

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2024

Global Equity Fund  
**NBI Global Equity Fund**

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Global Equity Fund's investment objective is to achieve long-term capital growth. It builds a diversified portfolio of common and preferred shares listed on recognized stock exchanges.

The portfolio manager invests up to all of its net assets in mutual funds and exchange traded funds ("ETFs"). The portfolio may also invest in other mutual funds managed by third parties (ETFs and other types of mutual funds are collectively referred to as "Underlying Funds"). The portfolio manager applies a tactical allocation valuation process in which asset allocation and the choice of Underlying Funds are subject to frequent changes depending on economic and market conditions. When the target asset allocation and the choice of Underlying Funds are modified, the fund are generally rebalanced based on the new selection. 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 Global Equity Fund's Investor Series units returned 19.61% compared to 29.43% for the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI World Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's return 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 44.35% over the period, from \$985.36 million as at December 31, 2023, to \$1.422 billion as at December 31, 2024.

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

The new year got off to a cloudier start. Sentiment wavered somewhat as investors contemplated the prospect for aggressive monetary policy easing in an environment of still robust growth and elevated inflation. Policymakers cemented the end of their aggressive tightening campaigns and appeared to shift their focus to when to begin easing policy. Meanwhile, the frenzy around artificial intelligence lingered on which catalyzed a market rally that sent many global indices to new record highs.

Equity markets experienced a short-lived sell-off and subsequent recovery in August after the Bank of Japan hiked rates at a time that coincided with weaker U.S. labour and manufacturing data. In September, with more signs of cooling inflation, the Federal Reserve cut rates by 50 basis points, the first set of easing measures conducted since March 2020. Moderating inflation also enabled the European Central Bank (ECB) to ease policy twice.

The U.S. presidential election results played a prominent role in global market performance over the latter part of the year. President-elect Trump's victory, along with Republican control of both houses of Congress, fuelled market expectations for tax cuts, deregulation, and protectionist trade policies. The perception of Trump's nationalist and business-oriented vision led to optimism for U.S. stocks, while European and Asian markets grew wary in the face of tariff threats, with the strong U.S. dollar further serving as a headwind. As for the European Central Bank, it delivered a fourth cut in light of weakness in the region's economy, political instability in France and Germany and a looming potential trade war. Equity markets continued broadening over the second half of the year.

The MSCI World Index gained 29.3% over the year, with all sectors in the green. Information Technology and Telecommunication Services were the two best-performing sectors with respective returns of 44.7% and 45.8%. On the other hand, the Materials sector was the worst performer in 2024 with a return of 3.1%.

In this context, the Fund underperformed its benchmark.

The Fund's relative underperformance was primarily driven by weaker security selection in the Consumer Staples, Financials and Industrials sectors. The strategy's underperformance was also significantly impacted by the lack of exposure to NVIDIA, Broadcom, Meta Platforms, and Amazon, large benchmark constituents that outperformed. Conversely, security selection in Materials and sector allocation in Energy and Real Estate (i.e., our underweight positions in those underperforming sectors) positively contributed to relative performance.

Among the top relative detractors held in the strategy over the period were Nestlé and LVMH Moët Hennessy.

As it relates to Nestlé, underperformance was driven by a few factors — (1) pricing and volume headwinds after significant growth in the post-COVID period, (2) margin impact from input cost inflation (expected to moderate), (3) execution problems related to M&A and an IT integration issue with their Health Science division, (4) CEO change uncertainty, and (5) the market rotation out of bond-like proxies/defensive stocks into high-growth companies. The Portfolio Manager believes Nestlé remains an attractive business given its leading brands and strategic positioning in higher quality categories such as coffee, pet care, sparkling water, etc. Additionally, Nestlé is actively concentrating the business into less commoditized food categories. The Portfolio Manager believes the long-term thesis and downside protection role in the portfolio remain fully intact.

As for LVMH, the luxury giant shares underperformed in 2024 as broader concerns over a consumer spending slowdown, namely the aspirational LVMH customer, as well as macroeconomic headlines in China dampened sentiment. LVMH remains a core holding due to what the Portfolio Manager believes to be its best-in-class portfolio of global luxury brands in jewelry, fashion, spirits, watches, retailing, and perfumes.

Among the top relative contributors held in the strategy over the period were Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) and Alphabet.

TSMC continues to benefit from significant AI investments as the world's number one supplier of leading-edge nodes. The company is seeing and expects rapid growth as their advanced manufacturing and packaging capabilities enable them to be a trusted global supplier. Despite efforts from competitors, TSMC believes its chips' better performance, capacity, and track record will allow them to consistently capture AI demand.

As for Alphabet, its core businesses (Search, YouTube, Cloud, and hardware/ad-tech) performed well in 2024. Additionally, AI continues to be a major focus across a variety of their widely utilized applications/software, and the launch of Gemini 2.0 was positive. These positives more than offset the news in August that a judge concluded that Google violated Section 2 of the Sherman Act by maintaining monopolies in general search services and general text advertising. Though Google will likely appeal, and the near-term impact is limited, the news did impact sentiment on the stock briefly.

### Recent Developments

During the period, the Portfolio Manager exited positions in Nike and Kenvue, while initiating a position in ASML Holding.

The exits of Nike and Kenvue were motivated by other more attractive theses and risk-adjusted return opportunities. The Portfolio Manager believes ASML is a pivotal company and near monopoly in the semiconductor manufacturing sector as the dominant supplier for lithography machines, including EUV (extreme ultraviolet) lithography machines that are critical to producing leading-edge nodes. In the Portfolio Manager's view, the business benefits from high barriers to entry given the long product development lead time, expansive supplier network, large R&D spending, and close relationships with customers.

The Fund's sector and regional weights are driven by a bottom-up stock selection. Entering 2025, the Fund remains underweight the United States, Asia Pacific Ex Japan, and Japan as the Portfolio Manager continues to find more attractive opportunities in other parts of the world, such as the United Kingdom, Europe ex UK, and Emerging Markets. The Fund is currently overweight Consumer Discretionary, Financials, and Consumer Staples, while underweight Energy, Technology, and Utilities.

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

On or around April 22, 2024, National Bank Trust Inc. ("NBT") transitioned Fiera Capital Corporation's ("Fiera") portfolio sub-advisory responsibilities for the Fund directly to PineStone Asset Management Inc. who consequently became the sole portfolio sub-advisor of the Fund. Fiera no longer serves as portfolio sub-advisor of the Fund. This change is part of NBT's open architecture structure governance process.

## 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 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) 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	\$149,475.55
Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial	-

## Holdings

As at December 31, 2024, National Bank Investments Inc. held 15,280.03 Fund securities for a value of \$197,986.75, which represented close to 0.0413% 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. 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	2.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Investor-2 Series	1.75%	57.14%	42.86%
Advisor Series and Series T5*			
Front-end load**	2.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Advisor-2 Series*			
Front-end load***	1.75%	57.14%	42.86%
Series H			
Front-end load	2.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Series F, Series FH and Series F5	0.75%	—	100.00%
Series F-2	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.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Excluding sales commissions paid on the Advisor Series, Advisor-2 Series and Series T5 with low sales charges 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.

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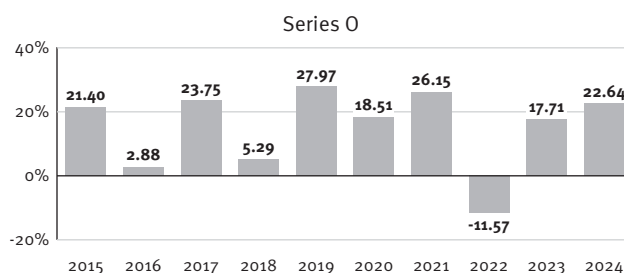
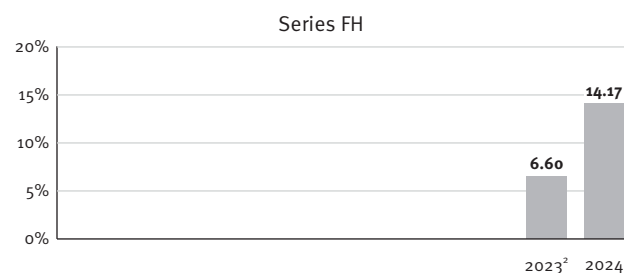
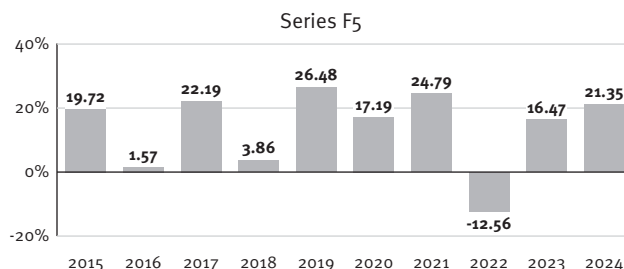
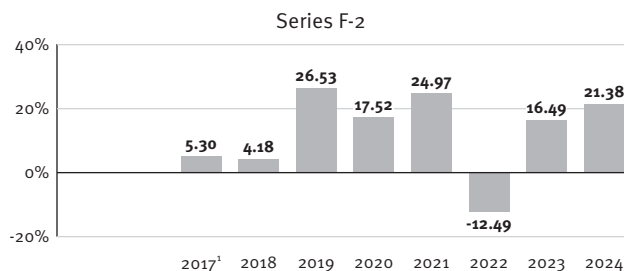
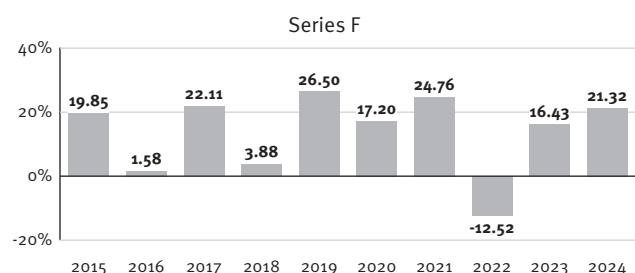
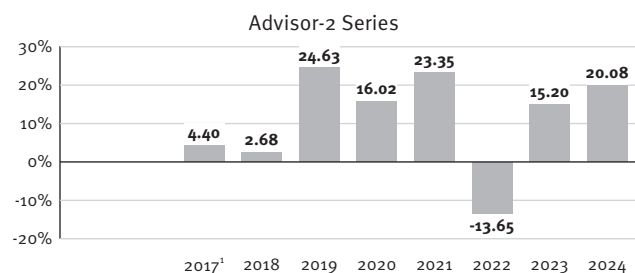
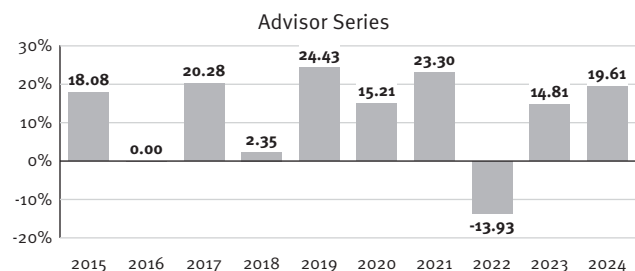
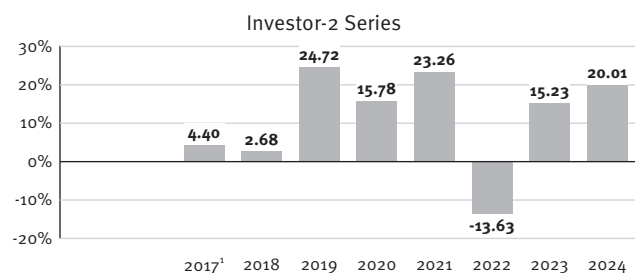
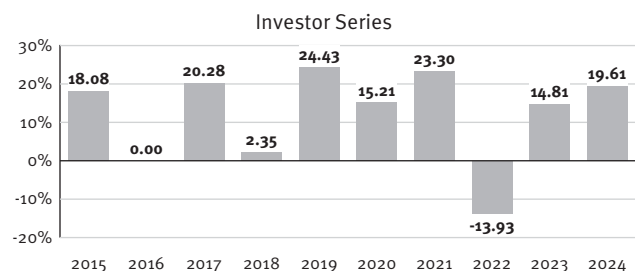
<sup>(\*\*\*\*)</sup> The Series O is only available to selected investors that have been approved and have entered into an O Series units account agreement with National Bank Investments Inc. The criteria for approval may include the size of the investment, the expected level of account activity and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

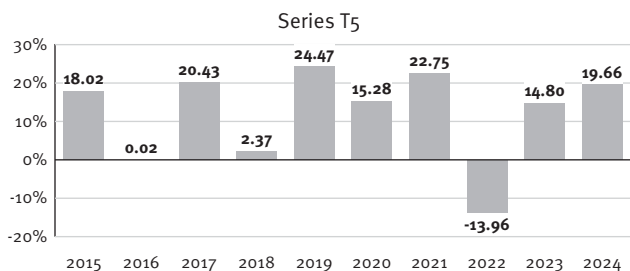
## Past Performance

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 May 19, 2017 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2017.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period from May 29, 2023 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2023.

## 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 World Index (CAD)

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
<b>Investor Series<sup>1</sup></b>	19.61%	5.73%	10.92%	11.75%	—
Benchmark	29.43%	11.04%	13.49%	12.35%	—
<b>Investor-2 Series<sup>2</sup></b>	20.01%	6.10%	11.26%	—	11.41%
Benchmark	29.43%	11.04%	13.49%	—	13.02%
<b>Advisor Series<sup>3</sup></b>	19.61%	5.73%	10.92%	11.75%	—
Benchmark	29.43%	11.04%	13.49%	12.35%	—
<b>Advisor-2 Series<sup>2</sup></b>	20.08%	6.11%	11.32%	—	11.44%
Benchmark	29.43%	11.04%	13.49%	—	13.02%
<b>Series F<sup>4</sup></b>	21.32%	7.31%	12.56%	13.44%	—
Benchmark	29.43%	11.04%	13.49%	12.35%	—
<b>Series F-2<sup>2</sup></b>	21.38%	7.36%	12.69%	—	12.90%
Benchmark	29.43%	11.04%	13.49%	—	13.02%
<b>Series F5<sup>5</sup></b>	21.35%	7.31%	12.56%	13.43%	—
Benchmark	29.43%	11.04%	13.49%	12.35%	—
<b>Series FH<sup>6</sup></b>	14.17%	—	—	—	13.11%
Benchmark	29.43%	—	—	—	41.75%
<b>Series H<sup>6</sup></b>	12.58%	—	—	—	11.53%
Benchmark	29.43%	—	—	—	41.75%
<b>Series O<sup>7</sup></b>	22.64%	8.48%	13.80%	14.80%	—
Benchmark	29.43%	11.04%	13.49%	12.35%	—
<b>Series T5<sup>5</sup></b>	19.66%	5.73%	10.83%	11.72%	—
Benchmark	29.43%	11.04%	13.49%	12.35%	—

<sup>1</sup>Commencement of operations: January 28, 2000

<sup>2</sup>Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

<sup>3</sup>Commencement of operations: February 8, 2002

<sup>4</sup>Commencement of operations: December 24, 2013

<sup>5</sup>Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

<sup>6</sup>Commencement of operations: May 29, 2023

<sup>7</sup>Commencement of operations: March 1, 2005

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 World Index** is designed to measure global developed market equity performance and is made up of approximately 1,500 companies listed on stock exchanges in the 22 developed countries that make up the MSCI national indexes.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the accounting periods shown.

### Investor / Advisor\* Series

<sup>(1)</sup> The Advisor Series was created on February 8, 2002.

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: January 28, 2000			
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown <sup>(4)</sup>	26.67	23.23	27.01	21.88	19.00
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.67	0.37	0.38	0.29	0.38
Total expenses	(0.75)	(0.65)	(0.63)	(0.66)	(0.55)
Realized gains (losses)	0.52	10.03	1.48	2.28	1.52
Unrealized gains (losses)	4.73	(6.29)	(5.54)	1.18	1.22
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	5.17	3.46	(4.31)	3.09	2.57
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 (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	31.94	26.67	23.23	27.01	21.88

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	259,292	194,377	158,962	240,394	599,945
Number of units outstanding <sup>(6)</sup>	8,127,471	7,288,769	6,843,810	8,906,226	27,402,200
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	2.51	2.52	2.75	2.80	2.83
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.53	2.53	2.76	2.81	2.83
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82	8.85	7.59	15.34
Net asset value per unit (\$)	31.90	26.67	23.23	26.99	21.89

### Investor-2 Series

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017			
Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown <sup>(4)</sup>	18.99	16.48	19.09	15.47	13.37
Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)					
Total revenue	0.48	0.26	0.27	0.20	0.27
Total expenses	(0.47)	(0.40)	(0.40)	(0.41)	(0.31)
Realized gains (losses)	0.36	7.08	1.00	1.84	1.09
Unrealized gains (losses)	3.51	(4.41)	(4.27)	1.97	1.01
Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	3.88	2.53	(3.40)	3.60	2.06
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 (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	22.82	18.99	16.48	19.09	15.47

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (ooo's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	66,727	61,292	57,399	101,529	89,331
Number of units outstanding <sup>(6)</sup>	2,927,763	3,227,932	3,482,889	5,319,924	5,769,045
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	2.18	2.17	2.40	2.39	2.28
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.18	2.17	2.40	2.39	2.29
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82	8.85	7.59	15.34
Net asset value per unit (\$)	22.79	18.99	16.48	19.08	15.48



## Advisor-2 Series

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

Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	19.02	16.51	19.13	15.49	13.36
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.48	0.26	0.26	0.20	0.27
Total expenses	(0.47)	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.40)	(0.29)
Realized gains (losses)	0.35	7.09	1.11	1.83	1.08
Unrealized gains (losses)	3.58	(4.40)	(3.96)	1.97	0.98
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	3.94	2.55	(2.98)	3.60	2.04
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	22.86	19.02	16.51	19.13	15.49

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	4,078	4,175	4,314	6,169	6,347
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	178,576	219,463	261,326	322,657	409,389
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.18	2.17	2.39	2.35	2.13
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.19	2.18	2.40	2.36	2.15
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82	8.85	7.59	15.34
Net asset value per unit (\$)	22.84	19.02	16.51	19.12	15.50

## Series F

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

Commencement of operations: December 24, 2013

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	33.73	28.96	33.17	26.55	22.72
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.86	0.47	0.46	0.34	0.44
Total expenses	(0.42)	(0.36)	(0.31)	(0.32)	(0.26)
Realized gains (losses)	0.68	13.03	2.25	3.24	2.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	5.87	(8.51)	(6.25)	3.45	1.59
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	6.99	4.63	(3.85)	6.71	3.80
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	0.03	—	0.06
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	0.03	—	0.06
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	40.97	33.73	28.96	33.17	26.55

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	853,366	506,905	299,676	260,096	148,418
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	20,852,487	15,028,284	10,345,504	7,844,886	5,586,489
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.12	1.13
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.13	1.14	1.15	1.17	1.18
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82	8.85	7.59	15.34
Net asset value per unit (\$)	40.92	33.73	28.97	33.15	26.57



## Series F-2

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

Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	20.63	17.70	20.28	16.21	13.88
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.52	0.28	0.28	0.21	0.28
Total expenses	(0.25)	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.18)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses)	0.39	7.69	1.27	1.94	1.14
Unrealized gains (losses)	3.85	(4.80)	(4.46)	2.06	0.82
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	4.51	2.96	(3.10)	4.03	2.12
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	0.03	—	0.09
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	0.03	—	0.09
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	25.07	20.63	17.70	20.28	16.21

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1,512	1,350	1,251	1,963	1,910
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	60,380	65,459	70,656	96,873	117,762
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.02	0.81
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.07	1.07	1.08	1.04	0.83
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82	8.85	7.59	15.34
Net asset value per unit (\$)	25.04	20.63	17.71	20.27	16.22

## Series FH

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

Commencement of operations: May 29, 2023

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.66	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>		
Total revenue	0.27	0.08
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.01)	3.35
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.30	(2.70)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	1.44	0.67
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—
From dividends	—	—
From capital gains	—	—
Return of capital	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	12.18	10.66

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	306	159
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	25,113	14,911
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.14	1.14
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.26	1.27
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82
Net asset value per unit (\$)	12.17	10.66

## Series F5

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

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	19.94	17.94	21.80	18.27	16.41
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.50	0.28	0.29	0.23	0.30
Total expenses	(0.24)	(0.22)	(0.20)	(0.22)	(0.18)
Realized gains (losses)	0.38	8.18	1.27	2.21	1.32
Unrealized gains (losses)	3.54	(5.58)	(3.51)	2.48	3.17
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	4.18	2.66	(2.15)	4.70	4.61
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.02	0.02	—	0.07
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	1.00	0.88	1.07	0.91	0.76
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	1.00	0.90	1.09	0.91	0.83
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	23.16	19.94	17.94	21.80	18.27

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	20,444	16,430	9,261	7,826	2,695
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	883,840	823,866	516,085	359,214	147,396
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.09	1.14
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.12	1.13	1.13	1.12	1.18
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82	8.85	7.59	15.34
Net asset value per unit (\$)	23.13	19.94	17.94	21.79	18.29

## Series H

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

Commencement of operations: May 29, 2023

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.57	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>		
Total revenue	0.26	0.08
Total expenses	(0.29)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.02)	3.34
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.39	(2.69)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	1.34	0.57
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—
From dividends	—	—
From capital gains	—	—
Return of capital	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	11.91	10.57

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	1	1
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	100	100
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.49	2.64
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.49	2.64
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.90	10.57

## Series O

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

Commencement of operations: March 1, 2005

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	49.30	43.09	49.22	39.12	33.35
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	1.25	0.69	0.68	0.51	0.68
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses)	0.94	13.75	2.97	4.73	2.76
Unrealized gains (losses)	9.19	(6.14)	(10.20)	5.60	2.43
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	11.35	8.27	(6.57)	10.82	5.86
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.45	0.40	0.20	0.37
From capital gains	—	0.88	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	1.33	0.40	0.20	0.37
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	60.53	49.30	43.09	49.22	39.12

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	207,041	191,479	1,152,830	1,508,283	1,166,119
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	3,424,259	3,884,149	26,750,224	30,661,105	29,784,682
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82	8.85	7.59	15.34
Net asset value per unit (\$)	60.46	49.30	43.10	49.19	39.15

## Series T5

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

Commencement of operations: May 21, 2014

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	17.15	15.66	19.35	16.50	15.07
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.42	0.25	0.26	0.21	0.27
Total expenses	(0.47)	(0.42)	(0.44)	(0.50)	(0.42)
Realized gains (losses)	0.32	6.68	1.20	1.90	1.12
Unrealized gains (losses)	3.08	(4.36)	(4.68)	1.88	2.39
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	3.35	2.15	(3.66)	3.49	3.36
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	—	—	0.02
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	0.86	0.78	0.97	0.83	0.74
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.86	0.78	0.97	0.83	0.76
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	19.63	17.15	15.66	19.35	16.50

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2024 December 31	2023 December 31	2022 December 31	2021 December 31	2020 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	9,607	9,196	6,732	18,634	16,058
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	489,837	536,103	429,928	963,645	972,651
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.50	2.51	2.76	2.85	2.82
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.52	2.53	2.78	2.87	2.85
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	21.26	39.82	8.85	7.59	15.34
Net asset value per unit (\$)	19.61	17.15	15.66	19.34	16.51

- <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>(3)</sup> 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>(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, 2024

### Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd., ADR	7.7
Alphabet Inc., Class A	7.5
Microsoft Corp.	7.4
Moody's Corp.	5.9
AutoZone Inc.	5.4
MasterCard Inc., Class A	5.2
Oracle Corp.	3.7
Intercontinental Hotels Group PLC	3.5
Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy	3.4
TJX Companies Inc.	3.4
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	3.3
CME Group Inc., Class A	3.2
Sherwin-Williams Co./The	3.2
Keyence Corp.	3.0
MSCI Inc.	3.0
Cie Financière Richemont SA, Class A	2.6
Nestlé SA	2.5
PepsiCo Inc.	2.5
ASML Holding NV	2.4
Carrier Global Corp.	2.4
Otis Worldwide Corp.	2.4
Johnson & Johnson	2.3
Novo Nordisk A/S	2.1
Diageo PLC	1.9
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.4
	90.3

Net asset value \$1,422,374,248

### Regional Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
United States	65.7
Taiwan	7.7
United Kingdom	6.9
Switzerland	6.6
France	3.5
Japan	3.0
Netherlands	2.4
Denmark	2.1
India	1.7
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.4

### Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Information Technology	25.7
Financials	19.0
Consumer Discretionary	18.4
Industrials	9.6
Health Care	9.3
Communication Services	7.5
Consumer Staples	6.9
Materials	3.2
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	0.4

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](http://www.nbinvestments.ca).

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