

# INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended June 30, 2023

Short Term and Income Fund

**NBI 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.

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

The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decision, investors and others relying on our forward-looking statements should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other factors. We caution readers not to rely unduly on these forward-looking statements. We assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements in the light of new information, future events or other circumstances unless applicable legislation so provides.

This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights, but does not contain the complete interim financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the interim financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-888-270-3941 or 514-871-2082, by writing to us at National Bank Investments Advisory Service, 500, Place d'Armes, 12th floor, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 2W3, by visiting our website at www.nbinvestments.ca, by visiting SEDAR's website at www.sedar.com, or by contacting your advisor. You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

#### **Results of Operations**

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, the NBI Bond Fund's Investor Series units returned 2.11% compared to 2.51% for the Fund's benchmark, the FTSE Canada Universe 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 rose by 6.09% over the period, from \$2.146 billion as at December 31, 2022 to \$2.277 billion as at June 30, 2023.

After decreasing for most of the first quarter, North American yields were much higher over the second quarter, especially at the front end of the curve. The fiscal situation remains challenging for the bond market with the deficit running at more than 7% of GDP over the last year.

In the first half of 2023, interest rates increased for short-term maturities, by almost 0.50% for the 2-year term, and by about half of this amplitude for the 5-year term, respectively. It was the opposite in the long part of the curve, with a slight decline for the 10-year term and about 0.20% for long-term rates.

We saw during the period a broad-based narrowing of corporate credit spreads. In the Canadian provinces, only a slight downward movement was observed. At the municipal level, the variation was more significant with about a quarter of a percentage.

In this context, the fund slightly underperformed its benchmark. Duration and yield curve positioning helped performance as we were set up for higher rates and a flatter curve. Our credit overweight was also positive and came from the yield carry in the portfolio and from security selection and sector allocation.

#### **Recent Developments**

During the first half of 2023, we reduced our allocation to A's and BBB's, while the portfolio manager increased weight in AA's and AAS's. Moving into the second half of 2023, the duration is in line with the index and our running yield remains higher. The fund has an overweight position in real estate and financial bonds and is underweighted in Federal and Provincial issues.

Duration remained below that of the core index, but the size of the gap was reduced. This spread again stems from underweight in long-dated bonds.

The labour market is not showing significant signs of cooling, consumers are continuing to spend, and inflation is not falling fast enough. The portfolio manager expects rates will have to be kept elevated for a long period of time before sticky inflation falls back to the 2% target. Portfolio duration ended June close to its benchmark, but we were both long and short of the index during the quarter.

We will continue to trade the portfolio as we expect the market to be very volatile as participants try to determine when central banks finish hiking and then the timing of the first interest rate cut. Corporate spreads generally reflect our base case of a modest recession, but if they tighten to quickly, we will look to take profits or if they widen to reflect a significant slowdown, we will increase our exposure. The yield carry from our overweight in credit has declined to 33 basis points.

Central banks are trying to bring inflation back to their target without causing a severe recession. After aggressively raising rates over the past year, central bankers need to assess the effect of these increases on economic and price developments. An adjustment phase has therefore begun for some banks such as the Bank of Canada, the Bank of Australia, and even the Federal Reserve, which preferred the status quo to additional tightening in June. What complicates the task of central banks is that this expansion is more the result of income growth than an increase in borrowing as was the case in the United States before the 2008 financial crisis.

The U.S. household debt ratio has risen from 135% of disposable income in 2008 to 100% today. This period of deleveraging is unprecedented in American economic history. As a result, the monetary policy tightening tool is no longer as effective as it used to be at slowing the economy. In contrast, debt in Canada has continued to grow and the effect of monetary policy could be more direct. However, the explosion of immigration in the last year partially offsets the restrictive effect of the rate hike. Newcomers must find housing and consume money regardless of rent. This makes the case as to whether policy rates are high enough to slow the economy and whether next year's anticipated cuts in the United States are premature.

On May 1, 2023, the Fund's independent review committee (the "IRC") was increased to four members when Stéphanie Raymond-Bougie 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

#### **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 June 30, 2023, National Bank Investments Inc. held 130.18 Fund securities for a value of \$1,237.98, 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 June 30, 2023, National Bank Trust Inc. held 1.18 Fund securities for a value of \$11.22, 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;
- 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 6o-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;
- 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);
- 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. As the Fund invests in underlying funds, the fees and expenses payable in connection with the management of the underlying funds are in addition to those payable by the Fund. However, the Fund manager makes sure that the Fund does not pay any management (or operating) fees that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund for the same service.

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%
Investor-2 Series	1.00%	50.00%	50.00%
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	0.75%	_	100.00%
Series O	N/A***	_	100.00%

<sup>(\*)</sup> Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

### **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.

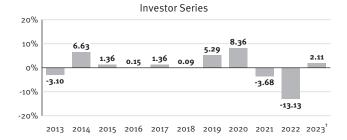
<sup>(\*)</sup> Excluding sales commissions paid on the Advisor Series with the low sales charge option and deferred sales charge option, which are not paid for out of the management fees.

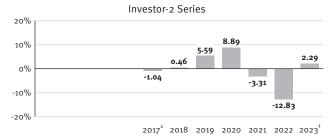
<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Rate applicable for all investments, including Advisor Series existing before May 14, 2015, systematic investment programs, reinvested distributions and switches.

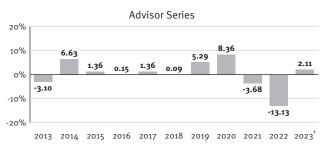
<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> There are no management fees paid by the Fund with respect to the Series O. Instead, Series O securityholders pay a negociated administration fee directly to National Bank Investments.

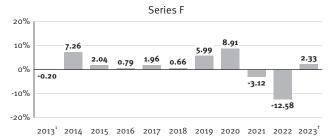
#### **Annual Returns**

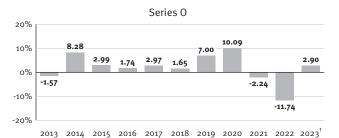
The bar charts indicate the performance for each the Fund's series in existence greater than one year during the years shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from year to year. They show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on January 1 (or made commencing from the start of 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.











(6) Returns for the period from December 24, 2013 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2013.

(†) Returns for the period from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from May 19, 2017 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2017.

# **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 February 8, 2002.

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

Commencement of operations: November 18, 1966

Accounting Period Ended	2023 June 30	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.25	11.99	12.69	12.02	11.57	11.72
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.18	0.32	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.34
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.17)	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.19)	(0.18)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.09)	(0.73)	(80.0)	0.35	0.12	(0.12)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.20	(1.82)	(2.41)	0.52	0.41	(0.11)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.21	(2.40)	(2.35)	1.02	0.69	(0.07)
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.10	0.17	0.23	0.15	0.16	0.16
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	0.18	_	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.10	0.17	0.23	0.33	0.16	0.16
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.37	10.25	11.99	12.69	12.02	11.57
Ratios and Supplemental Data						
Accounting Period Ended	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018

Accounting Period Ended	2023 June 30	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	11,910	11,943	38,508	414,718	546,596	687,713
Number of units outstanding (5)	1,148,565	1,164,648	3,210,767	32,686,361	45,458,916	59,454,659
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.60	1.59	1.57	1.59	1.59	1.59
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.62	1.59	1.57	1.59	1.59	1.59
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	51.05	178.73	104.86	125.62	98.53	105.92
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.37	10.25	11.99	12.69	12.02	11.57

# Investor-2 Series

Net Assets per  $\mathsf{Unit}^{^{(1)}}$ 

Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

Accounting Period Ended	2023 June 30	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	8.67	10.14	10.65	10.07	9.69	9.81
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)						
Total revenue	0.15	0.27	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.28
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.07)	(0.64)	(0.07)	0.29	0.10	(0.10)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.17	(1.24)	(0.45)	0.43	0.30	(0.03)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.20	(1.72)	(0.37)	0.89	0.56	0.03
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.10	0.17	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.16
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	0.13	_	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.10	0.17	0.16	0.31	0.16	0.16
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	8.77	8.67	10.14	10.65	10.07	9.69

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023 June 30	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	29,575	30,531	66,214	76,874	78,245	82,454
Number of units outstanding (5)	3,371,764	3,519,435	6,529,030	7,219,573	7,767,452	8,511,012
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.23	1.22	1.17	1.10	1.31	1.24
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.25	1.22	1.17	1.11	1.32	1.25
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	51.05	178.73	104.86	125.62	98.53	105.92
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.77	8.67	10.14	10.65	10.07	9.69

## **Series F**

Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)

Trading expense ratio (%)  $^{(7)}$ Portfolio turnover rate (%)  $^{(8)}$ 

Net asset value per unit (\$)

Accounting Period Ended	2023 June 30	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	9.26	10.79	11.32	10.70	10.29	10.43
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)				•		
Total revenue	0.16	0.30	0.29	0.31	0.31	0.30
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.10)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.08)	(0.81)	(0.07)	0.31	0.11	(0.11)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.20	0.25	(0.32)	0.46	0.36	0.01
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.23	(0.35)	(0.21)	0.97	0.67	0.10
Distributions (\$)						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.12	0.18	0.17	0.20	0.20	0.21
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	0.13	_	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.12	0.18	0.17	0.33	0.20	0.21
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	9.36	9.26	10.79	11.32	10.70	10.29
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Ratios and Supplemental Data						
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Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	33,859	35,589	2,054	1,145	1,029	1,352
Number of units outstanding (5)	3,616,778	3,843,879	190,281	101,087	96,122	131,341
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.04	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.02
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	51.05	178.73	104.86	125.62	98.53	105.92
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- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited Financial Statements and Interim Unaudited 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.
- $^{ ext{(s)}}$  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 June 30, 2023

## **Portfolio Top Holdings**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
NBI Sustainable Canadian Bond ETF	15.2
Canada Housing Trust, 1.80%, due December 15, 2024	1.8
Province of Ontario, 5.85%, due March 8, 2033	
Canada Housing Trust, 1.95%, due December 15, 2025	1.6
Government of Canada, 1.75%, due December 1, 2053	
Government of Canada, 3.50%, due March 1, 2028	
Bond Forward Dec 22 91282CFF3, September 23	1.4
Government of Canada, 0.25%, due March 1, 2026	
Province of Ontario, 4.65%, due June 2, 2041	
Canada Housing Trust, 1.90%, due March 15, 2031	
Government of Canada, 2.00%, due June 1, 2032	
Government of Canada, 2.50%, due December 1, 2032	0.9
Government of Canada, 2.75%, due June 1, 2033	
Province of Alberta, 3.10%, due June 1, 2050	
Province of Ontario, 3.50%, due June 2, 2043	
Royal Office Finance LP, 5.21%, due November 12, 2032	0.9
Province of Ontario, 1.35%, due December 2, 2030	o.8
Province of Ontario, 1.85%, due February 1, 2027	
Province of Ontario, 4.60%, due June 2, 2039	
Toronto-Dominion Bank/The, 4.68%, due January 8, 2029	o.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 5.38%, due October 21, 2027	
Government of Canada, 2.00%, due December 1, 2051	0.7
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.7
Fédération des caisses Desjardins, Floating,	
due August 23, 2027	o.6
Sun Life Financial Inc., 2.58%, due May 10, 2032	o.6
	40.2

Net asset value \$2,276,808,153
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#### **Asset Mix**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Canadian Corporate Bonds	35 <b>.</b> 6
Provincial Bonds	
Federal Bonds	16.3
Exchange Traded Funds	15.2
Municipal Bonds	5.9
US Bonds	
Asset Backed Securities	0.5
Mortgage Backed Securities	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.7

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.

If this investment Fund invests in other investment funds, please consult the prospectus and other information about the underlying investment funds on the website indicated above or on SEDAR's website at www.sedar.com.