

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2020

Global Equity Fund

NBI *SmartBeta* Global Equity Fund

Notes on forward-looking statements

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI *SmartBeta* Global Equity Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term capital growth. The Fund invests directly, or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio composed mainly of equity securities of companies located around the world that are selected using quantitative analysis of risk factors.

The portfolio sub-advisor analyzes securities using a quantitative selection process based on an analysis of various risk measurements so that each security in the portfolio contributes a similar degree of risk. The final selection of securities, as well as their weight within the portfolio, is determined so as to obtain a diversified portfolio by market sector.

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, 2020, the NBI *SmartBeta* Global Equity Fund's Investor Series units returned 5.83% compared to 13.87% for the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI World Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's return 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 rose by 7.07% over the period, from \$613.07 million as at December 31, 2019 to \$656.43 million as at December 31, 2020.

After a start marked by the emergence of a global pandemic and the fastest stock market plunge in history, 2020 ended with a third consecutive quarter of strong gains for risk assets. Overall, these twelve months have witnessed extreme variations between asset classes - especially in the first quarter. Nonetheless, both the stock and bond markets generally ended 2020 in positive territory, as lower interest rates led to significant gains for fixed income securities while supporting the economic and stock market recovery.

Within equity regions, divergences were also quite spectacular, with the U.S. stock market dominating its peers throughout the first three quarters of the year thanks to its heavy allocation to more defensive sectors. That said, emerging markets rallied strongly later in 2020, lifted by a weaker U.S. dollar and the spectacular performance of Asian countries, most of which have managed to quickly contain the pandemic.

In this context, U.S. equities figured among the best performers worldwide thanks to the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors, which that gained over 40% and 30% respectively, whereas the Energy sector suffered and lost more than 30% over the year.

The MSCI World Index also ended the year with strong gains. The Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors outperformed other sectors, gaining around 44% and 37% respectively in USD, whereas the Energy and Real Estate sectors underperformed, losing about 30% and 4% respectively in USD.

In this an eventful year, the international markets also finished strong as the MSCI EAFE index generated robust returns for the period. The leading sectors were Information Technology and Materials. In terms of countries, South Korea was the best performer, while Spain was the biggest underperformer.

In these circumstances, the NBI *SmartBeta* Global Equity Fund underperformed its benchmark in 2020. The strategy's underperformance was driven by the highly positive sentiment that was pervasive across all global GICS sectors and local country markets. The strategy, designed with its defensive posture, will typically lag a market capitalization benchmark during such market conditions. The strategy's underperformance against the benchmark was mainly in response to its positioning in the Information Technology and Industrials sectors. The strategy held a significant underweight exposure to the Information Technology sector, which weighed on relative performance. Security selection within the Industrials sector detracted from performance over the year. Conversely, the strategy benefited from an underweight exposure to the Energy sector, which fell in response to declining oil prices.

Recent Developments

The strategy's largest relative overweight allocations at the end of the year were to Consumer Staples (15.6% vs. 7.6%), Health Care (17.5% vs. 13.0%), and Industrials (13.9% vs. 10.5%) sectors, while the largest underweight allocations were to Information Technology (11.4% vs. 22.1%), Financials (8.4% vs. 12.7%), and Consumer Discretionary (8.7% vs. 12.2%) sectors.

At the country level, the largest relative overweight allocations were to Japan (25.9% vs. 7.8%) and Singapore (2.3% vs. 0.4%), while the largest underweight allocation was to the United States (37.4% vs. 66.3%).

As a systematic risk-based manager, the portfolio manager does not forecast future market events or use expectations of future events to influence or change the strategy. Rather, the portfolio manager consistently and systematically applies a strategy that puts risk management at the heart of the portfolio construction process by selecting stocks with lower risk characteristics and weighing all stocks so that each contributes an equal amount of risk. The objective of this approach is to seek outperformance with less volatility over a full market cycle relative to market-cap weighted strategies.

On April 30, 2020, the Fund's independent review committee (the "IRC") was reduced to three members when Jacques Valotaire and Jean-François Bernier resigned as IRC members. On July 1, 2020, the Fund's IRC was increased to four members when Marie Desroches was appointed as IRC member.

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, 2020
Total brokerage fees	156,451.93
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	43,249.73

Holdings

As at December 31, 2020, National Bank Investments Inc. held 341.07 Fund securities for a value of \$4,193.89, which represented close to 0.0006% 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, 2020, National Bank Trust Inc. held 1.11 Fund securities for a value of \$13.54, 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:

- 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 ¹
Investor Series	1.75%	57.14%	42.86%
Advisor Series*			
Front-end load	1.75%	57.14%	42.86%
Back-end load - 1 to 6 years	1.75%	28.57%	71.43%
Back-end load - 7 years and more	1.75%	57.14%	42.86%
Low load - 1 to 3 years	1.75%	28.57%	71.43%
Low load - 4 years and more	1.75%	57.14%	42.86%
Series F	0.75%	—	100.00%
Series O	N/A**	—	100.00%

⁽¹⁾ 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.

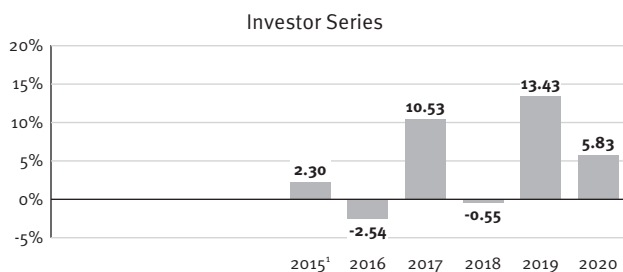
^(**) There are no management fees paid by the Fund with respect to the Series O. Instead, Series O securityholders pay a negotiated administration fee directly to National Bank Investments.

Past Performance

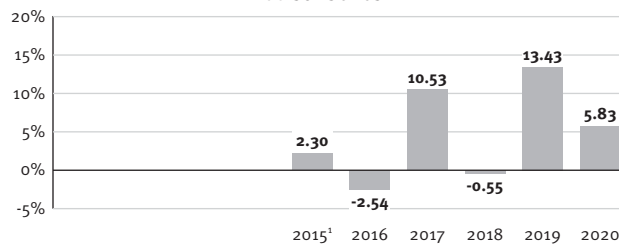
The performance of each series of the Fund is presented below and calculated as at December 31 of each year. It assumes that all distributions made in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities and does not take into account sales, redemption charges, distributions, or optional charges 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

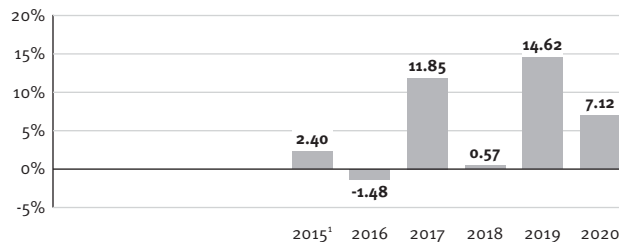
The bar charts indicate the performance for each the Fund's series in existence greater than one year during the years shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from year to year. They show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 (or made commencing from the start of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



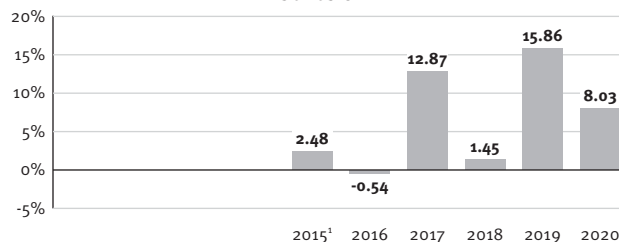
Advisor Series



Series F



Series O



⁽¹⁾ 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, 2020, 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	5.83%	6.08%	5.16%	—	5.44%
Benchmark	13.87%	11.16%	10.27%	—	11.09%
Advisor Series¹	5.83%	6.08%	5.16%	—	5.44%
Benchmark	13.87%	11.16%	10.27%	—	11.09%
Series F¹	7.12%	7.28%	6.36%	—	6.62%
Benchmark	13.87%	11.16%	10.27%	—	11.09%
Series O¹	8.03%	8.29%	7.35%	—	7.60%
Benchmark	13.87%	11.16%	10.27%	—	11.09%

¹Commencement of operations: October 30, 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 Descriptions

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

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾

Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	10.98	9.78	10.50	9.98	10.23
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.21	0.28	0.35	0.23	0.21
Total expenses	(0.23)	(0.23)	(0.23)	(0.24)	(0.25)
Realized gains (losses)	0.18	0.13	0.35	0.48	0.13
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.57	1.20	(0.45)	0.56	0.02
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.73	1.38	0.02	1.03	0.11
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.07	0.15	0.02	—
From capital gains	—	0.04	0.50	0.52	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	—	0.11	0.65	0.54	—
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	11.61	10.98	9.78	10.50	9.98

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	1,357	1,318	1,535	2,153	2,421
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	116,846	120,145	157,155	205,223	242,867
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	2.05	2.07	2.07	2.06	2.13
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.05	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.14
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.06	0.07	0.13	0.23	0.35
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	92.85	72.41	152.44	157.53	171.29
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.61	10.97	9.77	10.49	9.97

Series F

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾

Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	9.84	8.79	10.37	10.04	10.23
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.19	0.25	0.33	0.24	0.22
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses)	0.19	0.15	0.51	0.46	0.12
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.41	1.00	(0.33)	0.57	0.02
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.71	1.31	0.40	1.15	0.23
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.10	0.16	0.46	0.21	0.06
From capital gains	—	0.08	1.16	0.65	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.10	0.24	1.62	0.86	0.06
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	10.43	9.84	8.79	10.37	10.04

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	6,448	6,058	2,082	6,848	12,192
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	618,004	615,990	237,227	661,044	1,215,573
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.92	0.96	0.95	0.93	0.98
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.04	1.07	0.97	0.95	0.99
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.06	0.07	0.13	0.23	0.35
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	92.85	72.41	152.44	157.53	171.29
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.43	9.83	8.78	10.36	10.03

Series O

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾

Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	11.46	10.17	10.68	10.06	10.23
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.22	0.29	0.37	0.24	0.21
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses)	0.21	0.14	0.27	0.51	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.48	1.16	(0.48)	0.56	(0.09)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.90	1.58	0.14	1.28	0.09
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.22	0.26	0.34	0.22	0.14
From capital gains	—	0.05	0.32	0.46	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.22	0.31	0.66	0.68	0.14
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	12.15	11.46	10.17	10.68	10.06

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	646,441	603,526	471,035	414,420	324,381
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	53,168,253	52,685,656	46,356,471	38,842,046	32,271,515
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.06	0.07	0.13	0.23	0.35
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	92.85	72.41	152.44	157.53	171.29
Net asset value per unit (\$)	12.16	11.46	10.16	10.67	10.05

Private Series*

^(*) Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾

Commencement of operations: December 1, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	11.87	10.58	10.60	10.00	10.17
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.23	0.30	0.37	0.24	0.20
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses)	0.21	0.14	(0.17)	0.56	0.22
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.40	1.32	(0.65)	0.46	(0.22)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.74	1.66	(0.55)	1.15	0.08
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.14	0.22	0.10	0.13	0.05
From capital gains	—	0.05	—	0.46	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.14	0.27	0.10	0.59	0.05
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	12.57	11.87	10.58	10.60	10.00

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	2,185	2,173	2,234	212	75
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	173,693	183,150	211,372	20,048	7,495
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.83
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.83	0.88
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.06	0.07	0.13	0.23	0.35
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	92.85	72.41	152.44	157.53	171.29
Net asset value per unit (\$)	12.58	11.87	10.57	10.59	9.99

- ⁽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.
- ⁽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.
- ⁽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, 2020

Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
iShares, Edge MSCI Min Vol Global ETF	2.6
Softbank Corp.	1.1
Nexon Co. Ltd.	1.0
Chugai Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	0.9
Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd.	0.7
Japan Exchange Group Inc.	0.6
KDDI Corp.	0.6
MEIJI Holdings Co. Ltd.	0.6
Nintendo Co. Ltd.	0.6
SG Holdings Co. Ltd.	0.6
Tokyo Gas Co. Ltd.	0.6
Zoom Video Communications Inc.	0.6
Ajinomoto Co. Inc.	0.5
FUJIFILM Holdings Corp.	0.5
Hoya Corp.	0.5
Japan Tobacco Inc.	0.5
Moderna Inc.	0.5
Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.	0.5
Nitori Co. Ltd.	0.5
Sekisui House Ltd.	0.5
Shimano Inc.	0.5
West Japan Railway Co.	0.5
China Construction Bank Corp., Class H	0.4
Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Group Holdings Inc.	0.4
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.2
	16.5

Net asset value \$656,431,093

Regional Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Americas	38.4
Europe	26.8
Japan	25.2
Asia Ex-Japan	6.8
Exchange Traded Funds	2.6
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.2

Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Health Care	16.4
Consumer Staples	15.2
Information Technology	12.8
Industrials	12.6
Communication Services	9.3
Consumer Discretionary	8.9
Financials	8.1
Utilities	6.1
Materials	5.6
Exchange Traded Funds	2.6
Energy	1.3
Real Estate	0.9
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.2

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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