

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2024

Global Equity Fund

NBI Active International Equity Fund

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Active International Equity Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term capital growth. It invests, directly or indirectly through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio comprised primarily of common shares of international companies.

The portfolio sub-advisor's investment process relies on a bottom-up, fundamental-driven investment approach. Securities chosen to compose the portfolio are growth-oriented companies with significant barriers to entry and first-class management teams. In-depth knowledge of companies allows the portfolio sub-advisor to manage risks by not relying on extended diversification, but rather on a quality over quantity selection. The portfolio sub-advisor uses a proprietary sustainability scorecard to evaluate companies across six pillars (Planet, People & Society, Governance, Productivity & Partnerships, Operations, Disclosure) and a minimum score is required in order to be considered for investment. The fund may use a responsible investment approach, as described in the fund prospectus, this approach being one of many components of the investment strategies used to help achieve the fund's investment objective.

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, 2024, the NBI Active International Equity Fund's Advisor Series units returned 5.66% compared to 13.24% for the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI EAFE 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.

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 rose by 14.54% over the period, from \$212.04 million as at December 31, 2023 to \$242.87 million as at December 31, 2024.

The increase stemmed mainly from unit purchases by investors in the Fund and market fluctuations.

International stocks generated mixed results during 2024. This despite significant signs of weakness in the Chinese economy and several of its trading partners, the diminishing effects of covid-era stimulus, and a strong greenback which is causing significant stress in countries laden with U.S. dollar-denominated debt.

Monetary policy easing led by the U.S. Federal Reserve, which reduced pressure on other global monetary authorities, was a key driver. The European Central Bank cut its policy rate for a fourth time during the current cycle in December. This despite persistent inflation (projected at 2.4% in 2024) above its target rate.

The strong U.S. dollar wreaked havoc in a variety of international economies. European industrials remain hard hit by rising energy prices in euro terms. Tensions increased further when Ukraine threatened European access to Russian gas transiting through its territory. Weakness in the Yen wiped out gains in Japanese stocks as measured in the U.S. currency.

In this context, the Fund underperformed its benchmark.

Top 5 contributors

DBS Group Holdings
Sompo Holdings
Sony Corporation
London Stock Exchange Group
DSV

Top 5 detractors

Daikin Industries
Prudential
Unicharm Corporation
Sika
Equinor

Recent Developments

Additions

Compass Group
Universal Music Group
London Stock Exchange Group
Koninklijke (Royal) KPN
DSV
SAP

Deletions

Teleperformance
Fast Retailing

U.S. political factors could add to existing inflationary drivers such as aging demographics, a labour force reassessing its work/life balance, and regionalization trends. Consequently, we are focused on business models that have strong pricing power.

The uncertainty surrounding changes in supply chains, consumer behaviours, digitization, AI impacts and rising wages will have a lasting impact on business models.

The Portfolio Manager continues to see relative valuation dislocations caused by rapidly shifting market narratives that offer compelling opportunities to book profits and reinvest in misunderstood and therefore mispriced stocks.

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"), an 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. ("NBI"), which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. Therefore, NBI 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 NBI as consideration for its services.

Portfolio Manager

The Manager has appointed National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a direct and 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

National Bank Savings and Investments Inc. ("NBSI") acts as principal distributor for the Fund. In this capacity, NBSI buys, sells and swaps securities through external registered representatives. Fund securities are also offered by National Bank Financial Inc. (including its division National Bank Direct Brokerage) 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 NBI. The brokerage fees paid by the Fund for the period are as follows:

	Period ended December 31, 2024
Total brokerage fees	\$13,285.62
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	\$13,285.62

Holdings

As at December 31, 2024, National Bank Investments Inc. held 15,516.41 Fund securities for a value of \$179,906.05, which represented close to 0.0741% 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, NBI, to National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a direct and indirect wholly-owned 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 [†]
Advisor Series			
Front-end load	1.60%	62.50%	37.50%
Series F	0.60%	—	100.00%
Series N and Series NR*	0.30%	—	100.00%

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

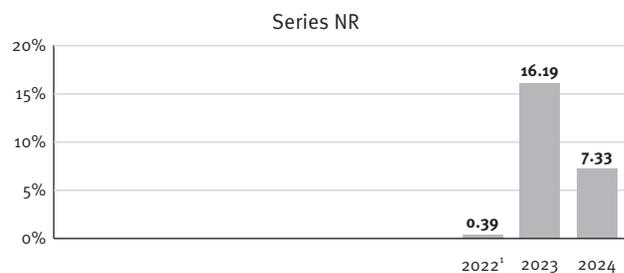
^(*) For Series N and NR, offered only to investors using the NBI Private Wealth Management service ("PWM"), management fees only cover management of fund investments, i.e. the fees related to management of fund portfolios constituting the PWM profiles. General administration services, trailer fees and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

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.



⁽¹⁾ Returns for the period from November 23, 2022 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2022.

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, 2024, compared with the following benchmark:

- MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) (CAD)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Advisor Series¹	5.66%	–	–	–	9.62%
Benchmark	13.24%	–	–	–	15.70%
Series F¹	6.92%	–	–	–	10.78%
Benchmark	13.24%	–	–	–	15.70%
Series N¹	7.23%	–	–	–	11.10%
Benchmark	13.24%	–	–	–	15.70%
Series NR¹	7.33%	–	–	–	11.13%
Benchmark	13.24%	–	–	–	15.70%

¹Commencement of operations: November 23, 2022

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 EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada. The MSCI EAFE Index consists of 21 developed market country indices.

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.

Advisor Series

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾ Commencement of operations: November 23, 2022

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022
	December 31	December 31	December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	11.36	9.91	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)			
Total revenue	0.14	0.15	0.13
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.14)	—
Realized gains (losses)	0.11	—	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.47	1.51	(0.09)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.56	1.52	0.04
Distributions (\$)			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	0.01
From dividends	—	—	0.12
From capital gains	0.40	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.40	—	0.13
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	11.60	11.36	9.91

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022
	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	179	176	148
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	15,410	15,528	14,892
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	1.99	1.95	0.41
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.67	2.64	11.34
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.21	0.38	0.27
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	5.89	0.56	—
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.60	11.36	9.91

Series F / Private Series*

⁽¹⁾ Please note that the Private Series was created on November 28, 2023, and is offered by way of private placement.

Net Assets per Unit⁽¹⁾ Commencement of operations: November 23, 2022

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022
	December 31	December 31	December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	11.31	9.91	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)			
Total revenue	0.20	0.29	0.13
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.02)	—
Realized gains (losses)	0.10	(0.01)	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.46	1.10	(0.09)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.74	1.36	0.04
Distributions (\$)			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	0.01
From dividends	0.11	0.17	0.12
From capital gains	0.38	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.49	0.17	0.13
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	11.60	11.31	9.91

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023	2022
	December 31	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	1,599	1,117	1
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	137,795	98,787	101
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.84	0.84	0.41
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.52	1.53	11.34
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.21	0.38	0.27
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	5.89	0.56	—
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.60	11.31	9.91

Series N

Net Assets per Unit⁽⁴⁾

Commencement of operations: November 23, 2022

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown⁽⁴⁾	11.36	9.91	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)			
Total revenue	0.15	0.24	0.13
Total expenses	0.02	0.01	—
Realized gains (losses)	0.11	—	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.54	1.64	(0.09)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)⁽²⁾	0.82	1.89	0.04
Distributions (\$)			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	0.01
From dividends	0.17	0.16	0.12
From capital gains	0.41	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$)⁽³⁾	0.58	0.16	0.13
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)⁽⁴⁾	11.61	11.36	9.91

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	237,077	207,665	1
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	20,411,405	18,279,404	101
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.50	0.50	0.41
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.18	1.19	11.34
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.21	0.38	0.27
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	5.89	0.56	—
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.61	11.36	9.91

Series NR

Net Assets per Unit⁽⁴⁾

Commencement of operations: November 23, 2022

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown⁽⁴⁾	10.88	9.91	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)			
Total revenue	0.14	0.23	0.13
Total expenses	0.02	0.01	—
Realized gains (losses)	0.11	—	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.47	1.57	(0.09)
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)⁽²⁾	0.74	1.81	0.04
Distributions (\$)			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	0.01
From dividends	0.15	0.15	0.12
From capital gains	0.37	—	—
Return of capital	0.48	0.44	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$)⁽³⁾	1.00	0.59	0.13
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)⁽⁴⁾	10.66	10.88	9.91

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	2,204	1,892	1
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	206,813	173,879	101
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	0.50	0.50	0.41
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.18	1.19	11.34
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.21	0.38	0.27
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	5.89	0.56	—
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.66	10.88	9.91

Series O*

⁽¹⁾ Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

Net Assets per Unit⁽⁴⁾

Commencement of operations: May 29, 2023

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023
	December 31	December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown ⁽⁴⁾	10.52	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.17	0.12
Total expenses	0.07	0.03
Realized gains (losses)	0.09	—
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.41	0.36
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) ⁽²⁾	0.74	0.51
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—
From dividends	0.17	0.18
From capital gains	0.36	—
Return of capital	—	—
Total Annual Distributions (\$) ⁽³⁾	0.53	0.18
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	10.81	10.52

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024	2023
	December 31	December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) ⁽⁵⁾	1,815	1,187
Number of units outstanding ⁽⁵⁾	167,895	112,809
Management expense ratio (%) ⁽⁶⁾	—	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.68	0.71
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽⁷⁾	0.21	0.38
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁸⁾	5.89	0.56
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.81	10.52

⁽⁴⁾ 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. The management expense ratio includes, if necessary, the management expenses from its underlying funds, as described in Article 15.2 of Regulation 81-106.

⁽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, 2024

Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
NBI Active International Equity ETF	98.8
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	1.2
	100.0
Net asset value	\$242,873,433

Regional Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Japan	19.5
Switzerland	13.0
United Kingdom	11.3
Denmark	10.7
France	9.2
Singapore	7.6
Germany	6.5
Netherlands	5.6
Ireland	5.0
Australia	4.9
Norway	3.5
Taiwan	2.4
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.8

Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	23.1
Industrials	18.5
Consumer Discretionary	14.5
Health Care	12.4
Information Technology	9.3
Consumer Staples	9.0
Materials	6.3
Energy	3.5
Communication Services	2.6
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.8

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 website 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.sedarplus.ca.