

September 30, 2021

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 (the Fund), which comprise:

- the statements of financial position as at September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020
- 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 the Fund as at September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020, 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 the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. Other information comprises the information included in the Fund’s Management Report of Fund Performance 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 the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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 Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.



- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants,

Calgary, Canada

December 8, 2021

NCM BALANCED INCOME PORTFOLIO

Statements of Financial Position

(in Canadian dollars, except units outstanding)

As at	September 30 2021	September 30 2020
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	168,274	136,807
Dividends receivable	18,805	16,420
Due from Manager (note 7)	93,231	95,796
Portfolio assets sold	–	26,052
Investments, at fair value through profit or loss	9,412,232	9,132,961
Total assets	9,692,542	9,408,036
Liabilities		
Accrued expenses (note 7)	34,530	34,696
Distribution payable	–	1,589
Units redeemed	17,238	31,134
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units)	51,768	67,419
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	9,640,774	9,340,617
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:		
Series A	4,611,298	5,246,661
Series F	4,896,614	3,437,519
Series T6	1,014	228,401
Series F6	76,996	83,554
Series M	54,852	344,482
Redeemable units outstanding (note 6):		
Series A	162,776	198,169
Series F	167,528	127,121
Series T6	40	9,369
Series F6	2,976	3,423
Series M	1,844	12,626
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:		
Series A	28.33	26.48
Series F	29.23	27.04
Series T6*	25.59	24.38
Series F6	25.87	24.41
Series M	29.75	27.28

*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

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Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

For the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

(in Canadian dollars)

	2021	2020
Dividend income	121,892	211,925
Interest for distribution purposes	55,081	3,732
Net gain (loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	496,944	285,590
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	379,081	(324,857)
Total investment revenue (loss)	1,052,998	176,390
Management fees (note 7)	111,374	121,206
Custodian and record keeping fees	36,661	36,879
Legal and filing fees	21,595	14,718
HST/GST	16,438	16,487
Audit fees	14,620	12,530
Transaction costs	12,028	11,839
Tax and other professional fees	7,606	7,443
Other	4,026	9,539
Administrative fees (note 7)	2,948	-
Independent review committee	495	-
Computer services	251	-
Operating expense recovery (note 7)	(93,231)	(95,796)
Total operating expenses	134,811	134,845
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	918,187	41,545
Withholding tax expense	824	-
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	917,363	41,545
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (note 6):		
Series A	498,626	16,930
Series F	381,798	(3,586)
Series T6	10,365	4,929
Series F6	9,867	1,714
Series M	16,707	21,558
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (note 6):		
Series A	2.92	0.09
Series F	3.07	(0.03)
Series T6	3.07	1.13
Series F6	3.04	0.40
Series M	4.21	3.03

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, 2021 and 2020

(in Canadian dollars)

	All Series		Series A		Series F		Series T6		Series F6		Series M	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning 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
Increase (decrease) in net assets, attributable to holders of redeemable units	917,363	41,545	498,626	16,930	381,798	(3,586)	10,365	4,929	9,867	1,714	16,707	21,558
Transactions attributable to holders of redeemable units:												
Issuance of units	2,656,146	3,735,068	414,684	1,612,971	2,240,462	1,596,677	1,000	150,001	-	3,000	-	372,419
Reinvestment of distributions	258,153	70,661	168,565	40,647	85,856	29,611	-	-	403	392	3,329	11
Amounts paid on redemptions	(3,198,367)	(2,040,419)	(1,531,036)	(700,908)	(1,119,246)	(1,257,988)	(233,940)	-	(11,901)	(31,024)	(302,244)	(50,499)
	(284,068)	1,765,310	(947,787)	952,710	1,207,072	368,300	(232,940)	150,001	(11,498)	(27,632)	(298,915)	321,931
Distributions declared	(333,138)	(106,439)	(186,202)	(50,621)	(129,775)	(41,962)	(4,812)	(7,310)	(4,927)	(6,535)	(7,422)	(11)
	(333,138)	(106,439)	(186,202)	(50,621)	(129,775)	(41,962)	(4,812)	(7,310)	(4,927)	(6,535)	(7,422)	(11)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	9,640,774	9,340,617	4,611,298	5,246,661	4,896,614	3,437,519	1,014	228,401	76,996	83,554	54,852	344,482
Distributions per unit to holders of redeemable units			1.09	0.28	1.11	0.29	1.52	1.55	1.52	1.53	1.13	0.29

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

(in Canadian dollars)

	2021	2020
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	917,363	41,545
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(496,944)	(285,590)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(379,081)	324,857
Purchase of investments	(6,018,409)	(9,295,154)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	6,641,352	7,293,852
Dividend income	(121,892)	(211,925)
Dividends received, net of withholding tax paid	118,683	206,780
Withholding tax paid	824	-
Interest for distribution purposes	(55,081)	(3,732)
Interest received	55,081	3,732
Due from Manager	2,566	1,871
Accrued expenses	(166)	(4,771)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	664,296	(1,928,535)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from the issuance of redeemable units	2,656,146	3,735,068
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	(3,212,263)	(2,009,285)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvestments	(76,574)	(35,179)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(632,691)	1,690,604
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	31,605	(237,931)
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(138)	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	136,807	374,738
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	168,274	136,807

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio

As at September 30, 2021

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
MUTUAL FUND SHARES				
Mutual Fund Trusts				
NCM Core Income Fund, Series 'R'	68,781	651,525	639,253	
		651,525	639,253	6.6%
NCM Core Portfolios Ltd.				
NCM Core Canadian, Series 'R'	10,879	357,669	400,574	
NCM Core Global, Series 'R'	11,711	445,489	570,887	
		803,158	971,461	10.1%
NCM Opportunities Corp.				
NCM Core American, Series 'R'	11,976	294,475	327,751	
NCM Income Growth Class Series 'I'	56,659	941,106	1,080,708	
		1,235,581	1,408,459	14.6%
TOTAL MUTUAL FUND SHARES		2,690,264	3,019,173	31.3%
CANADIAN EQUITIES ETFs				
Exchanged Traded Funds				
BMO Global Infrastructure Index ETF	6,800	257,708	269,688	
Evolve Automobile Innovation Index Fund	2,200	108,122	105,644	
Evolve Cyber Security Index Fund	1,900	84,304	92,644	
Horizons Active High Yield Bond ETF	48,200	447,661	444,886	
iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF	2,700	117,990	155,385	
iShares Global Real Estate Index ETF	8,200	248,506	257,644	
iShares S&P Global Water Index Fund	4,900	202,491	254,996	
NCM Core Global, ETF Series	25,500	682,993	754,810	
Vanguard FTSE Developed All Cap ex North America Index ETF (CAD Hedged)	30,200	889,065	1,013,814	
TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITIES ETFs		3,038,840	3,349,511	34.7%
CANADIAN BOND ETFs				
Exchanged Traded Funds				
BMO High Yield US Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF	22,800	303,502	298,908	
BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF	11,600	203,864	190,588	
BMO Short Provincial Bond Index ETF	139,000	1,857,964	1,816,729	
TOTAL CANADIAN BOND ETFs		2,365,330	2,306,225	23.9%
UNITED STATES EQUITIES ETFs				
Exchanged Traded Funds				
Invesco Dynamic Leisure and Entertainment ETF	1,600	96,758	102,038	
iShares Global Clean Energy ETF	3,300	93,531	90,510	
TOTAL UNITED STATES EQUITIES ETFs		190,289	192,548	2.0%
UNITED STATES BOND ETFs				
Exchanged Traded Funds				
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Short Term High Yield Bond ETF	15,700	535,442	544,775	
TOTAL UNITED STATES BOND ETFs		535,442	544,775	5.7%
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS		6,129,901	6,393,059	66.3%

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Schedule of Investment Portfolio (continued)

As at September 30, 2021

Description	Number of Shares	Cost (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	% of Net Assets
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost		(3,499)		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		8,816,666	9,412,232	97.6%
Other assets, less liabilities			228,542	2.4%
TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS			9,640,774	100.0%

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Notes to Financial Statements

Years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

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 8, 2021.

(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 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 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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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.

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.

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

(f) Income tax:

As at September 30, 2021 the Fund was a “mutual fund trust” under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly, is not taxed on that portion of its taxable income that is paid or allocated to unitholders. The Fund pays out sufficient net income and net realized capital gains so that it will not be subject to income taxes. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in these financial statements.

However, certain dividend and interest income received by the Fund is subject to withholding tax imposed in certain countries of origin. Income that is subject to such tax is recognized gross of the taxes and the corresponding withholding tax is recognized as a tax expense. The Fund incurred \$824 in withholding tax expense (2020 - \$nil) for the year ended September 30, 2021.

(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 investment strategies. Derivative financial instruments are recorded at mark to market with changes in fair value recorded in the statements of comprehensive income.

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

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

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

The tables below analyze investments measured at fair value at the reporting dates by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorized. The amounts are based on the values recognized in the statement of financial position.

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
September 30, 2021				
Public Securities - Equity and Bond ETF's	6,393,059	-	-	6,393,059
Public Securities - Underlying Funds	-	3,019,173	-	3,019,173
Total Investments	6,393,059	3,019,173	-	9,412,232

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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
September 30, 2020				
Public Securities - Equity and Bond ETF's	5,585,432	-	-	5,585,432
Public Securities - Underlying Funds ¹	-	3,547,529	-	3,547,529
Total Investments	5,585,432	3,547,529	-	9,132,961

¹ This amount has been reclassified from Level 1 to Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy for Public Securities - Underlying Funds as the Fund's investments are held in units of Canadian reporting issuer funds which hold underlying publicly traded debt and equity securities.

There were no transfers into or out of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the years ended September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020 .

(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.

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 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 credit risk exposure as at September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020. 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.

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Credit risk (continued):

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, 2021 and September 30, 2020.

Liquidity risk:

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

The Fund and its Underlying Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. Investments in small, mid-capitalization and micro-capitalization companies may involve greater risks than in larger, more established companies since such companies may have more limited markets and financial resources and their securities may be more sensitive to market changes. As well, the liquidity of the securities may be limited. Consequently, in order to fund redemptions, the Underlying Fund may have to liquidate shareholdings in the more liquid large and medium-sized companies.

To the extent that the liquidity is limited, the Fund's ability to realize profits and/or minimize losses may be limited, which could adversely affect the net asset value of the Fund. Also, the Underlying Fund's investments may include unlisted equity and debt instruments, which are not traded on an organized public market and which may be illiquid. As a result, the 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

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued):

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.

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, 2021 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.

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

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(a) Currency risk (continued):

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 7.6% (September 30, 2020 – nil) of its net asset value in foreign currency of USD.

Sensitivity analysis:

At September 30, 2021, had the Canadian dollar strengthened or weakened by 1% in relation to all currencies, with all other variables held constant, net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable units and the change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have increased or decreased by \$7,374 (2020 - \$nil). In practice, the actual trading results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the 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 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 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.

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(c) Other price risk (continued):

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, 2021 and September 30, 2020, 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 (\$)	
		2021	2020
Underlying Funds			
NCM Core Canadian	S&P TSX Composite Total Return Index	4,006	5,555
	70% Morningstar Developed Markets Target Market Exposure NR USD and 30% Morningstar Developed Markets Target Market Exposure NR EUR		
NCM Core Global	BMO Small Cap Equity Only Weighted Total Return Index	5,709	16,921
NCM Norrep Fund	70% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Total Return Index, 30% FTSE Canada Investment Grade 1-5 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Total Return Index	-	2,791
NCM Core Income Fund	75% S&P/TSX Composite Total Return index and 25% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index	6,393	6,884
NCM Income Growth Class	S&P 500 Index	10,807	-
NCM Core American		3,277	3,324
Total Underlying Funds		30,192	35,475
Equity and Bond ETF's		63,930	55,855
Total		94,122	91,330

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, 2021 and September 30, 2020:

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5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(c) Other price risk (continued):

Sensitivity analysis (continued):

Equities	2021	2020
Energy	2.3%	1.0%
Materials	1.9%	3.1%
Industrials	3.8%	3.6%
Consumer Discretionary	1.8%	3.5%
Consumer Staples	1.1%	2.9%
Health Care	1.2%	3.7%
Financials	5.1%	4.3%
Information Technology	2.5%	5.7%
Communication Services	1.3%	2.1%
Utilities	0.5%	0.5%
Real Estate	2.3%	1.0%
Preferred Shares	0.6%	0.1%
Bonds	37.5%	47.2%
Exchange Traded Funds	38.1%	21.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

6. 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 five series of units: Series A units, Series F 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 are sold to purchasers enrolled in a fee-for-service or wrap program with their dealer. A 2% redemption fee is charged if the Series F is redeemed within the first 30 days.

Series F6 are sold without commission provided the purchaser is enrolled in a fee-for-service or wrap program with the dealer. A 2% redemption fee is charged if the Series F6 is redeemed in the first 30 days.

Series M units are not available for general public purchase.

The units may be redeemed daily at the net asset value per unit of the respective series.

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

Redeemable units (continued)

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, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

Series A	2021	2020
Balance, opening	198,169	164,426
Issued on distributions reinvested	6,374	1,521
Issued for cash	15,037	59,853
Redeemed for cash	(56,804)	(27,631)
Balance, September 30	162,776	198,169

Series F	2021	2020
Balance, opening	127,121	117,087
Issued on distributions reinvested	3,171	1,094
Issued for cash	77,042	59,652
Redeemed for cash	(39,806)	(50,712)
Balance, September 30	167,528	127,121

Series T6	2021	2020
Balance, opening	9,369	3,163
Issued for cash	40	6,206
Redeemed for cash	(9,369)	-
Balance, September 30	40	9,369

Series F6	2021	2020
Balance, opening	3,423	4,583
Issued on distributions reinvested	16	16
Issued for cash	-	118
Redeemed for cash	(463)	(1,294)
Balance, September 30	2,976	3,423

Series M	2021	2020
Balance, opening	12,626	38
Issued on dividends reinvested	122	-
Issued for cash	-	14,439
Redeemed for cash	(10,904)	(1,851)
Balance, September 30	1,844	12,626

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

Redeemable units (continued)

September 30, 2021	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 \$)	499	382	10	10	17
Average units outstanding during the year (in 000's of units)	171	125	3	3	4
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$ 2.92	\$3.07	\$3.07	\$3.04	\$4.21

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)	\$1.13	\$0.40	\$3.03

7. 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, 2021 is \$9,857 (September 30, 2020- \$10,542) related to these fees.

(b) Expenses:

All fees and expenses applicable to the administration and operation of each series, including record keeping and communication costs, custodian fees, legal and filing fees, audit, applicable taxes and bank charges, are payable by the Fund. The Portfolio manager has charged the Fund for administration services. Included in accrued expenses at September 30, 2021 is \$552 (2020- \$nil) relating to these fees.

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7. Management fees, expenses and key contracts (continued)

(c) Operating expense recoveries:

The Manager has agreed to absorb certain expenses associated with some of the Funds. Such absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice. Included in Due from Manager at September 30, 2021 is \$93,231 (September 30, 2020 - \$95,796) related to these fees.

8. 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
<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>		
September 30, 2021		
Mutual Fund Trust:		
NCM Core Income Fund	15,228,334	639,253
NCM Core Portfolios Ltd.:		
NCM Core Canadian	15,606,831	400,574
NCM Core Global	55,948,241	570,887
NCM Opportunities Corp.:		
NCM Core American	11,574,249	327,751
NCM Income Growth Class	61,901,952	1,080,708
Canadian Equity Exchange Traded Funds:		
BMO Global Infrastructure Index ETF	267,806,711	269,688
Evolve Automobile Innovation Index Fund	97,017,750	105,644
Evolve Cyber Security Index Fund	203,406,000	92,644
Horizons Active High Yield Bond ETF	84,029,606	444,886
iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF	268,305,000	155,385
iShares Global Real Estate Index ETF	246,176,000	257,644
iShares S&P Global Water Index Fund	323,202,000	254,996
NCM Core Global ETF Series	5,328,072	754,810
Vanguard FTSE Developed All Cap ex North America Index ETF (CAD Hedged)	216,448,000	1,013,814
Canadian Bonds Exchange Traded Funds:		
BMO High Yield US Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF	775,913,842	298,908
BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF	275,086,816	190,588
BMO Short Provincial Bond Index ETF	493,856,814	1,816,729
United States Equity Exchange Traded Funds:		
Invesco Dynamic Leisure and Entertainment ETF	1,378,768,000	102,038
iShares Global Clean Energy ETF	5,763,230,000	90,510

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8. Involvement with unconsolidated structured Entities (continued)

	Total net assets	Carrying amount included in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
United States Bonds Exchange Traded Funds:		
BMO High Yield US Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF	4,883,970,000	544,775
Total	15,442,804,218	9,412,232

	Total net assets	Carrying amount included in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>		
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 Core 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	371,484
BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF	514,647,760	1,339,828
BMO Short Provincial Bond Index ETF	396,878,859	1,656,450
Total	3,326,657,876	9,132,961

During the years ended September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020, 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.

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9. Brokerage commissions on securities transactions

The Fund paid brokerage commissions amounting to \$4,599 (September 30, 2020 - \$6,333) in connection with portfolio transactions during the year.

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