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NEI Investments Announces Risk Rating Change for Two Investment Funds

TORONTO, June 25, 2021 – NEI Investments ("NEI") announced today changes to the risk ratings for two of its investment funds, effective today. These changes are in accordance with the Risk Classification Methodology mandated by the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA). There is no change to the investment objectives or strategies of these funds associated with the new risk ratings.

| Fund | Previous risk rating | New risk rating |
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| NEI Canadian Equity RS Fund | Low to medium | Medium |
| NEI Canadian Dividend Fund | Low to medium | Medium |

A summary of the CSA's Risk Classification Methodology and the investment objectives and strategies of the investment funds can be found in the NEI Investments Simplified Prospectus, which is available at www.neiinvestments.com, www.ne

About NEI Investments

"NEI Investments" and "NEI" refer to Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., an Ontario limited partnership. NEI Investments is a Canadian asset manager committed to providing focused investment solutions, advised by independent portfolio managers from around the globe. NEI delivers disciplined, active asset management with a longstanding focus on environmental, social, and governance factors, with a well-defined corporate engagement process designed to create sustainable long-term value. NEI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aviso Wealth.

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