

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 Global Equity Pool's Series I units returned 11.1% for the six-month period ended March 31, 2023 compared with a return of 16.5% 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 benchmark for this Fund is the MSCI World NR Index (C\$).

The Fund's net asset value increased by 3.61% during the period, from \$260,984,299 as at September 30, 2022 to \$270,408,195 as at March 31, 2023. This change in net assets is attributed to net unitholder activity of -\$18,469,914 and \$27,893,810 to investment operations, including market appreciation (depreciation), income and expenses.

Market Overview

Central banks—led by the US Federal Reserve—continued to rapidly tighten monetary policy, triggering periods of volatility. Toward the end of the period, the collapse of several banks triggered concerns about broader financial contagion, a potential credit crunch and the direction of central bank policy, which revived recessionary fears and drove stocks lower.

Factors That Have Affected Performance

Security selection detracted from relative returns, while sector selection contributed. Security selection within technology detracted, while selection in consumer staples contributed. An underweight to industrials detracted, while an overweight to technology contributed.

Detractors over the six-month period included Roche, Equinor and FIS. Roche detracted after announcing disappointing results from a phase 3 trial of its Alzheimer's drug, gantenerumab, which failed to show a statistically significant effect on cognitive decline. The results were especially disappointing given the promising efficacy of other Alzheimer's drugs from peers, notably Biogen in September. European oil company Equinor detracted. Shares were pressured as oil prices sank with China tightening its COVID-19 rules, which hurt the outlook for oil demand. Payment services provider FIS declined following its worse-than-expected third-quarter results, revealing problems across its businesses. Its small and medium-size merchant business significantly underperformed, and management noted that they are de-emphasizing the business going forward. The failure of Silicon Valley Bank also created concerns about the viability of small- and medium-sized banks, a core market for FIS.

Contributors over the six-month period included Broadcom, Oracle and Novo Nordisk. Semiconductor company Broadcom outperformed on heightened expectations for its chips used to power AI systems for OpenAI's ChatGPT. Multinational computer software company Oracle held an investor day, alleviating profitability concerns from the Cerner acquisition and offering better-than-expected revenue and operating margin guidance. A strong result in its second fiscal quarter also exceeded consensus expectations. Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk contributed. The company's weight-loss drug Semaglutide received a recommendation from the UK's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence that will make the drug available to National Health Service patients for use up to two years.

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.

The portfolio sub-advisor initiated positions in Andritz and Prysmian based on material ESG risk and opportunities. Andritz is a leading global supplier of plants, equipment and services for the pulp and paper industry, hydropower stations, metalworking and steel industries, and for the liquid separation sectors. The portfolio sub-advisor believes Andritz is a large beneficiary from ongoing energy transition, electrification and sustainability trends. The company's pulp and paper segment is enabling the transition from single-use plastics and boxes to recyclable packaging. In addition, the segment provides equipment used to recycling containerboard and textiles. Andritz's hydro segment is actively involved in the ongoing maintenance and upgrade cycle at hydropower plants and is bidding on new hydro projects across the globe. The metals segment provides forming and processing to both ICE and electric vehicle (EV) plants and is now gaining share in the EV battery forming business. Within Andritz's separation business, the company provides equipment used at wastewater processing plants as well as the production of biomass pellets.

Prysmian is a global leading manufacturer of energy and telecommunication cables. The portfolio sub-advisor believes the company will be a large beneficiary of the ongoing energy transition from fossil fuels to renewable resources. One third of the company's revenues are derived from medium and high voltage cables, which are essential for connecting renewable power to the electrical grid and distributing it to customers. Prysmian has leading market share for high voltage cable and with industry capacity essentially sold out through 2025, is adding capacity to meet customer demand as wind and solar projects are entering design and construction phases. As utility companies continue to ramp up renewable power projects to meet 2030 targets, Prysmian's medium and high voltage cable businesses will be large beneficiaries as the portfolio sub-advisor believes demand will outpace supply.

NEI's Responsible Investing & ESG Services team (RI team) engaged 17 companies including Amazon, Johnson & Johnson, and Walmart, on topics such as supply chain risks, equitable access, and digital rights.

The RI team voted against management on 42% of the proxy items at 22 annual general meetings. They supported 64% of 14 shareholder resolutions filed on ESG topics such as climate risk, tax transparency, and gender and racial pay disparity.

Recent Developments

By quarter end, a financial system meltdown appears to have been averted—for now—by rapid regulatory action, including implicit deposit guarantees and bank securities lending programs to ensure adequate liquidity. Policymakers seem optimistic that their measures to guarantee deposits will prevent a systemic crisis, and the portfolio sub-advisor generally agrees, that the global financial system is better capitalized. In the benign scenario, bank stress will pass but the tightening of credit conditions will remain, helping to do some of the Fed’s work for it and reducing the need for additional tightening. However, taken together, the trifecta of strong growth, a tight labor market and higher-for-longer inflation would argue for a continuation of the Fed’s tightening campaign, all else being equal.

The portfolio sub-advisor’s expectation of a sustained period of below-trend growth, driven by some combination of tight monetary policy and banking sector distress, argues for caution. But unless the banking turmoil spirals out of control, it expects only a mild recession in most regions and a considerably brighter outlook toward year end. For investors, this argues for caution, not panic. The portfolio sub-advisor expects growth near 0% for the rest of 2023 in the US, alongside a gradual weakening of labor markets that will combine to bring inflation closer to target this year and pave the way for full convergence in 2024.

The portfolio sub-advisor expect market volatility will remain for the next several months at least. So how can investors identify stocks with the potential to weather bouts of market volatility? They believe that a disciplined approach to buying high-quality, stable companies at the right price provides investors with multiple ways to mitigate risk while still participating in market gains.

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.

Where applicable the amounts paid in commission by the Fund to Desjardins Trust and amounts received from underlying funds managed by NEI LP during the period are presented.

	March 2023 (\$)	March 2022 (\$)
Amounts received from underlying funds	-	122,416

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 currently only distributed by NEI on an exempt-market basis.

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⁾
I	Mar. 2023	11.18	0.14	-0.02	-0.08	1.20	1.24	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	12.19
	Sept. 2022	12.37	0.25	-0.04	0.05	-1.25	-0.99	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.24	11.18
	Sept. 2021	10.75	0.22	-0.04	0.29	1.27	1.74	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	12.37
	Sept. 2020	10.12	0.22	-0.04	-0.57	1.20	0.81	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.05	10.75
	Sept. 2019	10.00	0.04	-0.02	-0.01	0.21	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.12

(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⁾	Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)
	Sept. 2022	260,984	23,346	N/A	N/A	0.03	32.81	11.18
	Sept. 2021	256,723	20,754	N/A	N/A	0.06	44.61	12.37
	Sept. 2020	140,741	13,097	N/A	N/A	0.14	46.61	10.75
	Sept. 2019	18,474	1,825	N/A	N/A	0.13	6.19	10.12

(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.

Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the management, supervision and administration of the Fund. The Fund does not pay management fees for Series I. Series I unitholders pay a negotiated fee directly to NEI Investments.

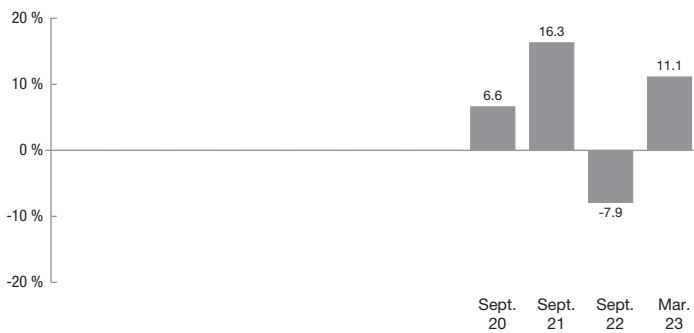
Past Performance

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 chart shows 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 chart indicates 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.

Series I



Summary of Investment Portfolio as at March 31, 2023

Total Net Asset Value: \$270,408,195

Top Holdings		%
1	Microsoft	4.8
2	Alphabet Inc.	3.1
3	Apple	2.8
4	Broadcom	2.7
5	Cash and Equivalents	2.7
6	Novo Nordisk	2.7
7	AutoZone	2.6
8	UnitedHealth Group	2.3
9	Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	2.1
10	Oracle	2.1
11	Merck & Co.	2.0
12	Wolters Kluwer	1.8
13	Visa, Class A	1.8
14	Constellation Software	1.8
15	AbbVie	1.7
16	Shell	1.7
17	RELX PLC	1.6
18	Roche Holding	1.6
19	Adobe Systems	1.6
20	Royal Bank of Canada	1.4
21	Marsh & McLennan Companies	1.4
22	AXA	1.4
23	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.3
24	Equinor	1.3
25	VeriSign	1.3
	Total	51.6

Net Asset Value Mix		%
Equity	97.0	
Cash and Equivalents	2.7	
Unit Trust	0.4	
Other	-0.1	
Total	100.0	

Sector Allocation		%
Information Technology	23.8	
Financials	20.6	
Health Care	15.3	
Communication Services	10.6	
Industrials	9.6	
Consumer Staples	6.0	
Consumer Discretionary	5.8	
Energy	3.0	
Cash and Equivalents	2.7	
Utilities	1.8	
Materials	0.5	
Real Estate	0.4	
Other	-0.1	
Total	100.0	

Geographic Distribution		%
United States	52.0	
Other Countries	33.6	
Canada	6.4	
United Kingdom	5.3	
Cash and Equivalents	2.7	
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.