

# NEI ESG Canadian Enhanced Index Fund<sup>1</sup>

Benefits of time-tested responsible investing program in a competitively priced solution.

NEI

## Core RI exposure

A diversified Canadian equity solution focused on enhanced management of ESG risks.

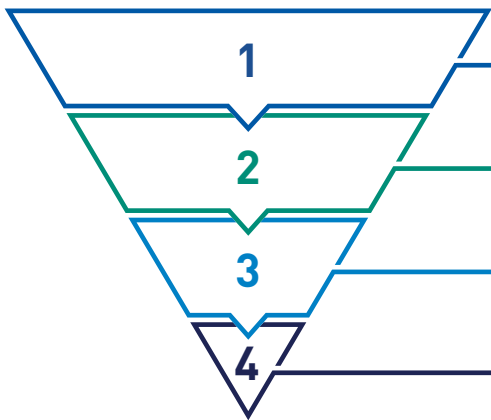
## Benefits of leading RI program

The fund provides exposure to NEI's comprehensive, proprietary RI program.

## Competitive price

The value of NEI's RI program at a competitive price

## Only companies that pass NEI's proprietary ESG evaluation framework are eligible for inclusion



### 1. Solactive Canada Broad Market (CBMI) Index universe

Broad access to mid and large-cap companies across all sectors.

### 2. Automatic exclusions

- a. Companies with market capitalization of less than a \$750 million are automatically excluded
- b. Companies that derive 10% or more of their revenue from the manufacture and sale of tobacco, weapons, nuclear power, and gambling are automatically excluded from the Fund.

### 3. Proprietary ESG evaluations

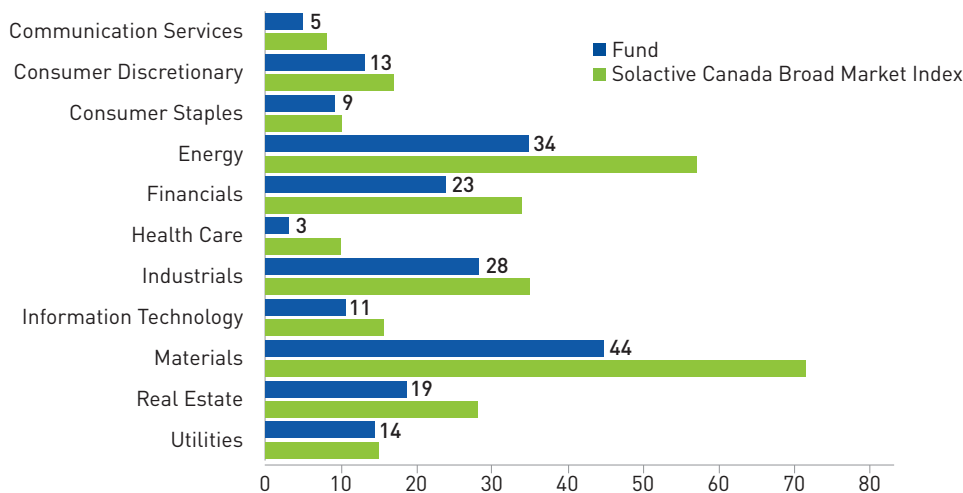
- a. Diverse ESG data is used to inform a proprietary evaluation process.
- b. Companies are evaluated based on ESG risks specific to their industries to ensure a more meaningful assessment. c. Companies are further evaluated for headline risks to identify controversial or misaligned business practices. d. Companies that fail to meet NEI ESG expectations or lack sufficient ESG disclosures are excluded from the Fund.

### 4. ESG leaders (determined based on NEI's proprietary ESG evaluations)

- a. ESG leaders are overweighted relative to their CBMI weight
- b. Portfolio companies are monitored regularly, and the Index Fund is updated on a quarterly basis

## A risk/return profile aligned with core Canadian equities, with enhanced management of ESG risks

### Number of holdings by sector



Fund characteristics	Fund
Holdings <sup>3</sup>	203
Holdings excluded based on their size	42
Holdings automatically excluded based on responsible screen	5
Exclusions for failing ESG evaluations	16
Pending evaluations	3
Companies categorized as ESG Leaders	48
Corporate engagements in Q4 2023	40

<sup>1</sup>Formerly NEI Jantzi Social Index<sup>®</sup> Fund. <sup>2</sup>For more information about NEI's Exclusionary Screens, please refer to NEI's RI policy. <sup>3</sup>Holdings represent companies that passed our evaluations. Company eligibility status as of July 27, 2023. Fund rebalancing date as of August 2, 2023. <https://www.neiinvestments.com/content/dam/nei/docs/en/responsible-investing/reports/NEI-RI-Policy.pdf>

Holdings can change at any time without notice. Unless otherwise indicated, all fund and index data is in C\$, sourced from NEI Investments. Values may be rounded.

## Engagement by sector

As of December 31, 2023



	Current %
Consumer Discretionary	8
Energy	63
Financials	5
Industrials	13
Information Technology	5
Materials	3
Real Estate	3
Utilities	3

## Fast facts

- ✓ Managed by **NEI Investments, a pioneer in responsible investing**, with over 35 years of experience evaluating ESG risks
- ✓ **Sector normalization** to ensure characteristics reflective of a broad Canadian index
- ✓ Proprietary ESG evaluations process guided by internationally accepted standards, including SASB standards, OECD Guidelines, UN Global Compact, UN SDGs, UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, TCFD and various standards developed by the International Labour Organization

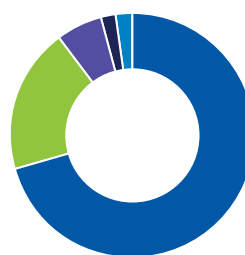
## Companies engaged

As of December 31, 2023

Advantage Energy	Magna International Inc.
Africa Oil Corp	Manulife Financial Corp
ARC Resources Ltd	MEG Energy Corp
Athabasca Oil Corp.	Mullen Group Ltd.
Baytex Energy Trust	Paramount Resources Ltd
Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust	Parex Resources Inc.
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	Pembina Pipeline Corp.
Canadian Tire Corp Ltd	Peyto Exploration & Development Corp.
Cargojet Inc	Richelieu Hardware Ltd
Cenovus Energy	Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)
CGI Inc	Shopify Inc.
Crescent Point Energy Trust	Suncor Energy Inc.
Enbridge Inc.	Superior Plus Corp.
Enerplus Corporation	Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd
Freehold Royalties Ltd.	TFI International Inc.
Gibson Energy Inc.	Toromont Industries Ltd.
Imperial Oil Ltd.	Tourmaline Oil Corp.
International Petroleum Corp	Vermilion Energy Trust
Keyera Corp.	Whitecap Resources Inc.
Linamar Corp	Winpak Ltd.

## Engagement by ESG theme

As of December 31, 2023



	%
Net-zero alignment	70
Inequality	19
Human Rights	6
Governance matters	2
Nature	2

## Performance

As at December 31, 2023

	Annualized returns %					SI	MER %*	Inception date
	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs			
NEI ESG Canadian Enhanced Index A	9.0	9.0	7.5	7.6	6.1	5.2	1.83	2001-03-30
NEI ESG Canadian Enhanced Index F	10.4	10.4	8.8	9.0	7.3	5.0	0.61	2008-02-28
NEI ESG Canadian Enhanced Index P	9.2	9.2	7.6	7.9	-	6.3	1.66	2018-12-03
NEI ESG Canadian Enhanced Index PF	10.5	10.5	8.9	9.1	-	7.5	0.50	2018-12-03

(Effective May 1, 2020, the Fund's name was changed from NEI Jantzi Social Index<sup>®</sup> Fund to NEI ESG Canadian Enhanced Index Fund. The investment objectives of the Fund were changed to allow the Fund to invest in companies with an enhanced ESG profile that are contained within a Canadian broad market equities index. Consequently, the Fund changed its benchmark index from the S&P/TSX 60 TR Index to Solactive Canada Broad Market Index. As a result of the change, the Fund also reduced its fees.) The performance of this Fund for the period prior to this date may have been different had the current investment objectives and strategies been in place during that period.

\* Audited as of September 30, 2023

## Fund codes

Prefix: NWT

Series	FE	NL
<b>A</b>	003	-
<b>F</b>	-	90303
<b>O</b>	-	90403
<b>P</b>	8003	-
<b>PF</b>	-	8303

Series F/PF units are only available to investors who participate in eligible fee-based programs with their registered dealers that have entered into a Series F/PF Distribution agreement with NEI Investments. Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus and/or Fund Facts before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. In situations where a fund's or series' fixed distributions exceed net income and realized capital gains of that fund or series, the distributions may consist in whole or in part of a return of capital, which could diminish the ability to generate future earnings. This material is for informational and educational purposes and it is not intended to provide specific advice including, without limitation, investment, financial, tax or similar matters. Please consult with your own professional advisor on your particular circumstances. NEI Investments endeavors to ensure that the contents have been compiled or derived from sources that we believe are reliable and contain information that is accurate and complete. However, NEI Investments makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, in respect thereof, takes no responsibility for any errors and omissions contained herein. NEI Investments is part of Aviso Wealth.

NEI Investments makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, in respect thereof, takes no responsibility for any errors and omissions contained herein. NEI Investments is a registered trademark of Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. ("NEI LP"). Northwest & Ethical Investments Inc. is the general partner of NEI LP and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aviso Wealth Inc. ("Aviso"). Aviso is the sole limited partner of the 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.

NDG0033E CEIF 02/24