

September 30, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
**NCM GLOBAL INCOME
BALANCED PORTFOLIO**
(FORMERLY, NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME
PORTFOLIO)



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Unitholders of NCM Global Income Balanced Portfolio (formerly NCM Conservative income Portfolio)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of NCM Global Income Balanced Portfolio (formerly NCM Conservative Income Portfolio) (the Fund), which comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023
- the statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years then ended
- the statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units 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 material accounting policy information

(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 Fund as at September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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 Fund 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 Fund's Management Report 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 Fund's Management Report 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 IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, 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 Fund's 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 Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's 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 the 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 Fund's 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 Fund's 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 Fund 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 5, 2024

NCM GLOBAL INCOME BALANCED PORTFOLIO (FORMERLY, NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO)

Statements of Financial Position

(in Canadian dollars, except units outstanding)

As at	September 30 2024	September 30 2023
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	104,747	20,185
Dividends receivable	5,002	7,217
Interest receivable	8,095	65,626
Due from Manager (note 8)	68,914	75,021
Investments, at fair value through profit or loss	7,136,845	8,925,460
Total assets	7,323,603	9,093,509
Liabilities		
Accrued expenses (note 8)	48,697	53,073
Portfolio assets purchased	4,386	-
Redemptions payable	1,000	-
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units)	54,083	53,073
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	7,269,520	9,040,436
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:		
Series A	2,641,822	3,044,735
Series F	3,321,559	3,966,768
Series T6	52,460	49,291
Series F6	342,557	460,756
Series M	104	6,380
Series AA	911,018	1,512,506
Redeemable units outstanding (note 7):		
Series A	107,119	136,818
Series F	126,331	168,850
Series T6	2,664	2,664
Series F6	16,186	23,412
Series M	4	253
Series AA	36,604	67,822
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:		
Series A	24.66	22.25
Series F	26.29	23.49
Series T6	19.69	18.50
Series F6	21.16	19.68
Series M*	28.37	25.18
Series AA	24.89	22.30

*Due to rounding, the NAV/unit presented may not be calculated 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, 2024 and 2023

(in Canadian dollars)

	2024	2023
Dividend income	118,101	98,194
Interest for distribution purposes	183,358	172,615
Net gain (loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	499,389	(66,108)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	392,609	155,121
Total investment revenue (loss)	1,193,457	359,822
Management fees (note 8)	96,964	92,268
Custodian and record keeping fees	39,518	41,424
Legal and filing fees	21,794	22,512
Audit fees	19,600	16,100
HST/GST	19,335	20,749
Transaction costs	11,895	3,052
Tax and other professional fees	11,492	8,306
Administrative fees (note 8)	7,195	7,631
Other	7,094	6,558
Computer services	2,462	1,879
Independent review committee	1,353	1,168
Operating expense recovery (note 8)	(68,914)	(75,021)
Total operating expenses	169,788	146,626
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units before tax	1,023,669	213,196
Withholding tax expense	1,349	2,857
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units net of tax	1,022,320	210,339
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (note 7):		
Series A	349,811	94,995
Series F	472,022	105,816
Series T6	6,229	1,320
Series F6	44,499	14,389
Series M	614	276
Series AA	149,145	(6,457)
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (note 7):		
Series A	2.78	0.64
Series F	3.23	0.75
Series T6	2.34	0.50
Series F6	2.69	0.64
Series M	3.99	1.09
Series AA	3.04	(0.09)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NCM GLOBAL INCOME BALANCED PORTFOLIO (FORMERLY, NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO)

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

For the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

(in Canadian dollars)

	All Series		Series A		Series F		Series T6		Series F6		Series M		Series AA	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	9,040,436	7,217,538	3,044,735	3,645,082	3,966,768	3,051,622	49,291	51,185	460,756	463,545	6,380	6,104	1,512,506	–
Increase (decrease) in net assets, attributable to holders of redeemable units during the year	1,022,320	210,339	349,811	94,995	472,022	105,816	6,229	1,320	44,499	14,389	614	276	149,145	(6,457)
Transactions attributable to holders of redeemable units:														
Issuance of redeemable units in exchange for net assets held by NCM Core Income Fund (note 4)	–	3,701,156	–	–	–	1,962,324	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	– 1,738,832
Issuance of redeemable units	96,399	612,385	23,270	185,528	59,029	156,857	–	–	13,999	270,000	101	–	–	–
Reinvestment of distributions	66,127	34,721	29,286	21,688	21,023	12,976	–	–	–	–	98	57	15,720	–
Redemption of redeemable units	(2,807,398)	(2,646,268)	(760,029)	(870,336)	(1,138,307)	(1,296,814)	–	–	(156,571)	(259,249)	(6,991)	–	(745,500)	(219,869)
	(2,644,872)	1,701,994	(707,473)	(663,120)	(1,058,255)	835,343	–	–	(142,572)	10,751	(6,792)	57	(729,780)	1,518,963
Distributions declared	(148,364)	(89,435)	(45,251)	(32,222)	(58,976)	(26,013)	(3,060)	(3,214)	(20,126)	(27,929)	(98)	(57)	(20,853)	–
	(148,364)	(89,435)	(45,251)	(32,222)	(58,976)	(26,013)	(3,060)	(3,214)	(20,126)	(27,929)	(98)	(57)	(20,853)	–
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	7,269,520	9,040,436	2,641,822	3,044,735	3,321,559	3,966,768	52,460	49,291	342,557	460,756	104	6,380	911,018	1,512,506
Distributions per unit to holders of redeemable units:			0.34	0.20	0.36	0.21	1.15	1.21	1.22	1.27	0.39	0.23	0.34	–

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NCM GLOBAL INCOME BALANCED PORTFOLIO

(FORMERLY, NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO)

Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

(in Canadian dollars)

	2024	2023
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	1,022,320	210,339
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(499,389)	66,108
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(392,609)	(155,121)
Purchase of investments	(8,338,510)	(5,414,092)
Proceeds from the sale and maturity of investments	11,023,276	3,481,822
Dividend income	(118,101)	(98,194)
Dividends received, net of withholding tax paid	118,967	92,620
Withholding tax paid	1,349	2,857
Interest for distribution purposes	(183,358)	(172,615)
Interest received	240,889	140,114
Due from Manager	6,107	25,562
Accrued expenses	(4,376)	19,389
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	2,876,565	(1,801,211)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Cash acquired for the issuance of units to NCM Core Income Fund (note 4)	–	3,736,429
Proceeds from the issuance of redeemable units	96,399	612,385
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	(2,806,398)	(2,649,368)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvestments	(82,237)	(54,714)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(2,792,236)	1,644,732
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	84,329	(156,479)
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	233	2,543
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	20,185	174,121
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	104,747	20,185

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Schedule of Investment Portfolio

As at September 30, 2024

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares/ Par Value	Fair Value Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
MUTUAL FUND SHARES				
Kipling Strategic Income Fund, Series 'M'	71,000	753,374	773,098	
Lysander-Canso Corporate Value Bond Fund, Series '801F'	42,914	605,019	608,506	
NCM Core International, Series 'O'	16,900	512,079	525,357	
Pender Corporate Bond Fund, Class 'O'	81,335	908,150	925,536	
		<u>2,266,543</u>	<u>2,307,140</u>	<u>39.0%</u>
TOTAL MUTUAL FUND SHARES		<u>2,778,622</u>	<u>2,832,497</u>	<u>39.0%</u>
CANADIAN EQUITIES				
Consumer Discretionary				
Martinrea International Inc.	1,100	11,519	12,595	
		<u>11,519</u>	<u>12,595</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Energy				
CES Energy Solutions Corp.	2,300	12,820	17,204	
Gibson Energy Inc.	300	6,964	6,663	
Headwater Exploration Inc.	1,400	8,885	8,862	
Keyera Corp.	200	7,586	8,434	
Peyto Exploration & Development Corp.	800	10,791	12,320	
Secure Energy Services Inc.	1,200	9,873	14,676	
Topaz Energy Corp.	700	14,239	18,095	
Whitecap Resources Inc.	1,200	12,059	12,120	
		<u>83,217</u>	<u>98,374</u>	<u>1.3%</u>
Financials				
Alaris Equity Partners Income Trust	900	13,986	15,858	
Canaccord Genuity Group Inc.	1,100	9,285	9,889	
Canadian Western Bank	300	7,606	16,149	
EQB Inc.	200	14,582	20,850	
goeasy Ltd.	105	12,248	18,999	
Guardian Capital Group Ltd., Class 'A'	200	8,795	8,140	
Propel Holdings Inc.	300	7,199	8,529	
		<u>73,701</u>	<u>98,414</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
Industrials				
ADENTRA Inc.	200	7,795	8,482	
AG Growth International Inc.	200	11,419	10,826	
Bird Construction Inc.	400	10,228	9,660	

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(FORMERLY, NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO)

Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued)

As at September 30, 2024

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares/ Par Value	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
Black Diamond Group Ltd.	1,300	10,465	12,740	
Dexterra Group Inc.	2,100	12,131	14,406	
Element Fleet Management Corp.	300	5,577	8,628	
Exchange Income Corp.	300	13,940	15,426	
Information Services Corp., Class 'A'	400	8,757	11,564	
Mullen Group Ltd.	1,300	18,354	18,499	
Wajax Corp.	500	12,709	12,750	
		111,375	122,981	1.7%
Information Technology				
Celestica Inc.	300	21,388	20,742	
TECSYS Inc.	400	14,441	16,080	
		35,829	36,822	0.5%
Materials				
Alamos Gold Inc., Class 'A'	600	7,135	16,170	
		7,135	16,170	0.2%
Real Estate				
CT REIT	800	12,875	12,712	
FirstService Corp.	40	8,308	9,884	
Granite REIT	100	7,623	8,163	
		28,806	30,759	0.4%
Utilities				
Superior Plus Corp.	1,900	19,130	14,136	
		19,130	14,136	0.2%
TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITIES		370,712	430,251	5.9%
CANADIAN BOND ETFs				
CI High Interest Savings ETF	1,400	70,093	70,077	
iShares Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF	10,900	309,985	312,067	
iShares Floating Rate Index ETF	14,000	281,374	280,840	
		661,452	662,984	9.2%
TOTAL CANADIAN BOND ETFs		661,452	662,984	9.2%
CANADIAN EQUITIES ETFs				
iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	5,800	202,671	221,502	
		202,671	221,502	3.0%
TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITIES ETFs		202,671	221,502	3.0%

Description	Number of Shares/ Par Value	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
UNITED STATES BOND ETFs				
The iShares U.S. Fallen Angels USD Bond ETF	15,000	540,485	554,025	
		540,485	554,025	7.6%
TOTAL UNITED STATES BOND ETFs		540,485	554,025	7.6%
UNITED STATES EQUITIES ETFs				
iShares NASDAQ 100 Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	4,300	217,245	216,892	
Vanguard S&P 500 Index ETF	7,900	1,054,112	1,090,595	
		1,271,357	1,307,487	18.0%
TOTAL UNITED STATES EQUITIES ETFs		1,271,357	1,307,487	18.0%
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS		2,675,965	2,745,998	37.8%
CANADIAN BONDS (Par Value in CAD except as otherwise stated)				
Corporate				
AltaGas Ltd., Callable, 2.166%, 2027/03/16	110,000	103,543	106,197	
Bank of Nova Scotia, 1.850%, 2026/11/02	110,000	104,208	106,560	
Dream Industrial REIT, Callable, Series 'A', 1.662%, 2025/12/22	110,000	108,769	107,135	
Equitable Bank, 3.362%, 2026/03/02	110,000	107,524	109,090	
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd., Callable, 4.250%, 2027/12/06	110,000	104,449	111,793	
General Motors Financial of Canada Ltd., 1.700%, 2025/07/09	110,000	106,792	108,116	
goeasy Ltd., Callable, 4.375%, 2026/05/01	80,000	106,637	106,685	
Manulife Bank of Canada, 1.337%, 2026/02/26	110,000	105,303	106,858	
Rogers Communications Inc., 3.100%, 2025/04/15	160,000	155,077	159,119	
		1,002,302	1,021,553	14.0%
TOTAL CANADIAN BONDS		1,002,302	1,021,553	14.0%
UNITED STATES BONDS (Par Value in USD)				
Corporate				
Mastercard Inc., Callable, 3.300%, 2027/03/26	80,000	106,161	106,546	
		106,161	106,546	1.5%
TOTAL UNITED STATES BONDS		106,161	106,546	1.5%
TOTAL BONDS		1,108,463	1,128,099	15.5%
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost		(1,349)		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		6,932,413	7,136,845	98.2%
Other assets, less liabilities			132,675	1.8%
TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS			7,269,520	100%

NCM GLOBAL INCOME BALANCED PORTFOLIO (FORMERLY, NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO)

Notes to Financial Statements

Years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

1. Reporting entity

NCM Global Income Balanced Portfolio (the "Fund") is an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of Alberta pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated August 27, 2018 and as amended May 21, 2024. The Fund's principal place of business is Dome Tower Suite 1800, 333 - 7th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2Z1.

The Fund may issue an unlimited number of units. Each unit represents an equal undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund; however, the value of a Trust Unit in one Class may differ from the value of a Trust Unit in another Class, depending on the Net Asset Value of that particular Class.

NCM Asset Management Ltd. is the investment fund manager and the Portfolio Manager (the "Manager"). Effective May 15, 2020 the Trustee changed to NCM Asset Management Ltd.; CIBC Mellon Trust Company ("CIBC Mellon") is the custodian (the "Custodian") of the Fund.

The Fund commenced operations on October 1, 2018. The Fund (in this context, the "Top Fund") may invest in securities of other funds within the NCM Group of funds (in this context, each an Underlying Fund). On May 21, 2024, the Fund changed its name from Conservative Income Portfolio to NCM Global Income Balanced Portfolio.

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance:

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The Fund's material accounting policy information under IFRS are presented in note 3. These policies have been applied consistently to all years presented.

The financial statements of the Fund were approved and were authorized for issue by the Manager's Board of Directors on December 5, 2024.

(b) Basis of measurement:

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investments 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 Fund's 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 areas requiring the use of management estimates include the fair value of investments.

3. Material accounting policy information

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

The Fund adopted Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2) from October 1, 2023. Although the amendments did not result in any changes to the accounting policies themselves, they impacted the accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements. The amendments require the disclosure of "material" rather than "significant" accounting policies.

The amendments also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies, assisting entities to provide useful, entity-specific accounting policy information that users need to understand other information in the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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3. Material accounting policy information(continued)

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities

(i) Classification

The Fund follows 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.

The Fund classifies 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 amortized cost:

- All liabilities other than redeemable units

The Fund recognizes 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 the Fund transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. The Fund derecognizes financial liabilities when, and only when, the Fund's 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.

When available, the Fund measures fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as 'active' if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

The Fund measures instruments quoted in an active market at last traded price.

For the securities where market quotes are not

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Notes to Financial Statements

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3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

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

(iv) Fair value measurement (continued)

available, the Fund values the initial investment at the amount paid. After initial investment, the Fund uses estimation techniques to determine fair value including observable market data, discounted cash flows and internal models that compare the investments to its peer group.

Fair value of investments in restricted units is determined using an economic model taking into account various factors including risk free rate of interest, volatility, market value and length of restriction.

Fair value of investments in bonds, asset-backed securities and secured loans represents a price that may fall between the last bid and ask price provided by an independent security pricing service, depending on which service provider is used.

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 Fund in the management of short-term commitments, other than cash collateral provided in respect of derivatives and securities borrowing transactions.

Redeemable units

The Fund classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments. The Fund has multiple classes of redeemable units that do not have identical features and therefore, do not qualify as equity under IAS 32, Financial Instruments: Presentation. The redeemable units, 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 unit price based on the Fund's valuation policies at each redemption date. The units represent the residual interest in the Fund.

(b) Interest for distribution purposes:

The interest for distribution purposes shown on the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the coupon interest received by the Fund accounted for on an accrual basis and is recognized through profit or loss. The Fund does not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities.

(c) 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.

(d) Distributions to holders of redeemable units:

Any distribution made will be in proportion to the number of units held by each unitholder.

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3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

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

Distributions per unit are calculated as the total amount of distributions divided by the number of units on the record date. 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.

- (f) Income tax:

As at September 30, 2024 the Fund was a “mutual fund trust” under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly, is not taxed on that portion of its taxable income that is paid or allocated to unitholders.

The Fund pays out sufficient net income and net realized capital gains so that it will not be subject to income taxes. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in these financial statements.

However, 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 Fund incurred \$1,349 in withholding tax expense (September 30, 2023 - \$2,857) for the year ended September 30, 2024.

- (g) Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:

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

Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is calculated as increase

(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, divided by the weighted average units outstanding during the year.

- (h) 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 year; 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.

- (i) Derivative financial instruments:

The Fund may use derivative financial instruments with the Fund's other instrument strategies. Derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

4. Asset transfers

On May 16, 2023, NCM Core Income Fund transferred all of its net assets to NCM Conservative Income Portfolio in exchange for units. As a result, on that date, 77,649 Series AA units were issued at a NAV of \$1,738,832, and 83,352 Series F units were issued at a NAV of \$1,962,324. The assets transferred were as follows:

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	May 16, 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	3,736,429
Other liabilities - net of assets	(35,273)
Value of assets received and mutual fund units issued	3,701,156

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5. 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 Fund determines 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 Fund recognizes transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting year 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 the reporting dates 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
September 30, 2024				
Public securities				
Equities	430,251	—	—	430,251
ETFs – Equity and Bond ETFs	2,745,998	—	—	2,745,998
Bonds	—	1,128,099	—	1,128,099
Mutual Funds	—	2,832,497	—	2,832,497
Total Investments	3,176,249	3,960,596	—	7,136,845

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
September 30, 2023				
Public securities				
Equities	492,110	—	—	492,110
ETFs – Equity and Bond ETFs	2,304,705	—	—	2,304,705
Bonds	—	5,697,284	—	5,697,284
Mutual Funds	—	431,361	—	431,361
Total Investments	2,796,815	6,128,645	—	8,925,460

There was a transfer out of Level 2 to Level 1 for Evolve Cyber Security Index Fund during the year ended September 30, 2023. This security was not traded in an active market on September 30, 2022 but was traded in an active market on September 30, 2023.

(c) Financial instruments not measured at fair value:

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

6. Financial instruments and associated risks

The Fund's 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 Fund's overall risk management program seeks to maximize the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance.

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market disruptions associated with acts of terrorism, war, natural disasters and epidemics can lead to increased market volatilities and be highly disruptive to economics, 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 the Fund 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 Fund. The fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the debt issuer. The carrying amount of bonds and derivative instruments, including those in the Underlying Funds, Mutual Funds and ETFs represents credit risk exposure as at September 30, 2024. This also applies to the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and receivables as they have a short-term settlement.

Cash and cash equivalents and receivables have low impairment risks due to their short term nature.

A portion of the Fund's portfolio, including Underlying Funds, Mutual Funds and ETFs, may consist of instruments that have a credit quality rated below investment grade by internationally recognized credit rating organizations or may be unrated. These securities involve significant risk exposure as there is uncertainty regarding the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligations. Low rated and unrated debt instruments generally offer a higher current yield than that available from higher grade issuers, but typically involve greater risk.

As at September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, the Fund was invested in debt securities with the following credit rating:

Debt Security by Credit Rating	% of Assets Under Management in each category	
	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023
AA	—	1.6%
A	4.4%	24.9%
BBB	9.6%	17.5%
Below BBB	1.5%	19.0%

Credit risk arising on transactions for units issued 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 honor 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 Fund mitigates 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 units 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 Fund are held by CIBC Mellon, the Custodian. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the custodian may cause the Fund's rights with respect to securities held by the Custodian to be delayed or limited. The Fund monitors its risk by monitoring the credit quality and credit rating and financial positions of the custodian. If the credit quality or the financial position deteriorates significantly then the Portfolio Manager will move the investment or cash holdings to another financial institution.

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

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Credit risk (continued):

Other than outlined above there were no significant concentrations of credit risk to counterparties at September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023

Liquidity risk:

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

The Fund and its Underlying Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. 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 Underlying Fund may have to liquidate shareholdings in the more liquid large and medium-sized companies.

To the extent that the liquidity is limited, the Fund's ability to realize profits and/or minimize losses may be limited, which could adversely affect the net asset value of the Fund. Also, the Underlying Fund's investments may include unlisted equity and debt instruments which are not traded on an organized public market and which may be illiquid. As a result, the Underlying Fund may not be able to quickly liquidate some of its investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value in order to meet their liquidity requirements. The Fund believes it maintains sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity.

The Fund's liquidity risk is managed on a daily basis by the Portfolio Manager. The Fund's redemption policy allows for redemptions at any time during any given month.

The Fund is subject to regulatory requirements whereby the Fund 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 Fund's strategy on the management of investment risk is driven by the Fund's investment objective. The Fund is designed to provide investors with current income and the potential for capital preservation by investing, directly or indirectly through investments in Underlying Funds, in a diversified portfolio consisting primarily of fixed-income securities and to a lesser extent equity securities from anywhere in the world.

The Fund may engage in a limited amount of short selling as well as in securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions. The Fund may also invest in derivatives (including forward contracts, calls and puts) and in Horizon BetaPro ETFs. These transactions will be used to achieve the Fund's overall investment objectives and to enhance the Fund's returns.

No material change in the investment objectives, policies or restrictions of the 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 Fund's 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 Fund's investment portfolio at September 30, 2024 are disclosed in the schedule of investment portfolio.

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(a) Currency risk:

The Fund may invest in financial instruments and enter into transactions denominated in currencies other than the Canadian dollar. In addition, some of the Underlying Funds, Mutual Funds and ETFs hold investments in global currencies. Consequently, the Fund is exposed to risks that the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar to other foreign currencies may fluctuate.

Investment in securities denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars will be affected by the changes in the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the value of the currency in which the security is denominated. Therefore the value of securities held by the Fund may be worth more or less depending on their susceptibility to foreign exchange rates. At the reporting date the Fund had 10.6% and (September 30, 2023 – 11.4%) of its net asset value in USD currency.

Sensitivity analysis:

At September 30, 2024 had the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 1% in relation to all currencies with all other variables held constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have increased or decreased by \$7,693 (September 30, 2023 - \$10,269). In practice the actual trading results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and difference could be material.

(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 Fund is exposed to the risk that the value of interest-bearing financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in the prevailing market interest rates.

High yield corporate bond prices are impacted by the credit metrics, liquidity and business fundamentals of the corporate entity movements in underlying interest rates and inflows and outflows in and out of high yield space.

The table below summarizes the Fund's exposure to interest risks at September 30, 2024 and 2023. It includes the Fund's assets at fair values, categorized by the maturity dates.

	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	>5 years
September 30, 2024				
All amounts stated in Canadian dollars				
Bonds	267,235	749,071	111,793	—
September 30, 2023				
All amounts stated in Canadian dollars				
Bonds	153,042	2,590,375	2,280,173	673,694

(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.

Price risk is managed by the Fund's 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

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(c) Other price risk (continued):

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 Underlying Fund indices and in the blended index; 5% S&P 3-Month Canada Treasury Bill Index, 62.5% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, 12.5% S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index, 14% Morningstar Developed Markets Target Market Exposure NR USD, 6% Morningstar Developed Markets Target Market Exposure NR EUR for the remaining securities that are contained in the portfolio at September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, is an increase or decrease in the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of approximately:

(In Canadian Dollars)	Total Return Index	Change in Net Assets (\$)	
		2024	2023
Underlying Funds			
	50% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index		
Kipling Strategic Income Fund	50% FTSE Canada 1-5 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Index	7,731	—
	70% Morningstar Developed Markets Target Market Exposure NR USD and 30% Morningstar Developed Markets Target Market		

NCM Core Global	Exposure NR EUR Morningstar Developed Markets exNorth America Target Market	—	4,314
NCM Core International	Exposure NR CAD	5,254	—
Total Underlying Funds		12,985	4,314
Total Mutual Funds, other than Underlying Funds		15,340	—
Total Bonds		11,281	56,973
Total Equities		4,302	4,921
Total ETFs		27,460	23,047
Total		71,368	89,255

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

The Fund's financial assets exposed to other price risk were concentrated in the following industries as a percentage of total investments at September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023 :

	2024	2023
Equities		
Energy	1.4%	1.5%
Materials	0.2%	0.3%
Industrials	1.8%	1.0%
Consumer Discretionary	0.2%	0.2%
Financials	1.3%	1.5%
Information Technology	0.5%	—
Utilities	0.2%	0.3%
Real Estate	0.4%	0.7%
Bonds	15.8%	63.9%
Exchange Traded Funds	38.5%	30.6%
Mutual Funds	39.7%	—
Total	100.0%	100.0%

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7. Net assets attributable to unitholders of redeemable units

Redeemable units

The authorized capital of the Fund consists of an unlimited number of units, issuable in series. Currently, the Fund is offered in six series of units: Series A units, Series F units, Series M units, Series T6 units, Series F6 units and Series AA units. Each series ranks equally with respect to distributions 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. The general expenses that are not series specific are allocated in proportion to the annual weighted average units of each series. Series A and Series T6 are sold 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 units 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 F6 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 F6 is redeemed in the first 30 days.

Series AA is not available to purchase.

Series M units are not available for general public purchase.

The units may be redeemed daily at the net asset value per unit of the respective series. The analysis of movements in the number of redeemable units and net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units during the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

Series A	2024	2023
Balance, opening	136,818	166,402
Issued on distributions reinvested	1,268	983
Issued for cash	983	8,272
Redeemed for cash	(31,950)	(38,839)
Balance, September 30	107,119	136,818
Series F	2024	2023
Balance, opening	168,850	133,424
Issued in exchange for assets transferred in (note 4)		83,352
Issued on distributions reinvested	860	562
Issued for cash	2,398	6,661
Redeemed for cash	(45,777)	(55,149)
Balance, September 30	126,331	168,850
Series T6	2024	2023
Balance, opening	2,664	2,664
Balance, September 30	2,664	2,664
Series F6	2024	2023
Balance, opening	23,412	22,936
Issued for cash	671	13,238
Redeemed for cash	(7,897)	(12,762)
Balance, September 30	16,186	23,412
Series M	2024	2023
Balance, opening	253	251
Issued on distributions reinvested	4	2
Issued for cash	4	–
Redeemed for cash	(257)	–
Balance, September 30	4	253
Series AA	2024	2023
Balance, opening	67,822	–
Issued on distributions reinvested	678	–
Issued in exchange for assets transferred in (note 4)	–	77,649
Redeemed for cash	(31,896)	(9,827)
Balance, September 30	36,604	67,822

The calculation of the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is presented below. Due to rounding, numbers presented may not calculate precisely and not reflect the absolute figures.

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7. Net assets attributable to unitholders of redeemable units (continued)

September 30, 2024	Series A	Series F	Series T6
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	350	472	6
Average units outstanding during the year (in 000's of units)	126	146	3
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$2.78	\$3.23	\$2.34

September 30, 2024	Series F6	Series M	Series AA
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	44	1	149
Average units outstanding during the year (in 000's of units)	17	–	49
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$2.69	\$3.99	\$3.04

September 30, 2023	Series A	Series F	Series T6
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	95	106	1
Average units outstanding during the year (in 000's of units)	148	141	–
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$0.64	\$0.75	\$0.50

September 30, 2023	Series F6	Series M	Series AA
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	14	–	(6)
Average units outstanding during the year (in 000's of units)	22	–	71
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$0.64	\$1.09	\$(0.09)

8. Related Parties, management fees, expenses and key contracts

(a) Manager and management fees:

Series A and Series T6 paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 1.75% of the net asset value of the series. Series AA, paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 1.25% of the net asset value of the

series. Series F and Series F6 paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 0.75% of the net asset value of the series. The management fee is calculated and paid monthly. Series M units 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 units are intended for such accounts. There is no management fee attached to Series M. Included in accrued expenses at September 30, 2024 is \$7,281 (September 30, 2023 - \$8,913) related to these fees.

(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 Fund. The Portfolio manager has charged the Fund for administration services. Included in accrued expenses as at September 30, 2024 is \$495 (September 30, 2023 - \$849) relating to these fees.

(c) Operating expense recoveries:

The Manager has agreed to absorb certain expenses associated with some of the Funds, such absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice. Included in Due from Manager at September 30, 2024 is \$68,914 (September 30, 2023 - \$75,021) related to these fees.

9. Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities

The Fund holds interests in structured entities that it does not consolidate. The purpose of the investment in these is to manage assets on behalf of third party investors and generate fees for the investment manager. These vehicles are financed through the issue of units to investors.

The table below sets out interests held by the Fund in unconsolidated structured entities. The maximum exposure to loss is the carrying amount of the financial assets held.

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9. Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities (continued)

	Total net assets of investee funds	Carrying amount included in investments
(in Canadian dollars)		
September 30, 2024		
NCM Opportunities Corp.:		
NCM Core		
International	\$13,056,616	\$525,357
Kipling Strategic Income Fund	\$164,075,090	\$773,098
Total	\$ 177,131,706	\$1,298,455

	Total net assets of investee funds	Carrying amount included in investments
(in Canadian dollars)		
September 30, 2023		
NCM Core Portfolios Ltd.:		
NCM Core Global	\$35,315,310	\$431,361
Total	\$35,315,310	\$431,361

During the years ended September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2023, the Fund did not provide financial support to unconsolidated structured entities and had no intention of providing financial or other support.

The Fund can redeem units in the above investments Funds daily at the net asset value per unit of the respective series.

10. Brokerage commissions on securities transactions

The brokerage commissions paid by the Fund in connection with portfolio transactions are included as part of the transaction costs in the Statements of Comprehensive Income for the years ended September 30, 2024, and 2023, amounting to: \$4,115 (September 30, 2023 - \$1,010).

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