

March 31, 2023

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
NCM DIVIDEND CHAMPIONS



TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NCM DIVIDEND CHAMPIONS

These unaudited interim financial statements are as at March 31, 2023. The unaudited interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and include statements of financial position as at March 31, 2023 and September 30, 2022, statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to unitholders, and statement of cash flows for the six months ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022; and notes to the financial statements, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, schedule of investment portfolio and other explanatory information.

The accompanying interim financial statements have not been reviewed by the external auditors of the Fund. The external auditors will be auditing the annual financial statements of the Fund prepared in accordance with IFRS.

We would be pleased to respond to any inquiries regarding this Fund.

NCM Dividend Champions.
May 25, 2023

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Interim Statements of Financial Position (unaudited)

(in Canadian dollars, except units outstanding)

As at	March 31 2023	September 30 2022
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,397,735	13,521,534
Dividends receivable	248,339	146,962
Interest receivable	38,285	1,707
Portfolio assets sold	755,807	–
Units issued	168,805	33,098
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments	170,230	–
Investments, at fair value through profit or loss	79,877,028	55,903,730
Total assets	86,656,229	69,607,031
Liabilities		
Accrued expenses (note 7)	165,900	133,100
Distributions payable	2,561	–
Portfolio assets purchased	1,960,206	2,193,901
Units redeemed	51,485	1,988
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	–	358,042
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units)	2,180,152	2,687,031
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	84,476,077	66,920,000
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:		
Series A	45,668,853	38,011,826
Series F	37,102,543	28,676,732
Series AA	1,379,007	197,777
Series FF	325,674	33,665
Redeemable units outstanding (note 6):		
Series A	1,311,023	1,157,984
Series F	995,366	820,560
Series AA	39,008	5,942
Series FF	9,160	1,007
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:		
Series A	34.83	32.83
Series F	37.28	34.95
Series AA	35.35	33.28
Series FF*	35.55	33.42


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

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

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



Alex Sasso



Keith Leslie

Interim Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) (unaudited)

Six months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

(in Canadian dollars)

	2023	2022
Dividend income	1,020,153	588,252
Interest for distribution purposes	157,547	29,960
Securities lending income	2,956	4,682
Net gain (loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	807,510	1,137,626
Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	(206,653)	(20,414)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	4,298,828	2,043,884
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivative instruments	401,015	165,476
Total investment revenue (loss)	6,481,356	3,949,466
Management fees (note 7)	607,873	472,161
Transaction costs	116,024	40,759
HST/GST	48,875	33,639
Administrative fees (note 7)	46,941	29,174
Custodian and record keeping fees	27,398	17,792
Legal and filing fees	13,069	10,570
Computer services	11,398	8,660
Independent review committee	8,428	4,729
Tax and other professional fees	8,317	5,748
Audit fees	7,882	7,332
Other	6,508	3,699
Total operating expenses	902,713	634,263
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units before tax	5,578,643	3,315,203
Withholding tax expense	17,145	12,756
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	5,561,498	3,302,447
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (note 6):		
Series A	3,099,464	2,913,619
Series F	2,437,091	388,828
Series AA	20,741	–
Series FF	4,202	–
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (note 6):		
Series A	2.52	2.45
Series F	2.73	2.83
Series AA	0.88	–
Series FF	0.66	–

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

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Interim Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (unaudited)

Six months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

(in Canadian dollars)

	All Series		Series A		Series F		Series AA		Series FF	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of period	66,920,000	49,078,023	38,011,826	44,065,374	28,676,732	5,012,649	197,777	–	33,665	–
Increase (decrease) in net assets, attributable to holders of redeemable units	5,561,498	3,302,447	3,099,464	2,913,619	2,437,091	388,828	20,741	–	4,202	–
Transactions attributable to holders of redeemable units:										
Issuance of units	16,367,632	2,652,161	5,380,586	1,179,669	9,510,636	1,472,492	1,183,410	–	293,000	–
Reinvestment of distributions	1,244,418	6,759,005	648,171	5,970,396	591,974	788,609	2,387	–	1,886	–
Amounts paid on redemptions	(4,165,750)	(1,422,275)	(677,119)	(898,615)	(3,483,631)	(523,660)	(5,000)	–	–	–
	13,446,300	7,988,891	5,351,638	6,251,450	6,618,979	1,737,441	1,180,797	–	294,886	–
Distributions declared	(1,451,721)	(8,158,784)	(794,075)	(7,301,040)	(630,259)	(857,744)	(20,308)	–	(7,079)	–
	(1,451,721)	(8,158,784)	(794,075)	(7,301,040)	(630,259)	(857,744)	(20,308)	–	(7,079)	–
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period	84,476,077	52,210,577	45,668,853	45,929,403	37,102,543	6,281,174	1,379,007	–	325,674	–
Distributions per unit to holders of redeemable units:			0.66	6.61	0.70	6.98	0.84	–	0.97	–

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

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Interim Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

Six months ended March 31, 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 units	5,561,498	3,302,447
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(807,510)	(1,137,626)
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of options	(99,492)	(46,097)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(4,298,828)	(2,043,884)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on derivative instruments	(401,015)	(165,476)
Purchase of investments	(87,885,751)	(19,720,692)
Purchase of derivatives	16,026	—
Proceeds from the sale and maturity of investments	68,093,460	23,388,601
Proceeds from the sale of derivatives	(60,702)	47,626
Dividends income	(1,020,153)	(588,252)
Dividends received, net of withholding tax paid	901,631	598,015
Withholding tax paid	17,145	12,756
Interest for distribution purposes	(157,547)	(29,960)
Interest received	120,969	29,960
Accrued expenses	32,800	4,201
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	(19,987,469)	3,651,619
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from the issuance of redeemable units	16,231,925	2,510,162
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	(4,116,253)	(1,503,390)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvestments	(204,742)	(1,399,779)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	11,910,930	(393,007)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(8,076,539)	3,258,612
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(47,260)	7,626
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	13,521,534	1,506,830
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	5,397,735	4,773,068

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

Schedule of Investment Portfolio (unaudited)

As at March 31, 2023

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares / Warrants / Par Value	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
CANADIAN EQUITIES				
Communication Services				
BCE Inc.	41,600	2,561,392	2,518,464	
TELUS Corp.	95,228	2,473,348	2,554,967	
		5,034,740	5,073,431	6.0%
Consumer Discretionary				
Dollarama Inc.	10,200	816,020	823,854	
Gildan Activewear Inc.	72,600	2,820,891	3,259,740	
Pet Valu Holdings Ltd.	44,800	1,683,085	1,686,272	
		5,319,996	5,769,866	6.8%
Consumer Staples				
George Weston Ltd.	20,200	3,069,552	3,617,820	
Global Food and Ingredients Ltd., Warrants	240,000	150,000	312	
Metro Inc.	24,300	1,673,430	1,806,462	
		4,892,982	5,424,594	6.4%
Energy				
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	18,100	1,336,803	1,353,699	
Enbridge Inc.	40,900	2,245,139	2,107,577	
Freehold Royalties Ltd.	139,000	1,975,139	2,019,670	
PrairieSky Royalty Ltd.	69,100	1,279,316	1,478,740	
Secure Energy Services Inc.	200,000	1,316,885	1,262,000	
Topaz Energy Corp.	48,400	884,649	924,924	
Tourmaline Oil Corp.	25,900	1,293,262	1,458,688	
		10,331,193	10,605,298	12.6%
Financials				
Intact Financial Corp.	17,550	3,076,009	3,394,521	
Royal Bank of Canada	23,000	2,758,036	2,972,750	
		5,834,045	6,367,271	7.6%
Industrials				
Andlauer Healthcare Group Inc.	25,400	1,188,107	1,295,400	
Calian Group Ltd.	41,300	2,450,785	2,691,521	
Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.	31,300	3,100,029	3,257,391	
Lithium Royalty Corp.	90,000	1,530,000	1,458,000	
		8,268,921	8,702,312	10.3%
Information Technology				
CGI Inc.	9,200	1,127,528	1,198,300	
		1,127,528	1,198,300	1.4%

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio (Continued)
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As at March 31, 2023

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares / Warrants/ Par Value	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
Materials				
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	13,100	921,124	902,590	
		921,124	902,590	1.1%
Real Estate				
Granite REIT	32,000	2,442,150	2,678,080	
Killam Apartment REIT	52,000	889,827	892,320	
Primaris REIT, Series 'A'	183,200	2,681,267	2,475,032	
		6,013,244	6,045,432	7.1%
Utilities				
Capital Power Corp.	55,800	2,361,421	2,323,512	
Fortis Inc.	26,100	1,406,564	1,499,445	
Hydro One Ltd.	27,900	852,222	1,073,592	
		4,620,207	4,896,549	5.8%
TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITIES		52,363,980	54,985,643	65.1%
UNITED STATES EQUITIES				
Consumer Staples				
Walmart Inc.	5,550	1,089,488	1,107,511	
		1,089,488	1,107,511	1.3%
Financials				
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	6,200	1,470,342	1,605,238	
Morgan Stanley	8,100	987,608	962,476	
Visa Inc., Class 'A'	6,700	1,844,541	2,044,346	
		4,302,491	4,612,060	5.6%
Health Care				
Johnson & Johnson	8,150	1,665,995	1,709,619	
		1,665,995	1,709,619	2.0%
Industrials				
ArcBest Corp.	8,100	1,096,734	1,013,120	
Parker Hannifin Corp.	3,050	1,427,832	1,387,367	
Republic Services Inc.	17,000	2,933,288	3,111,000	
U-Haul Holding Co.	24,870	79,323	1,745,158	
		5,537,177	7,256,645	8.5%
Information Technology				
Broadcom Inc.	1,400	1,212,268	1,215,520	
Fortinet Inc.	10,000	891,071	899,436	
Microsoft Corp.	2,400	777,300	936,410	
		2,880,639	3,051,366	3.6%
Materials				
Eagle Materials Inc.	9,600	1,800,335	1,906,600	
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.	26,400	1,481,176	1,461,650	
		3,281,511	3,368,250	4.0%

Description	Number of Shares / Warrants/ Par Value	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
TOTAL UNITED STATES EQUITIES				
		18,757,301	21,105,451	25.0%
UNITED STATES EQUITIES ETFS				
SPDR Gold Shares	4,300	1,036,247	1,066,231	
		1,036,247	1,066,231	1.3%
TOTAL UNITED STATES EQUITIES ETFS				
		1,036,247	1,066,231	1.3%
TOTAL EQUITIES				
		72,157,528	77,157,325	91.4%
CANADIAN BONDS (Par Value in CAD except as otherwise stated)				
Corporate				
AltaGas Ltd., Callable, 3.570%, 2023/06/12	1,000,000	995,030	996,645	
Parkland Corp., Callable, 6.000%, 2028/06/23	800,000	764,000	781,167	
Shaw Communications Inc., Callable, 3.800%, 2023/11/02	950,000	941,706	941,891	
		2,700,736	2,719,703	3.2%
TOTAL BONDS				
		2,700,736	2,719,703	3.2%
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost				
		(45,953)		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS				
		74,812,311	79,877,028	94.6%
Derivative assets			170,230	0.2%
Other assets, less liabilities			4,428,819	5.2%
TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS				
			84,476,077	100.0%

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Schedule of Derivative Investments - Forward Foreign Currency Contracts (unaudited)

As at March 31, 2023

Counterparty	Credit Rating	Settlement Date	Currency to be Delivered	Fair Value in Cdn Dollars	Currency to be Received	Contract Price	Unrealized Gain
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	A-1+	April 14, 2023	6,763,000 USD	9,151,373	9,289,014 CAD	1.3735	137,641
Net Unrealized Gain							137,641

Schedule of Derivative Investments - Options (unaudited)

As at March 31, 2023

Security	Expiry Date	Strike Price	Number of Options	Underlying Interest on Equity Options	Proceeds (\$000s)	Fair Value (\$000s)
Purchased Put Options						
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	2023/04/22	\$390.00 USD	160	16,000	105,431	32,589
Total Purchased Put Options					105,431	32,589
Derivative Assets - Options					105,431	32,589

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Notes to Interim Financial Statements
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1. Reporting entity

On August 27, 2018, Norrep Fund changed its name to NCM Norrep Fund. On May 20, 2022, NCM Norrep Fund changed its name to NCM Dividend Champions. NCM Dividend Champions (the "Fund") is an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of Alberta pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated June 3, 1997 and restated January 1, 2002 and August 16, 2011. The Fund's principal place of business is Suite 1850, 333 7th Avenue, 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. On June 29, 2017, MF Series was renamed Series A.

NCM Asset Management Ltd. ("Manager and Portfolio Manager") provides investment management services and manages the day-to-day operations of the Fund. Effective May 15, 2020 the Trustee changed to NCM Asset Management Ltd., CIBC Mellon Trust Company ("CIBC Mellon") is the custodian of the Fund and NCM Asset Management Ltd. is the Promoter of the Fund. Effective March 1, 2005 the Fund was closed to both new and additional purchases except for reinvested distributions and management fee rebates. Effective May 22, 2015, the Fund was re-opened to both new and existing investors and re-closed effective December 31, 2015. Effective August 28, 2018 Series R was available to purchase by other NCM Funds and affiliates of the manager and on May 19, 2021, Series R was no longer available to purchase. Effective November 9, 2020, all Series of the Fund were re-opened for purchase to both new and existing investors.

2. Basis of reporting

(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 Fund's significant accounting principles under IFRS are presented in note 3. These policies have been applied consistently to all periods presented.

These interim financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34, Interim Financial Reporting.

The financial statements of the Fund was approved and was authorized for issue by the Manager's Board of Directors on May 25, 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 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 and the unrealized gains/losses from investments.

3. Significant accounting policies

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

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities:

(i) Recognition and initial measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss 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. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized on the date on which they originated.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") 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.

(ii) Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognized only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the financial assets 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.

(iii) Classification

The Fund follows IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. The standard requires assets to be carried at amortized cost or fair value, 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 like other financial assets and liabilities, so there is

no requirement to present separately the different component amounts on the Statement of Comprehensive Income as they fall within the same classification.

However, Canadian Security Administrators ("CSA") regulatory requirements under NI 81-106 prescribe the individual line items that are required to be disclosed which includes separate disclosure of derivatives.

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 amortised cost:

- All liabilities other than redeemable units

The Fund designates 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.

(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

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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

(iv) Fair value measurement (continued)

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 securities where market quotes are not 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 share purchase warrants is determined using a recognized economic model taking into account various factors including risk free rate of interest, dividend rates, volatility, market value and trading volume of the underlying stock.

Fair value of subscription receipts is determined using a recognized economic model taking into account various factors including risk free interest rate, volatility, price of underlying security, expiry date and purchase price.

Fair value of investments in bonds 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 Net Asset Value ("NAV") and accounting NAV.

(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.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(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.

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

(e) 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.

(f) Income tax:

As at March 31, 2023 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.

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 withholding tax expense of \$17,145 (2022 - \$12,756) for the period ended March 31, 2023.

(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 period.

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 period.

(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 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.

(i) Derivative financial instruments:

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

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Derivative financial instruments (continued):

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.

(j) Securities lending transactions:

The Fund is permitted to enter into securities lending transactions as set out in the Fund's 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 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 the 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 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 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.

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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 Dividend Champions – March 31, 2023				
Public securities				
Equities - long	77,157,013	—	—	77,157,013
Bonds	—	2,719,703	—	2,719,703
Warrants	—	312	—	312
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments				
	32,589	137,641	—	170,230
Total Investments	77,189,602	2,857,656	—	80,047,258

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
NCM Dividend Champions – September 30, 2022				
Public securities				
Equities - long	55,894,322	—	—	55,894,322
Warrants	—	9,408	—	9,408
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments				
	(23,833)	(334,209)	—	(358,042)
Total Investments	55,870,489	(324,801)	—	55,545,688

There were no transfers into or out of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the periods ended March 31, 2023 and September 30, 2022.

(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 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. 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 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 carrying amount of bonds as presented on the statement of investment portfolios represents credit risk exposure as at March 31, 2023. This also applies to cash and cash equivalents and receivables as they have a short-term settlement.

A portion of the Fund's portfolio 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 March 31, 2023 and September 30, 2022, the Fund was invested in debt securities with the following credit rating:

Debt Security by Credit Rating	% of Assets Under Management in each category	
	March 31, 2023	September 30, 2022
BBB	2.3%	-
Below BBB	0.9%	-

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 honour its obligations to deliver cash, securities or other assets as contractually agreed. Credit risk relating to

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Credit risk (continued):

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 holdings to another financial institution.

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 is 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 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 Fund's investments may include unlisted equity instruments which are not traded on an organized public market and which may be illiquid. As a result, the 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 its 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 the Fund, taken at market value at the time of purchase, would consist of illiquid assets.

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 achieve long-term capital appreciation and consistent income by investing in all market capitalization issuers. The portfolio may consist of all types of equity and debt obligations of issuers in Canada and the United States that may or may not be listed for trading upon the facilities of stock exchanges or other organized and regulated trading facilities in Canada and the United States.

Assets of the Fund may also be invested in debt obligations or held in cash to the extent that economic, market or other conditions make it appropriate.

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

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 ETF's. 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 March 31, 2023 are disclosed in the schedule of investment portfolio.

(a) Currency risk:

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 17.3% (September 30, 2022 – 9.8%) of its net asset value in USD currency.

Sensitivity analysis:

At March 31, 2023 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 \$146,476 (2022 - \$65,742). 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. When interest rates fall, the value of bonds rise. This is because the interest on existing bonds will be higher than the rate on newer bonds. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the price of existing bonds drop because they pay less than newer bonds.

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 rate risks at March 31, 2023 and September 30, 2022. 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	Total
March 31, 2023					
All amounts stated in Canadian dollars					
Corporate bonds	1,938,536	—	—	781,167	2,719,703

	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	>5 years	Total
September 30, 2022					
All amounts stated in Canadian dollars					
Corporate bonds	—	—	—	—	—

(c) Other price risk:

Other price risk is the risk that 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. However,

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(c) Other price risk (continued):

if the Fund holds short positions it is subject to certain inherent risks. The ultimate cost to the Fund to acquire these securities may exceed the liability reflected in these financial statements.

Price risk is managed by the Fund's Portfolio Manager by constructing a diverse portfolio of securities. 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 their knowledge of the market conditions and diversify the portfolio of investments accordingly. The 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 in the 70% S&P/TSX Total Return index, 30% S&P 500 Total Return Index at March 31, 2023 is an increase or decrease in the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of approximately \$798,770 (September 30, 2022 - \$559,037). 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 March 31, 2023 and September 30, 2022 :

Equities	2023	2022
Energy	13.3%	20.0%
Materials	5.3%	3.9%
Industrials	20.1%	12.6%
Consumer Discretionary	7.2%	4.8%
Consumer Staples	8.2%	4.8%
Health Care	2.1%	4.9%
Financials	13.7%	19.9%
Information Technology	5.3%	10.4%
Communication Services	6.4%	11.2%
Utilities	6.1%	2.3%
Real Estate	7.6%	5.2%
Exchange Traded Funds	1.3%	—
Bonds	3.4%	—
Total	100.0%	100.0%

6. Net assets attributable to unitholders of redeemable units

The authorized capital of the Fund consists of an unlimited number of units of each class, each representing an equal undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund. Currently, the Fund has four series outstanding, Series A, Series AA, Series F, and Series FF. Series A and Series AA are sold through 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. On May 19, 2021, the low load deferred sales charge option, which was available for Series A, was closed to new purchases. Under the low load deferred sales charge option, a 2.25% commission was paid by NCM to the dealer. Redemption fees were 3.0% in the first year, 2.5% in the second year and 2.0% in the third year; however, investors could redeem up to 10% of their shares annually without paying redemption fees. As of June 1, 2022, no deferred sales charge is payable to redeem your securities purchased under this purchase option. Series F and Series FF 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 or Series FF is redeemed within the first 30 days.

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

The rights attached to the redeemable units are as follows:

- the units may be redeemed daily at the net asset value per unit of the respective series;
- redeemable units carry a right to receive notice of, attend and vote at meetings called in accordance with the Declaration of Trust; and
- The holders of redeemable units are entitled to receive all dividends declared by the Fund. Each series will rank equally with respect to the distributions based on their respective series net asset values. Distributions paid in cash will be paid in the currency in which the investor bought the units.

The analysis of movements in the number of redeemable units and net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units during the periods ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

Series A	2023	2022
Balance, opening	1,157,984	1,105,580
Issued on dividends reinvested	18,929	171,752
Issued for cash	153,632	32,397
Redeemed for cash	(19,522)	(24,168)
Balance, March 31	1,311,023	1,285,561

Series F	2023	2022
Balance, opening	820,560	119,480
Issued on dividends reinvested	16,199	21,497
Issued for cash	252,571	37,927
Redeemed for cash	(93,964)	(12,823)
Balance, March 31	995,366	166,081

Series AA	2023	2022
Balance, opening	5,942	–
Issued on dividends reinvested	67	–
Issued for cash	33,143	–
Redeemed for cash	(144)	–
Balance, March 31	39,008	–

Series FF	2023	2022
Balance, opening	1,007	–
Issued on dividends reinvested	53	–
Issued for cash	8,100	–
Balance, March 31	9,160	–

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.

NCM Dividend Champions - March 31, 2023	Series A	Series F	Series AA	Series FF
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	3,099	2,437	21	4
Average units outstanding during the period (in 000's of units)	1,230	893	24	6
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$2.52	\$2.73	\$0.88	\$0.66

NCM Dividend Champions - March 31, 2022	Series A	Series F	Series AA	Series FF
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	2,914	389	–	–
Average units outstanding during the period (in 000's of units)	1,189	137	–	–
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$2.45	\$2.83	–	–

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7. Management fees, expenses and key contracts

(a) Manager and management fees:

Series A and Series AA paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 2% of the net asset value of the series. Series F and Series FF paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 1% of the net asset value of the series. Included in accrued expenses at March 31, 2023 is \$107,898 (September 30, 2022 - \$82,228) related to these fees.

(b) Expenses:

All fees and expenses applicable to the administration and operation of the Fund, including recordkeeping 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 is March 31, 2023 is \$7,904 (September 30, 2022 - \$5,461) related to these fees.

8. Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities

The Fund holds interest in structured entities that it does not consolidate. The purpose of the investment 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.

	Number of investee funds held	Total net assets of investee funds	Carrying amount included in investments
<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>			
March 31, 2023			
Exchange Traded Funds	1	79,694,596,942	1,066,231
Total		\$79,694,596,942	\$1,066,231

9. Brokerage commissions on securities transactions

The Fund paid brokerage commissions amounting to \$102,125 (2022 - \$36,247) in connection with portfolio transactions during the period.

10. Securities lending transactions

The Fund 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 Fund for the periods ended March 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	2023		2022	
Gross securities lending income	5,030	100.0%	8,303	100.0%
Withholding taxes	(105)	(2.1)%	(501)	(6.0)%
Agent fees	(1,969)	(39.1)%	(3,120)	(37.6)%
Securities lending income	2,956	58.8%	4,682	56.4%

Security Lending *(In Canadian dollars)*:

	2023	2022
Value of securities loaned	7,922,791	4,545,120
Value of collateral received	8,374,180	4,810,896

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