

Semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance

As at March 31, 2023

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Management Discussion of Performance

Results of Operations

The NEI Canadian Equity Fund's Series A units returned 10.2% for the six-month period ended March 31, 2023 compared with a return of 11.4% for the benchmark explained below.

Unlike the benchmark return, the Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses paid by the Fund. Performance differences between series of units are mainly attributable to management fees charged to each series. Refer to the Past Performance section for the details of returns by series.

The blended benchmark is composed of 80% S&P/TSX Composite TR Index and 20% S&P 500 Index (C\$).

The Fund's net asset value increased by 2.90% during the period, from \$132,402,259 as at September 30, 2022 to \$136,240,211 as at March 31, 2023. This change in net assets is attributed to net unitholder activity of -\$10,036,414 and \$13,874,366 to investment operations, including market appreciation (depreciation), income and expenses.

Market Overview

Recession fears dominate the news cycle, and, unusually, key recession indicators have been flashing for nearly a year without Canada, the US or the eurozone actually going into a recession. The post-COVID rebound has receded, though major economies have maintained positive year over year growth. As the portfolio sub-advisor has said many times they do not make predictions about the economy, but they do try to understand where we are in the cycle. Higher interest rates exacerbated by the recent banking turmoil will likely cause the economy to soften, but will it fall into a recession, the portfolio sub-advisor cannot answer. Regardless, it appears that if a recession were to come it would be short lived and shallow. The economy in late 2023 should be on the mend. In the meantime, the turmoil is creating unusual opportunities.

Factors That Have Affected Performance

The largest contributor to performance during Q4 was the Fund's investment in GFL Environmental. The waste management services company announced positive developments during the period, specifically the company plans to divest non-core assets at attractive prices while accelerating its debt reduction plan. The company remains on track to grow free cash flow driven by internal projects which are not reflected in the stock price. Other significant contributors were Quebecor, Colliers International, Trane Technologies, and KKR.

The largest detractor of performance during the reporting period was the Fund's recently acquired holding of asset manager CI Financial. With no corporate developments announced during the reporting period the stock price decline of CI Financial was due to fickle investor sentiment. Other detractors during the reporting period include the Fund's holding in real estate related companies such as Allied Properties, Northwest Healthcare Properties, and Brookfield Corp. Additionally, shares of Cigna Group underperformed due to potential reform focusing on the firm's pharmacy benefit management segment.

Portfolio Changes

The Fund recently acquired shares of Allied Properties and CI Financial. Both companies have defined strategies to increase shareholder value over the coming years and both were acquired at very discounted prices.

Allied Properties owns a collection of sought-after office properties, primarily in Montreal and Toronto. The company's 14 million square feet of differentiated assets are occupied substantially above the broader market with several exciting properties in development. With a large, non-core asset expected to be sold over the coming months the company will further strengthen its balance sheet by reducing debt while also funding development growth. Investor sentiment is decidedly negative toward office real estate which created an attractive entry price for the Fund's Allied investment.

Similarly, the Fund took advantage of the market's negative bias toward asset management firms by acquiring shares in CI Financial. The asset manager is planning to list their US Wealth division while retaining a majority position. This split has several intangible positives such as aligning incentives, while the sale will also help shareholders unravel the current complexity and highlight the value embedded in the remaining Canadian segment. With a defined capital allocation strategy following the split CI will reduce debt while also increasing dividends and share buybacks.

During the period, the portfolio sub-advisor reduced the Fund's position in real estate company Northwest Healthcare Properties. Proceeds were recycled into more attractively valued companies with clear strategies to drive shareholder returns.

ESG Activities

The following environmental, social, and governance (ESG) activities are some of those undertaken during the period related to the Fund's ESG-related investment objectives and strategies.

NEI's Responsible Investing & ESG Services team (RI team) engaged 13 companies including Alphabet, Cenovus Energy, and Meta Platforms, on topics such as equitable compensation, supply chain risks, and digital rights.

The RI team voted against management on 79% of the proxy items at five annual general meetings.

Recent Developments

The portfolio sub-advisor remains focused on acquiring and holding companies building sustainable value, as well as taking the long view. It takes time, outstanding people, and a superior business model to build companies that really matter.

The Fund holds businesses run by intelligent management teams that are building long-term sustainable value and the gap between the business value held by Fund and their current stock prices is extremely wide. This large gap, combined with the continued growth in the underlying business value, should help boost the Fund's future returns. Staying invested for the long term continues to be a prudent approach.

Effective March 31, 2023, the investment strategies of NEI Canadian Equity Fund were changed to include exclusionary screens.

Related Party Transactions

Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. ("NEI LP") is the Manager, Trustee, Portfolio Manager and Registrar of the Fund. Northwest & Ethical Investments Inc., the general partner of NEI LP, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aviso Wealth Inc. ("Aviso"). Aviso is also the sole limited partner of NEI LP. 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 charges the Fund a fixed administration fee in place of certain variable expenses. NEI LP in turn, pays all operating expenses of the Fund, other than specified fund costs (e.g. the fees and expense of the Independent Review Committee ("IRC"), taxes, and brokerage commissions) which include payments to related parties. These services are in the normal course of operations and are measured at an exchange amount that is consistent with other independent parties. Desjardins Trust Inc. ("Desjardins Trust") is the custodian of the Fund. Desjardins Trust is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fédération. The Fund may engage in securities lending and repurchase transactions, and Desjardins Trust may act as the Fund's securities lending and repurchase transactions agent ("Agent"). Any revenue earned on such transactions is split 60%—40% between the Fund and the Agent. Desjardins Securities Inc. ("DSI") is a broker responsible for security transactions on behalf of the Fund. DSI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fédération.

The Fund's sub-advisors may place a portion of their fund transactions with brokerage firms which are affiliates of NEI LP, provided that the affiliate's trade execution abilities and costs are comparable to those of non-affiliated qualified brokerage firms.

The Fund is distributed through Credential Asset Management Inc., Credential Qtrade Securities Inc., and members of the Fédération and other nonrelated parties by way of shared ownership. NEI LP pays to these parties distribution and servicing fees based on a percentage of the daily values of the units of each held by the dealer's clients and additionally, in some cases, on the amount of initial purchase.

NEI LP has established the IRC for the Fund in accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 81-107 – Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds in order to review conflicts of interest as they relate to investment fund management. The Fund did not rely on an approval, positive recommendation or standing instruction from the Fund's IRC with respect to any related party transactions.

This document contains forward-looking statements. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used, such as "plan", "anticipate", "intend", "expect", "estimate", or other similar wording. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, levels of activity and achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to: general economic, market and business conditions; fluctuations in securities prices, fluctuation in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates; and actions by governmental authorities. Future events and their effects on the Fund may not be those anticipated by us. Actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated in these forward-looking statements. We do not undertake, and specifically disclaim, any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the six-month period ended March 31, 2023 and the past five fiscal years or for the periods since inception, as applicable.

Net Assets per Unit (\$) ⁽¹⁾

Series	Period	Net Assets, Beginning of Period	Increase (Decrease) from Operations					Distributions					Net Assets, End of Period	
			Total Revenue	Total Expenses	Realized Gains (Losses)	Unrealized Gains (Losses)	Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations ⁽²⁾	From Income (Excluding Dividends)	From Dividends	From Underlying Funds	From Capital Gains	Return of Capital		Total Distributions ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
A	Mar. 2023	24.82	0.39	-0.35	1.20	1.30	2.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.89	0.00	1.89	25.36
	Sept. 2022	29.87	0.64	-0.79	3.01	-7.45	-4.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.82
	Sept. 2021	21.78	0.62	-0.75	8.13	1.04	9.04	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	29.87
	Sept. 2020	25.06	0.72	-0.64	0.09	-3.49	-3.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.78
	Sept. 2019	25.09	0.76	-0.64	0.80	-1.84	-0.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.06
	Sept. 2018	23.18	0.62	-0.66	1.29	0.70	1.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.09
F	Mar. 2023	28.45	0.44	-0.21	1.37	1.57	3.17	0.00	0.30	0.00	2.16	0.00	2.46	28.95
	Sept. 2022	33.78	0.74	-0.45	3.38	-9.47	-5.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.45
	Sept. 2021	24.58	0.70	-0.43	9.16	1.22	10.65	0.00	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	33.78
	Sept. 2020	28.17	0.82	-0.37	0.11	-3.87	-3.31	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	24.58
	Sept. 2019	27.95	0.85	-0.35	0.89	-2.51	-1.12	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	28.17
	Sept. 2018	25.70	0.69	-0.38	1.44	0.60	2.35	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	27.95
I	Mar. 2023	25.37	0.31	-0.01	1.21	1.26	2.77	0.00	0.58	0.00	1.94	0.00	2.52	25.65
	Sept. 2022	29.75	0.68	-0.03	3.02	-8.04	-4.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.37
	Sept. 2021	26.37	0.72	-0.04	9.06	9.70	19.44	0.00	1.32	0.00	6.16	0.00	7.48	29.75
	Sept. 2020	30.09	0.84	-0.05	0.11	-3.00	-2.10	0.00	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.54	26.37
	Sept. 2019	29.59	0.89	-0.03	0.95	-0.58	1.23	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	30.09
	Sept. 2018	27.21	0.73	-0.03	1.52	0.60	2.82	0.02	0.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.61	29.59
O	Mar. 2023	10.59	0.16	-0.01	0.51	0.51	1.17	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.81	0.00	1.05	10.71
	Sept. 2022	12.43	0.27	-0.02	1.26	-3.30	-1.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.59
	Sept. 2021	9.02	0.25	-0.02	3.37	0.29	3.89	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	12.43
	Sept. 2020	10.28	0.29	-0.02	0.04	-1.27	-0.96	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18	9.02
	Sept. 2019	10.08	0.30	-0.01	0.33	1.43	2.05	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	10.28
	Sept. 2018	10.00	0.07	-0.01	0.54	-0.52	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.08
P	Mar. 2023	10.62	0.16	-0.13	0.51	0.49	1.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.81	0.00	0.83	10.85
	Sept. 2022	12.73	0.27	-0.29	1.28	-3.26	-2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.62
	Sept. 2021	9.29	0.26	-0.27	3.50	0.10	3.59	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	12.73
	Sept. 2020	10.67	0.31	-0.24	0.04	-1.84	-1.73	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	9.29
	Sept. 2019	10.00	0.26	-0.20	0.34	1.13	1.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.67
	Sept. 2018	10.00	0.26	-0.20	0.34	1.13	1.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.67
PF	Mar. 2023	10.97	0.17	-0.07	0.53	0.51	1.14	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.85	0.00	1.00	11.13
	Sept. 2022	13.00	0.28	-0.15	1.32	-3.43	-1.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.97
	Sept. 2021	9.43	0.27	-0.14	3.58	-0.23	3.48	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	13.00
	Sept. 2020	10.77	0.31	-0.12	0.04	-1.76	-1.53	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	9.43
	Sept. 2019	10.00	0.25	-0.10	0.35	0.98	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.77
	Sept. 2018	10.00	0.25	-0.10	0.35	0.98	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.77

(1) All per unit figures presented in 2023 are referenced to net assets determined in accordance with IFRS and are derived from the Fund's semi-annual financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2023.

(2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

(4) Distributions (if any) that may have been made that included return of capital in excess of short term earnings were made to minimize disruption and provide stability to investors who have elected to take their distributions in the form of cash, and as disclosed in the Simplified Prospectus. These amounts are reviewed at each calendar year-end and management engages in discussions with the sub-advisor to determine the most applicable strategy on a go forward basis and will take any action(s) as needed for the long term stability of the Fund.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Series	Period	Total Net Asset Value (000's of \$)	Number of Units Outstanding (000's)	Management Expense Ratio (%) ⁽¹⁾	Management Expense Ratio before Waivers and Absorptions (%)	Trading Expense Ratio (%) ⁽²⁾	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)
A	Mar. 2023	56,413	2,224	2.58	2.58	0.08	13.11	25.36
	Sept. 2022	56,216	2,265	2.58	2.58	0.05	16.04	24.82
	Sept. 2021	84,187	2,819	2.59	2.59	0.05	18.77	29.87
	Sept. 2020	79,177	3,636	2.60	2.60	0.06	24.13	21.78
	Sept. 2019	106,311	4,243	2.58	2.58	0.02	13.83	25.06
	Sept. 2018	148,017	5,900	2.59	2.59	0.02	9.64	25.09
	F	Mar. 2023	28,431	982	1.24	1.24	0.08	13.11
Sept. 2022		27,898	981	1.24	1.24	0.05	16.04	28.45
Sept. 2021		25,496	755	1.24	1.24	0.05	18.77	33.78
Sept. 2020		24,007	977	1.25	1.25	0.06	24.13	24.58
Sept. 2019		26,580	943	1.24	1.24	0.02	13.83	28.17
Sept. 2018		38,137	1,364	1.28	1.32	0.02	9.64	27.95
I		Mar. 2023	1	-	N/A	N/A	0.08	13.11
	Sept. 2022	1	-	N/A	N/A	0.05	16.04	25.37
	Sept. 2021	1	-	N/A	N/A	0.05	18.77	29.75
	Sept. 2020	86,244	3,270	N/A	N/A	0.06	24.13	26.37
	Sept. 2019	84,530	2,809	N/A	N/A	0.02	13.83	30.09
	Sept. 2018	67,324	2,276	N/A	N/A	0.02	9.64	29.59
	O	Mar. 2023	3,161	295	0.05	0.05	0.08	13.11
Sept. 2022		2,666	252	0.05	0.05	0.05	16.04	10.59
Sept. 2021		3,284	264	0.05	0.05	0.05	18.77	12.43
Sept. 2020		2,643	293	0.05	0.05	0.06	24.13	9.02
Sept. 2019		3,071	299	0.05	0.05	0.02	13.83	10.28
Sept. 2018		205	20	0.05	0.05	0.02	9.64	10.08
P		Mar. 2023	20,178	1,859	2.18	2.18	0.08	13.11
	Sept. 2022	18,715	1,762	2.18	2.18	0.05	16.04	10.62
	Sept. 2021	26,254	2,062	2.19	2.19	0.05	18.77	12.73
	Sept. 2020	18,503	1,992	2.22	2.22	0.06	24.13	9.29
	Sept. 2019	27,557	2,583	2.23	2.23	0.02	13.83	10.67
PF	Mar. 2023	28,056	2,521	1.02	1.02	0.08	13.11	11.13
	Sept. 2022	26,907	2,452	1.02	1.02	0.05	16.04	10.97
	Sept. 2021	36,080	2,776	1.02	1.02	0.05	18.77	13.00
	Sept. 2020	20,033	2,123	1.03	1.03	0.06	24.13	9.43
	Sept. 2019	19,718	1,830	1.03	1.03	0.02	13.83	10.77

(1) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, as well as withholding taxes) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

(2) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other Fund transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

(3) The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's sub-advisor manages its investment holdings. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher the portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

(4) At the close of business on October 29, 2018, the OceanRock Canadian Equity Fund was merged into the NEI Canadian Equity Fund. The portfolio turnover rates exclude the value of securities acquired and sold to realign the Fund's holdings.

Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the management, supervision and administration of the Fund. The Manager receives from the Fund management fees, before HST, calculated daily on the net asset value of the Fund at an annual rate shown below. The Fund does not pay management fees for Series I and O units. Series I and O unitholders pay a negotiated fee directly to NEI Investments.

The management fee covers the cost of investment advisory fees, sales, marketing, and distribution expenses of the Fund. In addition, the Manager may pay a trailer fee to dealers out of this management fee. The trailer fee is a percentage of the average daily value of the units of the Fund held by the dealer's clients. No trailer fees are paid in respect of any Series F and PF units of the Fund.

The following table shows the major services paid for out of management fees as a percentage of the management fee for all applicable series of the Fund:

	Management Fee (%)	Investment Advisory and Other Fees (%)	Trailer Fee (%)
Series A	1.90	56.82	43.18
Series F	0.85	100.00	N/A
Series P	1.65	39.38	60.62
Series PF	0.65	100.00	N/A

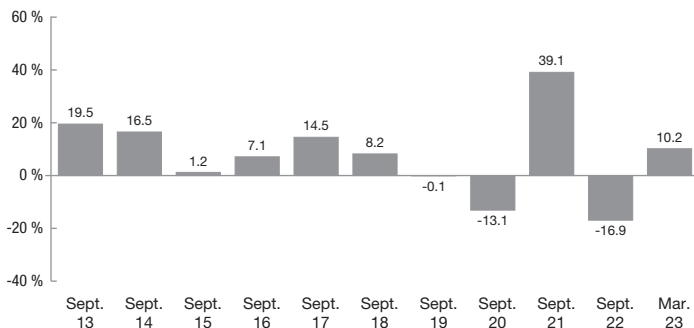
Past Performance

The performance information provided will not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. The information shown assumes that distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the relevant series of the Fund. In addition, the information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance.

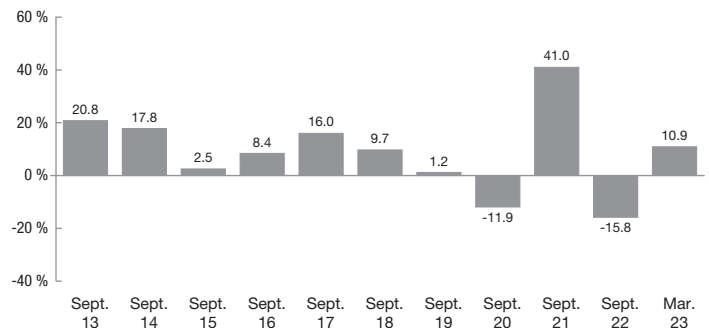
Year-by-Year Returns

The following charts show the annual performance for each series of units of the Fund for each period shown and illustrate how the Fund's performance has varied from period to period with the exception of 2023, which shows the six-month return for the period ended March 31, 2023. The charts indicate how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.

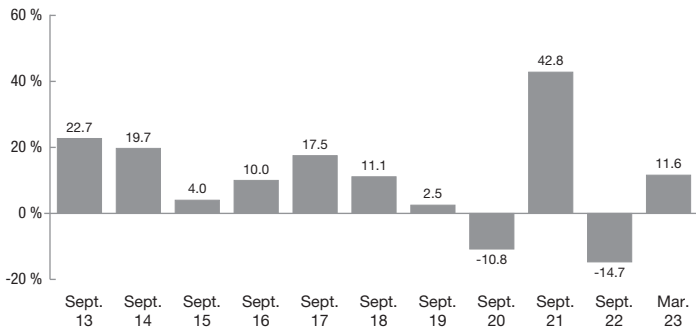
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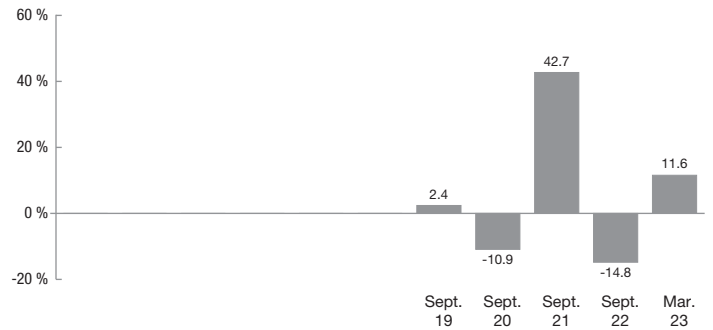
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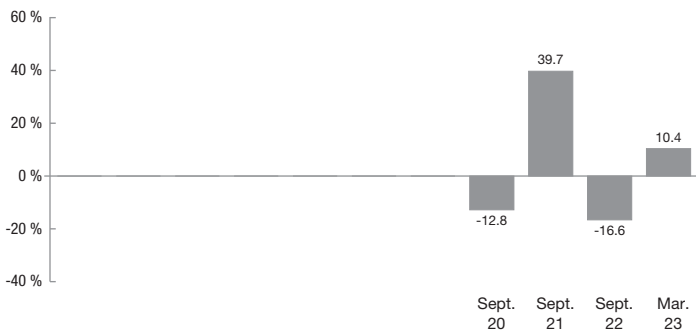
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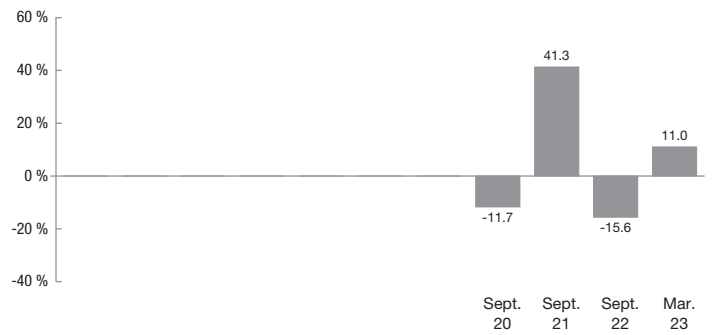
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Series P



Series PF



Summary of Investment Portfolio as at March 31, 2023

Total Net Asset Value: \$136,240,211

Top Holdings		%
1	Colliers International Group	5.6
2	Toronto-Dominion Bank	5.6
3	GFL Environmental	4.5
4	Empire Company, Class A	3.6
5	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	3.4
6	TELUS	3.4
7	Magna International, Class A	3.3
8	TMX Group	3.2
9	SmartCentres Real Estate Investment Trust	3.1
10	FirstService	2.9
11	Québecor, Class B	2.8
12	Sun Life Financial	2.7
13	Brookfield, Class A	2.7
14	Cigna Group	2.4
15	Trane Technologies	2.3
16	Blackstone	2.2
17	KKR	2.2
18	Air Canada	2.1
19	Scotiabank	2.0
20	Allied Properties Real Estate Investment Trust	2.0
21	CI Financial	2.0
22	T-Mobile USA	2.0
23	Allegion	1.9
24	EQB	1.9
25	Cenovus Energy	1.8
	Total	71.6

Net Asset Value Mix		%
Equity		92.7
Unit Trust		6.8
Cash and Equivalents		0.5
Total		100.0

Sector Allocation		%
Financials		38.2
Communication Services		15.6
Industrials		14.2
Real Estate		13.6
Consumer Discretionary		6.7
Consumer Staples		3.6
Health Care		2.7
Energy		1.8
Utilities		1.6
Information Technology		1.5
Cash and Equivalents		0.5
Total		100.0

Geographic Distribution		%
Canada		66.2
United States		29.1
Other Countries		4.2
Cash and Equivalents		0.5
Total		100.0

"Unit Trust" includes REITs, ETFs, and other similarly structured investment vehicles.

"Other Countries" geographic category includes all countries individually representing less than 5% of the Portfolio's net asset value.

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. Updates are available quarterly.