

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2023

Short-Term and Income Fund

# **NBI Presumed Sound Investments 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.

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## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The NBI Presumed Sound Investments Fund's investment objective is to provide current income while focusing on capital preservation and purchasing power, yet remaining an investment that is presumed sound within the meaning of the *Civil Code of Québec*. The Fund invests directly, or through investments in securities of other mutual funds (that may include exchange-traded funds ("ETFs")), in a portfolio composed mainly of Canadian and foreign equity and fixed-income securities.

The portfolio manager may choose to invest up to 100% of the net assets of the Fund in the securities of mutual funds managed by the manager or third parties, including ETFs. When selecting an Underlying Fund in which to invest, the portfolio manager will ensure that the investments' status is presumed sound within the meaning of the *Civil Code of Québec*. The portfolio manager will consider the degree of exposure to the asset class that the Underlying Fund will provide to the Fund, the performance of the Underlying Fund, and the expenses (if any) payable by the Fund which may be associated with the investment. It is expected that investments in foreign securities will not exceed approximately 30% of the Fund's 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**

For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2023, the NBI Presumed Sound Investments Fund's Investor Series units returned 6.84% compared to 8.87% for the Fund's blended benchmark. The broad-based indices, the Morningstar® Canada Liquid Bond Index (CAD) and the Morningstar® Canada Large-Mid Index (CAD), returned 7.12% and 12.71% respectively. Unlike the indices, 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 dropped by 8.98% over the period, from \$82.95 million as at December 31, 2022 to \$75.50 million as at December 31, 2023.

Turbulences at U.S. regional banks, conflict in the Middle East, advances in artificial intelligence, record fluctuations in interest rates, hope of a soft landing; once again this year, the economic environment has not been easy for investors. Nonetheless, with inflation slowing, a resilient economy, and a Federal Reserve that opens the door to potential rate cuts, 2023 finally ended up being a positive outcome for most investors, with equities, bonds, and even cash posting significant gains over the period. This is in stark contrast to a particularly challenging year in 2022.

Specifically, global equities are therefore strongly valued in 2023, outperforming traditional Canadian bonds (+ 6.7% for the FTSE Canada Universe), which still had a good year. In terms of leadership, 2023 was mostly held by U.S. technology stocks, which rebounded strongly from a more challenging 2022.

On the fixed income side, while long-term bonds dominated late in the year, high-yield bonds ended 2023 with the best performance in the category in a generally positive environment for risky securities. Within materials, the price of oil declined approximately 10% over the period, while gold rebounded amid heightened geopolitical tensions. Finally, widespread market optimism translated into a weaker U.S. dollar against most currencies at year-end, including the Canadian dollar.

Under these circumstances, the Fund underperformed its blended benchmark for the period. Among the top contributors to performance was the NBI Corporate Bond Fund, which added value during the period.

#### **Recent Developments**

From an economic perspective, with inflation potentially within the Fed's comfort zone as early as April, central banks are expected to gradually change their tune and set the stage for rate cuts in the second half of 2024 in the U.S., and probably even earlier in Canada. Quantifying the extent of the economic slowdown that will accompany this process is not obvious, but with the most restrictive monetary policy since the 1980s and three "no-fault" recession signals now in motion, risks are declining. In addition, market sentiment in "extreme optimism" as quantified by the Manager's model suggests that the soft-landing scenario, while not impossible, is already widely anticipated.

Against this backdrop, the Manager continues to favour defensive positioning with a preference for bond markets. In more than 50 years, there has never been a bear market or recession before the recession began. At the same time, bond yields often decline significantly during a major economic slowdown.

Within equity markets, the environment for emerging markets and Canadian equities is expected to be more challenging compared to the U.S. and EAFE regions. From a macroeconomic perspective, the backdrop for the U.S. stock market outperforming emerging markets is likely to remain in place for several more months with a strong U.S. dollar, slowing global growth, and restrictive monetary policies. Finally, a deterioration in economic growth, which is expected to be more significant and imminent on our side of the border, further threatens a cyclical market such as the Canadian stock market.

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

National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of the Bank, is the Fund's trustee. In this capacity, it is the legal owner of the Fund's investments.

### **Custodian and Registrar**

Natcan Trust Company ("NTC") acts as registrar for the Fund's securities and the names of securityholders. NTC also acts as the Fund's custodian. The fees for NTC's custodial services are based on the standard rates in effect at NTC.

#### Agent for securities lending transactions

NTC acts as the agent for securities lending transactions acts on behalf of the Fund in administering securities lending transactions entered into by the Fund. NTC is an affiliate of the Manager.

### **Fund Manager**

The Fund is managed by National Bank Investments Inc. ("NBII"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank. Therefore, NBII provides or ensures the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund's current operations, including investment consulting, the arrangement of brokerage contracts for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio, bookkeeping and other administrative services required by the Fund.

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the Fund other than its "Fund costs" (defined below) (the "variable operating expenses"), in exchange for the Fund's payment to the Manager of annual fixed-rate administration fees with respect to each series of the Fund.

The administration fees are equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of each series of the Fund, calculated and paid in the same manner as the Fund's management fees. The variable operating expenses payable by the Manager include, but are not limited to: transfer agency and recordkeeping costs; custodial costs; accounting and valuation fees; audit fees and legal fees; costs of preparing and distributing financial reports, simplified prospectuses, annual information forms, Fund Facts, continuous disclosure material and other securityholder communications; and costs of trustee services relating to registered tax plans, as applicable.

In addition to administration fees, the Fund shall also pay certain Fund costs, namely: taxes (including, but not limited to, GST/HST and income taxes); costs of compliance with any changes to existing governmental or regulatory requirements introduced after August 1, 2013; costs of compliance with any new governmental or regulatory requirements, including any new fees introduced after August 1, 2013; interest and borrowing costs; costs related to external services that were not commonly charged in the Canadian mutual fund industry as at August 1, 2013; Independent Review Committee costs, including compensation paid to IRC members, travel expenses, insurance premiums and costs associated with their continuing education; and variable operating expenses incurred outside of the normal course of business of the Fund.

The Manager may, from time to time and at its sole discretion, decide to absorb a portion of a series' management fees, administration fees or Fund costs.

As described under the heading *Management Fees*, the Fund pays annual management fees to NBII as consideration for its services.

#### Portfolio Manager

The Manager has appointed National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, as the portfolio manager for the Fund. A flat fee is payable annually to NBT for its management services.

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

NBII acts as principal distributor for the Fund. In this capacity, NBII buys, sells and swaps securities through Bank branches and the National Bank Investments Advisory Service in Canadian provinces and territories, and through external registered representatives. Fund securities are also offered by National Bank Financial Inc. (including its division National Bank Direct Brokerage), CABN Investments (a division of NBII) and other affiliated entities. Brokers may receive, depending on the distributed series, a monthly commission representing a percentage of the average daily value of the securities held by their clients.

### **Brokerage Fees**

The Fund may pay broker's commissions at market rates to a corporation affiliated with NBII. The brokerage fees paid by the Fund for the period are as follows:

	Period ended December 31, 2023
Total brokerage fees	950.74
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	950.74

#### **Holdings**

As at December 31, 2023, National Bank Investments Inc. held 122.09 Fund securities for a value of \$1,152.52, which represented close to 0.0017% 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. 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%
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.

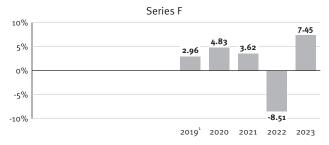
<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> The Series O is only available to selected investors that have been approved and have entered into an O Series units account agreement with National Bank Investments Inc. The criteria for approval may include the size of the investment, the expected level of account activity and the 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.

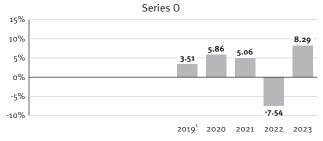
### **Annual Returns**

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 May 21, 2019 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2019.

## **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, 2023, compared with the following benchmarks:

The blended benchmark (the "Benchmark") is composed of:

- Morningstar® Canada Liquid Bond Index (CAD) (70%)
- Morningstar® Canada Large-Mid Index (CAD) (30%)

The broad-based indices are as follows:

 Broad-based index 1: Morningstar® Canada Liquid Bond Index (CAD)  Broad-based index 2: Morningstar® Canada Large-Mid Index (CAD)

### **NBI Presumed Sound Investments Fund**

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Investor Series <sup>1</sup>	6.84%	0.06%	-	-	1.42%
Benchmark	8.87%	1.39%	-	-	4.07%
Broad-based index 1	7.12%	(2.32)%	-	-	1.15%
Broad-based index 2	12.71%	10.07%	-	-	10.39%
Advisor Series <sup>1</sup>	6.75%	0.01%	_	_	1.38%
Benchmark	8.87%	1.39%	-	-	4.07%
Broad-based index 1	7.12%	(2.32)%	-	-	1.15%
Broad-based index 2	12.71%	10.07%	-	-	10.39%
Series F <sup>1</sup>	7.45%	0.62%	-	_	2.08%
Benchmark	8.87%	1.39%	-	-	4.07%
Broad-based index 1	7.12%	(2.32)%	-	-	1.15%
Broad-based index 2	12.71%	10.07%	-	-	10.39%
Series O <sup>1</sup>	8.29%	1.70%	_	_	3.13%
Benchmark	8.87%	1.39%	-	-	4.07%
Broad-based index 1	7.12%	(2.32)%	-	-	1.15%
Broad-based index 2	12.71%	10.07%	-	-	10.39%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Commencement of operations: May 21, 2019

A discussion of the Fund's relative performance in comparison to the index (or indices) can be found in the *Results of Operations* Section of this report.

### **Index Descriptions**

The Morningstar® Canada Liquid Bond Index offers diversified exposure to federal debt securities guaranteed by the federal government, to provincial debt securities guaranteed by the provincial government and to corporate debt securities denominated in Canadian dollars in order to maintain liquidity. Small issuances, issuances with limited terms and issuances with credit ratings lower than those of investment-grade securities are excluded from the index.

The **Morningstar® Canada Large-Mid Index** measures the performance of Canadian stock exchanges by targeting 90% of shares, based on their order of importance in terms of market capitalization.

# **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 Series**

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Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	9.13	10.24	10.11	10.14	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.36	0.33	0.36	0.38	0.25
Total expenses	(0.13)	(0.16)	(0.19)	(0.18)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.28)	(0.55)	0.10	0.37	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.66	(0.64)	0.07	(0.06)	0.10
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.61	(1.02)	0.34	0.51	0.25
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.08	0.05
From dividends	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.06
From capital gains	_	_	0.05	0.26	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.23	0.17	0.19	0.43	0.11
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	9.52	9.13	10.24	10.11	10.14

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	19,282	18,516	23,516	12,809	5,842
Number of units outstanding (5)	2,026,040	2,028,097	2,297,478	1,266,927	5,042
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.58	1.92	2.03	1.98	1.95
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.69	1.98	2.03	1.98	1.95
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	22.96	7.49	7.91	196.16	84.51
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.52	9.13	10.24	10.11	10.14

# **Advisor Series**

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

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2019
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Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	9.08	10.18	10.06	10.15	10.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.36	0.33	0.35	0.34	0.26
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.15)	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.28)	(0.61)	0.10	0.33	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.66	(0.47)	0.08	(0.16)	0.06
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.62	(0.90)	0.35	0.34	0.23
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.11	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.05
From dividends	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.05
From capital gains	_	_	0.05	0.33	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.22	0.16	0.20	0.49	0.10
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	9.46	9.08	10.18	10.06	10.15

# Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (s)	10,369	8,433	7,711	5,038	3,128
Number of units outstanding (5)	1,095,892	929,041	757,778	500,990	308,380
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.57	1.90	2.03	1.98	1.95
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.76	2.02	2.09	2.06	2.03
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	22.96	7.49	7.91	196.16	84.51
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.46	9.08	10.18	10.06	10.14

### **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	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31 10.16	December 3:
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)	8.94	10.03	10.01	10.16	10.00
Total revenue	0.25	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.25
Total expenses	0.35 (0.07)	0.33 (0.07)	0.31 (0.09)	0.39 (0.09)	(0.06
Realized gains (losses)	(0.23)	(0.60)	0.08	· ·	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.60			0.57 (0.23)	
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.65	(0.35)	0.09	0.64	0.05
Distributions (\$)	0.05	(0.09)	0.39	0.04	0.25
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.16	0.16	0.20	0.12	0.08
From dividends	0.11	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.06
From capital gains	0.11	-	0.09	0.38	-
Return of capital	_	_	-	-	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)					
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	0.27	0.24	0.39	0.63	0.14
	9.32	8.94	10.03	10.01	10.16
Ratios and Supplemental Data					
Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 3:
Total net asset value (000's of \$) (5)	2,969	5,154	4,045	3,724	907
Number of units outstanding (5)	318,464	576,299	403,340	371,929	89,272
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	1.00	1.11	1.16	1.13	1.08
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.19	1.25	1.27	1.20	1.1/
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	22.96	7.49	7.91	196.16	84.51
Net asset value per unit (\$)	9.32	8.94	10.03	10.01	10.16
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Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)	9.07	10.18	10.05	December 31 10.13	December 3
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### Series PW\*

 $^{(^{\circ})}$  Please note that this Series is offered by way of private placement.

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

Commencement of operations: October 13, 2015

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown (4)	10.83	12.15	12.01	12.10	11.50
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.42	0.36	0.38	0.41	0.39
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.02)	_	_	_
Realized gains (losses)	(0.33)	(0.72)	0.10	0.39	_
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.77	(0.79)	0.11	(0.11)	0.60
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) (2)	0.83	(1.17)	0.59	0.69	0.99
Distributions (\$)					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.26	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.22
From dividends	0.14	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.17
From capital gains	_	_	0.07	0.37	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_
Total Annual Distributions (\$) (3)	0.40	0.38	0.45	0.78	0.39
Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$) (4)	11.28	10.83	12.15	12.01	12.10

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31	2019 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) (5)	42,881	50,850	160,425	161,443	156,664
Number of units outstanding (5)	3,800,677	4,697,410	13,205,813	13,448,214	12,952,979
Management expense ratio (%) (6)	0.40	0.36	0.21	0.16	0.27
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.51	0.42	0.21	0.16	0.27
Trading expense ratio (%) (7)	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) (8)	22.96	7.49	7.91	196.16	84.51
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.28	10.83	12.15	12.00	12.09

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

 $<sup>^{</sup>m (3)}$  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.

<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>(9)</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
NBI Corporate Bond Fund, Series O	60.2
NBI Preferred Equity Fund, Series O	10.6
NBI SmartBeta Global Equity Fund, Series O	9.6
NBI Global Real Assets Income ETF	7.3
NBI Canadian High Conviction Equity Private Port	7.3
NBI Liquid Alternatives ETF	4.8
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.2
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#### **Asset Mix**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Corporate Bonds	53.5
Exchange Traded Funds	12.2
Preferred Shares	10.0
Mutual Funds	7.4
International Equity	4.7
US Equity	
Foreign Bonds	2.1
US Bonds	1.8
Federal Bonds	0.9
Provincial Bonds	0.8
Municipal Bonds	0.5
Canadian Equity	0.4
Asset Backed Securities	0.4
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.1
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	1.0

### **Sector Allocation**

	% of Net
	Asset Value
Bonds	59.6
Exchange Traded Funds	12.2
Mutual Funds	7.4
Financials	6.6
Energy	
Utilities	2.0
Consumer Staples	1.6
ndustrials	
Health Care	1.4
Communication Services	
Consumer Discretionary	
Information Technology	
Asset Backed Securities	0.4
Materials	0.4
Real Estate	
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.1
Cash. Money Market and Other Net Assets	1.0

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.