.90	1.93	1.94	1.94
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.89	1.90	1.93	1.94	1.94
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	42.49	28.25	26.98	52.02	44.80
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.52	11.00	11.47	10.88	10.39

### Series F

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: June 1, 2010

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>	11.15	11.62	10.99	10.49	10.75
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.39	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.38
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.21)	—	0.03	0.01	(0.03)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.48)	(0.36)	0.66	0.51	(0.21)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.39)	(0.10)	0.96	0.79	0.05
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.28	0.29
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.28	0.29
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	9.74	11.15	11.62	10.99	10.49

### 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>	27,187	3,483	1,881	271	262
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	2,791,589	312,355	161,922	24,641	24,977
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.91	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.89
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.92	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.90
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	42.49	28.25	26.98	52.02	44.80
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.74	11.15	11.62	10.99	10.49

## Series O

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

Commencement of operations: June 1, 2010

Accounting Period Ended	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	11.16	11.64	11.03	10.52	10.77
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.39	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.39
Total expenses	—	—	—	—	—
Realized gains (losses)	(0.17)	—	0.04	0.01	(0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(1.29)	(0.38)	0.55	0.41	(0.20)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>(1.07)</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.38	0.35	0.37	0.36	0.37
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)<sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.37</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>9.71</b>	<b>11.16</b>	<b>11.64</b>	<b>11.03</b>	<b>10.52</b>

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,229,778	1,379,112	984,769	799,317	540,544
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	126,691,531	123,527,977	84,622,151	72,437,758	51,360,412
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>	—	—	—	—	—
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	42.49	28.25	26.98	52.02	44.80
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.71	11.16	11.64	11.03	10.52

<sup>(4)</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>(5)</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>(6)</sup> Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>(7)</sup> The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.

<sup>(8)</sup> This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.

<sup>(9)</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>(10)</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>(11)</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 Asset Value
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	2.5
Bank of Montreal, 2.37%, due February 3, 2025	1.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 1.94%, due March 13, 2025	1.7
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 5.38%, due October 21, 2027	1.7
Canadian Utilities Ltd., 4.54%, due October 24, 2041	1.3
Royal Bank of Canada, 1.59%, due May 4, 2026	1.1
Toronto-Dominion Bank/The, 4.68%, due January 8, 2029	1.1
Bank of Montreal, 4.31%, due June 1, 2027	1.0
Royal Bank of Canada, 1.94%, due May 1, 2025	1.0
Bank of Nova Scotia/The, 1.85%, due November 2, 2026	0.9
Bank of Montreal, 4.71%, due December 7, 2027	0.8
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 5.05%, due October 7, 2027	0.8
Scotiabank, Floating, due July 3, 2024	0.8
Royal Bank of Canada, 2.14%, due November 3, 2031	0.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 3.22%, due July 25, 2029	0.8
Fédération des caisses Desjardins, 4.41%, due May 19, 2027	0.8
Fédération des caisses Desjardins, Floating, due May 26, 2030	0.8
Sun Life Financial Inc., Floating, due November 21, 2033	0.8
Bank of Nova Scotia/The, 1.95%, due January 10, 2025	0.7
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 4.95%, due June 29, 2027	0.7
Bank of Montreal, 2.88%, due September 17, 2029	0.7
Enbridge Inc., 3.95%, due November 19, 2024	0.7
Rogers Communications Inc., 5.00%, due December 17, 2081	0.7
Health Montreal Collective LP, 6.72%, due September 30, 2049	0.7
Wells Fargo & Co., Floating, due April 28, 2025	0.7
	25.4

Net asset value ..... \$1,261,335,673

### Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Canadian Corporate Bonds	90.5
US Bonds	6.5
Provincial Bonds	0.4
Municipal Bonds	0.3
Asset Backed Securities	0.7
Federal Bonds	—
Foreign Bonds	0.3
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.2
Derivative Products	(1.4)
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	2.5

### Credit Quality

	% of Net Asset Value
AAA	1.1
AA	5.2
A	43.1
BBB	47.3
BB	3.3

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.

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