

September 30, 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF NCM CORE PORTFOLIOS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of NCM Core Portfolios Ltd. (the "Funds") being:

NCM Core Canadian
NCM Core Global

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Funds., which comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022
- the statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years then ended
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares for the years then ended
- the statements of cash flows for the years then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Funds as at September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022, and their financial performance and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the ***"Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements"*** section of our auditor's report.

We are independent of the Funds in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. Other information comprises:

- the information included in the Funds' Management Reports of Fund Performance filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit and remain alert for indications that the other information appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the information included in the Funds' Management Reports of Fund Performance filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions as at the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in the auditor's report.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Funds' financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.



Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Funds' internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Funds' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Funds to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



- Provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Calgary, Canada
December 7, 2023

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Statements of Financial Position

(in Canadian dollars, except shares outstanding)

As at September 30 2023 September 30 2022

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	304,216	526,871
Dividends receivable	40,524	39,904
Due from Manager (note 7)	48,389	35,721
Portfolio assets sold	82,000	263,863
Subscriptions receivable	—	100
Investments, at fair value through profit or loss	10,840,553	11,798,052
Total assets	11,315,682	12,664,511

Liabilities

Accrued expenses (note 7)	26,689	26,321
Dividends payable	41,380	—
Portfolio assets purchased	111,573	484,761
Redemptions payable	—	53
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares)	179,642	511,135
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	11,136,040	12,153,376

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares:

Series A	4,331,270	4,923,136
Series F	5,952,872	6,304,224
Series Z	938	79,146
Series O*	9,638	9,400
Series M	841,322	837,470

Redeemable shares outstanding (note 6):

Series A	143,411	158,288
Series F	181,585	188,844
Series Z	27	2,274
Series O*	280	270
Series M	24,439	24,082

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share:

Series A	30.20	31.10
Series F	32.78	33.38
Series Z**	34.45	34.80
Series O*	34.42	34.77
Series M	34.42	34.78

*Formerly Series R

**Due to rounding, the NAV/unit presented may not calculate precisely and reflect the absolute figure.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of NCM Asset Management Ltd.:



Alex Sasso



Keith Leslie

Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

For the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(in Canadian dollars)

	2023	2022
Dividend income	386,850	445,075
Interest for distribution purposes	24,277	28,276
Securities lending income	2,378	937
Net gain (loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(447,374)	1,105,379
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	465,818	(1,562,906)
Total investment revenue (loss)	431,949	16,761

Management fees (note 7)	133,429	148,044
Custodian and record keeping fees	38,199	37,499
Transaction costs	24,354	24,907
Legal and filing fees	21,477	21,369
HST/GST	17,159	18,350
Administrative fees (note 7)	14,307	19,154
Audit fees	8,805	5,058
Tax and other professional fees	5,172	7,718
Other	4,754	5,127
Computer services	4,151	5,970
Independent review committee	2,818	3,269
Operating expense recovery (note 7)	(48,389)	(35,721)
Total operating expenses	226,236	260,744
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares before tax	205,713	(243,983)
Withholding tax expense	—	724
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	205,713	(244,707)

Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (note 6):

Series A	52,365	(27,175)
Series F	126,332	(355,234)
Series Z	3,645	84,857
Series O*	238	84,418
Series M	23,133	(31,573)

Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share (note 6):

Series A	0.35	(0.16)
Series F	0.70	(2.18)
Series Z	2.46	7.87
Series O*	0.88	1.11
Series M	0.93	(2.00)

*Formerly Series R

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares

For the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(in Canadian dollars)

	All Series		Series A		Series F		Series Z		Series O*		Series M	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, beginning of year	12,153,376	15,606,831	4,923,136	6,304,364	6,304,224	5,162,963	79,146	647,072	9,400	2,665,857	837,470	826,575
Increase (decrease) in net assets, attributable to holders of redeemable shares	205,713	(244,707)	52,365	(27,175)	126,332	(355,234)	3,645	84,857	238	84,418	23,133	(31,573)
Transactions attributable to holders of redeemable shares:												
Issuance of shares	399,355	6,498,829	129,965	1,005,269	133,390	1,873,918	-	146,000	-	2,755,955	136,000	717,687
Reinvestment of dividends	346,424	441,979	128,426	170,398	200,314	247,821	33	3,176	334	377	17,317	20,207
Redemptions	(1,581,024)	(9,659,675)	(751,496)	(2,330,759)	(604,679)	(372,013)	(81,853)	(798,783)	-	(5,496,830)	(142,996)	(661,290)
	(835,245)	(2,718,867)	(493,105)	(1,155,092)	(270,975)	1,749,726	(81,820)	(649,607)	334	(2,740,498)	10,321	76,604
Dividends declared:												
From dividend income	(387,804)	(489,881)	(151,126)	(198,961)	(206,709)	(253,231)	(33)	(3,176)	(334)	(377)	(29,602)	(34,136)
	(387,804)	(489,881)	(151,126)	(198,961)	(206,709)	(253,231)	(33)	(3,176)	(334)	(377)	(29,602)	(34,136)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, end of year	11,136,040	12,153,376	4,331,270	4,923,136	5,952,872	6,304,224	938	79,146	9,638	9,400	841,322	837,470
Dividends per share to holders of redeemable shares:												
From dividend income			1.09	1.30	1.18	1.40	1.24	1.45	1.24	1.45	1.24	1.45

*Formerly Series R

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(in Canadian dollars)

	2023	2022
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	205,713	(244,707)
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	447,374	(1,105,379)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(465,818)	1,562,906
Purchase of investments	(25,542,097)	(34,011,103)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	26,326,662	36,516,623
Dividend income	(386,850)	(445,075)
Dividends received, net of withholding tax paid	386,230	498,617
Withholding tax paid	—	724
Interest for distribution purposes	(24,277)	(28,276)
Interest received	24,277	28,276
Due from Manager	(12,668)	3,362
Accrued expenses	368	(662)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	958,914	2,775,306
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from the issuance of redeemable shares	399,455	6,498,729
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable shares	(1,581,077)	(9,659,747)
Dividends to holders of redeemable shares, net of reinvestments	—	(47,903)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(1,181,622)	(3,208,921)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(222,708)	(433,615)
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	53	(86)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	526,871	960,572
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	304,216	526,871

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Schedule of Investment Portfolio

As at September 30, 2023

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares / Warrants	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
CANADIAN EQUITIES				
Communication Services				
Quebecor Inc., Class 'B'	15,200	469,855	442,472	
		469,855	442,472	4.0%
Consumer Discretionary				
Dollarama Inc.	2,400	195,977	224,592	
		195,977	224,592	2.0%
Consumer Staples				
Loblaw Cos. Ltd.	4,000	411,166	461,600	
		411,166	461,600	4.1%
Energy				
Alvopetro Energy Ltd.	77,100	704,484	680,022	
ARC Resources Ltd.	21,900	466,732	474,792	
Peyto Exploration & Development Corp.	24,900	303,971	340,881	
		1,475,187	1,495,695	13.4%
Financials				
Element Fleet Management Corp.	26,900	497,153	524,281	
First National Financial Corp.	10,900	419,003	388,585	
iA Financial Corp. Inc.	3,300	257,303	281,160	
Royal Bank of Canada	8,400	973,976	997,080	
Sun Life Financial Inc.	4,400	272,806	291,588	
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	2,800	239,192	229,124	
		2,659,433	2,711,818	24.3%
Industrials				
Badger Infrastructure Solutions Ltd.	8,400	290,865	291,396	
Bird Construction Inc.	26,900	228,998	276,801	
Bombardier Inc.	5,900	343,242	279,424	
Boyd Group Services Inc.	900	216,080	217,377	
Exchange Income Corp.	4,900	250,271	219,716	
Stantec Inc.	2,600	195,400	229,138	
Thomson Reuters Corp.	1,000	150,921	166,160	
		1,675,777	1,680,012	15.1%

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued)

As at September 30, 2023

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares / Warrants	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
Information Technology				
Celestica Inc.	10,200	315,961	339,048	
Constellation Software Inc.	120	311,667	336,488	
Constellation Software Inc., Warrants, 2028/08/22	150	—	—	
Open Text Corp.	8,900	467,214	424,263	
		1,094,842	1,099,799	9.9%
Materials				
Alamos Gold Inc., Class 'A'	10,900	152,684	166,988	
Cascades Inc.	37,900	453,161	465,033	
Itafos Inc.	462,900	785,653	601,770	
Lundin Gold Inc.	10,900	182,044	166,225	
Stella-Jones Inc.	5,300	283,060	346,196	
		1,856,602	1,746,212	15.7%
Real Estate				
CT REIT	15,900	252,591	217,671	
Slate Grocery REIT	19,400	251,280	215,534	
		503,871	433,205	3.9%
Utilities				
Hydro One Ltd.	6,300	230,961	217,854	
Superior Plus Corp.	31,900	328,845	327,294	
		559,806	545,148	4.9%
TOTAL EQUITIES		10,902,516	10,840,553	97.3%
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost		(3,865)		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		10,898,651	10,840,553	97.3%
Other assets, less liabilities			295,487	2.7%
TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES			11,136,040	100.0%

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Statements of Financial Position

(in Canadian dollars, except shares outstanding)

As at September 30 2023 September 30 2022

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	927,655	2,770,701
Dividends receivable	84,852	97,370
Interest receivable	—	359
Due from Manager (note 7)	58,000	26,387
Subscriptions receivable	38,971	7,830
Investments, at fair value through profit or loss	34,300,058	40,016,436
Total assets	35,409,536	42,919,083

Liabilities

Accrued expenses (note 7)	72,900	84,287
Redemptions payable	21,326	73,481
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares)	94,226	157,768
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	35,315,310	42,761,315

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares:

Series A	7,392,111	9,701,000
Series F	10,156,097	11,949,091
Series Z	9,026,334	9,384,698
Series O*	2,991,947	1,315,243
Series M	5,748,821	5,335,041
ETF Series	—	5,076,242

Redeemable shares outstanding (note 6):

Series A	184,688	263,597
Series F	234,447	303,017
Series Z	197,766	227,699
Series O*	65,533	31,902
Series M	125,997	129,470
ETF Series	—	205,000

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share:

Series A	40.03	36.80
Series F	43.32	39.43
Series Z	45.64	41.22
Series O*	45.66	41.23
Series M	45.63	41.21
ETF Series	—	24.76

*Formerly Series R.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of NCM Asset Management Ltd.



Alex Sasso



Keith Leslie

Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

For the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(in Canadian dollars)

2023 2022

Dividend income	658,987	701,111
Interest for distribution purposes	14,776	9,806
Net gain (loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	2,139,103	2,133,600
Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	—	19,375
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	2,131,747	(10,801,181)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivative instruments	—	25,021
Total investment revenue (loss)	4,944,613	(7,912,268)

Management fees (note 7)	276,635	427,698
Custodian and record keeping fees	76,126	80,446
Transaction costs	51,095	41,035
HST/GST	49,617	63,743
Administrative fees (note 7)	47,271	62,446
Audit fees	28,396	18,055
Legal and filing fees	25,280	25,958
Computer services	14,078	19,276
Tax and other professional fees	10,970	13,550
Other	9,910	11,585
Independent review committee	9,094	10,459
Operating expense recovery (note 7)	(58,000)	(26,387)
Total operating expenses	540,472	747,864

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares before tax	4,404,141	(8,660,132)
Withholding tax expense	48,542	65,346
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	4,355,599	(8,725,478)

Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (note 6):

Series A	859,764	(2,608,292)
Series F	1,300,652	(2,415,457)
Series Z	1,045,792	(1,640,544)
Series O*	209,604	(174,762)
Series M	592,795	(887,396)
ETF Series	346,992	(999,027)

Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share (note 6):

Series A	4.13	(7.93)
Series F	4.76	(7.70)
Series Z	4.78	(7.09)
Series O*	4.30	(5.73)
Series M	4.66	(6.88)
ETF Series	2.44	(4.91)

*Formerly Series R

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Shares

For the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(in Canadian dollars)

	All Series		Series A		Series F		Series Z		Series O*		Series M		ETF Series	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, beginning of year	42,761,315	55,948,241	9,701,000	14,928,469	11,949,091	14,486,017	9,384,698	11,918,691	1,315,243	2,599,807	5,335,041	6,687,192	5,076,242	5,328,065
Increase (decrease) in net assets, attributable to holders of redeemable shares	4,355,599	(8,725,478)	859,764	(2,608,292)	1,300,652	(2,415,457)	1,045,792	(1,640,544)	209,604	(174,762)	592,795	(887,396)	346,992	(999,027)
Transactions attributable to holders of redeemable shares:														
Issuance of shares	6,625,117	9,012,170	328,157	2,557,925	3,139,157	3,232,414	913,294	440,003	1,996,600	1,637,818	247,909	379,237	–	764,773
Reinvestment of dividends	161,960	119,482	38,092	34,032	48,560	39,829	32,483	23,392	15,419	4,664	27,406	17,565	–	–
Redemptions	(18,406,637)	(13,441,557)	(3,496,777)	(5,176,559)	(6,229,082)	(3,351,220)	(2,303,345)	(1,323,519)	(529,500)	(2,747,620)	(424,699)	(842,639)	(5,423,234)	–
	(11,619,560)	(4,309,905)	(3,130,528)	(2,584,602)	(3,041,365)	(78,977)	(1,357,568)	(860,124)	1,482,519	(1,105,138)	(149,384)	(445,837)	(5,423,234)	764,773
Dividends declared:														
From dividend income	(182,044)	(151,543)	(38,125)	(34,575)	(52,281)	(42,492)	(46,588)	(33,325)	(15,419)	(4,664)	(29,631)	(18,918)	–	(17,569)
	(182,044)	(151,543)	(38,125)	(34,575)	(52,281)	(42,492)	(46,588)	(33,325)	(15,419)	(4,664)	(29,631)	(18,918)	–	(17,569)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, end of year	35,315,310	42,761,315	7,392,111	9,701,000	10,156,097	11,949,091	9,026,334	9,384,698	2,991,947	1,315,243	5,748,821	5,335,041	–	5,076,242
Dividends per share to holders of redeemable shares:														
From dividend income			0.21	0.13	0.22	0.14	0.24	0.15	0.24	0.15	0.24	0.15	–	0.09

*Formerly Series R

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(in Canadian dollars)

	2023	2022
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	4,355,599	(8,725,478)
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(2,139,103)	(2,133,600)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(2,131,747)	10,801,181
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on derivative instruments	—	(25,021)
Purchase of investments	(17,023,780)	(15,462,647)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	26,996,304	18,889,307
Dividend income	(658,987)	(701,111)
Dividends received, net of withholding tax paid	622,963	617,698
Withholding tax paid	48,542	65,346
Interest for distribution purposes	(14,776)	(9,806)
Interest received	15,135	9,447
Due from Manager	(31,613)	36,465
Accrued expenses	(11,387)	(6,066)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	10,027,150	3,355,715
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from the issuance of redeemable shares	6,593,976	9,083,714
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable shares	(18,458,792)	(13,383,366)
Dividends to holders of redeemable shares, net of reinvestments	(20,084)	(32,061)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(11,884,900)	(4,331,713)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,857,750)	(975,998)
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	14,704	192,057
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,770,701	3,554,642
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	927,655	2,770,701

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Schedule of Investment Portfolio

As at September 30, 2023

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
CANADIAN EQUITIES				
Energy				
Keyera Corp.	19,000	546,313	605,910	
Topaz Energy Corp.	35,850	649,635	768,266	
		1,195,948	1,374,176	3.9%
Financials				
Royal Bank of Canada	5,050	577,491	599,435	
		577,491	599,435	1.7%
Industrials				
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	5,300	553,463	535,088	
		553,463	535,088	1.5%
TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITIES		2,326,902	2,508,699	7.1%
UNITED STATES EQUITIES				
Communication Services				
Alphabet Inc., Class 'A'	8,000	759,216	1,415,382	
Meta Platforms Inc., Class 'A'	2,600	619,798	1,055,298	
		1,379,014	2,470,680	7.0%
Consumer Discretionary				
Deckers Outdoor Corp.	800	510,482	556,040	
General Motors Co.	10,000	537,915	445,754	
Home Depot Inc. (The)	1,383	361,058	564,984	
Yum! Brands Inc.	2,500	447,491	422,297	
		1,856,946	1,989,075	5.6%
Consumer Staples				
Costco Wholesale Corp.	1,514	451,813	1,156,432	
		451,813	1,156,432	3.3%
Financials				
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	4,200	1,034,119	1,294,278	
Marsh & McLennan Cos. Inc.	4,100	840,841	1,054,871	
S&P Global Inc.	2,750	1,424,251	1,358,594	
Visa Inc., Class 'A'	4,455	830,622	1,385,387	
		4,129,833	5,093,130	14.4%
Health Care				
Elevance Health Inc.	850	527,763	500,385	
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	1,630	645,672	1,115,477	
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	1,800	797,940	1,226,997	
		1,971,375	2,842,859	8.1%
Industrials				
Parker-Hannifin Corp.	1,000	455,657	526,631	
		455,657	526,631	1.5%

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued)

As at September 30, 2023

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
Information Technology				
Analog Devices Inc.	3,350	608,474	793,018	
Apple Inc.	2,400	582,486	555,542	
Applied Materials Inc.	4,400	805,347	823,611	
Keysight Technologies Inc.	2,500	574,902	447,208	
Microsoft Corp.	3,459	701,428	1,476,626	
Oracle Corp.	3,700	633,616	529,854	
		3,906,253	4,625,859	13.1%
Materials				
Avery Dennison Corp.	2,500	645,604	617,425	
		645,604	617,425	1.7%
TOTAL UNITED STATES EQUITIES				
		14,796,495	19,322,091	54.7%
INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES				
Denmark				
DSV AS	3,458	386,898	875,541	
Novo Nordisk AS, Class 'B'	6,000	633,213	741,611	
		1,020,111	1,617,152	4.6%
France				
Air Liquide SA	2,780	544,107	636,063	
Capgemini SE	3,000	770,219	711,993	
EssilorLuxottica SA	2,500	515,096	591,037	
LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	1,070	640,038	1,097,260	
Pernod-Ricard SA	2,500	625,995	564,878	
Schneider Electric SE	4,850	931,753	1,089,824	
		4,027,208	4,691,055	13.3%
Ireland				
Accenture PLC, Class 'A'	2,000	649,135	830,426	
Eaton Corp. PLC	3,100	679,470	893,899	
Linde PLC	2,050	905,378	1,032,005	
		2,233,983	2,756,330	7.8%
Japan				
Sony Group Corp.	4,500	548,881	499,033	
		548,881	499,033	1.4%
Switzerland				
Nestlé SA, Registered	5,000	809,011	766,596	
		809,011	766,596	2.2%
United Kingdom				
AstraZeneca PLC	5,300	904,331	970,978	
Compass Group PLC	12,500	451,768	412,546	
RELX PLC	16,500	748,458	755,578	
		2,104,557	2,139,102	6.0%
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES				
		10,743,751	12,469,268	35.3%
TOTAL EQUITIES				
		27,867,148	34,300,058	97.1%

Description	Number of Shares	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost		(29,606)		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		27,837,542	34,300,058	97.1%
Other assets, less liabilities			1,015,252	2.9%
TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES			35,315,310	100.0%

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1. Reporting entity

On January 9, 2014, Norrep MG Fund Ltd. changed its name to Norrep Premium Portfolios Ltd. On February 17, 2016 Norrep Premium Portfolios Ltd. changed its name to Norrep Core Portfolios Ltd. On August 27, 2018, Norrep Core Portfolios Ltd. changed its name to NCM Core Portfolios Ltd.. The Fund's principal place of business is Dome Tower, Suite 1850, 333-7th Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2Z1.

The Corporation is authorized to issue 100 Classes of special shares, each Class being issuable in series (collectively the "Special Shares") and an unlimited number of common shares. At September 30, 2023, there were 100 common shares issued as well as two Classes of Special Shares with NCM Core Canadian, and NCM Core Global all issued in five series. Each special share represents an equal undivided interest in the net assets of its Fund. CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the Custodian of the Funds, and NCM Asset Management Ltd. ("NCM") is the Manager and Portfolio Manager of the Funds.

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance:

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The Funds' significant accounting policies under IFRS are presented in note 3. These policies have been applied consistently to all periods presented.

The financial statements of the Funds were approved and were authorized for issue by the Manager's Board of Directors on December 7, 2023.

(b) Basis of measurement:

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investments at fair value through profit or loss and derivative instruments which are measured at fair value.

(c) Functional and presentation currency:

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Funds' functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar except where otherwise indicated.

(d) Use of judgements and estimates:

These financial statements include estimates and assumptions made by management that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses, and gains and losses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively. Significant estimates include the fair value of investments.

3. Significant accounting policies

The Funds have consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these financial statements.

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities:

(i) Classification

The Funds follow IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. The standard requires assets to be initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost, with changes in fair value recognized in profit and loss or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets or the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

Assessment and decision on the business model approach used is an accounting judgement.

Under IFRS 9, derivatives are classified as FVTPL.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued):

(i) Classification (continued)

The Funds classify financial assets and financial liabilities into the following categories.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- All investments, including derivatives

Financial assets at amortized cost:

- Cash and cash equivalents and receivables

Financial liabilities at amortised cost:

- All liabilities other than redeemable shares

The Funds designate all financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition because it manages securities on a fair value basis in accordance with its documented investment strategy. Internal reporting and performance measurement of these securities and the Fund as a whole is on a fair value basis. The Manager also receives management fees which are based on the overall fair value of the Fund.

(ii) Recognition and initial measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") are initially recognized on the trade date, which is the date on which the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognized at fair value, with transaction costs recognized in profit or loss. Financial assets or financial liabilities not at FVTPL are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition or issue.

(iii) Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognized only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire; or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. The Funds derecognize financial liabilities when, and only when, the Funds' obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

(iv) Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Fund has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

There is no difference between pricing fair value and accounting fair value.

(v) Amortized cost measurement

The amortized cost of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at recognition, minus principal repayments (if applicable), plus or minus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount recognized and the maturity amount (if applicable), minus any reduction for impairment (if applicable).

(vi) Specific instruments

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise deposits with banks and highly liquid financial assets with maturities of three months or less from the acquisition date that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value and are used by the Funds in the management of short-term commitments, other than cash collateral provided in respect of derivatives and securities borrowing transactions.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued):

(vi) Specific instruments (continued)

Redeemable shares

The Funds classify financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments. The Funds have multiple classes of redeemable shares that do not have identical features and therefore, do not qualify as equity under IAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation*. The redeemable shares, which are classified as financial liabilities and measured at redemption amount, provide investors with the right to require redemption, subject to available liquidity, for cash at a share price based on the Fund's valuation policies at each redemption date. The shares represent the residual interest in the Fund.

The value at which shares are issued or redeemed is determined by dividing the net assets of the Fund at fair value based on last traded price by the total number of shares outstanding on the valuation date. Amounts received on the issuance of shares and amounts paid on the redemption of shares are added to, or deducted from net assets.

(b) Dividend income:

Dividend income is recognized in profit or loss on the date on which the right to receive payment is established. This is usually the ex-dividend date.

(c) Dividends to holders of redeemable shares:

Any dividends paid will be in proportion to the number of shares held by each shareholder.

Dividends per share to shareholders is calculated as the total amount of dividends attributable to a series divided by the number of shares of the series at the date of distribution.

(d) Net gain (loss) from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss:

Net unrealized/realized gain (loss) from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss is calculated using the average cost method.

Average cost does not include amortization of premiums or discounts on fixed income securities.

(e) Income tax:

The Corporation is qualified as a mutual fund corporation for the purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and the Alberta Corporate Tax Act.

Interest and foreign dividends received, less applicable expenses, are taxed at Federal and Provincial corporate rates less applicable credits for any foreign taxes paid.

Taxable dividends received from taxable Canadian corporations are subject to taxes that are fully refundable upon payment of sufficient taxable dividends to shareholders.

The Corporation is also subject to tax at full corporate rates on 50% of capital gains realized, less allowable capital losses claimed. This tax is generally refundable to the extent that the Corporation distributes its capital gains to shareholders by way of a capital gains dividend, or through the redemption of its shares.

Temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts may be either taxable or deductible. Taxable temporary differences give rise to deferred income tax liabilities and deductible temporary differences give rise to deferred income tax assets. When the fair value of investments is greater than the related tax basis, a deferred income tax liability arises and the deferred tax liability is offset by refundable taxes generated by future payments of capital gains dividends.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Income tax (continued):

When the fair value of investments is less than the related tax basis, a deferred income tax asset arises and due to the uncertainty of such deferred income tax assets ultimately being realized, a full valuation allowance is applied to offset the asset. Any unused capital and non-capital losses represent deferred tax assets to the Corporation for which a full valuation allowance has been established such that no net benefit has been recorded by the Corporation.

Income that would give rise to deferred income tax liabilities or assets are distributed out to shareholders.

Certain dividend and interest income received by the Fund is subject to withholding tax imposed in certain countries of origin. Income that is subject to such tax is recognized gross of the taxes and the corresponding withholding tax is recognized as a tax expense. The Funds incurred withholding tax expense accordingly;

	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022
NCM Core Canadian	–	724
NCM Core Global	48,542	65,346

(f) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares:

The net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares of a particular series of shares by the total number of shares of that particular series outstanding at the end of the period.

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to shareholders per share is calculated as increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to shareholders, divided by the weighted average shares outstanding during the period.

(g) Translation of foreign currency:

Foreign currency amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars as follows:

- (i) fair value of investments and accrued receivables and payables and other assets and liabilities at the rate of exchange at the end of the period; and
- (ii) purchases and sales of investments and dividend and interest income at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

Foreign currency differences are recognized as a component of net gain/loss from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

(h) Derivative financial instruments:

The Funds may use derivative financial instruments to reduce their exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in the statement of comprehensive income.

Options are contracts entitling the holder to purchase or sell a specified item at a specified price, during a specified period or on a specified date. Options purchased are recorded as investments; options written (sold) are recorded as liabilities. Any gain or loss resulting from revaluation is included in change in unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments on the statements of comprehensive income.

The risks include the possibility there may be an illiquid options market or the inability of the counterparties to fulfill their obligations under the contract. Writing options involves, to varying degrees, elements of market risk in excess of the amount recognized in the statements of financial position.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Securities lending transactions:

The Funds are permitted to enter into securities lending transactions as set out in the Funds' Simplified Prospectus. These transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities for collateral with a commitment to redeliver the same securities on a future date. Securities lending transactions are administered by The Bank of New York Mellon (collectively the "Securities Lending Agent"). The value of cash or securities held as collateral must be at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned, sold or purchased. Income is earned from these transactions in the form of fees paid by the counterparty and, in certain circumstances, interest paid on cash or securities held as collateral. Income earned from these transactions is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income as Securities lending income and recognized when earned.

4. Fair value measurement

(a) Investments:

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities that are traded on active markets are based on quoted market prices. For all other financial instruments, the Funds determine fair values using other valuation techniques.

For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective, and requires varying degrees of judgment depending on liquidity, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument.

A three-tier hierarchy is used as a framework for disclosing fair value based on inputs used to value the Fund's investments. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

- Inputs that are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments (Level 1);

- Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable (Level 2);
- Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable (Level 3).

Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into or out of an investment's assigned level. The Funds recognise transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period during which the change occurred.

(b) Fair value hierarchy – Financial instruments measured at fair value:

The tables below analyze investments measured at fair value at September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorized. The amounts are based on the values recognized in the statement of financial position.

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
NCM Core Canadian - September 30, 2023				
Public securities				
Equities	10,840,553	—	—	10,840,553
Total Investments	10,840,553	—	—	10,840,553

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
NCM Core Canadian - September 30, 2022				
Public securities				
Equities	11,798,052	—	—	11,798,052
Total Investments	11,798,052	—	—	11,798,052

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4. Fair value measurement (continued)

(b) Fair value hierarchy – Financial instruments measured at fair value (continued):

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
NCM Core Global - September 30, 2023				
Public securities				
Equities	34,300,058	—	—	34,300,058
Total Investments	34,300,058	—	—	34,300,058

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
NCM Core Global - September 30, 2022				
Public securities				
Equities	40,016,436	—	—	40,016,436
Total Investments	40,016,436	—	—	40,016,436

There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the years presented.

(c) Financial instruments not measured at fair value:

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, dividends and interest receivable, accrued expenses, and other receivables and payables approximate their fair values due to their short term nature.

5. Financial instruments and associated risks

The Funds' activities expose it to a variety of risks associated with financial instruments as follows: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk). The Funds' overall risk management program seeks to maximize the returns for the level of risk to which the Funds are exposed and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Funds' financial performance. Market disruptions associated with acts of terrorism, war, natural disasters and epidemics can lead to increased market volatilities and be highly disruptive to economies, individual companies, sectors, industries, markets, currencies, interest and inflation rates, credit ratings and investor sentiment. Such disruptions can adversely affect the financial instrument risks associated with each of the Funds and its investments. All investments result in a risk of loss of capital.

Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Funds. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and receivables represents credit risk.

Credit risk arising on transactions for shares purchased and portfolio assets sold relates to transactions awaiting settlement, also known as settlement risk.

'Settlement risk' is the risk of loss due to the failure of an entity to honour its obligations to deliver cash, securities or other assets as contractually agreed. Credit risk relating to unsettled transactions is considered small due to the short settlement period involved and the high credit quality of the brokers used.

For the majority of the transactions, the Funds mitigate this risk by conducting settlements through a broker to ensure that a trade is settled only when both parties have fulfilled their contractual settlement obligations. Also, legal entitlement will not pass until all monies have been received for the shares purchased or the portfolio assets sold. If either party does not meet its obligation then the transaction will fail.

Substantially all of the assets of the Funds are held by CIBC Mellon Trust Company, the custodian. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the custodian may cause the Funds' rights with respect to securities held by the custodian to be delayed or limited. The Funds monitor risk by monitoring the credit quality, credit rating and financial position of the custodian the Funds use.

If the credit quality or the financial position deteriorates significantly then the Portfolio Manager will move the cash holdings to another financial institution.

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Credit risk (continued):

The Portfolio Manager analyses credit concentration based on the counterparty, industry and geographical location of the financial assets that each Fund holds.

Other than outlined above there were no significant concentrations of credit risk to counterparties at September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022.

Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Funds will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or other financial assets.

The Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable shares. Investments in small, mid-capitalization and micro-capitalization companies may involve greater risks than in larger, more established companies since such companies may have more limited markets and financial resources and their securities may be more sensitive to market changes. As well, the liquidity of the securities may be limited.

Consequently, in order to fund redemptions, the Funds may have to liquidate shareholdings in the more liquid large and medium-sized companies.

To the extent that the liquidity is limited, the Funds' ability to realize profits and/or minimize losses may be limited, which could adversely affect the net asset value of the Funds. The Funds believe they maintain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity.

The Funds' liquidity risk is managed on a daily basis by the Portfolio Manager. Minimum cash balances may be required to be maintained in each Fund at the discretion of the Portfolio Manager to allow for monies to cover redemptions. The Funds' redemption policy allows for redemptions at any time during any given month.

The Funds are subject to regulatory requirements whereby the Funds shall not purchase an illiquid asset if, immediately after the purchase, more than ten percent of the net assets of each Fund, taken at market value at the

time of purchase, would consist of illiquid assets. Residual contractual maturities of financial liabilities are all due on demand.

Market risk:

Market risk embodies the potential for both losses and gains and includes currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk.

The Funds' strategies on the management of investment risk are driven by the Funds' investment objectives.

NCM Core Canadian is designed to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of large capitalization issuers. NCM Core Global will seek to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in global equity securities.

No material change in the investment objectives, policies or restrictions of a Fund may be made without the approval of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Fund duly called for that purpose.

The Funds' market risk is managed on a daily basis by the Portfolio Manager in accordance with the policies and procedures in place.

Details of the nature of the Funds' investment portfolio at September 30, 2023 are disclosed in the schedule of investment portfolio.

(a) Currency risk:

The Funds may invest in financial instruments and enter into transactions denominated in currencies other than the Canadian dollar. Consequently, the Funds are exposed to risks that the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar to other foreign currencies may fluctuate.

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(a) Currency risk (continued):

The Funds may use derivatives to hedge the foreign currency exposure. Such permitted derivatives may include exchange-traded options, futures contracts, and options on futures, over-the-counter options and forward contracts.

At September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022, NCM Core Global had the following foreign currency exposure as a percentage of the net asset value, including the impact of outstanding derivatives, if any.

NCM Core Global	2023	2022
U.S. Dollar	64.8%	55.6%
Euro	13.4%	17.4%
British Pound	6.1%	8.8%
Danish Kroner	4.7%	4.2%
Swiss Franc	2.2%	2.5%
Japanese Yen	1.4%	–
Hong Kong Dollar	–	1.8%

Sensitivity Analysis:

At September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022, had the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 1% in relation to all currencies, with all other variables held constant, including the impact of outstanding derivative instruments, net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable shares and the change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares would have increased or decreased by the amounts shown below. In practice, the actual trading results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

NCM Core Global	2023	2022
<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>		
U.S. Dollar	228,982	237,909
Euro	47,435	74,616
British Pound	21,391	37,837
Danish Kroner	16,442	17,896
Swiss Franc	7,875	10,644
Japanese Yen	5,004	–
Hong Kong Dollar	–	7,498
Total	327,129	386,400

(b) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments. A change in general interest rates is a main factor affecting the price of a fund that invests in fixed income securities. Fixed income securities, like bonds, pay interest based on interest rates when the bond is issued. The majority of the Funds' assets are non-interest-bearing. Interest-bearing financial assets mature or re-price in the short term, being no more than twelve months. There are no interest bearing financial liabilities as a result, the Funds are subject to limited exposure to the risk of fluctuation in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. High yield corporate bond prices are impacted by the credit metrics, liquidity and business fundamentals of the corporate entity with a minimal correlation to interest rates.

(c) Other price risk:

Other price risk is the risk that the value of the instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment or its issuer, or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market. All securities present a risk of loss of capital.

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(c) Other price risk (continued):

Price risk is managed by the Funds' Portfolio Manager through construction of diversified portfolios. The price of a security is affected by individual company developments and by general economic and financial conditions in those countries where the issuer of the security is located, does business or where the security is listed for trading. In addition, certain securities are not listed on any prescribed stock exchange and thus a liquid market for resale may not exist.

The Portfolio Manager will monitor these factors daily and make decisions regarding the portfolio based on its knowledge of the market conditions and diversify the portfolio of investments accordingly. The maximum price risk resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value.

Sensitivity analysis:

Management's estimate of the impact of a 1% increase or decrease on the following indices at September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022, is an increase or decrease in the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares of approximately:

	Total Return Index (In Canadian dollars)	Change in Net Assets	
		2023	2022
NCM Core Canadian	S&P TSX Composite		
	Total Return Index	108,406	117,981
	70% Morningstar		
	Developed Markets ex-		
	North America Target		
NCM Core Global	Market Exposure NR		
	USD and 30%		
	Morningstar Developed		
	Markets ex-North		
	America Target Market		
	Exposure NR EUR	343,001	400,164

In practice, the actual trading results may differ from this estimate and the difference could be material.

NCM Core Canadian and NCM Core Global financial assets exposed to other price risk are concentrated in the following industries at September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022.

NCM Core Canadian	2023	2022
Energy	13.8%	10.8%
Materials	16.1%	14.3%
Industrials	15.5%	13.2%
Consumer Discretionary	2.1%	6.2%
Consumer Staples	4.3%	10.2%
Financials	25.0%	24.3%
Information Technology	10.1%	1.7%
Communication Services	4.1%	10.2%
Utilities	5.0%	6.0%
Real Estate	4.0%	3.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

NCM Core Global	2023	2022
Energy	4.0%	3.6%
Materials	6.7%	6.1%
Industrials	13.7%	9.5%
Consumer Discretionary	11.6%	11.6%
Consumer Staples	7.2%	12.6%
Health Care	15.1%	17.1%
Financials	16.6%	17.7%
Information Technology	17.9%	17.1%
Communication Services	7.2%	4.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

6. Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of special shares of up to 100 classes with each class representing a separate fund with its own investment objective and investment portfolio (referred to collectively as the "special shares").

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6. Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (continued)

Each class can be divided into 26 series, each series being comprised of an unlimited number of shares. Currently, there are five series outstanding for both NCM Core Canadian and NCM Core Global, Series A, Series F, Series M, Series Z and Series O. NCM Core Global ETF Series was terminated on June 1, 2023. Each series ranks equally with respect to dividends and return of capital in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up based on their respective series' net asset values. Each series pays its own fees and expenses. Series A shares are sold through the front end sales charge option. Under the front end sales charge option, a commission ranging from 0% to 5% is paid by the investor to the dealer with a 2% redemption fee being charged if the shares are redeemed in the first 30 days. Series F are sold to purchasers enrolled in a fee-for-service or wrap program with their dealer. A 2% redemption fee is charged if the Series F is redeemed within the first 30 days. Series Z are sold without commission provided the purchaser is enrolled in a fee-for-service or wrap program with the dealer. A 2% redemption fee is charged if the Series Z shares are redeemed in the first 30 days.

There are no sales charges or commissions payable in respect of purchases of Series O shares. Series O is only available for purchase by the NCM Funds and other funds and accounts managed or advised by the Manager and/or its affiliates.

Series M shares are not available for general public purchase.

ETF Series securities were only purchased and sold on the TSX or another exchange or marketplace, as listed. The ticker symbol for the ETF Series was NCG.

In addition, the Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares. The special shares have priority over the common shares with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets or return of capital in the event of liquidation or dissolution on winding up of the Corporation. 100 common shares were issued on incorporation for \$1.

The special shares may be redeemed daily at the net asset value per share of the respective series.

The analysis of movements in the number of redeemable shares was as follows:

NCM Core Canadian – Series A	2023	2022
Balance, opening	158,288	187,617
Issued on dividends reinvested	4,252	5,402
Issued for cash	3,938	28,124
Redeemed for cash	(23,067)	(62,855)
Balance, September 30	143,411	158,288

NCM Core Canadian - Series F	2023	2022
Balance, opening	188,844	144,853
Issued on dividends reinvested	6,111	7,329
Issued for cash	3,789	46,653
Redeemed for cash	(17,159)	(9,991)
Balance, September 30	181,585	188,844

NCM Core Canadian - Series Z	2023	2022
Balance, opening	2,274	17,564
Issued on dividends reinvested	1	90
Issued for cash	–	3,811
Redeemed for cash	(2,248)	(19,191)
Balance, September 30	27	2,274

NCM Core Canadian - Series O	2023	2022
Balance, opening	270	72,399
Issued on dividends reinvested	10	11
Issued for cash	–	69,507
Redeemed for cash	–	(141,647)
Balance, September 30	280	270

NCM Core Canadian - Series M	2023	2022
Balance, opening	24,082	22,451
Issued on dividends reinvested	503	574
Issued for cash	3,695	18,486
Redeemed for cash	(3,841)	(17,429)
Balance, September 30	24,439	24,082

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6. Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (continued)

NCM Core Global - Series A	2023	2022
Balance, opening	263,597	334,974
Issued on dividends reinvested	952	919
Issued for cash	8,183	56,998
Redeemed for cash	(88,044)	(129,294)
Balance, September 30	184,688	263,597

NCM Core Global - Series F	2023	2022
Balance, opening	303,017	307,397
Issued on dividends reinvested	1,121	1,004
Issued for cash	75,415	69,820
Redeemed for cash	(145,106)	(75,204)
Balance, September 30	234,447	303,017

NCM Core Global - Series Z	2023	2022
Balance, opening	227,699	244,548
Issued on dividends reinvested	712	564
Issued for cash	20,329	9,833
Redeemed for cash	(50,974)	(27,246)
Balance, September 30	197,766	227,699

NCM Core Global - Series O	2023	2022
Balance, opening	31,902	53,332
Issued on dividends reinvested	338	112
Issued for cash	45,061	34,902
Redeemed for cash	(11,768)	(56,444)
Balance, September 30	65,533	31,902

NCM Core Global - Series M	2023	2022
Balance, opening	129,470	137,220
Issued on dividends reinvested	601	424
Issued for cash	5,452	8,420
Redeemed for cash	(9,526)	(16,594)
Balance, September 30	125,997	129,470

NCM Core Global - ETF Series	2023	2022
Balance, opening	205,000	180,000
Issued for cash	—	25,000
Redeemed for cash	(205,000)	—
Balance, September 30	—	205,000

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share is calculated as follows:

Due to rounding, numbers presented may not calculate precisely and not reflect the absolute figures.

NCM Core Canadian - September 30, 2023	Series A	Series F	Series Z	Series O	Series M
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (in 000's of \$)	52	126	4	—	23
Average shares outstanding during the year (in 000's of shares)	149	181	1	—	25
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share	\$0.35	\$0.70	\$2.46	\$0.88	\$0.93

NCM Core Canadian - September 30, 2022	Series A	Series F	Series Z	Series O	Series M
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (in 000's of \$)	(27)	(355)	85	84	(32)
Average shares outstanding during the year (in 000's of shares)	165	163	11	76	16
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share	\$(0.16)	\$(2.18)	\$7.87	\$1.11	\$(2.00)

NCM Core Global - September 30, 2023	Series A	Series F	Series Z	Series O	Series M	ETF Series
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (in 000's of \$)	860	1,301	1,046	210	593	347
Average shares outstanding during the year (in 000's of shares)	208	273	219	49	127	142
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share	\$4.13	\$4.76	\$4.78	\$4.30	\$4.66	\$2.44

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6. Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (continued)

NCM Core Global - September 30, 2022	Series A	Series F	Series Z	Series O	Series M	ETF Series
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (in 000's of \$)	(2,608)	(2,415)	(1,641)	(175)	(887)	(999)
Average shares outstanding during the year (in 000's of shares)	329	314	231	31	129	203
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares per share	\$(7.93)	\$(7.70)	\$(7.09)	\$(5.73)	\$(6.88)	\$(4.91)

7. Management fees, expenses and key contracts

(a) Manager and management fees:

NCM Core Canadian paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 1.75% for Series A, of the net asset value of the series. NCM Core Global paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 1.85% for Series A, of the net asset value of the series. The NCM Core Canadian paid an annual management fee of 0.75% for Series F, of the net asset value the series. The NCM Core Global paid an annual management fee of 0.85% for Series F and ETF Series, of the net asset value of the series. The management fee is calculated and paid monthly. No management fees were charged to Series Z; instead, the investors pay an annual flat management fee of \$1,000 per account, directly to the Manager. There are no management fees payable in respect of Series O shares. The NCM Funds and other funds and accounts managed or advised by the Manager and/or its affiliates that invest in Series O shares are charged a management fee for the provision of the services to them. Series M shares are not available for general public purchase. The Manager and its affiliates offer wealth management services including fee-based and managed accounts under the Cumberland Private Wealth brand, and the Series M shares are intended for such accounts. There is no management fee attached to Series M.

Accrued expenses include management fees payable as follows:

(in Canadian dollars)	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022
NCM Core Canadian	10,447	11,361
NCM Core Global	19,432	28,511

(b) Expenses:

All fees and expenses applicable to the administration and operation of each series, including record keeping and communication costs, custodian fees, legal and filing fees, audit, applicable taxes and bank charges, are payable by the Funds. Brokerage costs are expensed as incurred and included in transaction costs.

Accrued expenses include administration services payable to NCM as follows:

(in Canadian dollars)	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022
NCM Core Canadian	1,100	1,318
NCM Core Global	3,432	4,827

(c) Operating expense recoveries:

NCM has agreed to absorb certain expenses associated with some of the Funds. Such absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice.

Included in accounts receivable are the following related to these items:

	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022
NCM Core Canadian	48,389	35,721
NCM Core Global	58,000	26,387

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8. Brokerage commissions on securities transactions:

The Funds paid brokerage commissions in connection with portfolio transactions during the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 amounting to:

	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2022
NCM Core Canadian	16,553	17,114
NCM Core Global	42,722	36,813

9. Securities lending transactions:

NCM Core Canadian engages in securities lending. Collateral received on securities lending may be comprised of debt obligations of the Government of Canada and other countries, Canadian provincial or territorial governments, governments of states of the United States of America, and evidence of indebtedness of financial institutions whose short-term debt is rated A-1 or R-1 or equivalent by a recognized, widely followed North American credit rating agency, corporate debt or corporate commercial paper, convertible securities or cash that is not to be invested. The table below shows a reconciliation of the gross amount generated from securities lending transactions to the securities lending income earned by the Funds for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

NCM Core Canadian (in Canadian dollars)	2023 Values	2023 Percentage	2022 Values	2022 Percentage
Gross securities lending income	4,061	100.0%	1,595	100.0%
Withholding taxes	(99)	(2.4)%	(34)	—%
Agent fees	(1,584)	(39.0)%	(624)	(40.0)%
Securities lending income	2,378	58.6%	937	60.0%

Security Lending (in Canadian dollars)	2023	2022
Value of securities loaned	526,891	1,268,365
Value of collateral received	553,236	1,352,940

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