



NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

As at September 30, 2024

This Annual Management Report of Fund Performance contains financial highlights but does not contain either semi-annual or annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can obtain a copy of the semi-annual or annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-888-809-3333, by writing us at Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P., 151 Yonge Street Suite 1200, Toronto, ON M5C 2W7 or by visiting our website at www.neiinvestments.com or SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

Unitholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

Management Discussion of Performance

Investment Objective and Strategies

NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio's (the "Fund") investment objective is to generate income while providing some capital growth over the longterm through exposure to foreign and Canadian fixed income and money market instruments and exposure to foreign and Canadian equity securities while primarily focussing on positive environmental and/or social impact. To achieve its objective, the Fund will invest in underlying funds, which may be managed by NEI Investments. The Fund follows a responsible approach to investing, as described in the simplified prospectus of the Fund.

The Portfolio Manager uses strategic asset allocation as the principal investment strategy. The Portfolio Manager fulfills the Fund's investment mandate primarily by selecting underlying funds that seek to provide positive and measurable environmental and/or social impact, in addition to investment returns. For each of the applicable underlying funds in the Fund, the Portfolio Manager uses metrics to understand the nature of the impact generated by the underlying fund to ensure that the underlying investments are making progress towards the desired impact, and to quantify and measure the impact, as applicable. The Portfolio Manager's impact selection criteria identifies underlying funds whose environmental and social impacts include, but are not limited to, climate change and human empowerment, as may be amended from time to time. Each of the underlying funds in the Fund must integrate environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors into their investment processes as a fundamental feature. In addition to ESG factors, the Portfolio Manager selects the underlying funds in consideration of other quantitative factors including expected return, volatility and correlation while also accounting for various qualitative factors. The Portfolio Manager may, in its sole discretion, modify the asset mix, change percentage holdings of any underlying fund, remove any underlying fund or add additional underlying funds. Each of the Fund and the underlying funds may temporarily hold a portion of its assets in cash or fixed income securities while seeking investment opportunities or for defensive purposes during times of anticipated market volatility. The current target ranges, which are subject to adjustment from time to time under the discretion of the Portfolio Manager, of the asset class allocation for the Fund are 45-75% fixed income and 25-55% equity. The percentages are approximate due to continuous market fluctuations and administrative efficiencies. As a result, the actual percentages invested in the asset classes on any given day may not exactly conform to the percentages set forth above. Rebalancing will be done at the discretion of the Portfolio Manager.

Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the simplified prospectus. This Fund is suitable for investors investing for the short to medium term, with a low to medium tolerance for risk. Any changes in the Fund have not affected the overall level of risk of the Fund.

Results of Operations

The NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio's Series A units returned 16.8% for the twelve-month period ended September 30, 2024 compared with a return of 18.1% 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 60% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (C\$ Hedged) and 40% MSCI ACWI NR Index (C\$).

The Fund's net asset value increased by 1,052.45% during the period, from \$333,540 as at September 30, 2023 to \$3,843,871 as at September 30, 2024. This change in net assets is attributed to net unitholder activity of \$3,178,414 and \$331,917 to investment operations, including market appreciation (depreciation), income and expenses.

Market Overview

The period from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, was marked by significant market fluctuations and a notable recovery for investors. After a challenging start to the fiscal year, global equity markets rebounded strongly in late 2023 and early 2024.

The S&P 500 Index ("S&P 500") and Dow Jones Industrial Average ("DJIA") reached record highs, with the S&P 500 gaining around 20%. This surge was largely driven by favourable economic data and the U.S. Federal Reserve Board's (the "Fed's") decision to cut interest rates by 50 basis points in late September, alleviating concerns over prolonged monetary tightening. Information Technology stocks led the charge, with the Nasdaq Composite Index experiencing substantial gains as investor confidence returned. The Materials sector also performed well, particularly in Canada, contributing to a 9.7% increase in the S&P/TSX Composite Index for the third quarter of 2024. However, fixed income markets faced challenges due to persistent inflationary pressures that kept yields elevated, resulting in mixed outcomes for bond investors.

As we moved into early 2024, economic indicators continued to support an economic "soft landing" narrative. The labour market remained robust, with job creation exceeding expectations and unemployment dipping slightly, further fueling investor optimism. Over the period, all major asset classes posted impressive returns. The FTSE Universe Bond Index rose by approximately 6.9%, while the MSCI All Country World Index surged by about 20.2%, reflecting a broad-based rally across global markets.

Factors That Have Affected Performance

Contributors to performance included NEI Canadian Impact Bond Fund, NEI Global Impact Bond Fund and over-the-benchmark allocations to fixed income. The main detractor from performance was NEI Clean Infrastructure Fund.

Portfolio Changes

NEI launched NEI Global Corporate Leaders Fund, a global equity fund that invests in companies well positioned to tap into financial growth opportunities driven by demographic and societal trends and supported by strong corporate cultures. The addition of NEI Global Corporate Leaders Fund to NEI Impact Portfolios offered improved risk characteristics and lower factor tilts, while expanding sector and regional diversification. It also resulted in reduced allocations of NEI Clean Infrastructure Fund and NEI Environmental Leaders Fund.

Environmental, Social, And Governance (“ESG”) Activities

In addition to any ESG-related commentary made in the sections above, other ESG-related activities undertaken in the period are described here. The activities are presented in connection with the top five underlying funds by weight that NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio invests in.

NEI Global Impact Bond Fund: During the calendar year 2023, a bond issued by HTA Group Ltd. financed the construction of 14,097 telecommunications towers across Africa and the Middle East, exceeding the portfolio sub-advisor's expectations with a 24% annualized improvement over the three-year period from 2020. A bond issued by Block Inc. financed the company's financial services technology, which was used to process US\$228 billion for small businesses. This was a 24% annualized improvement over the three-year period from 2020, exceeding the portfolio sub-advisor's expectations.*

NEI Canadian Impact Bond Fund: During the calendar year 2023, bonds issued by CPPIB Capital Inc., Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp., National Bank of Canada, Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. and Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec financed the creation of 10,699 megawatts of renewable energy generation capacity. Bonds issued by Choice Properties REIT and RioCan REIT financed 1.5 million square feet of certified green building space.*

NEI Environmental Leaders Fund: For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2023, a \$1 million investment in the Fund would have generated 19 megawatt hours of renewable energy; provided, saved or treated 44 megalitres of water; recovered or treated 87 tonnes of waste material; and, avoided 151 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions.**

NEI Global Corporate Leaders Fund: The Fund's holdings had a weighted average revenue from products and services benefiting society of 79% as at September 30, 2024.

NEI Global Dividend RS Fund: The carbon intensity of the Fund was 127 tons per US\$1 million of sales as of the end of the reporting period, compared to 167 tons one year ago, and compared to 135 tons for the MSCI World Index. The carbon intensity for the Fund's baseline year of 2019 was 238 tons per US\$1 million of sales.

*This is a non-exhaustive list of impact metrics. Impact metrics for the Fund are the latest metrics available. They do not necessarily align with the 12-month period covered in this Management Report of Fund Performance, due to the length of time required to collect and prepare impact data for reporting purposes. The impact metrics are based on the full value of the bond issuance and do not reflect the proportional investment of the Fund.

**Impact metrics for the Fund are the latest metrics available. They do not necessarily align with the 12-month period covered in this Management Report of Fund Performance, due to the length of time required to collect and prepare impact data for reporting purposes.

Recent Developments

Recent developments in the financial landscape have been shaped by central banks' strategic decisions and evolving economic conditions. In September 2024, the Fed cut interest rates by 50 basis points, its first reduction since 2020, reflecting confidence that inflation is moderating toward the target of 2%. This move spurred positive reactions in global equity markets, with the S&P 500 and DJIA reaching record highs, driven by strong earnings growth.

During the summer of 2024, markets experienced heightened volatility as investors reacted to mixed economic signals and political uncertainties surrounding the upcoming U.S. presidential election. The election cycle has historically influenced market behavior, with increased volatility typically observed in the months leading up to election day. This year is no exception, as both major parties present starkly different visions for America's economic future, contributing to investor apprehension.

In Canada, economic growth has remained below potential, but recent interest rate cuts from the Bank of Canada have created a more supportive environment for consumer spending and investment. Overall, the interplay between monetary policy and economic indicators is shaping a dynamic investment environment, prompting asset managers to prioritize geographic and sector diversification as they navigate these changes.

On June 28, 2024, the exclusionary screens for gambling and nuclear power were removed from the Fund.

The term of Mr. W. William Woods ended on September 30, 2024. Mr. Woods had served with distinction on the Independent Review Committee ("IRC") since 2015. After consulting with the Manager, the IRC decided to replace Mr. Woods with Mr. Jean Morissette. Mr. Morissette was appointed as a new IRC member effective October 1, 2024, for a one (1) year term. Ms. Caroline Cathcart will continue in her role as an IRC member, and Ms. McCarthy will continue to serve as both an IRC member and the Chair.

Related Party Transactions

Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. ("NEI LP" and "NEI Investments") 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, CU CUMIS Wealth Holdings LP, 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 DSI and amounts received from underlying funds managed by NEI LP during the period are presented.

	September 2024 (\$)	September 2023 (\$)
Amounts received from underlying funds	73,730	1,693



NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio

The Fund's sub-advisors may place a portion of the Fund's portfolio 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.

Effective April 1, 2024, Credential Asset Management Inc. and Credential Qtrade Securities Inc. merged into Aviso Financial Inc. As a result, the Fund is now distributed through Aviso Financial 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 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 of Distributions ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	
A	Sept. 2024	9.48	0.37	-0.20	0.23	1.18	1.58	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.08	10.98
	Sept. 2023	10.00	0.12	-0.04	-0.01	-0.79	-0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.48
F	Sept. 2024	9.51	0.39	-0.09	0.23	0.88	1.41	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.08	11.14
	Sept. 2023	10.00	0.08	-0.01	-0.01	-0.55	-0.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.51
O	Sept. 2024	9.52	0.34	-0.01	0.22	1.23	1.78	0.00	0.01	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.17	11.14
	Sept. 2023	10.00	0.08	0.00	-0.01	-0.55	-0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.52

(1) All per unit figures presented in 2024 are referenced to net assets determined in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2024.

(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 (\$)
A	Sept. 2024	2,456	224	1.96	1.96	0.05	65.65	10.98
	Sept. 2023	332	35	1.99	1.99	0.15	10.24	9.48
F	Sept. 2024	1,387	125	0.82	0.82	0.05	65.65	11.14
	Sept. 2023	1	-	0.84	0.84	0.15	10.24	9.51
O	Sept. 2024	1	-	0.08	0.08	0.05	65.65	11.14
	Sept. 2023	1	-	0.09	0.09	0.15	10.24	9.52

(1) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses charged to the Fund (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. The Fund's management expense ratio includes a proportion of the management expense ratio from underlying ETFs held in the Fund's portfolio during the period. See Management Fees for more information.

(2) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The Fund's trading expense ratio includes a proportion of the trading expense ratio from underlying ETFs held in the Fund's portfolio 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 Manager receives management fees, before HST, from the Fund, which are calculated daily and based on the net asset value of the Fund at an annual rate shown below. The Fund does not pay management fees for Serie O units. Series 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 units of the Fund.

In addition to the fees and expenses directly payable by the Fund, certain fees and expenses may be payable by some underlying funds. The Fund indirectly bears its proportionate share of such fees and expenses. However, the Fund does not pay any management fees, or similar expenses that, in the view of the Manager, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by an investor in any underlying fund for the same service.

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	1.55	47.72	52.28
Series F	0.55	100.00	N/A

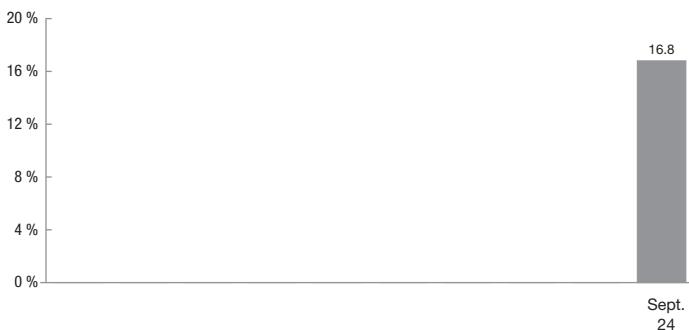
Past Performance

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.

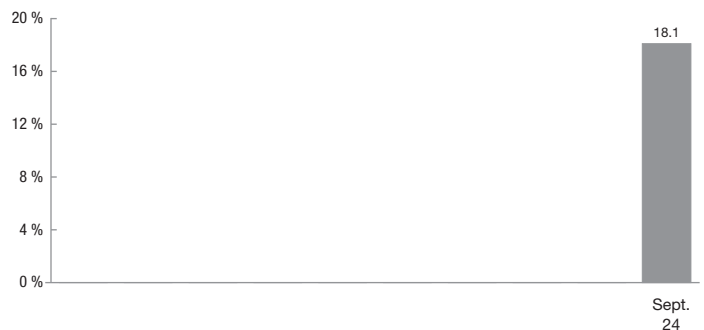
Year-by-Year Returns

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. 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.

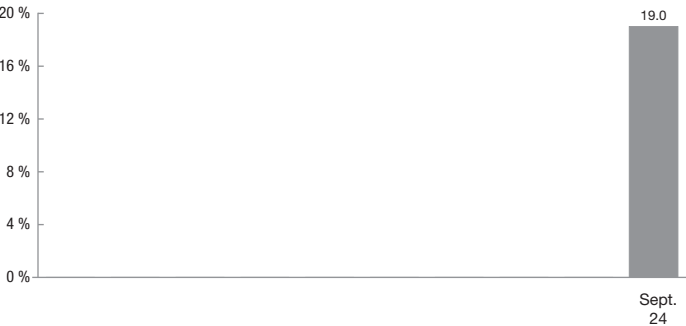
Series A



Series F



Series O



Annualized Compound Returns

The following table shows the annual compound returns for all series of the Fund. All returns are in Canadian dollars, on a total return basis, net of fees. For comparison, the returns for the benchmark are included. A discussion regarding the relative performance of the Fund is found in the Results of Operations section of this report and a description of indexes can be found in the Annualized Compound Returns section of this report.

The blended benchmark is composed of 60% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (C\$ Hedged) and 40% MSCI ACWI NR Index (C\$).

The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index is a flagship measure of global investment grade debt from twenty-four local currency markets. This multi-currency benchmark includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging markets issuers. This is a Canadian dollar hedged index.

The MSCI ACWI Index is designed to represent performance of the full opportunity set of large- and mid-cap stocks across developed and emerging markets. It is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted Index.

While the Fund uses this benchmark for long-term performance comparisons, it is not managed relative to the composition of the above-noted index. As a result, the Fund may experience periods when its performance is not aligned with this index, either positively or negatively. Please see the "Results of Operations" section of this report for a discussion of recent performance results.

Group/Investment	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Since Inception ^(*) (%)
60% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (C\$ Hedged), 40% MSCI ACWI NR Index (C\$)	18.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	**
NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio, Series A	16.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.8
NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio, Series F	18.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.1
NEI Impact Conservative Portfolio, Series O	19.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.9

^(*)Since inception returns are not provided for series that have been in existence for more than 10 years.

^(*)The return of the benchmark since inception for each applicable series is as follows: Series A: 12.5%, Series F: 12.5%, Series O: 12.5%.

Neither MSCI nor any other party involved in or related to compiling, computing or creating the MSCI data makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect to such data (or the results to be obtained by the use thereof), and all such parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, merchantability or fitness for particular purpose with respect to any such data. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall MSCI, any of its affiliates or any third party involved in or related to compiling, computing or creating the data have any liability for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential or any other damages (including lost profits) even if notified of the possibility of such damages. No further distribution or dissemination of the MSCI data is permitted without MSCI's express written consent.

The blended returns are calculated by NEI Investments using end of day index level values licenses from MSCI ("MSCI Data"). For the avoidance of doubt, MSCI is not the benchmark "administrator" for, or a "contributor", "submitter" or "supervised contributor" to, the blended returns, and the MSCI Data is not considered a "contribution" or "submission" in relation to the blended returns, as those terms may be defined in any rules, laws, regulations, legislation or international standards. MSCI Data is provided "AS IS" without warranty or liability and no copying or distribution is permitted. MSCI does not make any representation regarding the advisability of any investment or strategy and does not sponsor, promote, issue, sell or otherwise recommend or endorse any investment or strategy, including any financial products or strategies based on, tracking or otherwise utilizing any MSCI Data, models, analytics or other materials or information.

Summary of Investment Portfolio as at September 30, 2024

Total Net Asset Value: \$3,843,871

Top Holdings	%	Sector Allocation ⁽¹⁾	%
NEI Global Impact Bond Fund, Series I	40.9	Corporate Bonds	17.9
NEI Canadian Impact Bond Fund, Series I	14.8	Index-Based Investments	10.6
NEI Environmental Leaders Fund, Series I	12.0	Mortgage-Backed Securities	9.1
NEI Global Corporate Leaders Fund, Series I	9.0	Foreign Government Bonds	8.9
NEI Global Dividend RS Fund, Series I	6.9	Utilities	6.5
NEI Clean Infrastructure Fund, Series I	5.3	Information Technology	5.9
Invesco ESG NASDAQ 100 Index ETF	3.5	Cash and Equivalents	5.7
iShares USD Green Bond ETF	3.5	Industrials	5.5
Invesco S&P 500 ESG Index ETF	2.7	Provincial and Crown Corporations Bonds	4.5
Invesco S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats ESG Index ETF (CAD)	1.0	Health Care	4.1
Cash and Equivalents	0.4	Municipal Bonds	3.3
Total	100.0	Supranational Bonds	2.8
		Financials	2.8
		Federal Bonds	2.4
		Materials	2.1
		Consumer Staples	2.1
		Asset-Backed Securities	2.1
		Consumer Discretionary	2.0
		Communication Services	1.0
		Real Estate	0.4
		U.S. Government Bonds	0.3
		Energy	0.3
		Other	-0.3
		Total	100.0

(1) Table represents an aggregated "look-through" of the top positions and category summaries that are held in the top and underlying fund(s).

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. Updates are available quarterly. For the prospectus and other information about the underlying investment fund(s) held in the portfolio, visit www.neiinvestments.com or www.sedarplus.ca.