



Semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance

As at March 31, 2024

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Management Discussion of Performance

Results of Operations

The NEI ESG Canadian Enhanced Index Fund's Series A units returned 14.4% for the six-month period ended March 31, 2024 compared with a return of 15.2% 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 Solactive Canada Broad Market Index.

The Fund's net asset value decreased by 38.07% during the period, from \$317,588,854 as at September 30, 2023 to \$196,696,713 as at March 31, 2024. This change in net assets is attributed to net unitholder activity of -\$159,804,797 and \$38,912,656 to investment operations, including market appreciation (depreciation), income and expenses.

Market Overview

The fourth quarter of 2023 delivered a welcome gift for investors. After the slight reality check at the beginning of October, the remainder of the year saw strong returns across most major asset classes. The central banks' indication that the tightening cycle has likely come to an end and the possibility of interest rate cuts in 2024 boosted almost all markets.

In the first quarter of 2024, resilient economic data continued to support the economic "soft landing" narrative and pushed equity markets around the world to new record highs. All global regions posted strong returns with Japan leading the pack. While equity investors welcomed strong economic data, the start to 2024 was a more challenging period for fixed income investors. Stickier inflation and resilience in economic activity shifted market expectations of interest rate cuts and push yields higher, which led to losses in fixed income markets.

For the six-month period ending March 31, 2024, markets across asset classes in key regions all registered extraordinary gains, with the FTSE Universe Bond Index advancing 6.9%, and the MSCI All Country World Index gaining 20.2%.

Factors That Have Affected Performance

The Fund's underweight allocation to the Energy and Information Technology sectors added value, while the Fund's overweight to the Materials, Communication Services, and Consumer Discretionary sectors detracted from performance.

Security selection in Information Technology, Energy, and Industrials added to performance while security selection in Financials detracted. Securities that added to performance included Shopify Inc., Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd., Kinross Gold Corp., and Loblaw Cos. Ltd. The Fund's exclusion of Barrick Gold Corp. was a partial detractor to performance.

Portfolio Changes

The Fund's last rebalancing in the period was in February 2024. NEI's Responsible Investing team (RI team) classified 48 companies as outperformers relative to their peers with respect to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors, 119 as in the middle, and 36 as underperformers.

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 RI team engaged 45 companies, including Loblaw, Bank of Nova Scotia, and Suncor Energy Inc., on topics such as supply chain risks, net-zero commitments and transition plans, and nature impacts.

The RI team voted against management on 57% of the proxy items at eight annual general meetings and/or special meetings. They supported 88% of eight shareholder resolutions filed on ESG topics such as anticompetitive practices, auditor rotation, and the ability to hold virtual and in-person annual general meetings. All votes cast on shareholder resolutions were consistent with NEI's Proxy Voting Guidelines, available at www.neiinvestments.com.

Recent Developments

Central banks are eager to gain confidence that inflation has reached and will remain at the target range for long enough that they can begin cutting interest rates. They are also concerned that higher rates for too long could cause damage to aggregate demand. While the timing of rate cuts may be pushed out until later in the year, we believe the current environment of moderate growth coupled with declining inflation creates a constructive environment for risk assets.

Although the U.S. "exceptionalism" may continue given the superior level of earnings growth and market dominance in the development of artificial intelligence capabilities, the rich valuation in U.S. equities has likely sown the seeds for a more muted performance in the future relative to international equities given their much cheaper valuations. It is prudent to consider having appropriate geographic, in addition to sector and style diversification in a well-diversified portfolio.

In Canada, economic growth remains below potential, but better clarity on path of interest rate cuts may provide relief.

In fixed income, although bond markets have suffered, given the decreased likelihood of imminent rate cuts, we think bonds still offer compelling yields at current levels, and are able to provide a buffer to equity volatility in the case of an economic downturn. Positive real yields make the income side of the equation for bonds more attractive, plus expectations for rate cuts later in 2024 may add capital appreciation potential in the years ahead.

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 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 ESG Canadian Enhanced Index Fund

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 received standing instructions from the IRC with respect to the following related party transactions: usage brokers related to the manager for brokerage services.

The purchase and sale of portfolio securities is arranged by the Manager through registered brokers or dealers. The Manager has a regulatory obligation to make reasonable efforts to achieve best execution of those portfolio trades when acting for the Funds. Best execution refers to the most advantageous execution terms reasonably available under the circumstances. The Manager may choose to execute all or portion of the Fund's portfolio transactions with Credential Qtrade Securities Inc., an affiliate of the Manager. The Manager applies its best execution policy in respect of both affiliated and non-affiliated dealers. Specifically, any trade allocation to an affiliated dealer is based on an assessment of the same best execution criteria. Because Credential Qtrade Securities Inc. is an affiliate of the Manager and the interrelationship of their businesses, a conflict of interest exists that has the potential of influencing the Manager's choice of Credential Qtrade Securities Inc. to execute Fund portfolio transactions. The Manager addresses this conflict of interest by applying its best execution policy and by following usage brokers related to the manager for brokerage services standing instructions issued by the Funds' independent review committee.

The Manager is required to advise the IRC of any material breach of a condition of the standing instructions. The standing instructions require, among other things, that final decision by the Manager to use an affiliate dealer must always be made with the best interest of the Fund as the primary consideration.

Transactions made by the Manager under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC to monitor compliance. The Fund relied on the IRC's standing instructions regarding related party transactions during this reporting period.

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, 2024 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. 2024	24.51	0.43	-0.23	1.70	1.56	3.46	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.45	27.55
	Sept. 2023	23.20	0.83	-0.46	0.22	1.38	1.97	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.49	24.51
	Sept. 2022	25.17	0.76	-0.47	0.64	-2.41	-1.48	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	23.20
	Sept. 2021	19.95	0.64	-0.42	0.22	5.20	5.64	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	25.17
	Sept. 2020	22.03	0.66	-0.41	0.20	-2.36	-1.91	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	19.95
	Sept. 2019	19.20	0.49	-0.33	0.37	2.36	2.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.03
F	Mar. 2024	25.37	0.45	-0.08	1.75	1.63	3.75	0.00	0.73	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.79	28.35
	Sept. 2023	23.96	0.86	-0.16	0.23	1.38	2.31	0.00	0.58	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.76	25.37
	Sept. 2022	26.01	0.78	-0.16	0.65	-3.44	-2.17	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	23.96
	Sept. 2021	20.59	0.68	-0.15	0.22	5.19	5.94	0.00	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.54	26.01
	Sept. 2020	22.68	0.71	-0.17	0.20	-2.44	-1.70	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	20.59
	Sept. 2019	19.57	0.52	-0.14	0.38	2.33	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.68
I	Mar. 2024	12.65	0.22	0.00	0.87	0.71	1.80	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.46	14.11
	Sept. 2023	11.97	0.43	0.00	0.11	0.60	1.14	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.48	12.65
	Sept. 2022	12.87	0.39	0.00	0.32	-1.44	-0.73	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	11.97
	Sept. 2021	9.95	0.32	0.00	0.12	1.25	1.69	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	12.87
	Sept. 2020	10.95	0.33	0.00	0.10	-1.15	-0.72	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	9.95
	Sept. 2019	9.39	0.24	0.00	0.18	1.13	1.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.95
O	Mar. 2024	16.34	0.29	0.00	1.13	1.04	2.46	0.00	0.54	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.58	18.23
	Sept. 2023	15.45	0.55	-0.01	0.15	0.74	1.43	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.60	16.34
	Sept. 2022	16.83	0.50	-0.01	0.42	-1.71	-0.80	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48	15.45
	Sept. 2021	13.27	0.43	-0.01	0.14	3.82	4.38	0.01	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	16.83
	Sept. 2020	14.62	0.44	-0.01	0.13	-0.65	-0.09	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38	13.27
	Sept. 2019	12.55	0.32	-0.01	0.24	1.45	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.62
P	Mar. 2024	12.02	0.21	-0.10	0.83	0.76	1.70	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.24	13.50
	Sept. 2023	11.38	0.41	-0.20	0.11	0.57	0.89	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.27	12.02
	Sept. 2022	12.33	0.37	-0.21	0.31	-1.27	-0.80	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	11.38
	Sept. 2021	9.78	0.31	-0.19	0.11	2.41	2.64	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	12.33
	Sept. 2020	10.79	0.33	-0.18	0.10	-1.18	-0.93	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	9.78
	Sept. 2019	9.39	0.24	-0.15	0.18	1.05	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.79
PF	Mar. 2024	12.06	0.21	-0.03	0.83	0.77	1.78	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.36	13.50
	Sept. 2023	11.40	0.41	-0.06	0.11	0.56	1.02	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.39	12.06
	Sept. 2022	12.31	0.37	-0.06	0.31	-1.61	-0.99	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	11.40
	Sept. 2021	9.89	0.31	-0.06	0.11	2.34	2.70	0.00	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.42	12.31
	Sept. 2020	10.89	0.33	-0.07	0.10	-2.29	-1.93	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	9.89
	Sept. 2019	9.39	0.24	-0.05	0.18	1.31	1.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.89

(1) All per unit figures presented in 2024 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, 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 ⁽⁴⁾	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	Mar. 2024	13,583	493	1.82	1.82	0.00	4.65	27.55
	Sept. 2023	12,990	530	1.83	1.83	0.00	11.90	24.51
	Sept. 2022	13,879	598	1.82	1.82	0.00	18.75	23.20
	Sept. 2021	17,286	687	1.82	1.82	0.00	7.72	25.17
	Sept. 2020	16,211	812	2.01	2.01	0.03	66.11	19.95
	Sept. 2019	22,198	1,007	2.09	2.09	0.00	11.95	22.03
F	Mar. 2024	4,635	164	0.61	0.61	0.00	4.65	28.35
	Sept. 2023	4,230	167	0.61	0.61	0.00	11.90	25.37
	Sept. 2022	4,078	170	0.61	0.61	0.00	18.75	23.96
	Sept. 2021	3,382	130	0.61	0.61	0.00	7.72	26.01
	Sept. 2020	2,760	134	0.78	0.78	0.03	66.11	20.59
	Sept. 2019	3,129	138	0.88	0.88	0.00	11.95	22.68
I	Mar. 2024	132,111	9,363	N/A	N/A	0.00	4.65	14.11
	Sept. 2023	258,602	20,438	N/A	N/A	0.00	11.90	12.65
	Sept. 2022	232,681	19,439	N/A	N/A	0.00	18.75	11.97
	Sept. 2021	235,999	18,340	N/A	N/A	0.00	7.72	12.87
	Sept. 2020	1	-	N/A	N/A	0.03	66.11	9.95
	Sept. 2019	1	-	N/A	N/A	0.00	11.95	10.95
O	Mar. 2024	29,338	1,609	0.04	0.04	0.00	4.65	18.23
	Sept. 2023	26,323	1,611	0.04	0.04	0.00	11.90	16.34
	Sept. 2022	22,336	1,445	0.04	0.04	0.00	18.75	15.45
	Sept. 2021	25,720	1,528	0.05	0.05	0.00	7.72	16.83
	Sept. 2020	36,809	2,773	0.05	0.05	0.03	66.11	13.27
	Sept. 2019	28,521	1,951	0.05	0.05	0.00	11.95	14.62
P	Mar. 2024	8,989	666	1.66	1.66	0.00	4.65	13.50
	Sept. 2023	8,059	671	1.66	1.66	0.00	11.90	12.02
	Sept. 2022	7,715	678	1.66	1.66	0.00	18.75	11.38
	Sept. 2021	9,013	731	1.66	1.66	0.00	7.72	12.33
	Sept. 2020	6,531	668	1.79	1.79	0.03	66.11	9.78
	Sept. 2019	7,987	740	1.89	1.89	0.00	11.95	10.79
PF	Mar. 2024	8,040	596	0.50	0.50	0.00	4.65	13.50
	Sept. 2023	7,386	613	0.50	0.50	0.00	11.90	12.06
	Sept. 2022	6,341	556	0.50	0.50	0.00	18.75	11.40
	Sept. 2021	5,489	446	0.50	0.50	0.00	7.72	12.31
	Sept. 2020	3,563	360	0.64	0.64	0.03	66.11	9.89
	Sept. 2019	11,763	1,080	0.69	0.69	0.00	11.95	10.89

(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 portfolio 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) The Fund changed the fiscal year end date from December 31 to September 30. Expense ratios for period ended September 30, 2019 reflect nine-month reporting period from December 31, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

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	1.40	36.14	63.86
Series F	0.40	100.00	N/A
Series P	1.30	22.97	77.03
Series PF	0.30	100.00	N/A

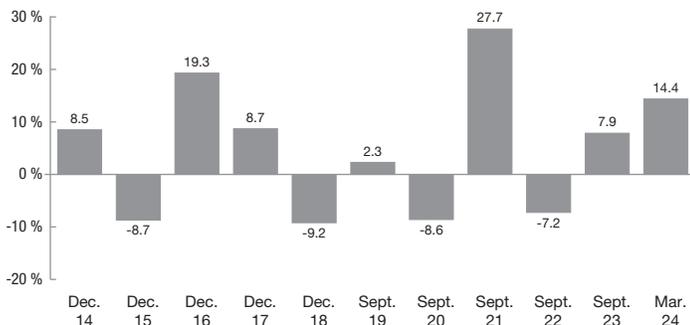
Past Performance

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.

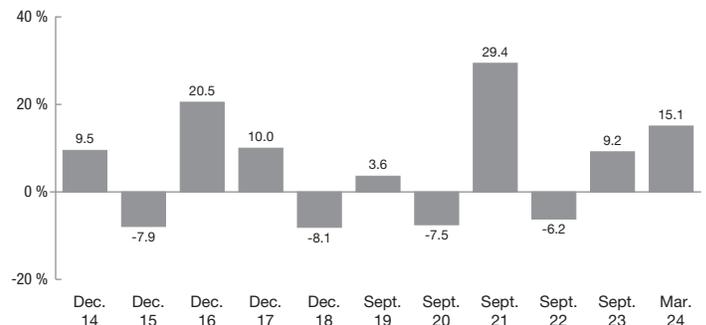
Year-by-Year Returns

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 2024, which shows the six-month return for the period ended March 31, 2024. 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.

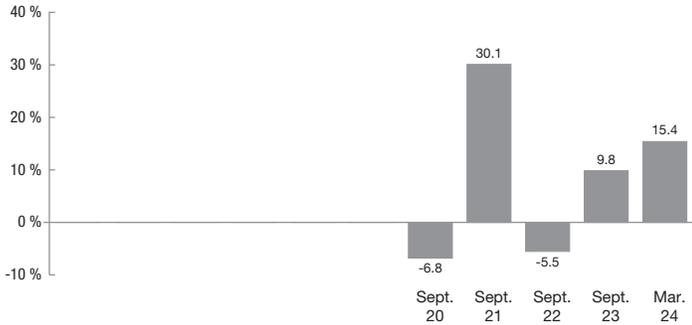
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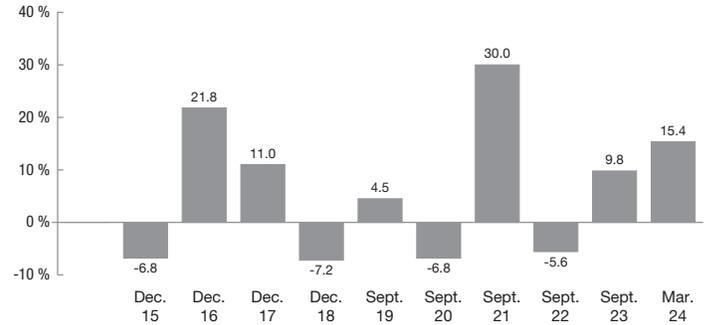
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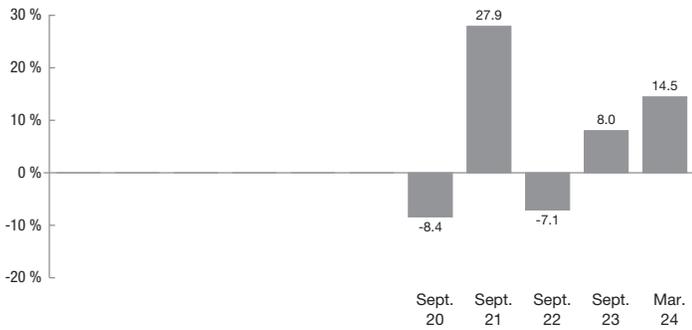
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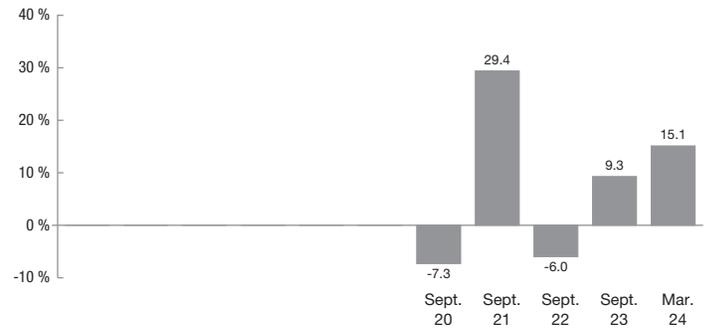
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Series P



Series PF



There was an investment objective change effective May 1, 2020. Performance for the periods before and after this change could have differed had the change not occurred or occurred at a different date.

Summary of Investment Portfolio as at March 31, 2024

Total Net Asset Value: \$196,696,713

Top Holdings	%
Royal Bank of Canada	6.2
Toronto-Dominion Bank	4.8
Shopify, Class A	3.8
Canadian Natural Resources	3.5
Canadian Pacific Kansas City	3.5
Enbridge	3.4
Canadian National Railway Company	3.4
Bank of Montreal	3.1
Scotiabank	2.7
Brookfield, Class A	2.7
Agnico Eagle Mines	2.4
Suncor Energy	2.2
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	2.1
Manulife Financial	2.0
Waste Connections	1.9
Wheaton Precious Metals	1.8
TC Energy	1.8
TELUS	1.6
CGI, Class A	1.6
Sun Life Financial	1.4
Loblaw Companies	1.4
BCE	1.3
National Bank of Canada	1.3
Restaurant Brands International	1.2
Nutrien	1.2
Total	62.3

Net Asset Value Mix	%
Equity	98.0
Unit Trust	1.5
Cash and Equivalents	0.5
Total	100.0

Sector Allocation	%
Financials	31.1
Energy	17.1
Industrials	15.0
Materials	12.4
Information Technology	8.1
Consumer Discretionary	4.1
Communication Services	3.4
Consumer Staples	3.1
Utilities	3.0
Real Estate	1.9
Cash and Equivalents	0.5
Health Care	0.3
Total	100.0

Geographic Distribution	%
Canada	99.5
Cash and Equivalents	0.5
Total	100.0

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

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