

September 30, 2020

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
NCM BALANCED
INCOME PORTFOLIO





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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Unitholders of NCM Balanced Income Portfolio:

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of NCM Balanced Income Portfolio, which comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019
- the statements of comprehensive Income 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 significant accounting policies.

Hereinafter referred to as the “financial statements”.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NCM Balanced Income Portfolio as at September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

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 “*Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*” section of our auditors’ report.

We are independent of NCM Balanced Income Portfolio in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other 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 contained in the Fund's Management Report of Fund Performance to be 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 Fund's Management Report of Fund Performance to be filed with the relevant Canadian Securities Commissions as at the date of this auditors' 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 auditors' 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, 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 NCM Balanced Income Portfolio'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 NCM Balanced Income Portfolio or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing NCM Balanced Income Portfolio's financial reporting process.



Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 NCM Balanced Income Portfolio'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 NCM Balanced Income Portfolio's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause NCM Balanced Income Portfolio 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 represents 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.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Calgary, Canada
December 10, 2020

NCM BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO

Statements of Financial Position

(in Canadian dollars, except units outstanding)

As at September 30
2020 September 30
2019

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	136,807	374,738
Dividends receivable	16,420	11,275
Due from Manager (note 8)	95,796	97,667
Portfolio assets sold	26,052	-
Investments, at fair value through profit or loss	9,132,961	7,434,353
Total assets	9,408,036	7,918,033

Liabilities

Accrued expenses (note 8)	34,696	39,467
Distribution payable	1,589	990
Portfolio assets purchased	-	237,375
Units redeemed	31,134	-
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units)	67,419	277,832
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	9,340,617	7,640,201

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:

Series A	5,246,661	4,327,642
Series F	3,437,519	3,114,767
Series T6	228,401	80,781
Series F6	83,554	116,007
Series M	344,482	1,004

Redeemable units outstanding (note 7):

Series A	198,169	164,426
Series F	127,121	117,087
Series T6	9,369	3,163
Series F6	3,423	4,583
Series M	12,626	38

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:

Series A	26.48	26.32
Series F	27.04	26.60
Series T6	24.38	25.54
Series F6	24.41	25.31
Series M*	27.28	26.61

*Due to rounding, the NAV/unit presented may not calculate precisely and not 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

NCM BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO

Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

(in Canadian dollars)

	2020	2019
Dividend income	211,925	156,849
Interest for distribution purposes	3,732	923
Net gain (loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	285,590	60,035
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	(324,857)	541,343
Total investment revenue (loss)	176,390	759,150
Management fees (note 8)	121,206	89,400
Custodian and record keeping fees	36,879	34,160
HST/GST	16,487	10,422
Legal and filing fees	14,718	25,705
Audit fees	12,530	16,460
Transaction costs	11,839	6,944
Other	9,539	9,757
Tax and other professional fees	7,443	6,533
Operating expense recovery (note 8)	(95,796)	(97,667)
Total operating expenses	134,845	101,714
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	41,545	657,436
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (note 7):		
Series A	16,930	384,052
Series F	(3,586)	261,924
Series T6	4,929	3,219
Series F6	1,714	8,235
Series M	21,558	6
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (note 7):		
Series A	0.09	2.48
Series F	(0.03)	3.14
Series T6	1.25	1.02
Series F6	0.50	2.77
Series M	3.14	0.16

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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

For the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

(in Canadian dollars)

	All Series		Series A		Series F		Series T6		Series F6		Series M	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of year	7,640,201	150,000	4,327,642	75,000	3,114,767	75,000	80,781	-	116,007	-	1,004	-
Increase (decrease) in net assets, attributable to holders of redeemable units	41,545	657,436	16,930	384,052	(3,586)	261,924	4,929	3,219	1,714	8,235	21,558	6
Transactions attributable to holders of redeemable units:												
Issuance of units	3,735,068	8,732,959	1,612,971	5,259,206	1,596,677	3,274,394	150,001	80,011	3,000	118,350	372,419	998
Reinvestment of distributions	70,661	20,401	40,647	17,300	29,611	3,101	-	-	392	-	11	-
Amounts paid on redemptions	(2,040,419)	(1,883,279)	(700,908)	(1,385,709)	(1,257,988)	(491,675)	-	-	(31,024)	(5,895)	(50,499)	-
	1,765,310	6,870,081	952,710	3,890,797	368,300	2,785,820	150,001	80,011	(27,632)	112,455	321,931	998
Distributions declared	(106,439)	(37,316)	(50,621)	(22,207)	(41,962)	(7,977)	(7,310)	(2,449)	(6,535)	(4,683)	(11)	-
	(106,439)	(37,316)	(50,621)	(22,207)	(41,962)	(7,977)	(7,310)	(2,449)	(6,535)	(4,683)	(11)	-
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	9,340,617	7,640,201	5,246,661	4,327,642	3,437,519	3,114,767	228,401	80,781	83,554	116,007	344,482	1,004
Distributions per unit to holders of redeemable units:			0.28	0.13	0.29	0.13	1.55	0.77	1.53	1.48	0.29	-

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

(in Canadian dollars)

	2020	2019
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	41,545	657,436
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(285,590)	(60,035)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments at fair value through profit or loss	324,857	(541,343)
Purchase of investments	(9,295,154)	(7,808,724)
Proceeds from the sale and maturity of investments	7,293,852	1,213,124
Dividends receivable	(5,145)	(11,275)
Due from Manager	1,871	(97,667)
Accrued expenses	(4,771)	39,467
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	(1,928,535)	(6,609,017)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from the issuance of redeemable units	3,735,068	8,732,959
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	(2,009,285)	(1,883,279)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvestments	(35,179)	(15,925)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	1,690,604	6,833,755
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(237,931)	224,738
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	374,738	150,000
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	136,807	374,738
Dividends received, net of withholding tax paid	206,780	145,574
Interest received	3,732	923

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio

As at September 30, 2020

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
MUTUAL FUND SHARES				
Mutual Fund Trusts				
NCM Norrep Fund, Series 'R'	7,994	262,722	279,127	
NCM Short Term Income Fund, Series 'R'	78,169	745,693	688,430	
		1,008,415	967,557	10.4%
NCM Core Portfolios Ltd.				
NCM Core Canadian, Series 'R'	17,870	562,221	555,459	
NCM Core Global, Series 'R'	41,251	1,369,727	1,692,121	
		1,931,948	2,247,580	24.1%
NCM Opportunities Corp.				
NCM Core American, Series 'R'	14,378	342,537	332,392	
		342,537	332,392	3.5%
TOTAL MUTUAL FUND SHARES		3,282,900	3,547,529	38.0%
CANADIAN EQUITIES ETFs				
Exchange Traded Funds				
BMO Global Infrastructure Index ETF	7,300	267,376	257,252	
iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF	6,600	247,437	266,442	
iShares Global Real Estate Index ETF	9,400	280,385	253,518	
iShares S&P Global Water Index Fund	6,400	231,152	259,520	
Vanguard FTSE Developed All Cap ex North America Index ETF (CAD Hedged)	33,600	935,715	905,520	
TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITIES ETFs		1,962,065	1,942,252	20.8%
CANADIAN BOND ETFs				
Exchange Traded Funds				
BMO High Yield US Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD ETF	21,400	287,714	275,418	
BMO Long Provincial Bond Index ETF	20,400	377,400	371,484	
BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF	76,300	1,346,047	1,339,828	
BMO Short Provincial Bond Index ETF	122,700	1,664,000	1,656,450	
TOTAL CANADIAN BOND ETFs		3,675,161	3,643,180	39.0%
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS		5,637,226	5,585,432	59.8%
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost		(3,650)		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		8,916,476	9,132,961	97.8%
Other assets, less liabilities			207,656	2.2%
TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS			9,340,617	100.0%

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Notes to Financial Statements

Years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

1. Reporting Entity

NCM Balanced Income 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. The Fund’s principal place of business is Suite 1850, 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”) 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.

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).

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance:

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). The Fund’s significant accounting principles 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 10, 2020.

(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 year. 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.

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3. Significant accounting policies

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

(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 are 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 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.

(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 and 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 for derivatives.

The Fund classifies financial assets and financial liabilities into the following categories.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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

(iii) Classification (continued):

- 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 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 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 Net Asset Value ("NAV") and accounting NAV.

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Years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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

(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.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Distributions to holders of redeemable units:

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

Distribution 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.

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

(f) Income tax:

As at September 30, 2020 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.

(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.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Derivative financial instruments:

The Fund may use derivative financial instruments with the Fund's other instrument strategies. Derivative financial instruments are recorded at mark to market with changes in fair value recorded in the statements of comprehensive income.

4. Asset Transfers

On October 31, 2018, the Fund acquired substantially all of the net assets of NCM Premium Growth Class ("the terminating Fund") of NCM Core Portfolios Ltd. and security holders of the terminating Fund became security holders of the Fund.

As a result, 178,127 Series A units of the Fund were issued and 32,739 Series F units of the Fund were issued. The assets transferred were as follows:

	October 31, 2018
Cash and cash equivalents	5,122,129
Other assets – net of liabilities	(24,126)
Value of assets received and units issued	5,098,003

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.

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5. Fair value measurement (continued)

(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, 2020				
Public Securities – Equity and Bond ETF's	5,585,432	-	-	5,585,432
Public Securities - Underlying Funds	3,547,529	-	-	3,547,529
Total Investments	9,132,961	-	-	9,132,961

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
September 30, 2019				
Public Securities – Equity and Bond ETF's	3,354,973	-	-	3,354,973
Public Securities - Underlying Funds	4,079,380	-	-	4,079,380
Total Investments	7,434,353	-	-	7,434,353

There were no transfers into or out of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the years ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 .

(c) Financial instruments not measured at fair value:

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, dividends receivable, 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. 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 fair value of debt securities includes consideration of the credit worthiness of the debt issuer. The carrying amount of bonds and secured loans in the Underlying Funds and ETF's represents the maximum credit risk exposure as at

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Credit risk (continued):

September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and receivables also represents their maximum credit risk.

A portion of the Fund's Underlying Funds and ETF's 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.

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 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.

Other than outlined above there were no significant concentrations of credit risk to counterparties at September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019.

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.

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued):

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 Fund and Underlying Funds 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 a balance of income and long term capital appreciation by investing, directly or indirectly through investments in Underlying Funds, in a diversified portfolio of fixed-income securities and equity securities from anywhere in the world. It is expected that the Fund will invest primarily in Underlying Funds managed or advised by the Manager or its affiliates and ETF's.

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.

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

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, 2020 are disclosed in the schedule of investment portfolio.

(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 and ETF's may 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.

At the reporting date the Fund did not directly hold any foreign currency.

(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 the bonds rise. This is because the interest rates of 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.

Some of the Underlying Funds and ETF's have interest-bearing assets and are 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 the high yield space.

(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

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(c) Other price risk (continued):

economic and financial conditions in those countries where the issuer of the security is located, does business or where the security is listed for trading. In addition, certain securities are not listed on any prescribed stock exchange and thus a liquid market for resale may not exist.

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

Sensitivity analysis:

Management's estimate of the impact of a 1% increase or decrease on the following underlying indices and ETF's that are contained in the portfolio at September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, 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 (\$)	
		2020	2019
Underlying Funds			
NCM Core Canadian	S&P TSX Composite Total Return Index	5,555	11,450
NCM Core Global	MSCI World Net Total Return Index	16,921	19,030
NCM Norrep Fund	BMO Small Cap Equity Only Weighted Total Return Index	2,791	1,486
NCM Short Term Income Fund	50% FTSE TMX Short Term Bond Index; 30% Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index; 20% the Merrill Lynch High Yield Canadian Issuer's Index	6,884	8,828
NCM Core American	S&P 500	3,324	-
Total Underlying Funds		35,475	40,794
Equity and Bond ETF's		55,855	33,550
Total		91,330	74,344

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, 2020 and September 30, 2019:

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(c) Other price risk (continued):

	2020	2019
Equities		
Energy	1.0%	2.9%
Materials	3.1%	2.0%
Industrials	3.6%	5.0%
Consumer Discretionary	3.5%	5.0%
Consumer Staples	2.9%	6.7%
Health Care	3.7%	3.1%
Financials	4.3%	9.5%
Communication Services	2.1%	3.3%
Information Technology	5.7%	3.4%
Utilities	0.5%	1.0%
Real Estate	1.0%	1.6%
Preferred Shares	0.1%	-
Bonds and Term Loans	47.2%	40.0%
Exchange Traded Funds	21.3%	16.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

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 I units, Series M units, Series T6 units, and Series F6 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 and 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 F or Series F6 is redeemed in the first 30 days.

Series M units are not available for general public purchase. Currently, there are no Series I units outstanding.

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, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

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

Redeemable units (continued)

Series A	2020	2019
Balance, opening	164,426	3,000
Issued on distributions reinvested	1,521	742
Issued for cash	59,853	216,375
Redeemed for cash	(27,631)	(55,691)
Balance, September 30, 2020	198,169	164,426

Series F	2020	2019
Balance, opening	117,087	3,000
Issued on distributions reinvested	1,094	132
Issued for cash	59,652	133,762
Redeemed for cash	(50,712)	(19,807)
Balance, September 30, 2020	127,121	117,087

Series T6	2020	2019
Balance, opening	3,163	-
Issued for cash	6,206	3,163
Balance, September 30, 2020	9,369	3,163

Series F6	2020	2019
Balance, opening	4,583	-
Issued on distributions reinvested	16	-
Issued for cash	118	4,823
Redeemed for cash	(1,294)	(240)
Balance, September 30, 2020	3,423	4,583

Series M	2020	2019
Balance, opening	38	-
Issued for cash	14,439	38
Redeemed for cash	(1,851)	-
Balance, September 30, 2020	12,626	38

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)

Redeemable units (continued)

September 30, 2020	Series A	Series F	Series T6	Series F6	Series M
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	17	(4)	5	2	22
Average units outstanding during the year (in 000's of units)	195	133	4	4	7
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$ 0.09	\$(0.03)	\$1.25	\$0.50	\$3.14

September 30, 2019	Series A	Series F	Series T6	Series F6	Series M
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	384	262	3	8	-
Average units outstanding during the year (in 000's of units)	155	84	3	3	-
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$ 2.48	\$ 3.14	\$ 1.02	\$ 2.77	\$ 0.16

Series M is nil for September 30, 2019.

8. 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 1.80% of the net asset value of the series. Series F and Series F6 paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 0.80% 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 Series M units are intended for such accounts. There is no management fee attached to Series M. Included in accrued expenses at September 30, 2020 is \$10,542 (September 30, 2019- \$8,585) related to these fees.

(b) 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, 2020 is \$95,796 (September 30, 2019 - \$97,667) related to these fees.

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9. Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities

The Fund holds interests 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.

	Total net assets	Carrying amount included in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
September 30, 2020		
NCM Core Portfolios Ltd.:		
NCM Core Canadian	15,709,026	555,459
NCM Core Global	52,779,941	1,692,121
Mutual Fund Trust:		
NCM Norrep Fund	40,714,315	279,127
NCM Short Term Income Fund	24,887,906	688,430
NCM Opportunities Corp.		
NCM Core American	12,167,325	332,392
Canadian Equities Exchange Traded Funds:		
BMO Global Infrastructure Index ETF	215,323,906	257,252
iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF	248,275,500	266,442
iShares Global Real Estate Index ETF	190,138,500	253,518
iShares S&P Global Water Index Fund	204,777,500	259,520
Vanguard FTSE Developed All Cap ex North America Index ETF (CAD Hedged)	158,331,250	905,520
Canadian Bonds Exchange Traded Funds:		
BMO High Yield US Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF	667,114,970	275,418
BMO Long Provincial Bond Index ETF	584,911,118	271,484
BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF	514,647,760	1,339,828
BMO Short Provincial Bond Index ETF	396,878,859	1,456,450
Total	3,326,657,876	9,132,961

	Total net assets	Carrying amount included in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
September 30, 2019		
NCM Core Portfolios Ltd.:		
NCM Core Canadian	20,283,667	1,144,958
NCM Core Global	38,563,741	1,903,033
Mutual Fund Trust:		
NCM Norrep Fund	46,284,661	148,613
NCM Short Term Income Fund	49,363,646	882,776
Total	154,495,715	4,079,380

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9. Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities (continued)

During the years ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019, 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 investment Funds daily at the net asset value per unit of the respective series.

10. Brokerage commissions on securities transactions

The Fund paid brokerage commissions amounting to \$6,333 (September 30, 2019 - \$2,461) in connection with portfolio transactions during the year.

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