

NEI

NEI Funds

Audited annual financial statements

September 30, 2023



Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements of the NEI Funds have been prepared by Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. (the "Manager"), as Manager of the Funds, and have been approved by the Board of Directors of Northwest & Ethical Investments Inc., acting as general partner of Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. The Manager is responsible for the information and representations contained in these financial statements.

The Manager has taken the necessary measures to ensure that relevant and reliable financial information is reported. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and necessarily include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgments. The significant accounting policies which the Manager believes are appropriate are described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

The Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements as well as overseeing the Manager's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. It meets with the external auditors of the NEI Funds to review the financial statements, the audit process and financial reporting. It also approves these financial statements for publication.

Ernst & Young LLP is the external auditor of the NEI Funds. They have audited the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for the purpose of expressing to the unitholders their opinion on these financial statements. Their Report is found on the following page.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors of
Northwest & Ethical Investments Inc.,
acting as general partner of
Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P.
as Manager and Trustee



William Packham
President and Chief Executive Officer



Rodney Ancrum
SVP, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer

December 13, 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Unitholders of:

NEI Money Market Fund	NEI Environmental Leaders Fund
NEI Canadian Bond Fund	NEI Clean Infrastructure Fund
NEI Canadian Impact Bond Fund	NEI International Equity RS Fund
NEI Global Impact Bond Fund	NEI Emerging Markets Fund
NEI Global Total Return Bond Fund	NEI Select Income RS Portfolio
NEI Global High Yield Bond Fund	NEI Select Income & Growth RS Portfolio
NEI Conservative Yield Portfolio	NEI Select Balanced RS Portfolio
NEI Balanced Yield Portfolio	NEI Select Growth & Income RS Portfolio
NEI Global Sustainable Balanced Fund	NEI Select Growth RS Portfolio
NEI Growth & Income Fund	NEI Select Maximum Growth RS Portfolio
NEI Canadian Dividend Fund	NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio
NEI Canadian Equity RS Fund	NEI Impact Balanced Portfolio
NEI Canadian Equity Fund	NEI Impact Growth Portfolio
NEI ESG Canadian Enhanced Index Fund	NEI Income Private Portfolio
NEI U.S. Dividend Fund	NEI Income & Growth Private Portfolio
NEI U.S. Equity RS Fund	NEI Balanced Private Portfolio
NEI Canadian Small Cap Equity RS Fund	NEI Growth Private Portfolio
NEI Canadian Small Cap Equity Fund	NEI Fixed Income Pool
NEI Global Dividend RS Fund	NEI Canadian Equity Pool
NEI Global Value Fund	NEI Global Equity Pool
NEI Global Equity RS Fund	NEI Managed Asset Allocation Pool
NEI Global Growth Fund	

(collectively, the "Funds")

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Funds, which comprise the statements of financial position as at September 30, 2023 and 2022, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in financial position and statements of cash flows for the years (periods, as applicable) then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Funds as at September 30, 2023 and 2022, and their financial performance and their cash flows for the years (periods, as applicable) then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Funds in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Report of Fund Performance of the Funds. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information, and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the Management Report of Fund Performance of the Funds prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Funds' financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Funds' internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Funds' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Funds to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Toronto, Canada
December 13, 2023



Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

NEI Global Total Return Bond Fund

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

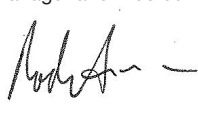
As at September 30

	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	48,565,015	169,375,798
Margin deposited on derivatives	6,483,566	12,247,805
Investments at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	854,887,453	1,058,130,638
Options at fair value—long positions	664,800	9,020,707
Unrealized appreciation on derivatives	11,293,302	20,821,611
Receivable on futures contracts	6,942,803	17,280,074
Subscriptions receivable	315,254	946,875
Receivable for investments sold	325,921	-
Interest, dividends and other receivables	22,347,606	6,139,173
	<u>951,825,720</u>	<u>1,293,962,681</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued expenses	56,169	72,050
Options at fair value—short positions	362,069	1,176,257
Unrealized depreciation on derivatives	15,592,220	45,328,829
Payable on futures contracts	3,470,525	14,797,240
Redemptions payable	4,511,481	1,875,027
Payable for investments purchased	14,881,148	268,418
	<u>38,873,612</u>	<u>63,517,821</u>
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	<u>912,952,108</u>	<u>1,230,444,860</u>
Data per Series (Note b)		
Series A		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>30,144,692</u>	<u>32,921,013</u>
- per unit	<u>8.16</u>	<u>8.82</u>
Series C		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>993</u>	
- per unit	<u>9.93</u>	
Series F		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>39,237,237</u>	<u>39,904,700</u>
- per unit	<u>8.59</u>	<u>9.32</u>
Series I		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>761,225,309</u>	<u>1,008,550,696</u>
- per unit	<u>9.67</u>	<u>9.45</u>
Series O		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>2,007,658</u>	<u>4,285,385</u>
- per unit	<u>9.08</u>	<u>9.68</u>
Series P		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>15,543,038</u>	<u>13,563,492</u>
- per unit	<u>7.94</u>	<u>8.59</u>
Series PF		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>64,793,181</u>	<u>131,219,574</u>
- per unit	<u>8.18</u>	<u>8.90</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors of
Northwest & Ethical Investments Inc.,
 acting as general partner of
Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. as Manager and Trustee



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 President and Chief Executive Officer



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NEI Global Total Return Bond Fund

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Years Ended September 30

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Income		
Interest for distribution purposes	34,786,467	34,466,181
Net income (loss) from derivatives	(31,445,899)	186,738,787
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	18,837,762	(4,914,083)
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(40,951,369)	(84,685,227)
Changes in fair value:		
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments	46,464,592	(172,946,906)
Net unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	12,666,584	(22,572,962)
	<u>40,358,137</u>	<u>(63,914,210)</u>
Expenses (Note 5)		
Management fees	1,274,007	1,699,082
Independent review committee's fees	19,678	24,740
Administration fees	370,955	522,375
Sales taxes	189,391	255,425
	<u>1,854,031</u>	<u>2,501,622</u>
Commissions and other portfolio transaction costs	142,867	634,541
	<u>1,996,898</u>	<u>3,136,163</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	<u>38,361,239</u>	<u>(67,050,373)</u>
Data per Series		
Series A		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>730,431</u>	<u>(2,508,757)</u>
- per unit	<u>0.19</u>	<u>(0.63)</u>
Weighted average units	<u>3,782,159</u>	<u>3,972,333</u>
Series C*		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>(7)</u>	
- per unit	<u>(0.07)</u>	
Weighted average units	<u>100</u>	
Series F		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>1,171,121</u>	<u>(2,715,288)</u>
- per unit	<u>0.27</u>	<u>(0.59)</u>
Weighted average units	<u>4,362,549</u>	<u>4,626,358</u>
Series I		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>32,869,056</u>	<u>(52,852,312)</u>
- per unit	<u>0.38</u>	<u>(0.54)</u>
Weighted average units	<u>86,651,613</u>	<u>98,068,851</u>
Series O		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>100,961</u>	<u>(200,993)</u>
- per unit	<u>0.49</u>	<u>(0.56)</u>
Weighted average units	<u>204,301</u>	<u>360,729</u>
Series P		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>306,425</u>	<u>(1,029,085)</u>
- per unit	<u>0.17</u>	<u>(0.60)</u>
Weighted average units	<u>1,823,621</u>	<u>1,709,868</u>
Series PF		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	<u>3,183,252</u>	<u>(7,743,938)</u>
- per unit	<u>0.35</u>	<u>(0.54)</u>
Weighted average units	<u>9,133,298</u>	<u>14,333,218</u>

* Beginning of operations in August 2023

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NEI Global Total Return Bond Fund

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

Years Ended September 30

	Series A		Series C	Series F	
	2023 \$	2022 \$		2023* \$	2023 \$
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, Beginning of Year	<u>32,921,013</u>	<u>44,462,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,904,700</u>	<u>56,306,857</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	<u>730,431</u>	<u>(2,508,757)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	<u>1,171,121</u>	<u>(2,715,288)</u>
Redeemable Unit Transactions					
Proceeds from sale of redeemable units	5,625,132	5,151,145	1,000	17,943,005	15,149,135
Reinvested distributions	2,849,142	1,793,999	-	2,711,069	1,927,268
Amounts paid for redeemable units redeemed	(8,806,121)	(13,967,302)	-	(18,291,397)	(27,790,819)
	<u>(331,847)</u>	<u>(7,022,158)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,362,677</u>	<u>(10,714,416)</u>
Distributions to Holders of Redeemable Units					
Net investment income	(2,852,105)	(2,010,532)	-	(3,826,465)	(2,972,453)
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	(322,800)	-	-	(374,796)	-
	<u>(3,174,905)</u>	<u>(2,010,532)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,201,261)</u>	<u>(2,972,453)</u>
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, End of Year	<u>30,144,692</u>	<u>32,921,013</u>	<u>993</u>	<u>39,237,237</u>	<u>39,904,700</u>

Years Ended September 30

	Series I		Series O		Series P	
	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, Beginning of Year	<u>1,008,550,696</u>	<u>1,085,075,046</u>	<u>4,285,385</u>	<u>2,890,886</u>	<u>13,563,492</u>	<u>18,467,911</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	<u>32,869,056</u>	<u>(52,852,312)</u>	<u>100,961</u>	<u>(200,993)</u>	<u>306,425</u>	<u>(1,029,085)</u>
Redeemable Unit Transactions						
Proceeds from sale of redeemable units	82,139,463	68,752,295	1,361,827	2,680,344	6,537,964	2,591,687
Reinvested distributions	13,442,056	158,124,715	288,546	161,714	1,373,904	834,437
Amounts paid for redeemable units redeemed	(362,326,243)	(92,343,701)	(3,740,515)	(1,084,852)	(4,819,352)	(6,428,919)
	<u>(266,744,724)</u>	<u>134,533,309</u>	<u>(2,090,142)</u>	<u>1,757,206</u>	<u>3,092,516</u>	<u>(3,002,795)</u>
Distributions to Holders of Redeemable Units						
Net investment income	(13,449,719)	(158,205,347)	(288,546)	(161,714)	(1,271,955)	(872,539)
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	-	-	-	-	(147,440)	-
	<u>(13,449,719)</u>	<u>(158,205,347)</u>	<u>(288,546)</u>	<u>(161,714)</u>	<u>(1,419,395)</u>	<u>(872,539)</u>
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, End of Year	<u>761,225,309</u>	<u>1,008,550,696</u>	<u>2,007,658</u>	<u>4,285,385</u>	<u>15,543,038</u>	<u>13,563,492</u>

* Beginning of operations in August 2023

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NEI Global Total Return Bond Fund

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)

Years Ended September 30

	Series PF	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, Beginning of Year	<u>131,219,574</u>	<u>137,963,097</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	<u>3,183,252</u>	<u>(7,743,938)</u>
Redeemable Unit Transactions		
Proceeds from sale of redeemable units	31,022,801	32,825,302
Reinvested distributions	6,179,335	6,177,189
Amounts paid for redeemable units redeemed	<u>(98,735,388)</u>	<u>(29,845,457)</u>
	<u>(61,533,252)</u>	<u>9,157,034</u>
Distributions to Holders of Redeemable Units		
Net investment income	(7,396,129)	(8,156,619)
Net realized gain on sale of investments and derivatives	<u>(680,264)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(8,076,393)</u>	<u>(8,156,619)</u>
Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, End of Year	<u>64,793,181</u>	<u>131,219,574</u>

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NEI Global Total Return Bond Fund

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended September 30

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from (used in) Operating Activities		
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	38,361,239	(67,050,373)
Adjustments for:		
Foreign exchange (gain) loss on cash	(18,837,762)	4,914,083
Net realized (gain) loss on investments and derivatives	40,951,369	84,685,227
Net unrealized (gain) loss on investments and derivatives	(59,131,176)	195,519,868
Change in margin deposited / overdraft on derivatives	5,764,239	(153,728)
Proceeds from sale/maturity of investments	754,248,394	1,347,201,004
Investments purchased	(542,647,826)	(1,436,007,056)
Receivable on futures contracts	10,337,271	(8,042,626)
Receivable for investments sold	(325,921)	10,373,796
Interest, dividends and other receivables	(16,208,433)	2,429,032
Accrued expenses	(15,881)	(51,534)
Payable on futures contracts	(11,326,715)	11,492,159
Payable for investments purchased	14,612,730	(21,447,797)
Net Cash Flows from (used in) Operating Activities	215,781,528	123,862,055
Cash Flows from (used in) Financing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of redeemable units	145,262,813	126,549,550
Amounts paid for redeemable units redeemed	(494,082,562)	(170,068,480)
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvested distributions	(3,766,167)	(3,359,882)
Net Cash Flows from (used in) Financing Activities	(352,585,916)	(46,878,812)
Effect of exchange rate changes on foreign cash	15,993,605	(1,319,310)
Increase (decrease) in cash/bank overdraft	(120,810,783)	75,663,933
Cash (bank overdraft), beginning of year	169,375,798	93,711,865
Cash (Bank Overdraft), End of Year	48,565,015	169,375,798
Supplemental Information on Cash Flows from (used in) Operating Activities		
Interest received	32,053,077	36,510,202
Interest paid	57,252	96,188

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NEI Global Total Return Bond Fund

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	PAR VALUE	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$		PAR VALUE	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$
Bonds (91.2%)				Foreign Bonds (66.8%)			
Canadian Bonds (5.7%)				Australia (0.4%)			
Government of Canada (2.5%)				State Governments and Crown Corporations			
Canada Housing Trust				New South Wales Treasury Bonds			
Series 90, 1.800%, 2024-12-15	CAD	10,000,000	9,721,800	1.500%, 2032-02-20	AUD	700,000	668,963
Series 88, 2.100%, 2029-09-15	CAD	15,000,000	14,211,810	Western Australian Treasury			
				Bonds			
			23,933,610	Series 27, 3.000%, 2027-10-21	AUD	4,000,000	3,862,765
			22,758,943				3,328,832
Provincial Governments and Crown Corporations (2.4%)				Total Australia			
Province of Ontario						4,531,728	3,798,403
2.650%, 2025-02-05	CAD	10,000,000	9,888,500				
3.100%, 2027-05-19	USD	10,000,000	13,031,500				
			22,920,000				
			22,432,677				
Corporations (0.8%)				Austria (0.2%)			
Enbridge				Corporations			
2.500%, 2033-08-01	USD	7,000,000	8,329,480	BAWAG Group			
			7,039,728	2.375%, floating rate from			
				2024-03-26, 2029-03-26	EUR	1,300,000	1,963,598
							1,783,796
Total Canadian Bonds				Bahrain (0.7%)			
		55,183,090	52,231,348	Government			
				Kingdom of Bahrain			
				6.750%, 2029-09-20	USD	4,600,000	6,343,722
							6,115,806
U.S. Bonds (15.9%)				Belgium (1.0%)			
Government (8.4%)				Government			
U.S. Treasury Bonds				Kingdom of Belgium			
3.875%, 2027-12-31	USD	11,000,000	14,861,040	Series 88, 1.700%, 2050-06-22	EUR	10,000,000	13,100,877
3.500%, 2028-01-31	USD	35,000,000	46,450,041				9,145,229
3.375%, 2042-08-15	USD	12,500,000	15,740,689				
Inflation-Indexed, 0.125%,							
2051-02-15	USD	3,992,110	4,368,272				
			81,420,042				
			76,820,486				
Corporations (7.5%)				Brazil (3.2%)			
Amgen				Government (3.0%)			
4.875%, 2053-03-01	USD	950,000	1,225,897	Federative Republic of Brazil			
Citigroup				10.000%, 2029-01-01	BRL	108,000,000	28,456,991
4.450%, 2027-09-29	USD	2,000,000	2,553,802				27,744,865
3.668%, floating rate from				Corporations (0.2%)			
2027-07-24, 2028-07-24	USD	5,000,000	6,197,312	Itaú Unibanco Holding			
Dell International / EMC				4.625%, 2049-12-31	USD	1,600,000	2,116,480
5.300%, 2029-10-01	USD	3,000,000	4,002,810				1,794,194
Private Placement, Series 144A,				Total Brazil			
3.450%, 2051-12-15	USD	9,260,000	11,812,314			30,573,471	29,539,059
General Motors							
5.400%, 2029-10-15	USD	2,000,000	2,642,450				
JPMorgan Chase & Co.				Denmark (0.3%)			
3.960%, floating rate from				State Governments and Crown Corporations			
2026-01-29, 2027-01-29	USD	5,000,000	6,676,750	Orsted			
2.182%, floating rate from				2.250%, 2028-06-14	EUR	1,800,000	2,404,418
2027-06-01, 2028-06-01	USD	4,200,000	5,848,080				2,373,173
Stellantis				Dominican Republic (0.2%)			
4.375%, 2030-03-14	EUR	2,000,000	2,898,562	Government			
Stellantis Finance US, Private				Dominican Republic			
Placement				4.875%, 2032-09-23	USD	2,000,000	2,583,161
Series 144A, 2.691%,							2,209,954
2031-09-15	USD	7,000,000	7,125,803				
Verizon Communications				France (5.8%)			
1.250%, 2030-04-08	EUR	3,000,000	4,452,085	State Governments and Crown Corporations (0.4%)			
1.680%, 2030-10-30	USD	9,092,000	12,089,632	La Poste			
5.050%, 2033-05-09	USD	2,200,000	2,940,230	0.625%, 2036-01-18	EUR	4,400,000	6,824,426
2.850%, 2041-09-03	USD	3,550,000	4,470,675				4,097,384
VF							
2.800%, 2027-04-23	USD	2,700,000	3,823,130				
			78,759,532				
			68,208,025				
Total U.S. Bonds							
		160,179,574	145,028,511				

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (continued)

		PAR VALUE	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$		PAR VALUE	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$
France (continued)								
Corporations (5.4%)								
AXA								
3.250%, floating rate from 2029-05-28, 2049-05-28	EUR	5,000,000	6,576,311	6,431,171				
BNP Paribas								
Private Placement, Series 144A, 2.159%, floating rate from 2028-09-15, 2029-09-15	USD	2,600,000	3,298,620	2,909,809				
Private Placement, Series 144A, 3.132%, floating rate from 2032-01-20, 2033-01-20	USD	3,000,000	3,297,837	3,218,523				
7.375%, floating rate from 2025-08-19, Perpetual	USD	4,000,000	5,953,524	5,326,562				
4.032%, floating rate from 2025-11-25, Perpetual	EUR	500,000	761,383	689,127				
7.750%, floating rate from 2029-08-16, Perpetual	USD	2,200,000	2,824,437	2,850,038				
Crédit Agricole								
4.250%, floating rate from 2025-01-13, Perpetual	EUR	1,400,000	1,952,517	2,013,409				
Crédit Agricole Assurances								
4.750%, floating rate from 2028-09-27, 2048-09-27	EUR	2,000,000	3,530,844	2,727,988				
Crédit Mutuel Arkéa								
1.625%, 2026-04-15	EUR	1,000,000	1,567,055	1,346,604				
3.375%, 2031-03-11	EUR	2,000,000	3,007,704	2,555,466				
Groupe BPCE								
5.150%, 2024-07-21	USD	2,630,000	3,472,481	3,531,724				
Icade Santé								
1.375%, 2030-09-17	EUR	1,900,000	2,960,278	2,032,072				
La Mondiale								
5.050%, floating rate from 2025-12-17, Perpetual	EUR	6,650,000	11,693,463	9,311,207				
Société Générale								
4.000%, 2027-01-12	USD	1,000,000	1,371,760	1,261,814				
1.750%, 2029-03-22	EUR	900,000	1,358,973	1,095,937				
Sogecap								
4.125%, floating rate from 2026-02-18, Perpetual	EUR	400,000	638,013	556,144				
Total								
1.750%, floating rate from 2024-04-04, Perpetual	EUR	800,000	1,206,782	1,134,505				
			55,471,982	48,992,100				
Total France			62,296,408	53,089,484				
Germany (1.2%)								
Government (0.9%)								
Federal Republic of Germany								
2.500%, 2046-08-15	EUR	6,000,000	16,103,254	7,905,666				
Corporations (0.3%)								
Allianz								
3.200%, floating rate from 2028-04-30, Perpetual	USD	3,000,000	3,520,593	2,919,518				
Total Germany			19,623,847	10,825,184				
Ireland (2.5%)								
Corporations								
Cloverie								
5.625%, floating rate from 2026-06-24, 2046-06-24	USD	4,000,000	5,763,048	5,187,211				
Hammerson Ireland Finance								
1.750%, 2027-06-03	EUR	6,000,000	8,785,801	7,299,526				
Zurich Finance								
3.000%, floating rate from 2031-04-19, 2051-04-19	USD	9,600,000	12,205,440	10,032,230				
Total Ireland			26,754,289	22,518,967				
Italy (9.1%)								
Government (5.3%)								
Buoni Poliennali del Tes								
Series 3Y, 3.500%, 2026-01-15	EUR	5,000,000	7,325,210	7,108,177				
Italy Treasury Bonds								
3.000%, 2029-08-01	EUR	7,500,000	13,266,138	10,083,590				
Series 8Y, 4.000%, 2031-10-30	EUR	6,850,000	10,082,886	9,461,301				
3.450%, 2048-03-01	EUR	3,800,000	7,683,153	4,252,623				
1.700%, 2051-09-01	EUR	19,100,000	28,320,329	14,173,859				
2.150%, 2052-09-01	EUR	4,600,000	4,265,406	3,673,598				
			70,943,122	48,753,148				
Corporations (3.8%)								
Assicurazioni Generali								
5.399%, 2033-04-20	EUR	1,200,000	1,767,669	1,706,342				
Enel								
1.375%, floating rate from 2027-09-08, Perpetual	EUR	900,000	1,098,591	1,057,475				
Enel Finance International								
0.875%, 2036-06-17	EUR	2,000,000	2,892,932	1,803,370				
ERG								
0.875%, 2031-09-15	EUR	2,600,000	3,888,811	2,772,329				
Intesa Sanpaolo								
5.000%, floating rate from 2027-03-08, 2028-03-08	EUR	4,960,000	7,116,418	7,076,526				
6.625%, 2033-05-31	GBP	4,600,000	7,603,975	7,357,426				
Private Placement, Series XR, 4.700%, 2049-09-23								
7.750%, floating rate from 2027-01-11, Perpetual	EUR	750,000	1,244,122	1,048,445				
5.500%, floating rate from 2028-03-01, Perpetual	EUR	3,000,000	3,614,242	3,672,423				
9.125%, floating rate from 2030-03-07, Perpetual	EUR	1,600,000	2,344,282	2,326,336				
UniCredit								
2.731%, floating rate from 2027-01-15, 2032-01-15	EUR	3,000,000	4,345,005	3,799,252				
			38,703,481	34,413,004				
Total Italy			109,646,603	83,166,152				
Japan (4.2%)								
Government (3.8%)								
Japan Government								
Series 66, 0.400%, 2050-03-20	JPY	2,000,000,000	21,692,943	13,471,979				
Series 70, 0.700%, 2051-03-20	JPY	2,200,000,000	23,182,830	15,907,140				
Series 79, 1.200%, 2053-06-20	JPY	628,700,000	5,704,247	5,119,991				
			50,580,020	34,499,110				
Corporations (0.4%)								
Nomura Holdings								
1.653%, 2026-07-14	USD	2,800,000	3,489,780	3,359,430				
Total Japan			54,069,800	37,858,540				
Luxembourg (0.3%)								
Corporations								
Aroundtown								
5.375%, 2029-03-21	USD	2,750,000	4,156,251	2,899,028				

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (continued)

	PAR VALUE	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$		PAR VALUE	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$		
Mexico (7.5%)				South Africa (2.3%)					
Government				Government					
United Mexican States				Republic of South Africa					
Series M 20, 7.500%, 2027-06-03	MXN	200,000,000	14,118,526	14,428,976	Series 2035, 8.875%, 2035-02-28	ZAR	245,640,000	14,511,297	13,854,882
4.500%, 2029-04-22	USD	8,000,000	10,700,287	10,151,886	Series R209, 6.250%, 2036-03-31	ZAR	173,900,000	8,698,514	7,517,222
2.659%, 2031-05-24	USD	6,000,000	7,025,021	6,431,830					
Series M, 7.750%, 2031-05-29	MXN	375,000,000	25,321,220	26,250,018					
4.750%, 2032-04-27	USD	6,000,000	8,130,702	7,359,487					
4.875%, 2033-05-19	USD	3,000,000	3,843,970	3,643,927					
Total Mexico			69,139,726	68,266,124	Total South Africa		23,209,811	21,372,104	
Netherlands (6.2%)				Spain (4.3%)					
Corporations				Government (0.7%)					
ABN AMRO Bank				Kingdom of Spain					
4.375%, floating rate from 2025-09-22, Perpetual	EUR	2,600,000	3,925,335	3,434,749	1.000%, 2042-07-30	EUR	8,000,000	7,435,076	6,615,640
AT Securities									
7.747%, floating rate from 2024-07-21, Perpetual	USD	4,000,000	5,422,932	2,650,815					
Coöperatieve Rabobank									
4.655%, floating rate from 2027-08-22, 2028-08-22	USD	10,000,000	12,906,500	12,928,638					
4.375%, floating rate from 2027-06-29, Perpetual	EUR	3,200,000	4,909,064	4,074,454					
De Volksbank									
0.250%, 2026-06-22	EUR	2,700,000	3,967,580	3,447,242					
EDP Finance									
1.710%, 2028-01-24	USD	5,600,000	7,362,734	6,415,678					
1.875%, 2029-09-21	EUR	2,000,000	2,803,701	2,500,553					
Iberdrola International									
Series NC6, 1.450%, floating rate from 2027-02-09, Perpetual	EUR	3,500,000	4,967,170	4,411,401					
ING Groep									
1.125%, floating rate from 2027-12-07, 2028-12-07	GBP	4,000,000	6,984,668	5,452,157					
6.114%, floating rate from 2033-09-11, 2034-09-11	USD	1,173,000	1,600,207	1,550,322					
NIBC Bank									
0.875%, 2027-06-24	EUR	5,300,000	7,525,727	6,558,348					
NN Group									
6.000%, floating rate from 2033-11-03, 2043-11-03	EUR	2,200,000	3,278,312	3,051,745					
Total Netherlands			65,653,930	56,476,102	Total Spain		43,742,911	39,087,591	
New Zealand (4.7%)				Sweden (0.6%)					
Government				State Governments and Crown Corporations					
New Zealand Government				Swedish Export Credit					
Series 0425, 2.750%, 2025-04-15	NZD	7,000,000	5,695,796	5,458,521	2.750%, 2028-02-23	EUR	4,000,000	5,519,363	5,549,432
Series 0427, 4.500%, 2027-04-15	NZD	34,000,000	27,874,814	26,944,599					
1.750%, 2041-05-15	NZD	23,000,000	16,398,453	10,832,159					
Total New Zealand			49,969,063	43,235,279					
Romania (0.8%)				United Kingdom (11.3%)					
Government				Government (5.9%)					
Romania Government				United Kingdom Government					
6.625%, 2029-09-27	EUR	3,000,000	4,573,237	4,441,019	0.125%, 2028-01-31	GBP	15,500,000	21,594,202	21,483,899
4.625%, 2049-04-03	EUR	2,800,000	5,332,092	2,996,562	1.625%, 2028-10-22	GBP	15,000,000	22,009,941	21,915,205
					0.625%, 2050-10-22	GBP	2,000,000	3,113,066	1,223,486
					1.250%, 2051-07-31	GBP	12,500,000	11,348,484	9,388,514
								58,065,693	54,011,104
Total Romania			9,905,329	7,437,581					

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (continued)

		PAR VALUE	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$		PAR VALUE	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$
United Kingdom (continued)					Foreign Asset-Backed Securities (0.2%)			
Corporations (5.4%)					United Kingdom			
Barclays					Income Contingent Student Loans			
6.375%, floating rate from 2025-12-15, Perpetual	GBP	2,200,000	3,613,065	3,279,637	Series 1, Class A1, floating rate, 2056-07-24			
BP Capital Markets					GBP	173,817	294,796	288,321
3.625%, floating rate from 2029-06-22, Perpetual	EUR	3,200,000	4,878,601	3,995,186	Series 2, Class A1, floating rate, 2058-07-24			
4.875%, floating rate from 2030-06-22, Perpetual	USD	2,750,000	3,731,200	3,341,573	GBP	981,538	1,614,733	1,624,643
InterContinental Hotels Group					Total Foreign Asset-Backed Securities			
1.625%, 2024-10-08	EUR	1,800,000	2,796,116	2,530,356		1,909,529		1,912,964
Nationwide Building Society					Total Investments (93.6%)			
Private Placement, Series 144A, 2.972%, floating rate from 2027-02-16, 2028-02-16	USD	4,950,000	6,271,897	6,018,732		985,853,249		854,887,453
NatWest Group					Unrealized Appreciation on Derivatives (TABLE 1) (1.2%)			
1.750%, floating rate from 2025-03-02, 2026-03-02	EUR	4,100,000	6,275,895	5,665,736				11,293,302
5.808%, floating rate from 2028-09-13, 2029-09-13	USD	2,800,000	3,738,700	3,691,973	Unrealized Depreciation on Derivatives (TABLE 2) (-1.7%)			
5.125%, floating rate from 2027-11-12, Perpetual	GBP	1,000,000	1,712,188	1,373,380				(15,592,220)
Royal Bank of Scotland					Options at Fair Value - Long Positions (TABLE 3) (0.1%)			
0.750%, floating rate from 2024-11-15, 2025-11-15	EUR	3,000,000	4,358,458	4,145,186				664,800
Santander UK Group Holdings					Options at Fair Value - Short Positions (TABLE 4) (-0.0%)			
6.750%, floating rate from 2024-06-24, Perpetual	GBP	2,600,000	4,525,293	4,182,847				(362,069)
Standard Chartered					Other Net Assets (6.8%)*			
1.456%, floating rate from 2026-01-14, 2027-01-14	USD	4,170,000	5,285,684	5,048,066				62,060,842
Vodafone Group					Net Assets (100.0%)			
4.875%, 2049-06-19	USD	2,000,000	2,991,106	2,190,097				912,952,108
6.250%, floating rate from 2024-07-03, 2078-10-03	USD	2,254,000	2,932,905	3,067,159				
3.250%, floating rate from 2026-09-04, 2081-06-04	USD	850,000	1,026,077	1,019,284				
			54,137,185	49,549,212				
Total United Kingdom			112,202,878	103,560,316				
Total Foreign Bonds			717,391,184	610,307,304				
Supranational Bonds (2.8%)								
Africa Finance Corporation								
3.750%, 2029-10-30	USD	3,400,000	4,392,678	3,803,010				
African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)								
3.798%, 2031-05-17	USD	950,000	1,148,692	1,005,702				
European Union								
0.000%, 2031-07-04	EUR	10,000,000	11,793,306	10,978,152				
0.750%, 2047-01-04	EUR	10,000,000	10,980,067	7,776,568				
West African Development Bank								
2.750%, 2033-01-22	EUR	2,000,000	3,045,497	2,014,262				
Total Supranational Bonds			31,360,240	25,577,694				
Total Bonds			964,114,088	833,144,857				
Canadian Money Market Securities (2.2%)								
Canada Treasury Bills								
4.545%, 2023-12-07	CAD	20,000,000	19,829,632	19,829,632				

* Includes receivables and payables from Tables 5 and 6.

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NEI Global Total Return Bond Fund

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (continued)

TABLE 1

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	MATURITY	AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATE OF CONTRACTS (CURRENCY/CAD)	CURRENCY AMOUNT	CONTRACTED VALUE \$	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION \$
Unrealized Appreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for Canadian Dollars						
Euro	1	November 2023	1.4342	7,500,000	10,756,423	28,119
Mexican Peso	1	October 2023	0.0767	121,900,000	9,349,037	103,751
Pound Sterling	1	December 2023	1.6413	5,600,000	9,191,231	80,968
						<u>212,838</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Chilean Pesos						
U.S. Dollar	1	November 2023	1.3765	3,465,000	4,769,470	<u>37,032</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for Czech Republic Korunas						
U.S. Dollar	1	November 2023	1.3580	3,404,139	4,622,821	<u>37,239</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for Euros						
U.S. Dollar	1	October 2023	1.3444	7,714,097	10,371,217	<u>423,318</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for Israeli Shekels						
U.S. Dollar	1	November 2023	1.3603	20,355,884	27,689,092	<u>190,327</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Indian Rupees						
U.S. Dollar	1	November 2023	1.3683	32,613,175	44,624,870	<u>468,198</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for New Zealand Dollars						
U.S. Dollar	1	October 2023	1.3620	10,317,138	14,051,630	<u>218,513</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for Thai Bahts						
U.S. Dollar	1	November 2023	1.3603	3,524,429	4,794,105	<u>175,252</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for U.S. Dollars						
Australian Dollar	1	October 2023	0.8772	10,850,000	9,517,145	74,386
Swedish Krona	1	October 2023	0.1234	75,700,000	9,339,789	9,489
						<u>83,875</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for U.S. Dollars						
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	1	October 2023	0.1864	255,050,000	47,543,677	265,346
Japanese Yen	1	November 2023	0.0092	4,230,000,000	38,964,236	453,061
Mexican Peso	1	October 2023	0.0769	290,030,000	22,312,139	430,441
New Zealand Dollar	2	October 2023	0.8171	89,330,000	72,991,001	2,494,634
Norwegian Krone	1	October 2023	0.1316	35,190,000	4,629,732	295,823
Polish Zloty	1	November 2023	0.3273	55,500,000	18,163,361	1,238,276
Pound Sterling	2	December 2023	1.6656	78,500,000	130,749,150	1,880,049
Swedish Krona	2	October 2023	0.1263	93,890,000	11,859,204	261,610
Swiss Franc	2	October 2023	1.5433	12,130,000	18,720,232	734,151
Taiwan Dollar	1	November 2023	0.0428	415,970,546	17,796,787	157,782
						<u>8,211,173</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for South African Rands						
U.S. Dollar	2	October 2023	1.3361	14,037,067	18,754,513	494,079
U.S. Dollar	1	November 2023	1.3153	8,279,044	10,889,426	178,784
						<u>672,863</u>
Unrealized Appreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for South African Rands						
U.S. Dollar	1	October 2023	1.3625	7,509,763	10,232,390	<u>70,461</u>

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (continued)

TABLE 1 (continued)

Interest Rate Swaps

	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	MATURITY	FIXED RATE %	FLOATING RATE	NOMINAL VALUE BUY/(SALE) \$	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION \$
Pay/Receive						
Pay Fixed/Received Float	1	September 2028	4.220	PLN-WIBOR 6M	(110,000,000)	492,213
Unrealized Appreciation on Derivatives						11,293,302

TABLE 2

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	MATURITY	AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATE OF CONTRACTS (CURRENCY/CAD)	CURRENCY AMOUNT	CONTRACTED VALUE \$	UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION \$
Unrealized Depreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for Australian Dollars						
U.S. Dollar	1	October 2023	1.3580	10,289,875	13,973,650	(10,645)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Brazilian Reals						
U.S. Dollar	1	December 2023	1.3523	7,132,753	9,645,735	(327,838)
Unrealized Depreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for Canadian Dollars						
Mexican Peso	1	October 2023	0.0786	118,000,000	9,271,696	(121,335)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Canadian Dollars						
Euro	2	November 2023	1.4349	214,000,000	307,077,075	(641,846)
U.S. Dollar	1	October 2023	1.3443	10,000,000	13,442,960	(138,230)
U.S. Dollar	2	November 2023	1.3439	393,500,000	528,838,727	(5,201,618)
						(5,981,694)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Czech Republic Korunas						
U.S. Dollar	1	November 2023	1.3455	7,325,613	9,856,931	(355,059)
Unrealized Depreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for Euros						
Brazilian Real	1	December 2023	0.2759	15,812,325	4,362,754	(94,153)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Hungarian Forints						
U.S. Dollar	3	October 2023	1.3616	7,034,536	9,578,413	(376,800)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Israeli Shekels						
U.S. Dollar	1	November 2023	1.3109	7,094,485	9,300,073	(328,714)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for South Korean Wons						
U.S. Dollar	1	October 2023	1.3503	6,920,000	9,343,943	(181,393)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Mexican Pesos						
U.S. Dollar	1	October 2023	1.3354	6,980,508	9,322,071	(257,011)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Singapore Dollars						
U.S. Dollar	1	October 2023	1.3529	1,992,720	2,696,023	(20,312)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for Thai Bahts						
U.S. Dollar	1	November 2023	1.3597	7,080,921	9,628,108	(217,956)
Unrealized Depreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for U.S. Dollars						
Australian Dollar	2	October 2023	0.8859	44,500,000	39,420,662	(1,928,402)
Indonesian Rupiah	1	October 2023	0.0001	2,659,157,380	234,644	(2,305)
Norwegian Krone	2	October 2023	0.1299	519,800,000	67,503,935	(2,700,365)
Polish Zloty	2	November 2023	0.3238	41,710,000	13,504,704	(557,186)
						(5,188,258)

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (continued)

TABLE 2 (continued)

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	MATURITY	AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATE OF CONTRACTS (CURRENCY/CAD)	CURRENCY AMOUNT	CONTRACTED VALUE \$	UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION \$
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for U.S. Dollars						
Brazilian Real	1	December 2023	0.2460	34,251,000	8,426,479	(614,855)
Swedish Krona	1	October 2023	0.1238	232,300,000	28,761,829	(60,051)
						(674,906)
Unrealized Depreciation on Purchase of Foreign Currencies for South African Rands						
U.S. Dollar	1	October 2023	1.3516	8,795,738	11,888,759	(125,066)
Unrealized Depreciation on Sale of Foreign Currencies for South African Rands						
U.S. Dollar	4	October 2023	1.3296	13,848,307	18,413,210	(743,993)
Credit Default Swaps						
Referenced Entity	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	MATURITY	FIXED RATE %	COUNTERPARTY	NOMINAL VALUE BUY/(SALE) \$	
Markit CDX.NA.HY.39	1	December 2027	5.000	BNP PARIBAS	(19,797,980)	(578,150)
Interest Rate Swaps						
Pay/Receive	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	MATURITY	FIXED RATE %	FLOATING RATE	NOMINAL VALUE BUY/(SALE) \$	
Pay Float/Received Fixed	1	December 2028	2.500	CNY 7-DAY REVERSE REPO	450,000,000	(8,937)
Unrealized Depreciation on Derivatives						(15,592,220)

TABLE 3

Options at Fair Value—Long Positions	NUMBER OF OPTIONS BUY/(SALE)	NUMBER OF BONDS PER OPTION	MATURITY	PRICE \$	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$
Bonds Options						
Call						
U.S. Treasury Notes – 10 years	590	1,000	November 2023	111.500 USD	436,190	200,342
	NOMINAL VALUE BUY/(SALE)	NUMBER OF OPTIONS				
Foreign Currencies Options						
Call						
EUR/JPY	500,000	1	December 2023	145.000 EUR/JPY	113,133	71,935
Put						
GBP/USD	5,700,000	1	October 2023	1.270 GBP/USD	90,827	392,523
Options at Fair Value—Long Positions						664,800

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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TABLE 4

Options at Fair Value—Short Positions	NUMBER OF OPTIONS BUY/(SALE)	NUMBER OF BONDS PER OPTION	MATURITY	PRICE \$	COST \$	FAIR VALUE \$
Bond Options						
Put						
U.S. Treasury Notes – 10 years	(194)	1,000	November 2023	108.000 USD	(186,687)	(341,727)
	NOMINAL VALUE BUY/(SALE)	NUMBER OF OPTIONS				
Foreign Currencies Options						
Put						
GBP/USD	(5,700,000)	1	October 2023	1.210 GBP/USD	(18,594)	(20,342)
Options at Fair Value—Short Positions						(362,069)

TABLE 5

Futures Contracts	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS BUY/(SALE)	MATURITY	CURRENCY CONTRACTED VALUE	RECEIVABLE AMOUNT \$
Receivable on Futures Contracts				
Australian Treasury Notes – 3 years	(729)	December 2023	AUD (77,140,934)	266,408
Euro-BTP	(169)	December 2023	EUR (19,365,710)	1,179,452
EURO-OAT	(145)	December 2023	EUR (18,317,850)	716,282
EURX EUR-BULX–30 years	(300)	December 2023	EUR (39,324,000)	4,023,700
Government of Canada Bonds – 2 years	(4)	December 2023	CAD (408,460)	1,020
Japanese Government Bonds – 10 years	(51)	December 2023	JPY (7,448,550,000)	482,077
LONG GILT	(83)	December 2023	GBP (7,935,490)	199,213
U.S. 10 years Ultra	(15)	December 2023	USD (1,727,461)	74,651
Receivable on Futures Contracts				6,942,803

TABLE 6

Futures Contracts	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS BUY/(SALE)	MATURITY	CURRENCY CONTRACTED VALUE	PAYABLE AMOUNT \$
Payable on Futures Contracts				
Australian Treasury Notes – 10 years	318	December 2023	AUD 36,334,687	(599,522)
EURO-BOBL	35	December 2023	EUR 4,084,150	(52,270)
EURO-SCHATZ	260	December 2023	EUR 27,333,800	(56,004)
EURX EURO-BUND	496	December 2023	EUR 64,824,170	(1,640,972)
Government of Canada Bonds – 10 years	75	December 2023	CAD 8,868,750	(226,500)
U.S. Bonds – Ultra	20	December 2023	USD 2,543,906	(228,568)
U.S. Treasury Notes – 5 years	556	December 2023	USD 59,035,906	(666,689)
Payable on Futures Contracts				(3,470,525)

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – SPECIFIC INFORMATION

a) Establishment of the Fund (Note 1)

The NEI Global Total Return Bond Fund (the "Fund") is an unincorporated mutual fund trust. The establishment date for each series of the Fund is the date set out in the simplified prospectus as the start date for that series, as listed below:

Series A	Series C	Series F
September 25, 2013	August 17, 2023	September 27, 2013
Series I	Series O	Series P
March 31, 2014	June 29, 2018	July 29, 2014
Series PF		
August 13, 2014		

b) Units (Note 4)

Issued and Outstanding Units

	Number of Units, Beginning of Year	Units Issued	Reinvested Units	Units Redeemed	Number of Units, End of Year
Series A					
September 30, 2023	3,731,301	666,616	339,136	1,041,250	3,695,803
September 30, 2022	4,463,249	548,247	190,053	1,470,248	3,731,301
Series C					
September 30, 2023	-	100	-	-	100
Series F					
September 30, 2023	4,280,342	2,030,695	308,051	2,051,781	4,567,307
September 30, 2022	5,347,357	1,517,161	193,212	2,777,388	4,280,342
Series I					
September 30, 2023	106,780,963	8,672,538	1,412,708	38,125,244	78,740,965
September 30, 2022	93,337,512	6,173,545	15,829,616	8,559,710	106,780,963
Series O					
September 30, 2023	442,626	149,186	32,257	403,007	221,062
September 30, 2022	270,222	265,047	16,034	108,677	442,626
Series P					
September 30, 2023	1,579,646	794,411	168,381	584,313	1,958,125
September 30, 2022	1,905,672	282,438	90,848	699,312	1,579,646
Series PF					
September 30, 2023	14,745,719	3,629,567	735,886	11,194,034	7,917,138
September 30, 2022	13,774,281	3,468,958	652,047	3,149,567	14,745,719

c) Distributions

All distributions made by the Fund are automatically reinvested in additional units of the same series that paid the distribution unless notification to the contrary is received in writing at least 5 days in advance to receive a cash payment. All distributions reinvested are made without an acquisition charge.

The schedule of distributions, which may consist of net investment income, net realized capital gains and/or return of capital, is as follows:

Series A	Series C	Series F
Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly
Series I	Series O	Series P
Quarterly	Quarterly	Monthly
Series PF		
Monthly		

In addition, the Fund will, prior to the end of each year, distribute any excess net income and net realized capital gains to its unitholders.

d) Management Fees and Other Expenses (Note 5)

The annual management fee rates, for 2023 and 2022, are as follows:

	Series A %	Series F %	Series P %
September 30, 2023	1.40	0.65	1.25
September 30, 2022	1.40	0.65	1.25
Series PF %			
September 30, 2023	0.50		
September 30, 2022	0.50		

The annual administration fee rates, for 2023 and 2022, are as follows:

	Series A %	Series C %	Series F %
September 30, 2023	0.25	0.08	0.25
September 30, 2022	0.25	N/A	0.25
Series O %			
September 30, 2023	0.08	0.25	0.20
September 30, 2022	0.08	0.25	0.20
Series P %			
September 30, 2023	0.08	0.25	0.20
September 30, 2022	0.08	0.25	0.20

Series I unitholders negotiate and pay management and administration fees directly to the Manager.

Series C unitholders negotiate directly with the dealer and pay management fees directly by the dealer to the Manager.

Series O unitholders negotiate and pay management fees directly to the Manager.

e) Related Party Transactions (Note 6)

Accrued expenses payable to related parties presented in the Statement of Financial Position, are as follows:

	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022
	\$	\$
	56,169	72,050

f) Financial Instruments Disclosures (Note 7)

Strategy in Using Financial Instruments

Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide high level of current income with the potential for capital gains. The Fund will invest its assets primarily in global fixed income instruments from both developed and emerging markets. The Fund can invest across all sectors and credit qualities but will be primarily invested in investment grade securities rated BBB- and above by Standard & Poor's (or its equivalent by qualified rating agencies).

The Fund follows a responsible approach to investing, as described in the Simplified Prospectus of the Fund.

Financial Instruments Fair Value Measurement

Hierarchy of Financial Instruments Measured at Fair Value

The following tables categorize the Fund's financial assets fair value measurement according to a three-level hierarchy. The methodology used for valuing securities is not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Fair value measurement is described in the "Significant Accounting Policies" section of Note 2.

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Fair Value Hierarchy (in \$'000)

September 30, 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets at FVTPL				
Bonds	507,288	325,857	-	833,145
Options	200	465	-	665
Asset-Backed Securities	-	1,913	-	1,913
Money Market Securities	19,830	-	-	19,830
Derivative Financial Instruments	-	11,293	-	11,293
Total	527,318	339,528	-	866,846
Financial liabilities at FVTPL				
Options	342	20	-	362
Derivative Financial Instruments	-	15,592	-	15,592
Total	342	15,612	-	15,954
September 30, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets at FVTPL				
Bonds	654,567	399,198	-	1,053,765
Options	7,845	1,176	-	9,021
Mortgage-Backed Securities	-	260	-	260
Asset-Backed Securities	-	4,106	-	4,106
Derivative Financial Instruments	-	20,822	-	20,822
Total	662,412	425,562	-	1,087,974
Financial liabilities at FVTPL				
Options	-	1,176	-	1,176
Derivative Financial Instruments	-	45,329	-	45,329
Total	-	46,505	-	46,505

Transfers between Levels 1 and 2

During the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers of securities between Levels 1 and 2.

Financial Instruments Risks

Currency Risk (in \$'000)

The Fund's exposure to currency risk is presented in the tables below. Amounts shown represent monetary and non-monetary items (including the notional amount of foreign exchange forward contracts). The tables also illustrate the potential impact on the Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units if the Canadian dollar had strengthened or weakened by 3% in relation to each of the other currencies, with all other variables held constant.

September 30, 2023	Financial Assets	Financial Liabilities	Net Exposure	Impact on Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units
	\$	\$	\$	\$
USD	839,291	853,488	(14,197)	426
EUR	281,864	323,844	(41,980)	1,259
GBP	99,429	129,997	(30,568)	917
MXN	69,449	22,491	46,958	1,409
NOK	66,027	4,470	61,557	1,847
NZD	58,238	72,699	(14,461)	434
AUD	56,262	14,580	41,682	1,250
ZAR	50,227	41,691	8,536	256
INR	44,735	-	44,735	1,342
BRL	42,370	9,154	33,216	996
JPY	36,147	38,795	(2,648)	79
PLN	13,473	17,223	(3,750)	113
CZK	9,589	4,584	5,005	150
SEK	9,420	40,574	(31,154)	935
THB	9,393	4,607	4,786	144
ILS	9,315	27,441	(18,126)	544
KRW	9,215	-	9,215	276
HUF	9,174	-	9,174	275
CLP	4,740	-	4,740	142
SGD	2,691	-	2,691	81
IDR	235	-	235	7
CHF	27	18,040	(18,013)	540
CNY	2	47,348	(47,346)	1,420
TWD	-	17,546	(17,546)	526

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September 30, 2022	Financial Assets \$	Financial Liabilities \$	Net Exposure \$	Impact on Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units \$
USD	1,088,507	1,020,232	68,275	2,048
EUR	684,013	742,057	(58,044)	1,741
GBP	107,132	179,700	(72,568)	2,177
NOK	61,247	17,443	43,804	1,314
CHF	49,512	3,015	46,497	1,395
NZD	33,389	26,391	6,998	210
KRW	31,889	-	31,889	957
SEK	31,531	19,193	12,338	370
MXN	29,400	-	29,400	882
JPY	26,940	42,532	(15,592)	468
BRL	26,517	-	26,517	796
SGD	20,231	-	20,231	607
PLN	10,784	9,706	1,078	32
HUF	9,496	13,132	(3,636)	109
AUD	8,705	2,840	5,865	176
ILS	6	37,197	(37,191)	1,116
CNY	3	53,273	(53,270)	1,598
ZAR	1	16,625	(16,624)	499
THB	1	12,698	(12,697)	381
TRY	1	-	1	-
TWD	-	20,612	(20,612)	618

In practice, actual trading results may differ from these sensitivity analyses and the differences could be significant.

Interest Rate Risk (in \$'000)

The following table summarizes the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk. It includes the Fund's financial assets and liabilities at fair value, categorized by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates. The table also illustrates the impact on the Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, had prevailing interest rates changed by 1.00%, assuming a parallel shift in the yield curve, with all other variables held constant.

	Less than 1 Year \$	1 to 5 Years \$	5 to 10 Years \$	Greater than 10 Years \$	Total \$	Impact on Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units \$
						Total \$
September 30, 2023	95,694	361,965	275,214	177,547	910,420	48,622
September 30, 2022	306,579	404,920	345,124	182,695	1,239,318	44,549

In practice, actual trading results may differ from these sensitivity analyses and the differences could be significant.

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Concentration Risk

The following table summarizes the concentration risk, as a percentage of the Fund's Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units:

September 30, 2023		September 30, 2022	
Market Segment	%	Market Segment	%
Foreign Bonds		Foreign Bonds	
United Kingdom	11.3	United Kingdom	6.3
Italy	9.1	France	6.2
Mexico	7.5	Netherlands	5.2
Netherlands	6.2	Italy	5.1
France	5.8	Other Countries*	21.0
Other Countries*	26.9	U.S. Bonds	
U.S. Bonds	15.9	Government	17.4
Canadian Bonds	5.7	Corporations	9.0
Supranational Bonds	2.8	Canadian Bonds	13.0
Canadian Money Market Securities	2.2	Supranational Bonds	2.5
Foreign Asset-Backed Securities	0.2	Options at Fair Value	0.6
Options at Fair Value	0.1	Foreign Asset-Backed Securities	0.3
Derivative Financial Instruments	(0.5)	Derivative Financial Instruments	(2.0)
Other Net Assets	6.8	Other Net Assets	15.4
Total	100.0	Total	100.0

*This category includes all countries representing less than 5% of the Fund's net assets.

Price Risk (in \$'000)

The Manager's estimate of the impact on Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units as a result of a reasonably possible change in benchmarks, using a historical beta coefficient (a measure of the sensitivity of a security in comparison to the market) between the Fund's return as compared to the return of the Fund's benchmarks, with all other variables held constant, is included in the following table. A 36-month regression analysis has been utilized to estimate the historical beta coefficient. The regression analysis uses data based on the monthly returns of the Fund.

Benchmarks	Change in Price %	Impact on Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units	
		September 30, 2023 \$	September 30, 2022 \$
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (C\$ Hedged)	1.00	5,171	10,705

When there is more than one benchmark, the effect of each benchmark must be considered individually, as each benchmark might fluctuate independently from the others.

In practice, actual trading results may differ from these sensitivity analyses and the differences could be significant.

Credit Risk

The Fund's credit risk concentration is separated between fixed-income securities and derivative financial instruments. Their fair values include consideration of the issuers' creditworthiness and accordingly, represent the Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk.

Portfolio's Fixed-Income Securities by Credit Rating Category

Credit Rating	Percentage of Fixed-Income Securities	
	September 30, 2023 %	September 30, 2022 %
AAA	21	40
AA	11	10
A	15	12
BBB	42	33
BB	10	4
B	1	1
Total	100	100

As at September 30, 2023, the counterparties to derivative financial instruments have a credit rating of at least "A-1" from *Standard & Poor's* ("A-1" as at September 30, 2022).

Liquidity Risk

For further information on the maturity of financial liabilities and liquidity risk management of the Fund, please refer to Note 7 "Financial Instruments Disclosures".

g) Seed Capital

The Manager had the following seed capital investments:

	Seed Capital \$	Percentage Ownership %
September 30, 2023	993	-

h) Income Taxes – Loss Carry Forward (Note 2)

Capital and non-capital losses determined for tax purposes as at December 15, 2022, which is the taxation year-end, are as follows:

Capital Losses	Non-Capital Losses	Year of Expiry
Amount \$	Amount \$	
100,084,681	-	

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h) Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (Note 2)

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into various master netting arrangements or other similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statement of Financial position (Section 1 table), however the agreements still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of the contracts (Section 2 table). The section 2 table shows financial instruments that may be eligible for offset, if such conditions were to arise, as at September 30, 2023 and 2022. The "Net Impact" column displays what the impact would be on the Fund's Statement of Financial Position if all amounts were set-off. Only significant amounts (above 0.10% of the Fund's Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units) have been disclosed.

September 30, 2023	Section 1		Section 2			Net Impact \$
	Gross Amount Presented in the Statement of Financial Position \$	Set Off Amount \$	Net Amount Presented in the Statement of Financial Position \$	Associated Amounts not Set Off		
				Financial Instruments \$	Financial Collateral Held/Pledged \$	
Financial Assets						
Unrealized appreciation on derivatives	7,650,775	-	7,650,775	7,171,373	-	479,402
Financial Liabilities						
Unrealized depreciation on derivatives	12,952,058	-	12,952,058	7,171,373	-	5,780,685

September 30, 2022	Section 1		Section 2			Net Impact \$
	Gross Amount Presented in the Statement of Financial Position \$	Set Off Amount \$	Net Amount Presented in the Statement of Financial Position \$	Associated Amounts not Set Off		
				Financial Instruments \$	Financial Collateral Held/Pledged \$	
Financial Assets						
Unrealized appreciation on derivatives	9,198,142	-	9,198,142	6,346,768	-	2,851,374
Financial Liabilities						
Unrealized depreciation on derivatives	34,078,533	-	34,078,533	6,346,768	-	27,731,765

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Throughout the Notes to the Financial Statements, “we”, “NEI LP” or “NEI” refers to Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., the Manager of the Funds.

Throughout the Notes to the Financial Statements, “Unitholders” refers to Holders of redeemable units.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUNDS

NEI LP acts as the Manager of the NEI Funds, collectively called “the Funds”. Its head office is located at 151 Yonge Street, Suite 1200, Toronto, ON, M5C 2W7.

The Funds are all mutual fund trusts or unit trusts subject to the laws of Ontario.

The information provided in these financial statements and notes thereto is as at September 30, 2023 and 2022, and for the 12-month periods ended on those dates except for the Fund established during either period, in which case the information provided relates to the period from inception to September 30, 2023 and 2022, as applicable.

Funds	Inception date
NEI Clean Infrastructure Fund	March 1, 2022
NEI Canadian Impact Bond Fund	June 29, 2023
NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio	June 29, 2023
NEI Impact Balanced Portfolio	June 29, 2023
NEI Impact Growth Portfolio	June 29, 2023

For the Fund established in either year, the “period” represents the period from the beginning of operations to September 30 of that financial year. The establishment date is described in Note a) of the Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information of the Fund.

The main activities of the Funds are disclosed in the section “Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information” pertaining to each Fund.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Statement of Compliance

The policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). These financial statements have been authorized for issue by the NEI LP Board of Directors on December 12, 2023.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant measurement and presentation policies applied to prepare these financial statements are described below.

Financial Instruments

The Funds’ financial instruments include, where applicable, cash and equivalents, investments, derivatives, interest, dividends and other receivables, receivable for investments sold, subscriptions receivable, cash guarantee received for repurchase transactions, payable for investments purchased, distributions payable to unitholders, accrued expenses, liabilities, redemptions payable and commitments related to repurchase transactions. Financial instruments are recognized on the date that the Funds become a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, namely the trade date of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Funds have transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Classification and Measurement

The Funds classify and measure financial instruments in accordance with IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*. Under IFRS 9, financial assets are measured at amortized cost or at Fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”) depending on the contractual cash flow characteristics and the business model for managing the financial assets.

The portfolios of financial assets are managed, and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Funds are primarily focused on fair value information and use that information to assess the assets’ performance and to make decisions. The contractual cash flows of the Funds’ debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Funds’ business model’s objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at FVTPL.

The Funds’ obligation concerning net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units is recorded at the redemption amount which approximates fair value. The accounting policies used to measure the fair value of investments and derivative financial instruments are identical to those used in measuring the net asset value for transactions with holders of redeemable units, except when the closing price for financial assets and liabilities is not within the bid-ask spread.

As at September 30, 2023 and 2022, there are no differences between the Funds’ net asset value per unit for transactions and their net assets per unit attributable to holders of redeemable units in accordance with IFRS.

Classification of Units Issued by the Funds

The Funds’ outstanding units qualify as “puttable instruments” as required by the IAS 32: *Financial Instruments: Presentation* (“IAS 32”). The Funds’ outstanding units are classified as financial liabilities in these financial statements as they do not meet the definition of puttable instruments to be classified as equity.

Impairment of Financial Assets

The impairment model is applicable to financial assets except for financial instruments at FVTPL or designated at fair value through other comprehensive income.

With respect to other financial assets measured at amortized cost, the Funds consider both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. As at the financial statements date, all financial assets measured at amortized cost are due to be settled within the short term. The Funds consider that the risk of default on these financial assets is low, and that the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligation in the near term. Given the limited exposure of the Funds to credit risk from financial assets recorded at amortized cost, no loss allowance has been recognized as no such impairment will have a significant impact on the financial statements.

Determination of the Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the valuation date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the valuation date. The Funds use the closing price for both financial assets and financial liabilities when this price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances when the closing price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market, including over-the-counter derivative financial instruments, is determined using valuation techniques. The Funds use a variety of methods and make assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each valuation date.

Valuation techniques include the use of comparable recent arm’s length transactions, the fair value of other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other techniques commonly used by market participants and which use observable inputs. Refer to Note 7 “Financial Instruments Disclosures” for further information about the Funds’ fair value measurements.

Cash

Cash (bank overdraft) is measured at cost, which closely approximates fair value.

Money Market Securities

Money market securities are recorded at cost including accrued interest, which closely approximates fair value.

Equities, Index-Based Investments and Exchange Traded Funds

Equities, index-based investments and exchange traded funds (ETFs) are recorded at the closing price of the stock exchange on which the corresponding security is principally traded. ETFs that are thinly traded are valued at the average of the closing bid and ask prices. Unlisted warrants are valued with a recognized valuation model such as Black-Scholes.

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Bonds, Mortgage-Backed Securities and Asset-Backed Securities

Bonds, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities are valued based on closing prices obtained from recognized securities dealers.

Investment Funds

The underlying funds' units are generally valued based on the net asset value per unit provided by the underlying fund's manager at each valuation day, except for private equity funds which are discussed under section "Valuation of Unlisted Securities and Other Investments".

Derivative Financial Instruments

Certain Funds may use an array of derivative financial instruments such as foreign currency forward contracts, forward contracts, interest rate swaps, credit default swaps, to-be-announced ("TBA"), futures contracts and options for hedging purposes or purposes other than hedging, or both.

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts, Forward Contracts, Interest Rate Swaps, Credit Default Swaps and TBA

The fair value of these instruments corresponds to the gains or losses that would result upon contract settlement on the valuation date; this value is recorded in "Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivatives" in the Statements of Financial Position.

Futures Contracts

Futures contracts are valued at fair value and are settled daily through brokers. Any amounts receivable (payable) from the settlement of futures contracts are recorded in "Receivable (Payable) on futures contracts" in the Statements of Financial Position.

Options

Options listed on a stock exchange are valued according to fair value based on the closing price of the principal stock exchange on which the option is being traded for long positions and the ask price for short positions. Unlisted options are valued with a recognized valuation model such as Black-Scholes.

Valuation of Unlisted Securities and Other Investments

When the above-mentioned valuation principles of the investments are not applicable, fair value is determined according to the Manager's best estimates, based on established valuation procedures and on prevailing market conditions on each valuation date. These procedures cover, among others, securities no longer traded, securities issued by private corporations and illiquid securities. For further information, refer to Note 3 "Critical Accounting Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions".

Investment Transactions

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Cost is determined on an average cost basis except for money market securities, for which the cost is determined using the First-In, First-Out method. The average cost does not include amortization of premiums or discounts on fixed-income securities except for stripped bonds. Portfolio transaction costs, such as brokerage commissions, incurred in the purchase and sale of securities by the Funds are recognized in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The difference between the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments at the beginning and at the end of the year is included in "Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. On disposal of an investment, the difference between the fair value and the cost of the investment is included in "Net realized gain (loss) on investments" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Securities Lending Activities and Repurchase Agreements

Since June 2020, certain Funds may enter into securities lending and repurchase agreements through the securities lending program of the Funds' custodian, Desjardins Trust Inc. ("Desjardins Trust").

Securities Lending

The securities on loan are included in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio and are included in the total value in the Statements of Financial Position, as substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of these securities are retained by the Funds.

To limit the risk that the counterparty fails to fulfill its obligations, the Funds obtain collateral, representing at least 102% of the contract amount, determined daily based on the fair value of the previous business day's securities loaned. Securities received as collateral in securities lending are not included in the Statements of Financial Position, as substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of these securities have not been transferred to the Funds. Any cash collateral received is included in the Statements of Financial Position in "cash collateral received for securities on loan", as applicable.

For those Funds engaged in securities lending, the amount of securities loaned and the value of collateral received is disclosed in the "Schedule of Investment Portfolio", where applicable.

Revenue generated through Desjardins Trust's securities lending is shared by the Fund and Desjardins Trust at the rate presented in the section "Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information" pertaining to each Fund. This revenue is included in "Revenue from securities lending activities" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Repurchase Agreements

In a repurchase agreement, a Fund sells a security to a third party and agrees to buy the same, or substantially the same, security back from the third party at a predetermined price and date.

To limit the risk that the counterparty fails to fulfill its obligations, the Funds obtain collateral, combination of cash and securities, representing at least 102% of the contract amount, determined daily based on the fair value of the previous business day's repurchase transactions. Securities received as collateral in repurchase transactions are not included in the Statements of Financial Position, as substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of these securities have not been transferred to the Funds.

Cash guarantees received for repurchase transactions are recognized as financial assets in the Statements of Financial Position, in "Cash guarantee received for repurchase transactions". A liability representing the obligation to repurchase the securities is recognized in "Commitments related to repurchase transactions". Desjardins Trust, as the Funds' custodian, may use the cash guarantees to buy investments to generate revenue, which is shared by the Fund and Desjardins Trust at the rate presented in the section "Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information" pertaining to each Fund. This revenue is included in "Revenue from securities lending activities" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

A financial asset and a financial liability offset in the Fund's Statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund has a legally enforceable and unconditional right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The Fund has a legally enforceable and unconditional right to set off a financial asset and a financial liability when such right is enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy.

Over-the-counter derivative financial instruments, securities lending and repurchase agreements, receivable for investments sold and payable for investments purchased are subject to master netting or similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statements of Financial Position, as they give a right to an offset that is enforceable only in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy.

The table presenting financial assets and liabilities that are subject to a master netting agreement or similar agreement is presented in the section "Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information" pertaining to each Fund, if applicable.

Other Assets and Liabilities

Margin deposited on derivatives, receivable on futures contracts, subscriptions receivable, receivable for investments sold, cash guarantee received for repurchase transactions as well as interest, dividends and other receivables are measured at amortized cost.

Similarly, accrued expenses, payable on futures contracts, redemptions payable, payable for investments purchased, commitments related to repurchase transactions, interest, dividends and other payables, as well as distributions payable, are measured at amortized cost.

Given the short-term nature of other assets and liabilities, their carrying amount closely approximates their fair value.

Income

Interest for distribution purposes from investments in debt securities presented in the Statements of Comprehensive Income is recognized as it is earned. The Funds do not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of debt securities except for stripped bonds. Dividends are recognized as income on the ex-dividend date. Income received from ETFs and income trusts are included in "Dividends". Notional distributions received from ETFs are considered non-cash transactions and increase the average costs for those ETFs. Amounts from investments that are treated as a return of capital for income tax purposes reduce the average cost of those investments. Foreign interest and dividend income are accounted for on a gross basis and are included in the "Income" section of the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

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The net income from Limited Partnership includes income attributed for tax purposes and are presented in “Distributions from underlying funds”. Distributions received from underlying funds are recorded at the date of distribution. They are included in “Distributions from underlying funds” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Distributions received in the form of units from underlying funds are presented as “Non-cash distribution from investments” in the Statements of Cash Flows.

Upon settlement of derivative financial instruments contract, the gains and losses from derivative financial instruments held for hedging purposes are included in “Net realized gain (loss) on derivatives” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Gains and losses from derivative financial instruments held for purposes other than hedging are included in “Net income (loss) from derivatives” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Foreign Currency Translation

The Funds’ financial statements, subscriptions and redemptions are denominated in Canadian dollars, which is the Funds’ functional and presentation currency. Foreign currency assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate on each valuation date. Purchases and sales of securities, as well as income and expenses denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing on the transaction dates.

Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash are presented as “Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash” and those relating to other financial assets and liabilities are presented within “Net realized gain (loss) on investments” and “Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Amount in currencies are presented using the following abbreviations:

Abbreviation	Currency	Abbreviation	Currency
AUD	Australian Dollar	JPY	Japanese Yen
BRL	Brazilian Real	KRW	South Korean Won
CAD	Canadian Dollar	MXN	Mexican Peso
CHF	Swiss Franc	NOK	Norwegian Krone
CLP	Chilean Peso	NZD	New Zealand Dollar
CNY	Chinese Yuan Renminbi	PHP	Philippine Peso
CZK	Czech Republic Koruna	PLN	Polish Zloty
DKK	Danish Krone	SAR	Saudi Riyal
EUR	Euro	SEK	Swedish Krona
GBP	Pound Sterling	SGD	Singapore Dollar
HKD	Hong Kong Dollar	THB	Thai Baht
HUF	Hungarian Forint	TRY	Turkish Lira
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	TWD	Taiwan Dollar
ILS	Israeli Shekel	USD	United States Dollar
INR	Indian Rupee	ZAR	South African Rand

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit

The increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit, presented in the Statements of Comprehensive Income, is calculated by dividing the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units by the average number of units outstanding during the year.

Income Taxes

Under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), each Fund, except the Funds below, qualifies, or intends to qualify, as a mutual fund trust.

The following Funds are considered unincorporated unit trusts:

- NEI Fixed Income Pool
- NEI Canadian Equity Pool
- NEI Global Equity Pool
- NEI Managed Asset Allocation Pool

Each Fund’s taxation year-end is December 15 except for the NEI Money Market Fund and the unincorporated unit trusts, which have a taxation year-end of December 31.

The Funds are taxable on net income and net capital gains not distributed to unitholders. All the Funds’ investment income and sufficient net capital gains realized in any year are required to be distributed to unitholders to ensure that the Funds will not be subject to income taxes. As a result, the Funds do not record income taxes. Since the Funds do not record income taxes, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses has not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as a deferred income tax asset. In some special cases the Pools, which are unincorporated unit trusts, may become liable for alternative minimum tax, and may be subject to a special tax under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act. The Manager expects that the Pools will not be subject to tax under Part XII.2, although no assurance can be given that this will not occur.

Capital losses can be carried forward indefinitely to reduce future capital gains. Non-capital losses incurred in a financial year may be carried forward 20 years to reduce future investment income and capital gains.

Distributions are classified as a return of capital, net investment income or capital gain. The Manager reserves the right to make additional distributions in any year, if determined to be appropriate.

The Funds currently incur withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on foreign investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis, and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Refer to the section “Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information” pertaining to each Fund for more information on income taxes.

Investments in Other Investment Entities

The Funds meet the definition in IFRS 10, *Consolidated Financial Statements*, of investment entities and account for their investments in underlying funds at FVTPL.

In accordance with IFRS 12, *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*, specific information on the Funds’ investments in other entities, such as subsidiaries, associates and structured entities has been disclosed, as applicable, in “Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information” pertaining to each Fund.

Subsidiaries

An entity is considered as a subsidiary when it is controlled by another entity. The Fund controls an entity when it has the right to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and through its power over the entity.

Associates

Associates are investments in entities over which the Fund exercises significant influence without, however, exercising control.

Structured Entities

Structured entities are conceived in a way that the right to vote and other similar rights are not determining factors in exercising control. The Manager has determined that its investments in underlying funds (including limited partnerships), index-based investments and exchange traded funds, income trusts, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities are structured entities, unless the specified relationship is different. Total values of those investments in the table “Fair Value Hierarchy” also represent the fair value of investments in structured entities.

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of financial statements requires the Manager to use judgment in applying its accounting policies and to make estimates and assumptions about the future. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The following paragraphs discuss the most significant accounting judgments and estimates that the Funds have made when preparing the financial statements.

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Fair Value Measurement of Derivative Financial Instruments and Securities not Quoted in an Active Market

The Funds may hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, including derivative financial instruments. Fair value is determined based on models that make maximum use of observable inputs and rely as little as possible on unobservable inputs. The Funds consider the data observable if the market data is readily available, distributed or updated on a regular basis, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. The models used to determine fair values are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Manager.

When no quoted prices are available, the fair value is estimated using present value or other valuation methods, which are influenced by the assumptions used concerning the amount and timing of estimated future cash flows and discount rates, which reflect varying degrees of risk, including liquidity risk, credit risk, risks related to interest rates, exchange rates, and price and rate volatility.

The calculation of the fair values may differ given the role that judgment plays in applying the valuation techniques and the acceptable estimation. Fair value reflects market conditions at a given date and, for this reason, it may not be representative of future fair values. Refer to Note 7 “Financial Instruments Disclosures” for further information on fair value measurement of financial instruments.

4. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS

Structure of Redeemable Units

Each Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of series of units and an unlimited number of redeemable units (the units) of each series. Each series unit entitles the holder thereof to participate equally in the distributions of the Fund made to that series. Fractions of units may be issued.

The units of a Fund are of the same series and confer the same rights and privileges except that, in respect of a Fund with more than one series of units, each series of units may have different management fees, dealer compensation structure or distribution structure. As a result, each unit entitles its holder to one vote and to participate equally in distributions made in respect to the series of units by the subject Fund and, upon liquidation, in the net assets attributable of the series of units remaining after satisfaction of outstanding liabilities. A fraction of a unit will entitle the unitholder to proportionate participation but will not entitle them to vote.

The Funds only issue fully paid units and fractions of units. Unitholders may redeem their units in the manner described in the Declaration of Trust.

The Manager manages the capital of the Funds in accordance with their investment objectives (Refer to Note 7). Also, in accordance with securities regulations, the Funds seek to invest subscriptions received in appropriate investments while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemptions with such liquidity being augmented by short-term borrowings or disposal of investments where necessary.

Authorized Units

The authorized units of the Fund are comprised of the following series of units:

An unlimited number of Series A units, principally targeted at individual investors purchasing units on a front-end sales charge option basis.

An unlimited number of Series C units, intended for investors who have granted their dealer discretionary investment authority to invest through the use of proprietary model portfolios.

An unlimited number of Series F units, intended for investors participating in programs that do not require them to pay sales charges or service fees to investment professionals or dealers.

An unlimited number of Series I units, offered to institutional or other high net worth investors who negotiate and pay management fees directly to the Manager. The Series I management fee will in no circumstances be higher than the management fee payable on Series A units of the Fund.

An unlimited number of Series O units, intended for investors who make large investments in a Fund. Those investors must enter an agreement which identifies the management fee negotiated and pay management fees directly to the Manager. The Series O management fee will in no circumstances be higher than the management fee payable on Series A units of the Fund.

An unlimited number of Series P units, intended for investors who make large investments in a single Fund. Series P units may only be purchased on a front-end sales charge option basis.

An unlimited number of Series PF units, intended for investors who make large investments in a single Fund and investors participating in programs that do not require them to pay sales charges or service fees to investment professionals or dealers.

An unlimited number of Series W units, intended for investors who make an initial investment of at least \$100,000 in an NEI Private Portfolio. Series W units may only be purchased on a front-end sales charge option basis. The initial investment criteria may vary from time to time.

An unlimited number of Series WF units, intended for investors who make an initial investment of at least \$100,000 in an NEI Private Portfolio and investors participating in programs that do not require them to pay sales charges or service fees to investment professionals or dealers. The initial investment criteria may vary from time to time.

NEI LP has decided to discontinue its deferred sales charge (“DSC”), low load, low load 2 and low load 3 (together “LL”) sales charge purchase options for those NEI funds that offered DSC or LL. On August 10, 2020, DSC and LL sales charge purchase options across the Funds’ lineup have been closed to new investors. For investors with existing DSC and/or LL units as of that date, subsequent investments subject to DSC and/or LL sales charges were available until October 2020. On October 5, 2020, DSC and LL sales charge purchase options were closed to new investments. Investors with existing DSC and/or LL units will remain invested based on the redemption fee schedule applicable to those units.

Valuation of Units

On each business day and for each series of units of each Fund, the Manager calculates the net asset value per unit by dividing the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units by the number of units outstanding.

The net asset value of each series in a Fund corresponds to the proportion of the assets of the Fund attributable to the series, net of the proportion of the Fund’s total liabilities attributable to the series and the liabilities of the series. Expenses directly related to a series are applied against this series. Other income and expenses, as well as realized and unrealized capital gains and losses are applied against each series in proportion to their respective net asset value.

Management of Risks Associated with Units

Units issued and outstanding are considered as the Funds’ capital. The Funds are not subject to specific capital requirements concerning subscription and redemption of units, other than certain minimum subscription requirements. Unitholders are entitled to require payment of the net asset value per unit for all or any of the units they hold by giving written redemption request to the Manager within the prescribed time period. Units are redeemable for cash equal to a pro rata share of the Funds’ net asset value.

Redemptions

Unitholders may at any time elect to redeem all or part of their units on the valuation date at the current closing net asset value per unit. Payment for any unit redeemed will be made by the applicable Fund.

5. MANAGEMENT FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

Management Fees

As the Manager, Trustee, Portfolio Manager and Registrar, NEI LP receives from each Fund, management fees, before taxes, calculated on the net asset value of each unit series on each valuation date. Management fees are calculated daily with the net asset value of the Funds according to the annual rates presented in “Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information” pertaining to each Fund. NEI LP is responsible for the payment of investment fees to Portfolio sub-advisors retained by the Funds.

The management fee varies between Funds and series. Series I and Series O units of the Funds are not subject to management fees, as the unitholders of these series negotiate and pay those fees directly to the Manager.

Certain Funds may invest in other mutual funds (“underlying funds”), including other NEI Funds in order to achieve their investment objectives. There are fees payable by the underlying funds in addition to the fees payable by the investing Fund. No management fees are payable by the Fund that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund for the same service.

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Other Expenses

The Manager pays all of the operating expenses of the Funds, except for:

- costs and expenses associated with taxes (including, but not limited to, GST/HST), borrowing, and the costs associated with the independent review committee (“IRC”). IRC expenses include annual dues, meeting fees and other related expenses such as travel relating to the operation of the IRC.
- costs associated with portfolio transactions, including brokerage commissions and research and execution costs.

The operating expenses include, but are not limited to, audit fees, fund accounting costs, transfer agency and recordkeeping costs, custodian costs, administration costs and trustee services relating to registered tax plans, costs of printing and disseminating prospectuses, annual information forms, fund facts and continuous disclosure materials, legal fees, bank charges, investor communication costs and regulatory filing fees.

In return for assuming the obligation to pay the Funds’ operating expenses, each Fund pays to the Manager a fixed annual administration fee (“administration fee”), which is subject to applicable taxes, including HST. The administration fee varies between Funds and series. Administration fees correspond to a specified percentage of the net asset value of the series, calculated and accrued daily. No administration fee is charged to Series I units of the Funds because of the fee structures associated with this series.

The annual management fee rate and the annual administration fee rate shown in the “Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information” pertaining to each Fund may be lower than the rates presented in the prospectus, as the Manager can absorb a portion of those expenses.

For more information regarding the management fees and other expenses each Fund incurs, please refer to the “Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information” pertaining to each Fund.

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

NEI LP is the Manager, Trustee, Portfolio Manager and Registrar of the Funds. Northwest & Ethical Investments Inc., the general partner of NEI LP, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aviso Wealth Inc. (“Aviso”). Aviso is the sole limited partner of the Manager. Aviso is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aviso Wealth LP, which in turn is owned 50% by Desjardins Financial Holding Inc. and 50% by a limited partnership owned by the five Provincial Credit Union Centrals and The CUMIS Group Limited. Desjardins Financial Holding Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec (“Fédération”).

NEI LP is the Manager of the Funds pursuant to the Management Agreement and ensures the daily administration of the Funds. NEI LP provides or ensures the Funds are provided with all services (accounting, custody, portfolio management, record maintenance, transfer agent) required. The Funds pay management and administration fees to NEI LP. Trustee fees and portfolio management fees are entirely at NEI LP’s expense.

Desjardins Trust is the custodian of the Funds. Desjardins Trust is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fédération. The Funds may engage in securities lending transactions, and Desjardins Trust may act as the Funds’ securities lending agent (“Agent”). Any revenue earned on such securities lending is split between the Funds and the Agent.

Underlying Funds

In accordance with their investment objectives, certain Funds invest in Series I units of other NEI Funds. All the underlying funds identified as “Related” in the table “Fair Value Hierarchy” are considered related parties. All transactions in those investments are executed based on the fair value of those investments as described in the significant accounting policies. No commissions or other fees were paid by the Fund in relation to these transactions.

For more information regarding the related parties for each Fund, please refer to the “Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information” pertaining to each Fund.

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DISCLOSURES

Hierarchy of Financial Instruments Measured at Fair Value

The fair value measurement of financial instruments is determined using the following three levels of the fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1—Measurement based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

- Level 2—Valuation techniques based primarily on observable market data.
- Level 3—Valuation techniques not based primarily on observable market data.

If inputs of different levels are used to measure the fair value of an asset or liability, the classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the measurement of fair value.

Measurement Monitoring

The Manager is responsible for establishing the fair value measurements included in the Funds’ financial statements, including Level 3 measurements. The Manager obtains prices from a pricing agency and monitors and analyzes these prices daily. A Measurement Monitoring Committee ensures that appropriate operating procedures and a proper monitoring structure are in place and followed. This Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review fair value situations. Reports are produced monthly and given quarterly to the Committee members. It also examines specific processes carried out by the Investment Fund Portfolio Department. Moreover, the Measurement Monitoring Committee establishes Measurement Policy orientation. On a quarterly basis, this Committee examines and approves the Level 3 measurements after obtaining confirmation of the measurements from each portfolio manager, as needed. The Committee signs off on any adjustments made to prices or estimates provided by the pricing agency.

Establishment of Levels

A change in the fair value measurement method could result in a transfer between levels. The Funds’ policy is to record the implications of the transfers between levels on the date of the event or change in circumstances behind the transfer.

The following types of investments may be classified as Level 3 if their prices are no longer based on observable inputs.

a) Money Market Securities

Money market securities primarily include public sector and corporate securities. The inputs that are significant to valuation are generally observable. Public sector money market securities guaranteed by the federal or provincial government have been classified as Level 1. Other money market securities have been classified as Level 2.

b) Equities

Equities are classified as Level 1 when the security is actively traded and a reliable price is observable. Certain equities do not trade frequently and therefore observable prices may not be available. In such cases, fair value is determined using observable market data and the fair value is classified as Level 2. If the determination of fair value uses significant unobservable data, then the fair value is classified as Level 3. Unlisted warrants are generally classified as Level 2.

c) Index-Based Investments and Exchange Traded Funds

Index-based investments and ETFs are classified as Level 1 when the security is actively traded and a reliable price is observable. ETFs are classified as Level 2 when the security is thinly traded and based primarily on observable market data.

d) Bonds

Public sector bonds guaranteed by the federal or provincial government are classified as Level 1. Corporate bonds, which are valued using models with inputs including interest rate curves, credit spreads and volatilities are usually classified as Level 2.

e) Mortgage-Backed Securities and Asset-Backed Securities

Mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities consist primarily of corporate securities, which are valued using models with inputs including interest rate curves, credit spreads and volatilities. Since the inputs that are significant to valuation are generally observable, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities are usually classified as Level 2.

f) Investment Funds

Public investment funds are classified as Level 1 when their prospectus is unrestricted and their price is reliable and observable. Since some investment funds are not public, their price is determined using observable market data and their fair value is classified as Level 2. If the measurement of fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, then it is classified as Level 3.

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g) Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments, which consist of foreign currency forward contracts, forward contracts, interest rate swaps, and credit default swaps, for which counterparty credit spreads are observable and reliable or for which the credit-related inputs are determined to be significant to fair value, are classified as Level 2. Options are classified as Level 1 when the option is actively traded and a reliable price is observable. Unlisted options are generally classified as Level 2.

Detailed information concerning the fair value hierarchy of each Fund is available in their respective "Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information". For securities classified as Level 3, the valuation techniques and assumptions are also presented in their respective notes.

Management of Risks Arising from Financial Instruments

Throughout their activities, the Funds are exposed to a variety of risks associated with financial instruments such as market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk), concentration risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The overall risk management strategy of the Funds focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and optimizes the Funds' financial performance. Most investments involve a risk of loss.

The Manager is responsible for the Funds' risk management and for selecting and monitoring portfolio sub-advisors.

The Manager compares the performance of the Funds with benchmark indexes on a monthly basis. This analysis is reviewed quarterly by the Investment Committee. The Manager also ensures that the Funds' investment policies are followed and writes a compliance report, which is also reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Investment Committee.

The Manager organizes annual meetings with the sub-advisors in order to keep abreast of any changes in their investment practices.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows associated with a financial instrument will fluctuate because of a change in the relevant risk variables, such as interest rates, exchange rates, equity prices, political changes, and catastrophic events, such as pandemics or disasters. The Funds' market risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolios' exposure ratios.

Since February 2022, the conflict between Ukraine and the Russian Federation has resulted in significant volatility and uncertainty in financial markets. NATO, the EU and G7 member countries, including Canada, have imposed severe and coordinated sanctions against Russia. Price volatility, trading restrictions on Russian market trading and general default risk related to Russian securities have increased substantially. It is uncertain how long the conflict, economic sanctions and market instability will continue. The Funds' Manager is actively monitoring the situation and the impact it may have on the Funds.

Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Currency risk is composed of monetary items (usually including cash, receivable amounts in foreign currencies, investments in fixed-income and money market securities) and non-monetary items (usually including investments in equities and investment funds). The non-monetary assets are classified according to the currency in which the security was purchased.

The Funds are exposed to currency risk by holding assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Canadian dollar, the Funds' functional currency, as the value of the securities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate according to the prevailing exchange rates.

The Funds' exposure to currency risk is shown based on the carrying value of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments and the notional amount of foreign currency forward contracts and foreign currency futures, if any).

When the Canadian dollar decreases in relation to foreign currencies, the value of foreign investments increases. Conversely, when the value of the Canadian dollar increases, the value of foreign investments decreases.

Currency risk is disclosed when the Funds' foreign currencies exposure is above 5% of Net Assets.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Interest rate risk occurs when an investment fund invests in interest-bearing financial instruments. Generally, the value of these securities increases if interest rates decrease and decreases if interest rates increase. The interest rate risk is managed by calculating and monitoring the average portfolio duration on these securities. The Funds also hold a limited amount of cash subject to variable interest rates, which exposes them to cash flow interest rate price risk.

Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market price, other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate risk.

The portfolio manager plans to manage this risk by carefully selecting securities and other financial instruments, in accordance with defined limits. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value or contract value of the financial instruments. The Funds' financial instruments are exposed to price risk arising from uncertainties about the future prices of instruments.

Concentration Risk

Concentration risk arises because of the concentration of exposure within the same category, whether it is geographical location or industry sector. For Funds with an international investment strategy, the concentration by geographic location is presented according to, among other things, the country of incorporation or region. For Funds with a domestic investment strategy, the concentration by industry sector is presented according to their investments in the different sectors. The concentration risk is managed through portfolio diversification within the framework of the Funds' objective and strategy.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the financial instrument counterparty will be unable to pay the full amount at maturity. The Funds' credit risk is managed through an independent credit analysis from the Manager/sub-advisor, in addition to credit rating agencies' analysis.

Financial Instrument Transactions

The Funds are exposed to credit risk. The Funds' and the counterparty's respective credit risk are considered when determining the fair value of financial assets and liabilities, including derivative financial instruments. Transactions are settled or paid on delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered limited as delivery of the securities sold is made once the broker has received payment.

Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations.

However, there are risks involved in dealing with custodians or prime brokers who settle trades and, in rare circumstances, the securities and other assets deposited with the custodian or broker may be exposed to credit risk with regard to such parties. In addition, there may be practical problems or time delays associated with enforcing the Funds' rights to their assets in the case of an insolvency of any such party.

The credit rating for fixed-income securities and money market securities is rated by credit rating agencies, which generally includes the *Dominion Bond Rating Service* ("DBRS"), *Standard & Poor's* and *Moody's*. In cases where the credit rating agencies do not agree on a credit rating for fixed-income securities and money market securities, they will be classified following these rules:

- If two credit ratings are available, but the ratings are different, the lowest rating is used;
- If three credit ratings are available, the most common credit rating is used;
- If all three credit rating agencies have different ratings, the middle credit rating is used.

The credit rating is then converted to *DBRS* format. Generally, the greater the credit rating of a security, the lower the probability of it defaulting on its obligations.

Derivative financial instruments are financial contracts whose value depends on underlying assets and other external factors, such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates. The vast majority of derivative financial instruments are negotiated by mutual agreement between the Funds and their counterparties, and include, among others, foreign currency forward contracts. Other transactions are carried out as part of trades and mainly consist of futures contracts.

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Securities Lending and Repurchase Transactions

Securities lending and repurchase transactions expose the Funds to credit risk. These transactions are governed by the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada participation agreements. The Funds also use netting agreements with counterparties to mitigate credit risk and require a percentage of collateralization (a pledge) on these transactions. The Funds only accept pledges from counterparties that comply with the eligibility criteria defined in their policies. These criteria promote quick realization, if necessary, of collateral in case of default. The collateral received and given by the Funds are mainly cash and government securities. Further information on assets pledged and received as collateral is presented in the “Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information” pertaining to each Fund.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

The Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions of units. Most of their assets are therefore invested in liquid investments (i.e. investments that are traded in an active market and that can be readily disposed of).

Some Funds may invest in derivative financial instruments, debt securities and unlisted equity investments which are not traded in an active market. As a result, some Funds may not be able to quickly liquidate their investments at amounts approximating their fair values or be able to respond to specific effects such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of any particular issuer. In addition, the Funds can borrow up to 5% of their net asset value for the purposes of funding redemptions.

Each Fund may be exposed to indirect liquidity risk in the event that the underlying fund(s) suspends redemptions resulting in the Funds being unable to redeem their investments.

The majority of the remaining liabilities are due within the next three months. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances as the impact of discounting is not significant.

In March 2021, the ICE Benchmark Administration (the administrator of LIBOR) in conjunction with the UK’s Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) officially announced the cessation of LIBOR benchmarks across various tenors and currencies by December 31, 2021. All remaining LIBOR rate settings (overnight, 1-, 3-, 6-, and 12-month) will cease to be published after June 30, 2023. All instruments whose rates are tied to LIBOR will continue to have their rates published until June 30, 2023. This lessens the immediate impact risk and allows time for NEI Funds to move away from these instruments over the next year. The Manager does not expect any significant impact on the Funds (Liquidity or Valuation) from the upcoming transition to NEI’s positions as NEI’s portfolio references LIBOR settings will continue to be published until 2023.

Additional Information

For further information on the risks associated with financial instruments to which each Fund is exposed, refer to the section “Notes to the Financial Statements – Specific Information” pertaining to each Fund.

8. OTHER INFORMATION

Unitholders of the Funds can obtain, without charge, the Simplified Prospectus, the Fund Facts sheets as well as the Financial Statements by contacting:

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