

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2019

Global Equity Fund

NBI Global Diversified Equity Fund

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Global Diversified Equity Fund's investment objective is to ensure long-term capital growth. The Fund invests directly, or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio comprised mainly of equity securities of foreign companies located outside of Canada.

The portfolio sub-advisor analyzes each company's potential for success, in light of its current financial condition, its industry positioning, and economic and market conditions. The portfolio sub-advisor considers factors such as growth potential, earnings estimates and quality of management, and normally diversifies the Fund's investments across different countries and regions.

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 Global Diversified Equity Fund's Investor Series units returned 16.80% compared to 21.22% for the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI World 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 15.53% over the period, from \$448.12 million as at December 31, 2018 to \$378.52 million as at December 31, 2019.

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

Encouraged by three U.S. Federal Reserve rate cuts and a strong domestic economy, 2019 was a strong year for the U.S. equity market. All sectors performed well, with the largest laggard being the Energy sector. Meanwhile, the Information Technology and Telecommunications Services sectors were the biggest contributors this year.

The S&P 500 Index reached several all-time highs during the year, the last of which was on December 27th, boosted by growing optimism over an initial U.S.-China trade deal.

Much like markets further west, 2019 was a good year for international markets, where all sectors had a positive performance (with the exception of the Energy sector). Businesses represented in the MSCI EAFE index posted gains in 2019. Like the rest of the world's markets, the Information Technology sector was the main contributor to performance. From a geographic perspective, Italy was the best performer while Hong Kong underperformed.

Nevertheless, the economy continues to suffer through its worst recession since 2008. After the government of Hong Kong tried to pass a controversial bill that would have allowed extradition of fugitives to mainland China, protests began in June. Even though Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam agreed to fully withdraw the bill, it was too late as peaceful protests descended into violent clashes with police and vandalism, sending investors to the exits.

Given this context, the Fund underperformed its benchmark. Among sectors, holdings within the Health Care sector, especially an overweight position in the Biotechnology industry, detracted the most from relative returns. Conversely, holdings within the Consumer Staples sector, especially an overweight position in the Food Products industry, contributed most positively to relative returns.

At an individual stock level, the Fund's overweight position in Mylan NV was among the largest detractors from relative returns. Meanwhile, the Fund's overweight position in Target Corp was among the largest positive contributors to relative returns.

On the international front, an overweight position in LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton was among the largest detractors from relative returns. Meanwhile, our overweight position in HSBC Holdings PLC was among the largest positive contributors to relative returns.

Recent Developments

Looking ahead, the portfolio management team continues to believe that cheaper stocks should outpace more expensive ones and good momentum stocks should do better than poor momentum stocks. They 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, they anticipate remaining fully invested and expect that the value they may add over time will be due to stock selection, as opposed to size allocations.

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
Total brokerage fees	3,397.53
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	3,397.53

Holdings

As at December 31, 2019, National Bank Investments Inc. held 142.41 Fund securities for a value of \$1,253.20, which represented close to 0.0003% 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.

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 [†]
Investor Series	2.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Advisor Series*			
Front-end load	2.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Back-end load - 1 to 6 years	2.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Back-end load - 7 years and more	2.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Low load - 1 to 3 years	2.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Low load - 4 years and more	2.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Series O	N/A**	—	100.00%

^(†) Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

^(*) 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.

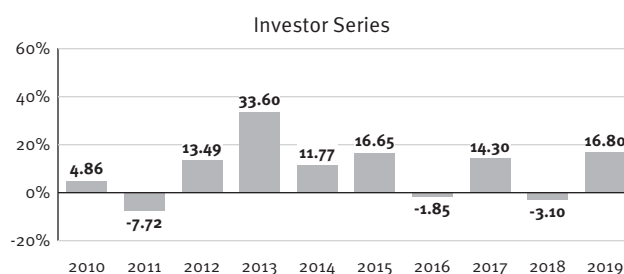
^(**) There are no management fees paid by the Fund with respect to the Series O. Instead, Series O securityholders pay a negotiated administration fee directly to National Bank Investments.

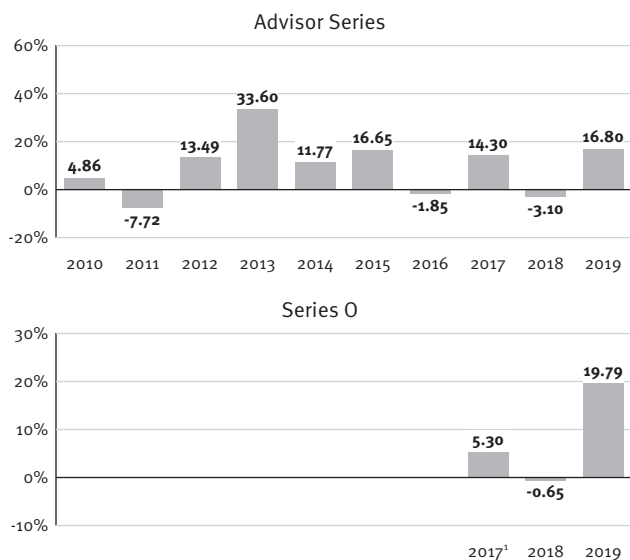
Past Performance

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.





⁽¹⁾ 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, 2019, compared with the following benchmark:

- MSCI World Index (CAD)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Investor Series¹	16.80%	8.96%	8.17%	9.28%	–
Benchmark	21.22%	11.32%	11.22%	11.82%	–
Advisor Series²	16.80%	8.96%	8.17%	9.28%	–
Benchmark	21.22%	11.32%	11.22%	11.82%	–
Series O³	19.79%	–	–	–	9.00%
Benchmark	21.22%	–	–	–	11.85%

¹Commencement of operations: October 11, 2000

²Commencement of operations: June 12, 2009

³Commencement of operations: May 19, 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 **MSCI World Index** is designed to measure global developed market equity performance and is made up of approximately 1,500 companies listed on stock exchanges in the 22 developed countries that make up the MSCI national indexes.

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

^(*) The Advisor Series was created on June 12, 2009.

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾ Commencement of operations: October 11, 2000

Accounting Period Ended	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	10.92	12.27	12.73	12.99	11.14
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.23	0.21	0.30	0.29	0.31
Total expenses	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.34)	(0.32)	(0.33)
Realized gains (losses)	0.74	1.60	2.78	0.65	1.35
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.26	(1.51)	(0.91)	(0.89)	0.57
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	1.93	(0.02)	1.83	(0.27)	1.90
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	0.03	0.96	2.08	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.03	0.96	2.08	—	—
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	12.73	10.92	12.27	12.73	12.99

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31	2015 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	378,519	448,123	794,834	663,981	690,569
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	29,728,601	41,039,708	64,788,554	52,212,185	53,288,992
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	2.55	2.56	2.53	2.52	2.51
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.55	2.56	2.53	2.52	2.52
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.10	0.04	0.15	0.08	0.10
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	10.03	—	148.91	54.81	52.97
Net asset value per unit (\$)	12.73	10.92	12.27	12.72	12.96

Series O

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾ Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

Accounting Period Ended	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	7.76	8.98	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)			
Total revenue	0.19	0.19	0.13
Total expenses	—	—	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses)	0.56	1.24	1.94
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.78	(1.48)	(1.54)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	1.53	(0.05)	0.52
Distributions (\$)			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	—
From capital gains	0.50	1.16	1.55
Return of capital	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.50	1.16	1.55
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	8.80	7.76	8.98

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	1	1	1
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	142	135	117
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.03	0.03	0.01
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.84	2.44	5.55
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.10	0.04	0.17
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	10.03	—	148.91
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.80	7.76	8.98

- ⁽¹⁾ This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited Financial Statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements might differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. The differences are explained in the notes to the financial statements.
- ⁽²⁾ Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the average number of units outstanding over the accounting period. For the Investor and Advisor Series, 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.
- ⁽³⁾ Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- ⁽⁴⁾ The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.
- ⁽⁵⁾ This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Management expense ratio is based on total expenses including sales taxes for the accounting period indicated (excluding commission, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes) and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net value during the accounting period.
- ⁽⁷⁾ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the accounting period. The trading expense ratio includes, if necessary, the trading expenses from its underlying funds, as described in Article 15.2 of Regulation 81-106. 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.
- ⁽⁸⁾ 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
NBI SmartData U.S. Equity Fund, Series O	62.8
NBI SmartData International Equity Fund, Series O	28.0
NBI International Equity Index Fund, Series O	9.8
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	(0.6)
	100.0
Net asset value	\$378,520,601

Regional Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Americas	59.2
Europe	24.0
Japan	9.7
Asia Ex-Japan	5.0
Exchange Traded Funds	0.2
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	1.9

Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Information Technology	18.4
Financials	15.7
Health Care	14.0
Consumer Discretionary	11.1
Industrials	10.2
Consumer Staples	7.8
Communication Services	6.9
Materials	4.2
Energy	4.0
Real Estate	3.2
Utilities	2.2
Exchange Traded Funds	0.2
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	2.1

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.