

Semi-annual Management Report of Fund Performance

As at March 31, 2025

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Management Discussion of Performance

Results of Operations

NEI Impact Growth Portfolio (the "Fund") Series A units returned -1.7% for the six-month period ended March 31, 2025 compared with a return of 3.4% 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 15% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (C\$ Hedged) and 85% MSCI ACWI NR Index (C\$).

The Fund's net asset value increased by 35.60% during the period, from \$12,434,691 as at September 30, 2024 to \$16,861,754 as at March 31, 2025. This change in net assets is attributed to net unitholder activity of \$4,680,852 and -\$253,789 to investment operations, including market appreciation (depreciation), income and expenses.

Market Overview

The final quarter of 2024 delivered strong returns for investors as global financial markets rallied after a brief consolidation in early October. Central banks' signals that the tightening cycle was nearing its end, coupled with expectations of interest rate cuts in 2025, fueled gains across most major asset classes. Equities, in particular, benefited from renewed investor optimism, with broad-based strength in developed and emerging markets.

In the first three months of 2025, global equity markets continued to climb, supported by resilient economic data and confidence in a potential economic "soft landing". The U.S. and European equity markets hit new highs, while emerging markets, especially in Asia, posted robust returns driven by improving growth prospects. Japan remained a standout performer. Fixed income markets, however, faced challenges as persistent inflationary pressures and strong economic activity pushed back expectations for imminent interest rate cuts, leading to higher yields and modest losses for bonds.

Factors That Have Affected Performance

Over the period, asset allocation contributed negatively to performance, predominantly because of an underweight allocation to global equities. Some of the top contributors to performance were NEI Canadian Impact Bond fund and NEI Global Dividend RS Fund. Some of the detractors included NEI Environmental Leaders Fund and NEI Clean Infrastructure Fund.

Portfolio Changes

There were no significant changes to the portfolio during this period.

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 Growth Portfolio invests in.*

NEI Environmental Leaders Fund: The Fund’s portfolio companies had a weighted average revenue exposure to environmental markets of 50% as at March 31, 2025. NEI completed six ESG evaluations on companies that were either already held in the Fund, or that were requested by the sub-advisor for evaluation as part of the sub-advisor's initial investment decision. All companies evaluated were deemed to be eligible for investment in the Fund.

NEI Global Corporate Leaders Fund: The Fund’s holdings had a weighted average revenue from products and services benefiting society of 76.50% as at March 31, 2025. The portfolio sub-advisor carried out five engagements with four companies on the topics of nature, climate, people, and governance. NEI completed three ESG evaluations on companies that were either already held in the Fund, or that were requested by the portfolio sub-advisor for evaluation as part of the initial investment decision. All companies evaluated were deemed to be eligible for investment in the Fund.

NEI Clean Infrastructure Fund: At the end of March 2025, CO₂ emissions were 62% lower per \$1 million invested in the Fund, compared to an equivalent investment in the MSCI World Utilities Index. NEI completed two ESG evaluations on companies that were either already held in the Fund, or that were requested by the sub-advisor for evaluation as part of the sub-advisor's initial investment decision. All companies evaluated were deemed to be eligible for investment in the Fund.

NEI Global Impact Bond Fund: NEI completed 12 ESG evaluations on companies that were either already held in the Fund, or that were requested by the portfolio sub-advisor for evaluation as part of the initial investment decision. All companies evaluated were deemed to be eligible for investment in the Fund.

NEI Global Dividend RS Fund: The carbon intensity of the Fund as measured by tons of carbon per US\$1 million of sales had fallen by the end of the reporting period, compared to one year prior. It is below the level of the MSCI World Index, and also below the level from the Fund’s baseline year of 2019. NEI completed 44 ESG evaluations on companies that were either already held in the Fund, or that were requested by the portfolio sub-advisor for evaluation as part of the initial investment decision. All companies evaluated were deemed to be eligible for investment in the Fund.

*Impact metrics for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2024, will be reported in the annual Management Report of Fund Performance for the period ending September 30, 2025.

Recent Developments

The global economic environment remains complex, with recent market turmoil in early 2025 highlighting heightened risks. Central banks are navigating a delicate balance, seeking to ensure that inflation stabilizes within target ranges while avoiding prolonged high interest rates that could dampen growth. Persistent inflationary pressures and geopolitical uncertainties have delayed anticipated interest rate cuts, potentially into late 2025 or beyond, increasing volatility across asset classes. This backdrop suggests a more cautious approach to risk assets, as markets remain sensitive to policy shifts and economic data surprises.

While U.S. equities have benefited from strong corporate earnings and leadership in artificial intelligence innovation, elevated valuations and recent bouts of volatility raise concerns about sustainability, particularly relative to international markets where valuations are more attractive. Investors should prioritize diversification across geographies, sectors, and styles to mitigate risks from concentrated exposures. In Canada, economic growth remains subdued, and while anticipated interest rate cuts could provide relief, uncertainty around their timing tempers optimism.

Fixed income markets face near-term challenges due to higher yields and delayed interest rate cuts, but bonds continue to offer compelling yields and a potential hedge against equity volatility, particularly if economic growth falters. Positive real yields enhance the income appeal of bonds, though capital appreciation potential may be limited until interest rate cut expectations solidify. Given recent market turbulence, a balanced portfolio with exposure to high-quality fixed income and selective equity opportunities is prudent to navigate the uncertain path ahead.

Related Party Transactions

Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. ("NEI LP", "NEI Investments" and the "Manager") 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 and/or reverse repurchase transactions, and Desjardins Trust may act as the Fund's securities lending and repurchase and/or reverse 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.

	March 2025 (\$)	March 2024 (\$)
Amounts received from underlying funds	402,164	56,205

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.

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, 2025 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 of Distributions ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	
A	Mar. 2025	11.34	0.31	-0.12	0.00	-0.39	-0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.39	10.75
	Sept. 2024	9.16	0.25	-0.23	0.50	1.73	2.25	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.06	11.34
	Sept. 2023	10.00	0.07	-0.05	-0.01	-1.13	-1.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.16
F	Mar. 2025	11.48	0.32	-0.06	0.00	-0.43	-0.17	0.00	0.02	0.07	0.40	0.00	0.49	10.85
	Sept. 2024	9.18	0.27	-0.11	0.50	1.68	2.34	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.07	11.48
	Sept. 2023	10.00	0.07	-0.03	-0.01	-0.69	-0.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.18
O	Mar. 2025	11.54	0.32	0.00	0.00	-0.39	-0.07	0.02	0.02	0.19	0.41	0.00	0.64	10.82
	Sept. 2024	9.20	0.25	-0.01	0.49	1.72	2.45	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.12	11.54
	Sept. 2023	10.00	0.05	-0.01	-0.01	-0.83	-0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.20

(1) All per unit figures presented in 2025 are referenced to net assets determined in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are derived from the Fund's semi-annual financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2025.

(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. 2025	10,372	965	2.10	2.10	0.06	3.50	10.75
	Sept. 2024	7,474	659	2.16	2.16	0.10	70.77	11.34
	Sept. 2023	546	60	2.22	2.22	0.21	18.41	9.16
F	Mar. 2025	6,488	598	0.99	0.99	0.06	3.50	10.85
	Sept. 2024	4,960	432	1.00	1.00	0.10	70.77	11.48
	Sept. 2023	105	11	1.07	1.07	0.21	18.41	9.18
O	Mar. 2025	1	-	0.08	0.08	0.06	3.50	10.82
	Sept. 2024	1	-	0.09	0.09	0.10	70.77	11.54
	Sept. 2023	1	-	0.10	0.10	0.21	18.41	9.20

(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	1.70	41.25	58.75
Series F	0.70	100.00	N/A

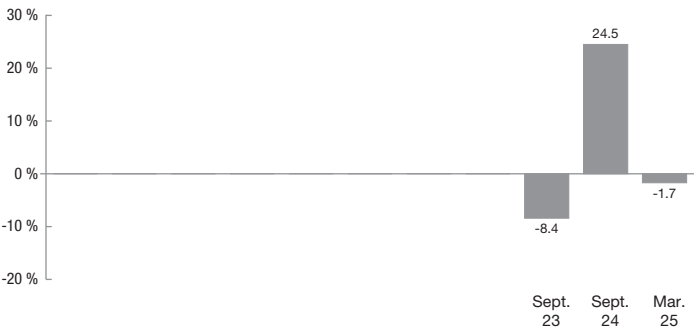
Past Performance

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.

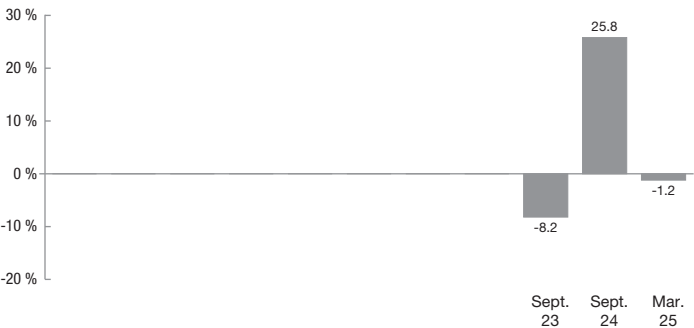
Year-by-Year Returns

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 2025, which shows the six-month return for the period ended March 31, 2025. For a series that has not been in existence for over ten years, the series' first financial year performance is presented since inception until the close of that financial year. 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. For the inception dates of the respective series, please refer to the Fund Facts document.

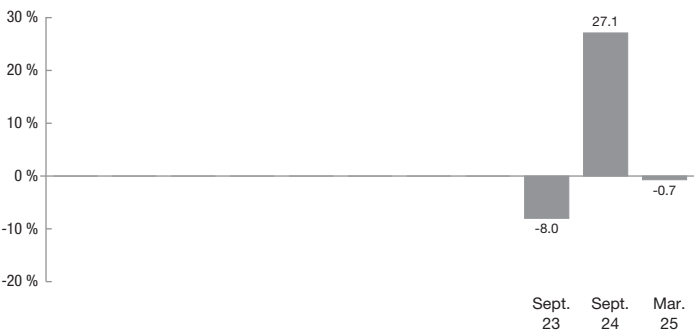
Series A



Series F



Series O



Summary of Investment Portfolio as at March 31, 2025

Total Net Asset Value: \$16,861,754

Top Holdings	%	Sector Allocation ⁽¹⁾	%
NEI Environmental Leaders Fund, Series I	30.4	Information Technology	14.7
NEI Global Corporate Leaders Fund, Series I	22.1	Utilities	13.9
NEI Clean Infrastructure Fund, Series I	13.4	Industrials	12.6
NEI Global Impact Bond Fund, Series I	10.0	Index-Based Investments	10.9
NEI Global Dividend RS Fund, Series I	9.2	Health Care	8.4
Invesco ESG NASDAQ 100 Index ETF	3.8	Financials	7.5
Invesco S&P 500 ESG Index ETF	3.1	Consumer Discretionary	5.3
iShares USD Green Bond ETF	3.0	Cash and Equivalents	4.9
NEI Canadian Impact Bond Fund, Series I	2.0	Materials	4.3
Cash and Equivalents	2.0	Corporate Bonds	3.7
Invesco S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats ESG Index ETF (CAD)	1.0	Consumer Staples	3.2
Total	100.0	Mortgage-Backed Securities	2.4
		Foreign Government Bonds	2.2
		Communication Services	1.6
		Supranational Bonds	1.0
		Real Estate	0.9
		Provincial and Crown Corporations Bonds	0.6
		Municipal Bonds	0.6
		Energy	0.5
		Asset-Backed Securities	0.4
		Federal Bonds	0.4
		U.S. Government Bonds	0.1
		Other	-0.1
		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.