

## ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2023

Global Equity Fund

**NBI Global Small Cap 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 annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights, but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the annual 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.sedarplus.ca, 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.

## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

#### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The NBI Global Small Cap Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing, directly or indirectly through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio comprised primarily of equity securities of small and medium capitalization companies located around the world.

The portfolio sub-advisor invests mainly in securities of global small and medium capitalization companies that are listed on recognized markets. When choosing for securities to be included in the portfolio, the portfolio sub-advisor focuses on a bottom-up company research that will help determine the company's ability to generate sustainable and strong Return on Invested Capital ("ROIC"). It is expected that investments in emerging market securities will not exceed approximately 20% of the fund's net assets.

#### **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**

The NBI Global Small Cap Fund was launched on August 29, 2023, and the Fund's net asset value was \$585.57 million as at December 31, 2023. Investment performance is not provided for a Fund that has been available for less than one year.

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.

Bullish market sentiment was helped by signs of easing inflation, early indications of an accommodative Federal Reserve, and a more resilient than expected economy facilitated by strong consumer spending and employment.

Among the top detractors to the Fund's performance during the period was security selection within the Consumer Discretionary sector.

### **Recent Developments**

The majority of the Fund's major transactions occurred at inception in August when the Fund was established. These include building the Fund's initial positions.

As of the end of December, the Fund's largest overweight positions relative to the benchmark were exposure to the Industrials and Information Technology sectors. The Fund's largest underweight positions relative to the benchmark were exposure to the Financials and Real Estate sectors. Please note that all sector weights are an output of our views on the bottom-up fundamentals of each individual portfolio company.

Our investment horizon is best measured in years, conceivably decades, not months or quarters. Our focus continues to be on identifying what we believe to be high-quality companies with sustainable competitive advantages, operating in industries with high barriers to entry, and contributing to durable pricing power.

The Private Series was launched for the Fund on November 28, 2023. This Series is offered by way of private placement.

## **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 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, 2023
Total brokerage fees	409,656.05
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	-

#### **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. 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>
Advisor Series and Series H			
Front-end load	1.90%	52.63%	47.37%
Series F and Series FH	0.90%	_	100.00%
Series N and Series NR*	0.65%	_	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**

Investment performance is not provided for a Fund that has been available for less than one year.

<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.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> The Series O is only available to selected investors that have been approved and have entered into an O Series units account agreement with National Bank Investments Inc. The criteria for approval may include the size of the investment, the expected level of account activity and the investor's total investments with NBII. No management fees are charged to the Fund with respect to the O Series units. Management fees are negotiated with and paid directly by investors and are in addition to the fixed-rate administration fee. NBII does not pay any commissions or service fees to dealers who sell O Series units. There are no sales charges payable by investors who purchase O Series units.

# **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 <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: August 29, 2023
Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.03	
Total expenses	(0.10)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.04)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.71	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.60	
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	
From dividends	_	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	_	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.09	
	10.09	
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Accounting Period Ended	2023	
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	December 31	
Number of units outstanding (5)	862	
	85,474	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	2.46	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.46	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.74	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	13.02	
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.09	
Series F		
Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: August 29, 202
Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.02	
Total expenses	(0.06)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.04)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.30	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.22	
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	
From dividends	_	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)		
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Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)

Accounting Period Ended	2023	
	December 31	
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	31,854	
Number of units outstanding (5)	3,145,584	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.31	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.31	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.74	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	13.02	
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.13	

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## **Series FH**

Net asset value per unit (\$)

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: August 29, 2023
Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.03	
Total expenses	(0.06)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.09)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.25	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	1.13	
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	
From dividends	_	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	_	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.14	
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Accounting Period Ended	2023	
Accounting Ferrou Ellueu	December 31	
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	5,147	
Number of units outstanding (5)	507,809	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.31	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.31	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.74	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	13.02	
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.14	
Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup> Accounting Period Ended	2023	Commencement of operations: August 29, 202
	December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.03	
Total expenses	(0.10)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.09)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.70	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.54	
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	
From dividends	_	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital		
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)		
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.10	
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	235	
Number of units outstanding (5)	23,308	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	2.46	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.46	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.74	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	13.02	

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## **Series N**

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: August 29, 2023
Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.02	
Total expenses	(0.05)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.05)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.97	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.89	
Distributions (\$)	•	
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	
From dividends	_	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)		
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.14	
	10.14	
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Accounting Period Ended	2023	
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Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	273,391	
Number of units outstanding (5)	26,959,118	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.92	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.92	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.74	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	13.02	
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.14	
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Accounting Period Ended	2023	
	December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.03	
Total expenses	(0.02)	
Realized gains (losses)	(0.04)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.74	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.71	
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	
From dividends	0.01	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.01	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.16	
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Accounting Period Ended	2023	
	December 31	
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	270,946	
Number of units outstanding (5)	26,662,488	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.02	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.02	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.74	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	13.02	
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.16	

## Series PW\* / Private Series\*\*

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

Net asset value per unit (\$)

Commencement of operations: August 29, 2023

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.02	
Total expenses	(0.05)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.01	
Unrealized gains (losses)	2.15	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	2.13	
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	
From dividends	_	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	_	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.14	
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	
Total net asset value (000's of \$) (5)	592	
Number of units outstanding (5)	58,389	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.86	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.86	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.74	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	13.02	

10.14

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{(^{)}}}$  Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Please note that the Private Series was created on November 28, 2023, and is offered by way of private placement.

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

Commencement of operations: August 29, 2023

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Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.00	
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)		
Total revenue	0.03	
Total expenses	(0.02)	
Realized gains (losses)	_	
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.16	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.17	
Distributions (\$)		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	_	
From dividends	0.01	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.01	
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	10.16	
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	1	
Number of units outstanding (5)	100	
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.05	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.05	
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.74	
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	13.02	
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.16	

<sup>(</sup>e) 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

 $<sup>^{</sup>m (g)}$  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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(5)</sup> This information is provided as at the last day of the accounting period shown.

<sup>(6)</sup> 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.

<sup>(7)</sup> 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.

<sup>(8)</sup> 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, 2023

### **Portfolio Top Holdings**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts Inc.	4.2
Howden Joinery Group PLC	
Rotork PLC	
Technology One Ltd.	
Amplifon SpA	
Auto Trader Group PLC	3.0
Medpace Holdings Inc.	2.9
Nordnet AB publ	
Bruker Corp.	2.7
Inficon Holding AG	2.7
Intertek Group PLC	2.7
Donaldson Company Inc.	2.6
BE Semiconductor Industries NV	2.5
Halma PLC	2.5
Middleby Corp.	2 <b>.</b> 5
Trex Co. Inc.	2.5
WH Smith PLC	
Floor & Decor Holdings Inc., Class A	
Inter Parfums Inc.	
Simpson Manufacturing Co. Inc.	
Diploma PLC	2.3
John Bean Technologies Corp.	2.3
Belimo Holding AG	
Exponent Inc.	
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	1 <b>.</b> 7
	68.5

Net asset value	\$E8E E71 7/1

### **Regional Allocation**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
United States	35.7
United Kingdom	22.8
Sweden	
Switzerland	6 <b>.</b> 8
Australia	
Italy	6.1
Canada	3.9
Germany	
Netherlands	2.5
Japan	2.0
France	1.8
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	1.7

#### **Sector Allocation**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Industrials	36.8
Information Technology	18.5
Consumer Discretionary	15.7
Health Care	15.4
Consumer Staples	6 <b>.</b> 0
Communication Services	3.0
Financials	
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.

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.