

## **INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

For the period ended June 30, 2021

Canadian Equity Fund

### **NBI Canadian Equity Growth Fund**

#### **Notes on forward-looking statements**

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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.

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, the NBI Canadian Equity Growth Fund's Investor Series units returned 11.39% compared to 17.28% for the Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index (CAD). Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's performance is calculated after fees and expenses. Please see the *Past Performance* section for the returns of all of the Fund's series, which may vary mainly because of fees and expenses.

The Fund's net asset value rose by 5.56% over the period, from \$974.04 million as at December 31, 2020 to \$1.028 billion as at June 30, 2021.

Canadian equities advanced over the six-month period ending June 30, 2021, in response to optimism the vaccine rollout will lift economic activity and help the Canadian economy make a full recovery. The Canadian economy expanded in the first quarter of 2021, but growth slowed in the second half of the period as a rise in new cases of COVID-19 resulted in new lockdown restrictions.

The inflation rate surged higher in response to rising prices for gasoline and shelter, along with a low base effect from 2020. The Bank of Canada (the "BoC") largely downplayed the surge in inflation as transitory and left its key policy rate steady at 0.25%. The BoC reduced its bond-purchase program. The BoC raised its outlook for growth and inflation, suggesting that its key policy rate may increase sooner than expected.

Within the S&P/TSX Composite Index, which returned +17.28% in the first half of 2021, the strongest-performing sectors were Energy (+37.04%), Financials (+23.35%) and Health Care (+21.99%). Materials (-0.44%), Utilities (+4.90%) and Industrials (+6.80%) were the weakest-performing sectors over the period.

In this environment, the NBI Canadian Equity Growth Fund underperformed its benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index, during the period. Stock selection in Industrials and Health Care sectors contributed positively to relative performance, while stock selection in Information Technology and Materials sectors detracted.

### Recent Developments

Certain epicentre industries such as travel, tourism, hospitality face a difficult path to recovery, and the portfolio manager's view, makes them un-investable. As a result, the portfolio manager eliminated/reduced exposure to these areas as rapidly as the market would allow, including CAE and Canada Goose.

The portfolio's Energy sector exposure has been eliminated given the investment team's view of the evolving supply and demand fundamentals. The portfolio also has no exposure to pure commodity businesses as they generally need an extended period of strong global synchronized growth to do well, and the portfolio manager does not see that happening. Both industries are characterized by high capital intensities and erratic free cash flows given their dependence on commodity prices and generally do not fit within the confines of the team's investment philosophy.

Despite the investment team's continued concerns around the economic backdrop, the market decline in March was extremely sharp and broad based. In such environment, there tend to be opportunities to buy superior companies at attractive prices and this downturn was no exception. The portfolio manager added Keysight Technologies, Procter and Gamble, Synopsys and Metro, which increased the Fund's exposure to Information Technologies and Consumer Staples sectors.

While the portfolio's exposure to Financials sector increased, the portfolio manager has been reducing its exposure to Canadian banks and increased its weighting in TMX, Intact Financial and added S&P Global.

The global economy has begun to recover from the coronavirus-induced lockdowns. The rapid recovery in markets comes with a clear risk of a renewed pullback as the path of the economic recovery is highly uncertain. The investment team remains strongly suspicious that certain industries and types of economic activity will remain well below prior levels for an extended period. Areas like international travel (both business and tourism) and large group activities (sporting events, theatres) are expected to remain below 2019 levels for years. This suggests that the economic activity will not fully recover to pre-pandemic levels, resulting in a higher level of unemployment and lower overall corporate earnings.

On April 30, 2021, the Fund's independent review committee (the "IRC") was reduced to three members when Yves Julien resigned as IRC member. On May 1, 2021, the Fund's IRC was increased to four members when Paul B eland 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, 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 the Fund.

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

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

#### Distribution and Dealer Compensation

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 June 30, 2021
<b>Total brokerage fees</b>	152,972.44
<b>Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial</b>	-

#### Holdings

As at June 30, 2021, National Bank Investments Inc. held 106.33 Fund securities for a value of \$3,049.55, which represented close to 0.0004% 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.

As at June 30, 2021, National Bank Trust Inc. held 1.00 Fund securities for a value of \$28.78, which represented close to 0.0000% of the net asset value of the Fund at that date. Transactions between National Bank Trust 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.

#### Independent Review Committee Approvals and Recommendations

The Fund followed the standing instructions of its Independent Review Committee with respect to one or more of the following transactions:

- Purchasing or holding the securities of a related issuer, in particular, those of National Bank of Canada;
- Investing in the securities of an issuer when an entity related to the manager acts as an underwriter for the placement or at any time during the 60-day period after the end of the placement;
- Purchasing or selling securities to another investment Fund managed by the manager or a company in the same group;
- Purchasing or selling debt securities on the secondary market, through related brokers that are main brokers in the Canadian debt securities market (in accordance with an exemption received from the Canadian Securities Administrators);
- Entering into foreign exchange transactions (including both spot transactions and forward transactions) with National Bank of Canada.

The Manager has implemented policies and procedures to make sure that the conditions applicable to each of the above transactions are met. The applicable standing instructions require that these transactions be carried out in accordance with NBII policies, which specify, in particular, that investment decisions pertaining to these related party transactions must be made free from any influence by an entity related to NBII and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to NBII. Furthermore, the investment decisions must represent the business judgment of the securities advisor, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interest of the Fund and must achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

#### 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. A portion of the management fees paid by the Fund covers maximum annual trailer fees and sales commissions paid to brokers. The remainder of the management fees primarily covers investment management and general administration services. 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%	62.50%	37.50%
Investor-2 Series	1.95%	64.10%	35.90%
Advisor Series*			
Front-end load	2.00%	62.50%	37.50%
Back-end load - 1 to 6 years	2.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Back-end load - 7 years and more	2.00%	62.50%	37.50%
Low load - 1 to 3 years	2.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Low load - 4 years and more	2.00%	50.00%	50.00%
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.

<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.

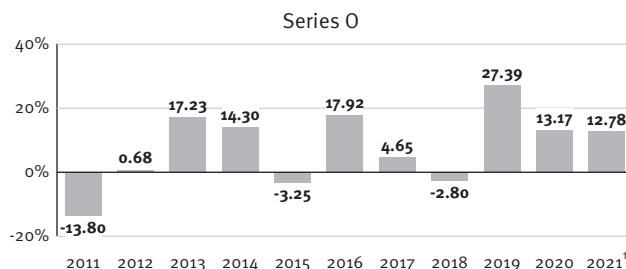
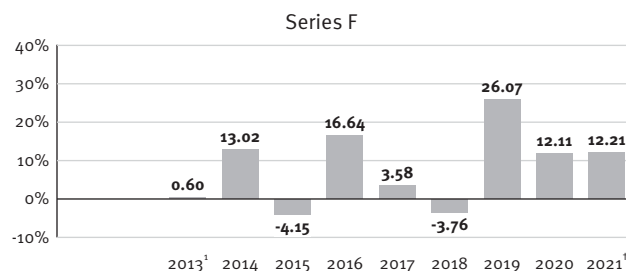
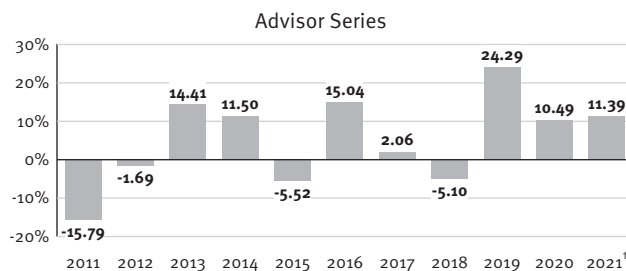
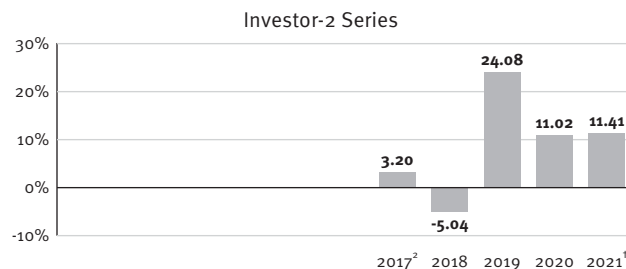
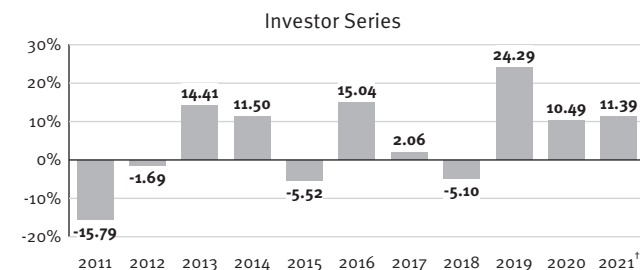
<sup>(\*\*)</sup> There are no management fees paid by the Fund with respect to the Series O. Instead, Series O securityholders pay a negotiated administration fee directly to National Bank Investments.

## 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, or by June 30, as applicable.



<sup>(‡)</sup> Returns for the period from December 24, 2013 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2013.

<sup>(§)</sup> Returns for the period from May 19, 2017 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2017.

<sup>(¶)</sup> Returns for the period from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

## 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>(\*)</sup> The Advisor Series was created on June 12, 2009.

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: September 30, 1987

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	64.44	58.32	46.97	49.63	48.46	42.14
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>						
Total revenue	0.46	0.82	0.90	0.91	1.01	1.12
Total expenses	(0.86)	(1.48)	(1.41)	(1.32)	(1.26)	(1.23)
Realized gains (losses)	4.97	5.71	3.44	3.63	3.56	2.58
Unrealized gains (losses)	2.44	0.63	8.94	(5.07)	(2.37)	3.79
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	7.01	5.68	11.87	(1.85)	0.94	6.26
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—	0.02
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	0.02
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	71.79	64.44	58.32	46.97	49.63	48.46

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	343,477	475,091	527,536	525,456	755,939	899,114
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	4,783,814	7,370,667	9,042,809	11,194,692	15,283,691	18,552,101
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.47	2.46	2.47	2.47	2.47	2.47
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.47	2.46	2.47	2.47	2.47	2.47
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.15	0.27
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	37.06	121.59	78.90	70.78	127.96	127.26
Net asset value per unit (\$)	71.80	64.46	58.34	46.94	49.46	48.46

### Investor-2 Series

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations: May 19, 2017

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	13.50	12.16	9.81	10.35	10.00
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.10	0.17	0.19	0.19	0.13
Total expenses	(0.17)	(0.25)	(0.31)	(0.26)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses)	1.03	1.22	0.73	0.74	0.62
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.59	0.15	1.80	(1.12)	(0.25)
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	1.55	1.29	2.41	(0.45)	0.34
<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>	15.04	13.50	12.16	9.81	10.35

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	27,324	25,518	24,698	22,034	26,734
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	1,816,340	1,890,438	2,030,496	2,248,311	2,590,914
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	2.37	1.99	2.61	2.38	2.46
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	2.40	2.02	2.64	2.40	2.48
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.15
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	37.06	121.59	78.90	70.78	127.96
Net asset value per unit (\$)	15.04	13.50	12.16	9.80	10.32

## Series F

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

Commencement of operations: December 24, 2013

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	17.69	15.78	12.54	13.06	12.57	10.87
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>						
Total revenue	0.13	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.29
Total expenses	(0.11)	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses)	1.34	1.71	1.02	0.85	1.32	0.79
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.81	0.96	1.81	(3.38)	(0.88)	0.98
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	2.17	2.72	2.91	(2.44)	0.54	1.91
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	—	0.02	—	—	0.11
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	0.02	—	—	0.11
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	19.84	17.69	15.78	12.54	13.06	12.57

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	34,893	26,712	14,620	7,727	1,124	760
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	1,758,149	1,509,895	926,257	616,498	86,360	60,472
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.04	1.05	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.04	1.05	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.05
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.15	0.27
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	37.06	121.59	78.90	70.78	127.96	127.26
Net asset value per unit (\$)	19.85	17.69	15.78	12.53	13.02	12.57

## Series O

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

Commencement of operations: June 12, 2009

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Accounting Period Shown</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	25.43	22.47	17.71	18.27	17.49	15.19
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>						
Total revenue	0.20	0.32	0.35	0.34	0.36	0.41
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses)	1.93	2.32	1.38	1.22	1.85	0.95
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.25	0.45	3.03	(2.60)	(0.96)	1.42
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	3.36	3.06	4.73	(1.06)	1.22	2.73
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	—	0.01	0.07	—	0.09	0.43
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	—	0.01	0.07	—	0.09	0.43
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	28.67	25.43	22.47	17.71	18.27	17.49

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Accounting Period Ended	2021 June 30	2020 December 31	2019 December 31	2018 December 31	2017 December 31	2016 December 31
Total net asset value (000's of \$) <sup>(5)</sup>	622,552	444,951	361,094	251,866	144,029	77,688
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	21,710,585	17,495,404	16,066,372	14,229,274	7,910,226	4,441,826
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.02	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	0.02
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.15	0.27
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	37.06	121.59	78.90	70.78	127.96	127.26
Net asset value per unit (\$)	28.68	25.43	22.48	17.70	18.21	17.49

- <sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's Annual Audited Financial Statements and Interim Unaudited 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.
- <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 June 30, 2021

### Portfolio Top Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Royal Bank of Canada .....	5.3
Keysight Technologies Inc. ....	4.5
Accenture PLC, Class A .....	4.3
Toronto-Dominion Bank .....	4.2
Canadian Pacific Railway Co. ....	4.2
Stryker Corp. ....	4.2
Aon PLC .....	3.9
BRP Inc./CA .....	3.9
Premium Brands Holdings Corp. ....	3.9
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets .....	3.7
Amphenol Corp., Class A .....	3.4
Danaher Corp. ....	3.4
Schneider Electric SA .....	3.4
TMX Group Ltd. ....	3.3
Microsoft Corp. ....	3.3
CAE Inc. ....	3.2
CCL Industries Inc., Class B .....	3.1
Stantec Inc. ....	3.1
Thomson Reuters Corp. ....	3.1
Visa Inc., Class A .....	3.1
Equifax Inc. ....	2.9
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. ....	2.9
Alcon Inc. ....	2.7
Magna International Inc. ....	2.4
Stella-Jones Inc. ....	2.1
	87.5

Net asset value ..... \$1,028,245,730

### Asset Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Canadian Equity .....	51.1
US Equity .....	30.9
International Equity .....	14.3
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets .....	3.7

### Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Industrials .....	21.8
Financials .....	20.2
Information Technology .....	19.5
Health Care .....	13.3
Consumer Discretionary .....	10.0
Consumer Staples .....	6.3
Materials .....	5.2
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets .....	3.7

The above table shows the top 25 positions held by the Fund. In the case of a Fund with fewer than 25 positions, all positions are indicated.

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