

## APPOINTMENTS AT NEI INVESTMENTS

JOHN KEARNS, CEO OF NEI INVESTMENTS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE FIRM'S MANAGEMENT TEAM. THESE APPOINTMENTS ROUND OUT THE COMPANY'S STRONG SENIOR TEAM AND POSITION NEI INVESTMENTS TO ACTIVELY PURSUE ITS STRATEGY OF GROWTH AND EXPANSION IN THE PERIOD AHEAD.

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■ **LESLIE WOOD** has been appointed as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In her role, Ms. Wood is responsible for all client-facing activities within the organization, including Sales and Distribution, Marketing and Product, and Operations and Customer Service. Ms. Wood brings to her role over 20 years of experience in the financial industry, including 13 years with NEI Investments and formerly Northwest Mutual Funds.



■ **KIM BUITENHUIS** has been appointed Senior Vice President Marketing. Ms. Buitenhuis has over 15 years of experience working with financial advisors in the mutual fund industry. She has held senior roles at RBC Asset Management, Cartier Partners and Marketing Solutions and brings extensive marketing, sales, training, and consulting expertise to NEI Investments.



■ **CHRIS NICKERSON** has been appointed Senior Vice President National Sales. Mr. Nickerson brings over 23 years of financial industry experience and sales success to NEI Investments, including his most recent role as VP National Sales for Hartford Investments where he was integral to their restructuring and outstanding market share growth. Prior to Hartford, Mr. Nickerson flourished as VP Sales at Franklin Templeton Investments.

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■ WITH APPROXIMATELY \$5 BILLION IN ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT, NEI INVESTMENTS is a company that makes outstanding independent portfolio managers accessible to Canadian retail investors. Its two award-winning fund families, Northwest Funds and Ethical Funds, are known for their unique risk management philosophies and truly active investment approaches. NEI Investments is also home to Canada's leading team of socially responsible investing (SRI) specialists, who provide environmental, social and governance (ESG) analysis to portfolio managers of SRI investments, including Ethical Funds. NEI Investments are distributed nationally through independent financial advisors and credit unions.