

# ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

For the period ended December 31, 2024

Short Term and Income Fund  
**NBI Preferred Equity Income Fund**

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The NBI Preferred Equity Income Fund's investment objective is to generate high dividend income while focusing on capital preservation. This Fund invests directly, or through investments in securities of other mutual funds, in a portfolio mainly composed of preferred shares of Canadian companies and other income generating Canadian equities.

The portfolio manager conducts fundamental research, but will also consider quantitative and technical factors. The portfolio securities selection is based on knowledge of the company, its industry and its growth prospects. An extensive credit analysis for each security and an assessment of the risk profiles, the relative performance and the general conditions are completed in order to confirm the selection and the relative weight of each portfolio security. It is expected that investments in foreign securities will not exceed approximately 10% of the Fund's assets. 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 Preferred Equity Income Fund's Investor Series units returned 28.21% compared to 24.70% for the Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Preferred Share 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 16.51% over the period, from \$505.47 million as at December 31, 2023 to \$588.90 million as at December 31, 2024.

The increase stemmed mainly from market fluctuations.

It was another strong year of returns for Canadian preferred shares. With a soft-landing narrative continuing to take shape early in 2024, credit spread continued to tighten around all fixed income markets. Throughout the year, redemptions remained the key theme and had a positive effect on secondary market pricing. This trend should continue into 2025 and investors will need to reinvest those proceeds either in the secondary market or elsewhere.

As we turn the page on 2024, and look ahead, it is highly unlikely the preferred share returns of 2024 can be duplicated. However, there are still some positive fundamentals in the market and the upside remains. In the year ahead, we should continue to see preferred share redemptions. The next wave of potential bank redemption should only begin in the summer months, but the probability of this occurring is high.

In this context, the Fund outperformed its benchmark for the period. The outperformance resulted mainly from a selection of securities within Fixed Perpetuals and correctly anticipating the increase in Bank redemption activity.

Over the last 12 months, the Fund invested as much as 12.06% of its net assets in securities of Brookfield Corp and 11.33% of its net assets in securities of Enbridge inc.

### Recent Developments

Exposure to Fixed Perpetuals and Floaters decreased while the exposure to Fixed Resets was increased. This was a result of opportunistic transactions during the year. We see better opportunities in Fixed Resets not currently reflect the benefit of higher interest rates.

The outlook for Preferred Shares is encouraging in our opinion for many reasons. With a positive rate backdrop, where the current bond yields are well above where they were during the previous reset cycle, most of Fixed Resets outstanding will see a significant increase to their coupons as they reach their renewal date. This will increase investor's cash flows, the fundamental basis of investing in this market. Furthermore, the lack of supply fueled by a material amount of redemptions should create a scarcity value for the tax-efficient dividend preferred shares provide.

The portfolio manager remains comfortable holding an overweight in Fixed-Rate perpetuals as their fundamentals are strong: high spreads, limited and shrinking supply with sustained demand because of the relatively high after-tax yield compared to other fixed-income securities in Canada. We think that holding a diversified mix of fixed-rate perpetuals and fixed-resets is essential while navigating an unpredictable interest rate environment. Holdings of fixed-resets act as a natural hedge against fixed-rate perpetuals since they tend to outperform in a rising rate environment, while the latter should stand out when rates fall. Our approach to investing will continue to be based on 3 key pillars: quality, balance and relative valuation.

### 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.

#### **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:

	<b>Period ended December 31, 2024</b>
<b>Total brokerage fees</b>	\$415,820.55
<b>Brokerage fees paid to National Bank Financial</b>	-

#### **Holdings**

As at December 31, 2024, National Bank Investments Inc. held 181.81 Fund securities for a value of \$2,038.07, which represented close to 0.0003% 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 December 31, 2024, Intact Insurance Company held 24,473,326.95 Fund securities for a value of \$274,345,995.06, which represented close to 46.5391% of the net asset value of the Fund at that date. Transactions between Intact Insurance Company 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 NBI 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 NBI and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to NBI. 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, 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	1.25%	60.00%	40.00%
Advisor Series*			
Front-end load**	1.25%	60.00%	40.00%
Series F	0.50%	—	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> Rate applicable for all investments, including Advisor Series existing before May 14, 2015, systematic investment programs, reinvested distributions and switches.

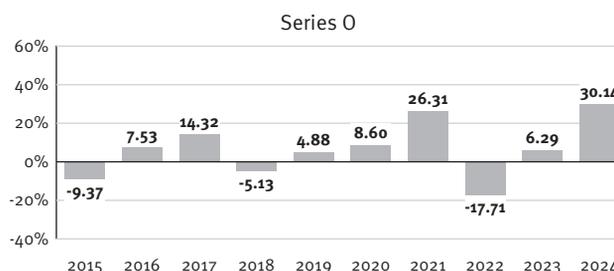
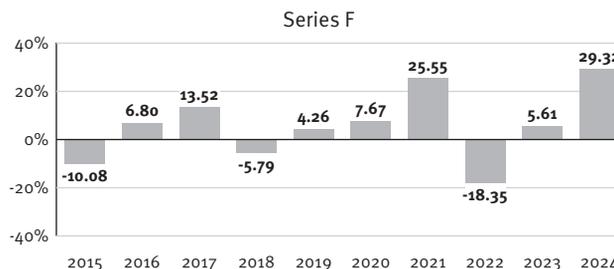
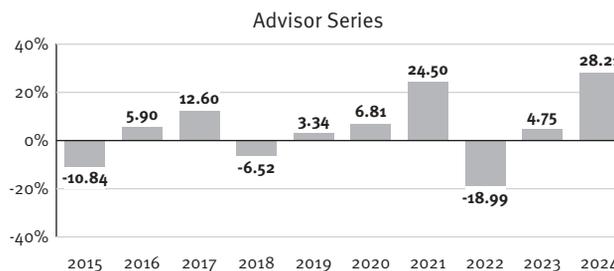
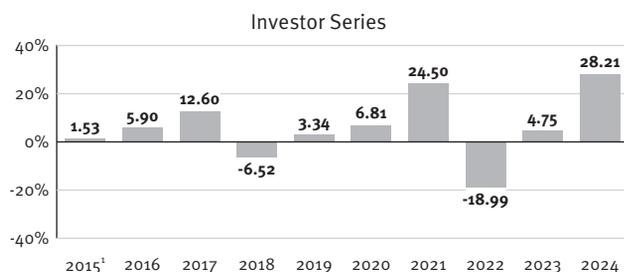
<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> The Series O is only available to selected investors that have been approved and have entered into an O Series units account agreement with National Bank Investments Inc. The criteria for approval may include the size of the investment, the expected level of account activity and the investor's total investments with 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>(†)</sup> Returns for the period from October 30, 2015 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2015.

## 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:

- S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index (CAD)

### NBI Preferred Equity Income Fund

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
<b>Investor Series<sup>1</sup></b>	28.21%	2.85%	7.67%	—	5.90%
Benchmark	24.70%	2.66%	6.51%	—	5.39%
<b>Advisor Series<sup>2</sup></b>	28.21%	2.85%	7.67%	4.04%	—
Benchmark	24.70%	2.66%	6.51%	3.05%	—
<b>Series F<sup>3</sup></b>	29.32%	3.70%	8.56%	4.91%	—
Benchmark	24.70%	2.66%	6.51%	3.05%	—
<b>Series O<sup>2</sup></b>	30.14%	4.41%	9.32%	5.64%	—
Benchmark	24.70%	2.66%	6.51%	3.05%	—

<sup>1</sup>Commencement of operations: October 30, 2015

<sup>2</sup>Commencement of operations: November 22, 2007

<sup>3</sup>Commencement of operations: May 16, 2008

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 **S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index** is a subset of the S&P/TSX Index and reflects the preferred share price fluctuations of a group of companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and weighted by 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\* / Advisor Series

<sup>(1)</sup> The Investor Series was created on October 30, 2015.

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: November 22, 2007				
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>	8.89	8.92	11.40	9.42	9.20	
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>						
Total revenue	0.56	0.58	0.51	0.49	0.50	
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.16)	(0.18)	(0.14)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.29	(0.16)	0.19	0.21	(0.16)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.80	0.11	(2.69)	1.70	0.28	
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	2.49	0.39	(2.15)	2.22	0.48	
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	
From dividends	0.42	0.43	0.35	0.30	0.35	
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.42	0.43	0.35	0.30	0.35	
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	10.93	8.89	8.92	11.40	9.42	

### 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>	105,292	96,791	118,072	163,117	120,221
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	9,626,092	10,890,094	13,249,998	14,305,974	12,757,321
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.55
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.55
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.10
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	25.13	7.46	30.98	18.83	24.28
Net asset value per unit (\$)	10.94	8.89	8.91	11.40	9.42

## Series F

Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		Commencement of operations: May 16, 2008				
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>	9.21	9.25	11.83	9.77	9.52	
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>						
Total revenue	0.58	0.60	0.53	0.51	0.52	
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.07)	
Realized gains (losses)	0.30	(0.16)	0.20	0.22	(0.15)	
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.87	0.17	(2.80)	1.78	0.64	
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	2.67	0.54	(2.15)	2.42	0.94	
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—	
From dividends	0.52	0.53	0.46	0.40	0.41	
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.52	0.53	0.46	0.40	0.41	
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	11.33	9.21	9.25	11.83	9.77	

### 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>	209,623	186,670	265,775	396,857	286,393
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	18,487,033	20,267,209	28,751,469	33,543,113	29,301,697
Management expense ratio (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	0.70	0.71	0.71	0.72	0.72
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)	0.70	0.71	0.71	0.72	0.72
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(7)</sup>	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.10
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	25.13	7.46	30.98	18.83	24.28
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.34	9.21	9.24	11.83	9.77

## Series O

Net Assets per Unit<sup>(4)</sup>

Commencement of operations: November 22, 2007

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>	9.10	9.11	11.64	9.61	9.36
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b>					
Total revenue	0.57	0.59	0.52	0.50	0.51
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses)	0.30	(0.16)	0.19	0.23	(0.16)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.80	0.13	(2.71)	1.61	0.43
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations (\$)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	2.66	0.55	(2.01)	2.33	0.77
<b>Distributions (\$)</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	—
From dividends	0.57	0.56	0.51	0.46	0.47
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions (\$)</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	0.57	0.56	0.51	0.46	0.47
<b>Net Assets, End of Accounting Period Shown (\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	11.20	9.10	9.11	11.64	9.61

## 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>	274,433	222,007	208,822	253,910	157,832
Number of units outstanding <sup>(5)</sup>	24,473,509	24,397,109	22,928,715	21,807,873	16,428,818
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>	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.10
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(8)</sup>	25.13	7.46	30.98	18.83	24.28
Net asset value per unit (\$)	11.21	9.10	9.11	11.64	9.61

<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
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	3.5
National Bank of Canada, 3.90%, Series 32	2.5
Enbridge Inc., 4.96%, Series L	2.4
Toronto-Dominion Bank, Floating, due December 31, 2099	2.2
Royal Bank of Canada, 3.60%, Series BD	2.1
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 3.75%, Series 5	2.1
Brookfield Corp., 3.24%, Series 24	2.1
TC Energy Corp., 2.15%, Series 3	2.1
Enbridge Inc., 4.00%, Series 3	1.8
Brookfield Corp., 3.85%, Series 26	1.7
Brookfield Corp., 4.61%, Series 28-A	1.7
Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners, 3.14%, Series 1	1.7
Power Financial Corp., 4.95%, Series K	1.6
Royal Bank of Canada, 4.20%, due February 24, 2070	1.5
Enbridge Inc., 4.40%, Series 11	1.5
Fortis Inc., 3.91%, Series M	1.5
Brookfield Corp., 3.25%, Series 42	1.4
Power Financial Corp., 2.31%, Series P	1.4
Emera Inc., 4.25%, Series F	1.4
Great-West Lifeco Inc., 2.18%, Series N	1.4
Manulife Financial Corp., 3.80%, Series 19	1.4
Toronto-Dominion Bank, 3.60%, Series 7	1.3
Power Financial Corp., 4.80%, Series S	1.3
Manulife Financial Corp., 3.90%, Series 17	1.3
Canadian Utilities Ltd., 4.60%, Series 1	1.2
	<u>44.1</u>

Net asset value ..... \$588,899,531

### Sector Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	53.4
Energy	18.3
Utilities	12.9
Bonds	5.9
Communication Services	3.5
Real Estate	2.2
Consumer Staples	0.4
Derivative Products	(0.1)
Cash, Money Market and Other Net Assets	3.5

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).

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