

## ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2022

Fixed Income Private Portfolio

**NBI U.S. Bond Private Portfolio** 

## 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.

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## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The NBI U.S. Bond Private Portfolio's investment objective is to provide current income and sustained capital growth. The Fund invests directly, or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio composed mainly of Canadian or U.S. government or corporate bonds denominated in U.S. dollars.

The portfolio manager's security selection is based on an analysis of economic conditions in the United States and their impact on interest rates. Shorter or longer term issues will be favored depending on whether interest rates are expected to rise or fall.

#### 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 U.S. Bond Private Portfolio's Series N units returned -13.05% compared to -13.01% for the Fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the returns of all of the Fund's series, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

Certain series of the Fund, as applicable, may make distributions at a rate determined by the manager. This rate may change from time to time. If the aggregate amount of distributions in such series exceeds the portion of net income and net realized capital gains allocated to such series, the excess will constitute a return of capital. The manager does not believe that the return of capital distributions made by such series of the Fund have a meaningful impact on the Fund's ability to implement its investment strategy or to fulfill its investment objective.

The Fund's net asset value dropped by 26.84% over the period, from \$143.60 million as at December 31, 2021 to \$105.06 million as at December 31, 2022.

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

The Federal Reserve expedited a year in dramatic policy adjustments, snowballing the short-term target federal funds rate from 0% to 4.25% -4.50%. Jerome Powell and other FOMC candidates had skewed to the fact that the Fed funds rate can top 5% and remain at that level for some time during the fiscal year of 2023. A range of recent economic data in the U.S. have come in softer than expected. This weakness has manifested alongside a second successive downside miss in inflation, and a Fed that, unlike the ECB, appears more reluctant to push back against easing financial conditions as it slows the pace of hikes. As a result, credit markets bounced back in the fourth quarter with investment-grade and high yield debt spreads tightening by about 35 bps and 90 bps respectively.

As 2022 illustrated, the cost of both debt and equity rose in 2022 combined with increased volatility in capital markets. Notably, the S&P 500 fell by 19%. This ranks in the 5th percentile of all annual returns since 1962. The market traded higher on just 43% of days in 2022, the second worst year since WWII (after 1974). U.S. Treasury 10-year notes returned about -16.0%, the worst return on record. Since the start of the year, investment-grade and high yield debt spreads have widened by roughly 40 and 190 bps respectively.

Under these circumstances, the Fund underperformed its benchmark. The Fund's duration was the main negative contributor.

### **Recent Developments**

At the end of fiscal year 2022, the portfolio is positioned defensively with total duration at 102% duration deviation and corporates at 110% duration deviation. In addition, the portfolio is positioned for a steeper yield curve with a 205% duration deviation exposure in the belly of the yield curve.

On the credit side, the Fund is overweight Financials, as the portfolio manager thinks this is the sector that offers the best risk reward regarding the credit quality of the issuer.

Looking forward into 2023, the portfolio manager expects central banks across developed economies to continue to fight inflation through interest rate hikes but in the second half of 2023 inflation should begin to ease. The risk of a recession in terms of the G-7 countries (notably United Kingdom and the majority of the European Union) from his horizon is seen as highly probable. Under those assumptions, he expects global fixed income to be resilient in 2023 considering the significant downturn in 2022 and the attractive yield carry for high credit quality issuers (resulting from higher interest rates) shielding stronger protection not witnessed in many years.

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.

The Series F was launched for the Fund on May 20, 2022.

## **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.

#### **Distribution and Dealer Compensation**

National Bank Financial Inc. ("NBF") acts as principal distributor for the Advisor Series, Series F, Series F5 or Series T5 of the Fund. NBF may receive, depending on the distributed series, a monthly commission representing a percentage of the average daily value of the securities held by its clients.

NBII acts as principal distributor for the Series N and Series NR of the Fund. Trailing commissions are covered by NBI Private Wealth Management's service fees, which are paid directly by investors.

#### **Holdings**

As at December 31, 2022, National Bank Investments Inc. held 274.80 Fund securities for a value of \$3,263.83, which represented close to 0.0023% 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**

NBT 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 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. The management fees paid by the Fund only cover management of fund investments, i.e. the fees related to management of fund portfolios constituting the profiles of the NBI Private Wealth Management service ("PWM"). General administration services, trailer fees and sale commissions paid to brokers are covered by the PWM's service fees, which are paid directly by investors. 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>
Series F	0.40%	_	100.00%
Series N and Series NR* (USD)	0.15%	_	100.00%

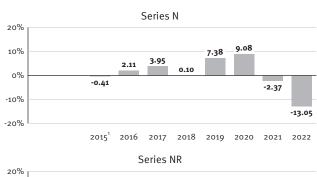
<sup>(</sup>f) Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

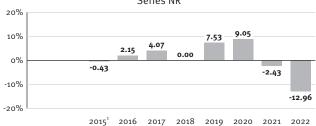
## **Past Performance**

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.

#### **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.





<sup>(1)</sup> Returns for the period from October 30, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

<sup>(°)</sup> For Series N and NR, offered only to investors using the NBI Private Wealth Management service ("PWM"), management fees only cover management of fund investments, i.e. the fees related to management of fund portfolios constituting the PWM profiles. General administration services, trailer fees and sale commissions paid to brokers are covered by the PWM's service fees, which are paid directly by investors.

## **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:

• Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Series N <sup>1</sup> Benchmark	(13.05)% (13.01)%	. ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		-	0.71% 0.81%
Series NR¹ Benchmark	(12.96)% (13.01)%	. ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	. ,	_	0.74% 0.81%

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 Description**

The **Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index** (USD) is a market capitalization weighted index which is designed to measure the broad global markets for corporate, government, governmental agency, supranational, mortgage-backed and asset backed fixed income securities.

# 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.

## Series F\*

This Series is only offered under the USD purchase option and the data presented below is in USD.

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: May 20, 2022
Accounting Period Ended	2022 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.22	
Total expenses	(0.03)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.73)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.11)	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	(0.65)	
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.13	
From dividends	_	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.13	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	9.53	
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Accounting Period Ended	2022	
	December 31	
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	1,114	
Number of units outstanding (5)	116,964	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.57	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.58	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	98.46	
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.53	

## Series N\* / Private Series\*

(\*) These Series are only offered under the USD purchase option and the data presented below is in USD. Please note that the Private Series was created on November 28, 2016, and is offered by way of private placement.

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

Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.59	11.01	10.29	9.87	10.09
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.26	0.19	0.24	0.27	0.26
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.60)	(0.04)	0.12	0.38	(0.16)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.96)	(0.32)	0.64	0.08	(0.06)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	(1.33)	(0.20)	0.97	0.70	0.01
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.22	0.16	0.21	0.24	0.23
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	0.06	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.22	0.16	0.21	0.30	0.23
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	8.99	10.59	11.01	10.29	9.87

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 (ooo's of \$) (5)	33,633	37,008	24,952	21,140	16,140
Number of units outstanding (5)	3,739,869	3,495,495	2,266,571	2,053,840	1,635,933
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	98.46	19.68	39.53	188.01	250.05
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.99	10.59	11.01	10.29	9.87

## Series NR\*

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

Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	9.90	10.47	9.88	9.52	9.82
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.23	0.18	0.23	0.26	0.25
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.43)	(0.03)	0.12	0.40	(0.14)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(1.02)	(0.37)	0.63	(0.06)	0.01
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	(1.25)	(0.25)	0.95	0.57	0.09
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.22	0.15	0.20	0.24	0.21
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	0.07	_
Return of capital	0.08	0.17	0.10	0.05	0.08
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.30	0.32	0.30	0.36	0.29
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	8.33	9.90	10.47	9.88	9.52

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 (ooo's of \$) (5)	273	989	466	341	289
Number of units outstanding (5)	32,800	99,903	44,541	34,550	30,368
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	98.46	19.68	39.53	188.01	250.05
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.33	9.90	10.47	9.88	9.53

 $<sup>^{(\</sup>prime)}$  This Series is only offered under the USD purchase option and the data presented below is in USD.

## **Series PW\***

(\*) This Series is only offered under the USD purchase option and the data presented below is in USD. Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.31	10.72	10.02	9.62	9.84
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.25	0.19	0.24	0.26	0.25
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.54)	(0.05)	0.12	0.37	(0.16)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(1.09)	(0.32)	0.59	0.11	(0.10)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	(1.40)	(0.20)	0.93	0.72	(0.03)
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.24	0.15	0.22	0.24	0.24
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	0.07	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.24	0.15	0.22	0.31	0.24
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	8.74	10.31	10.72	10.02	9.62

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 (ooo's of \$) (5)	57,222	87,216	32,101	28,827	28,194
Number of units outstanding (5)	6,543,727	8,455,855	2,995,735	2,877,390	2,932,091
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	98.46	19.68	39.53	188.01	250.05
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.74	10.31	10.72	10.02	9.62

## Series PWO\*

(\*) This Series is only offered under the USD purchase option and the data presented below is in USD. Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.29	10.69	9.99	9.61	9.85
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.25	0.18	0.23	0.26	0.25
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.54)	(0.05)	0.12	0.36	(0.18)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(1.07)	(0.30)	0.60	0.13	(0.15)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	(1.37)	(0.18)	0.94	0.74	(0.09)
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.25	0.16	0.23	0.27	0.26
From dividends	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	_	_	_	0.08	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.25	0.16	0.23	0.35	0.26
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	8.73	10.29	10.69	9.99	9.61

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 (ooo's of \$) (5)	12,818	18,384	6,206	6,035	7,520
Number of units outstanding (5)	1,469,038	1,786,720	580,731	603,884	782,630
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	_	_	_	_	_
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	98.46	19.68	39.53	188.01	250.05
Net asset value per unit (\$)	8.73	10.29	10.69	9.99	9.61

- (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.
- <sup>(4)</sup> The net assets are calculated in accordance with IFRS.
- $^{(\!g\!)}$  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, 2022

## **Portfolio Top Holdings**

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% of Net
Asset Value
Government of the United States, 3.00%, due July 31, 202413.6
Government of the United States, 1.63%, due August 15, 202913.5
Government of the United States, 4.13%,
due November 15, 2032
Government of the United States, 3.88%,
due November 30, 20274.1
Government of the United States, 2.25%,
due February 15, 20523.5
Government of the United States, 1.13%, due October 31, 20262.4
JBS USA LUX SA / JBS USA Food Co / JBS USA Finance Inc.,
5.50%,
due January 15, 2030 2.2
Government of the United States, 1.25%,
due November 30, 2026
Government of the United States, 2.00%,
due February 15, 2050 2.0
Kohl's Corp., 3.63%, due May 1, 2031
Government of the United States, 2.75%, due July 31, 2027 1.8
Government of the United States, 1.63%,
due November 15, 2050
Government of the United States, 1.88%,
due February 28, 2029
JPMorgan Chase & Co., Floating, due February 24, 2023 1.7
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets
Royal Bank of Canada, 2.30%, due November 3, 2031
Royal Bank of Canada, 6.00%, due November 1, 2027 1.5
Suncor Energy Inc., 5.95%, due December 1, 2034 1.4
Goldman Sachs Group Inc./The, Floating, due March 15, 2028 1.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co., Floating, due December 5, 2028 1.3
Rogers Communications Inc., Floating, due March 15, 2027 1.3
Verizon Communications Inc., 4.40%, due November 1, 2034 1.3
Bank of Nova Scotia/The, Floating, due May 4, 2032 1.1
Bank of Montreal, Floating, due December 15, 20271.1
Morgan Stanley, Floating, due September 16, 2036
74.6

Net asset value	\$105,060,357
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### **Asset Mix**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
US Bonds	75.3
Canadian Corporate Bonds	13.8
Foreign Bonds	
Asset Backed Securities	0.4
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	1.7

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.

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