

Semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance

As at March 31, 2022

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Management Discussion of Performance

Results of Operations

The NEI U.S. Dividend Fund's Series A units returned 7.4% for the six months ended March 31, 2022 compared with a return of 5.1% 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 benchmark for this Fund is the Russell 3000 Value TR Index (C\$).

The Fund's net asset value decreased by 4.48% during the period, from \$66,473,663 as at September 30, 2021 to \$63,494,457 as at March 31, 2022. This change in net assets is attributed to net unitholder activity of -\$8,319,668 and \$5,340,462 to investment operations, including market appreciation (depreciation), income and expenses.

Factors That Have Affected Performance

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index rose +7.0% in the 12 months ending in December 2021, the largest annual increase in nearly four decades. This surge was fueled by the lockdown-induced supply chain disruptions around the globe and increased commodity prices, particularly in Energy where both gasoline and fuel oil prices were up over 40% in the period.

While this inflationary impulse was broadly discounted as 'transitory' in its early stages, in Q4/2021 conditions continued to develop in a manner that could fuel a sustained period of elevated price increases. On the demand side of the equation, the Atlanta Fed's GDPNow, a real-time estimate for the annualized change in economic activity, consistently pointed toward robust, +7% to +8%, nominal economic growth in Q4/2021. On the supply side, one of the key elements that underpins strong economic growth – the labor market – tightened substantially. By the end of the quarter, continuing jobless claims had fallen to pre-lockdown levels, average layoff announcements were at an all-time low, average initial unemployment claims were the lowest in more than 50 years, and the labor force participation rate remained largely unchanged for the year. With demand for labor high and supply tight, one would expect the unit price of labor (i.e., wages) to increase, an outcome that was confirmed by both the flood of reports of staffing difficulties and wage increases across the economy and the sharp acceleration in the Average Hourly Earnings and Employment Cost indices.

In Q1/2022, any remaining argument that the spike in inflation is 'transitory' was largely scuttled. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index rose +7.9% in the 12 months ending in February, the largest annual increase in four decades. In response to the accelerating decline in purchasing power of the dollar, central bank officials increased the Federal Funds rate by +25 bps in mid-March. The sudden tightening in monetary policy prompted a sharp spike in longer term interest rates, as the rate on two-year U.S. Treasury more than tripled to 2.43% and the five-year Treasury rate doubled to 2.55%, resulting in the worst quarterly performance for bonds in 40 years.

The largest positive drivers of relative return were stock selection in Health Care and stock selection in Industrials. The holdings with the highest contribution to active return during the period were AbbVie Inc. (ABBV), Marathon Petroleum Corp. (MPC), and Williams Companies Inc. (WMB).

The largest negative drivers of relative return were stock selection in Energy and stock selection in Consumer Staples. The holdings with the lowest contribution to active return were Comcast Corp. (CI A) (CMCSA), Unilever PLC Sponsored ADR (UL), and U.S. Bancorp (USB).

Recent Developments

Despite recent events, the portfolio sub-advisor's outlook is little changed year to date. The portfolio sub-advisor expected both monetary and fiscal policy would be a headwind this year, and in both cases, the portfolio sub-advisor was likely a bit too optimistic. The Federal Reserve appears to be taking an aggressive stance to rein in inflation expectations before it really spins out of control, and to date, Congress and the White House have failed to deliver another round of stimulus. While this is positive in relation to reduced inflationary pressure, the federal government is spending about \$1T less than it spent in the prior fiscal year, which is a large hole for private enterprise to fill. Rising interest rates and the threat of corporate tax increases could weigh on multiples in the months to come, but within the Fund at least, the portfolio sub-advisor has been able to keep valuations from being a significant concern to date. The big wildcard for 2022, economically at least, is inflation – everything hinges on the path of price increases in the next few months, and any easing in pressure could temper interest rate increases and/or short-sighted policy decisions from politicians and reduce the risk of a recession. All this near-term uncertainty, coupled with rising rates and poor bond returns, sets up well for cheaper, higher quality, defensive sectors in the months ahead. Given the recovery in earnings over the past 18 months and general strength in balance sheets, the portfolio sub-advisor expects that dividend growth could remain robust in H1/2022 and even accelerate in the second half of the year if margins remain healthy. With dividends poised to accelerate, value ascendant, and higher quality stocks set to lead, the portfolio sub-advisor remains positive about the near-term relative outlook for the Fund.

During the period, the portfolio sub-advisor established four new positions, eliminated four, ending the period with 51 positions, near the low end of the portfolio sub-advisor's expected range of 50 to 70 holdings. The two largest changes in relative sector weights during the period were: Information Technology – sector exposure increased as the portfolio sub-advisor decided to establish a new position in Fidelity National Information Services Inc. (FIS) and increase the position in Oracle Corp. (ORCL). Health Care – sector exposure decreased primarily due to eliminating the positions in Quest Diagnostics Inc. (DGX) and Cerner Corp. (CERN).

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 wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fédération.

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 distributed through Credential Asset Management Inc., Credential Qtrade Securities Inc., and members of the Desjardins group 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 six-month period ending March 31, 2022 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. 2022	11.71	0.18	-0.17	0.68	0.21	0.90	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.35	12.22
	Sept. 2021	10.41	0.40	-0.33	2.39	-0.31	2.15	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.61	0.68	11.71
	Sept. 2020	12.37	0.46	-0.34	-0.33	-1.05	-1.26	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.18	0.44	0.74	10.41
	Sept. 2019	12.52	0.47	-0.36	0.49	-0.09	0.51	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.20	0.40	0.71	12.37
	Sept. 2018	11.67	0.45	-0.37	0.80	0.32	1.20	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.29	12.52
	Sept. 2017	11.27	0.42	-0.35	0.67	-0.24	0.50	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	11.67
F	Mar. 2022	20.31	0.32	-0.19	1.18	0.29	1.60	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.61	21.31
	Sept. 2021	17.87	0.69	-0.36	4.09	0.04	4.46	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.84	1.18	20.31
	Sept. 2020	21.00	0.80	-0.38	-0.56	-1.48	-1.62	0.00	0.42	0.00	0.27	0.56	1.25	17.87
	Sept. 2019	21.03	0.80	-0.40	0.82	-0.06	1.16	0.00	0.41	0.00	0.32	0.45	1.18	21.00
	Sept. 2018	19.52	0.76	-0.40	1.34	0.50	2.20	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.60	21.03
	Sept. 2017	18.85	0.72	-0.37	1.13	-0.54	0.94	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	19.52
I	Mar. 2022	20.52	0.34	-0.05	1.21	0.39	1.89	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39	21.91
	Sept. 2021	18.50	0.73	-0.11	4.20	1.02	5.84	0.00	0.57	0.00	1.46	0.00	2.03	20.52
	Sept. 2020	21.07	0.83	-0.13	-0.56	-1.39	-1.25	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.94	18.50
	Sept. 2019	20.67	0.79	-0.13	0.81	-0.16	1.31	0.00	0.68	0.00	0.32	0.00	1.00	21.07
	Sept. 2018	18.97	0.73	-0.13	1.31	0.36	2.27	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.62	20.67
	Sept. 2017	18.30	0.70	-0.11	1.10	-0.40	1.29	0.00	0.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.59	18.97
O	Mar. 2022	10.88	0.17	-0.03	0.64	0.16	0.94	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	11.66
	Sept. 2021	9.16	0.36	-0.06	2.18	-0.48	2.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	10.88
	Sept. 2020	10.44	0.40	-0.07	-0.28	-0.84	-0.79	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.47	9.16
	Sept. 2019	10.25	0.40	-0.07	0.40	-0.02	0.71	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.49	10.44
	Sept. 2018	10.00	0.12	-0.02	0.68	-0.46	0.32	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	10.25
	Sept. 2017	13.07	0.52	-0.39	0.78	-0.78	0.13	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	13.55
P	Mar. 2022	13.67	0.22	-0.19	0.79	0.21	1.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.41	14.28
	Sept. 2021	12.14	0.46	-0.36	2.80	-0.58	2.32	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.80	13.67
	Sept. 2020	14.39	0.54	-0.37	-0.38	-1.56	-1.77	0.00	0.17	0.00	0.21	0.48	0.86	12.14
	Sept. 2019	14.54	0.55	-0.40	0.57	-0.05	0.67	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.22	0.44	0.82	14.39
	Sept. 2018	13.55	0.54	-0.40	0.95	0.37	1.46	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.35	14.54
	Sept. 2017	13.07	0.52	-0.39	0.78	-0.78	0.13	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	13.55
PF	Mar. 2022	14.22	0.23	-0.11	0.83	0.21	1.16	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.43	14.94
	Sept. 2021	12.48	0.47	-0.21	2.92	-1.08	2.10	0.00	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.83	14.22
	Sept. 2020	14.61	0.57	-0.22	-0.39	-1.41	-1.45	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.17	0.36	0.87	12.48
	Sept. 2019	14.59	0.56	-0.23	0.57	-0.04	0.86	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.22	0.26	0.81	14.61
	Sept. 2018	13.53	0.54	-0.24	0.95	0.33	1.58	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.44	14.59
	Sept. 2017	13.05	0.63	-0.23	0.78	-1.32	-0.14	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27	13.53

(1) All per unit figures presented in 2022 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, 2022.

(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	Mar. 2022	12,644.63	1,034.46	2.35	2.55	0.02	11.51	12.22
	Sept. 2021	13,450.19	1,148.71	2.33	2.55	0.03	16.16	11.71
	Sept. 2020	16,872.15	1,620.46	2.34	2.56	0.04	37.28	10.41
	Sept. 2019	24,870.23	2,011.31	2.32	2.54	0.04	35.49	12.37
	Sept. 2018	29,294.61	2,340.76	2.34	2.64	0.04	39.71	12.52
	Sept. 2017	38,383.07	3,288.09	2.35	2.68	0.05	88.35	11.67
F	Mar. 2022	4,242.79	199.06	1.31	1.36	0.02	11.51	21.31
	Sept. 2021	5,283.38	260.12	1.31	1.37	0.03	16.16	20.31
	Sept. 2020	12,844.39	718.58	1.32	1.38	0.04	37.28	17.87
	Sept. 2019	16,118.45	767.58	1.30	1.36	0.04	35.49	21.00
	Sept. 2018	16,781.98	798.07	1.30	1.44	0.04	39.71	21.03
	Sept. 2017	19,346.22	990.86	1.32	1.49	0.05	88.35	19.52
I	Mar. 2022	27,902.56	1,273.71	N/A	N/A	0.02	11.51	21.91
	Sept. 2021	30,829.13	1,502.29	N/A	N/A	0.03	16.16	20.52
	Sept. 2020	122,326.02	6,611.70	N/A	N/A	0.04	37.28	18.50
	Sept. 2019	110,216.61	5,231.43	N/A	N/A	0.04	35.49	21.07
	Sept. 2018	135,837.24	6,572.29	N/A	N/A	0.04	39.71	20.67
	Sept. 2017	134,800.50	7,105.02	N/A	N/A	0.05	88.35	18.97
O	Mar. 2022	1.35	0.12	0.05	0.05	0.02	11.51	11.66
	Sept. 2021	1.25	0.11	0.05	0.05	0.03	16.16	10.88
	Sept. 2020	1.02	0.11	0.05	0.05	0.04	37.28	9.16
	Sept. 2019	1.11	0.11	0.05	0.05	0.04	35.49	10.44
	Sept. 2018	1.03	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.04	39.71	10.25
P	Mar. 2022	4,981.58	348.80	2.17	2.17	0.02	11.51	14.28
	Sept. 2021	4,995.81	365.36	2.17	2.17	0.03	16.16	13.67
	Sept. 2020	4,149.02	341.65	2.18	2.18	0.04	37.28	12.14
	Sept. 2019	6,660.17	462.77	2.17	2.17	0.04	35.49	14.39
	Sept. 2018	6,190.43	425.70	2.18	2.34	0.04	39.71	14.54
	Sept. 2017	1,400.24	103.35	2.27	2.44	0.05	88.35	13.55
PF	Mar. 2022	13,721.54	918.18	1.02	1.02	0.02	11.51	14.94
	Sept. 2021	11,913.92	837.64	1.02	1.02	0.03	16.16	14.22
	Sept. 2020	5,967.77	478.09	1.03	1.03	0.04	37.28	12.48
	Sept. 2019	5,087.63	348.14	1.02	1.02	0.04	35.49	14.61
	Sept. 2018	4,469.63	306.44	1.05	1.13	0.04	39.71	14.59
	Sept. 2017	1,204.64	89.06	1.08	1.19	0.05	88.35	13.53

(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 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	1.90	55.24	44.76
Series F	0.90	100.00	N/A
Series P	1.65	39.39	60.61
Series PF	0.65	100.00	N/A

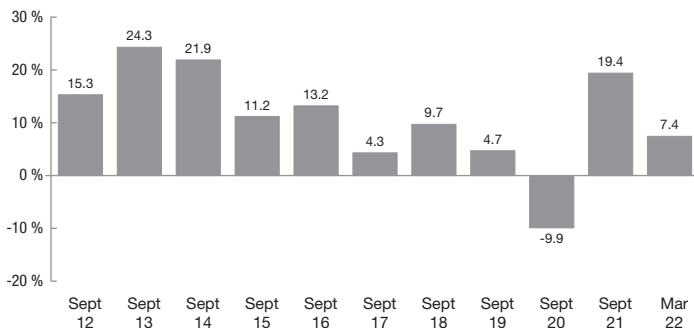
Past Performance

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.

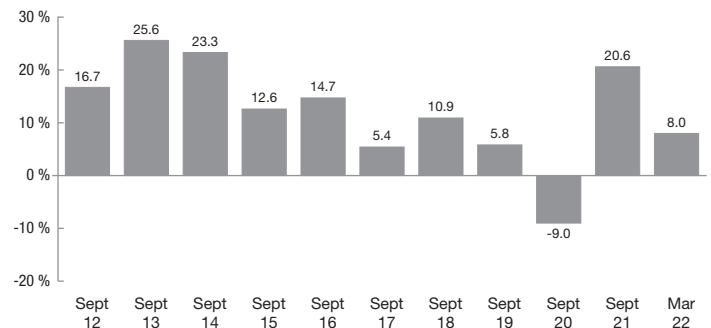
Year-by-Year Returns

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 2022, which shows the six-month return for the period ended March 31, 2022. 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.

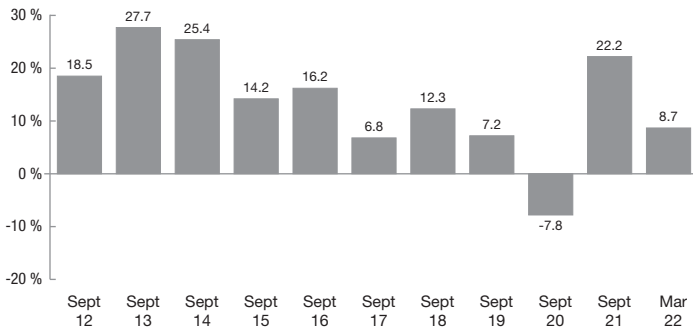
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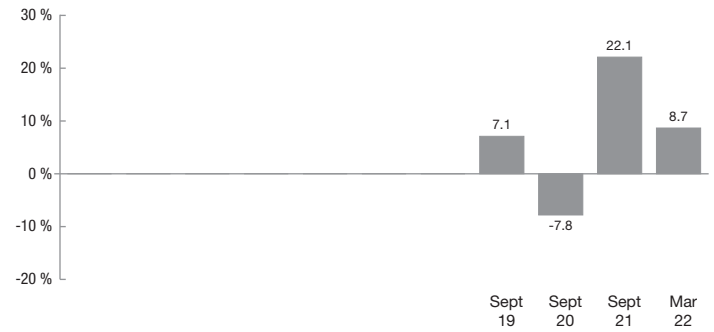
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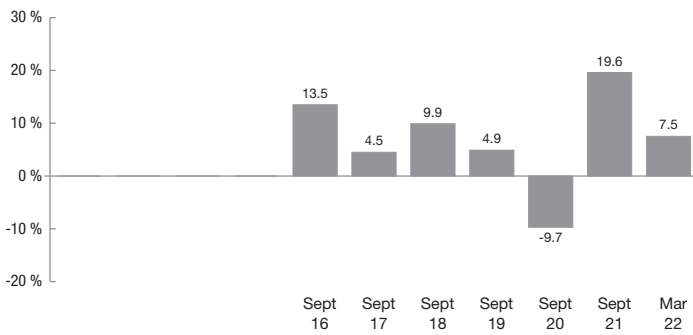
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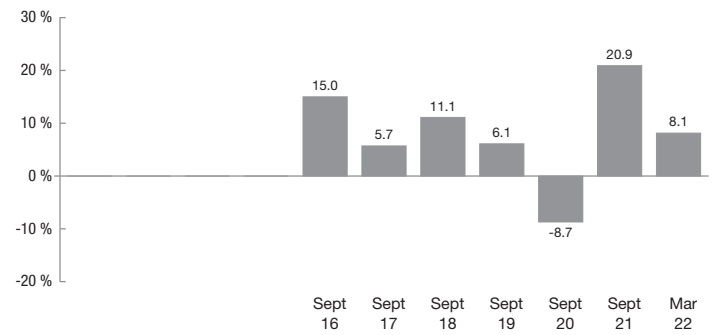
Series O



Series P



Series PF



Summary of Investment Portfolio as at March 31, 2022

Total Net Asset Value: \$63,494,457

Top Holdings		%
1	AES	3.9
2	United Parcel Service, Class B	3.9
3	Verizon Communications	3.3
4	Oracle	3.3
5	Comcast, Class A	3.2
6	Corning	3.2
7	Progressive	2.9
8	AbbVie	2.9
9	Truist Financial	2.9
10	Bristol-Myers Squibb	2.8
11	Cisco Systems	2.7
12	U.S. Bancorp	2.7
13	Kinder Morgan	2.6
14	Williams Companies	2.5
15	Target	2.4
16	Vistra	2.4
17	Marathon Petroleum	2.3
18	Advance Auto Parts	2.2
19	Unilever, ADR	2.2
20	Pfizer	2.2
21	Sysco	2.2
22	Enterprise Products Partners	2.1
23	Kimberly-Clark	2.0
24	M&T Bank	2.0
25	FNF Group	1.9
	Total	66.7

Net Asset Value Mix		%
Equity	99.3	
Cash and Equivalents	0.7	
Total	100.0	

Sector Allocation		%
Financials	19.4	
Information Technology	14.4	
Health Care	12.8	
Utilities	11.2	
Consumer Staples	10.2	
Energy	10.1	
Communication Services	8.1	
Consumer Discretionary	7.0	
Industrials	6.1	
Cash and Equivalents	0.7	
Total	100.0	

Geographic Distribution		%
United States	90.8	
Other Countries	8.5	
Cash and Equivalents	0.7	
Total	100.0	

"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.