

March 31, 2020

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
NCM CONSERVATIVE
INCOME PORTFOLIO



TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO.

These unaudited interim financial statements are as at March 31, 2020. The unaudited interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and include statements of financial position as at March 31, 2020 and September 30, 2019, statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to unitholders, and cash flows for the six months ended March 31, 2020; and notes to the financial statements, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, schedule of investment portfolio and other explanatory information.

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

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

NCM Conservative Income Portfolio.
May 28, 2020

NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO

Interim Statements of Financial Position
(unaudited)

(in Canadian dollars, except units outstanding)

As at	March 31 2020	September 30 2019
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Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	176,018	275,184
Dividends receivable	23,782	24,832
Due from Manager (note 8)	45,623	108,610
Portfolio assets sold	63,455	-
Units issued	-	95,364
Investments, at fair value through profit or loss	13,411,181	14,108,963
Total assets	13,720,059	14,612,953

Liabilities

Accrued expenses (note 8)	20,223	47,510
Distributions payable	2,476	1,507
Portfolio assets purchased	-	122,517
Units redeemed	7,008	42,765
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units)	29,707	214,299
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	13,690,352	14,398,654

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:

Series A	5,226,675	5,320,968
Series F	6,619,787	7,321,299
Series I	1,394,361	1,433,373
Series T6	307,188	173,347
Series F6	126,001	148,678
Series M	16,340	989

Redeemable units outstanding (note 7):

Series A	226,657	203,704
Series F	282,348	277,235
Series I	57,138	52,366
Series T6	14,031	6,956
Series F6	5,640	5,876
Series M	670	36


Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:

Series A	23.06	26.12
Series F	23.45	26.41
Series I	24.40	27.37
Series T6	21.89	24.92
Series F6	22.34	25.30
Series M*	24.40	27.37

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

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

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



Alex Sasso



Keith Leslie

NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO

Interim Statement of Comprehensive Income
(unaudited)

Six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019

(in Canadian dollars)

	2020	2019
Dividend income	197,009	166,667
Interest for distribution purposes	430	2,047
Net gain (loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	380,080	32,093
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	(1,911,160)	437,256
Total investment revenue (loss)	(1,333,641)	638,063
Management fees (note 8)	81,614	59,640
Custodian and record keeping fees	23,018	21,359
HST/GST	11,478	10,078
Transaction costs	6,880	7,272
Audit fees	6,340	10,235
Other	5,087	7,002
Tax and other professional fees	3,690	6,363
Legal and filing fees	3,589	12,349
Operating expense (recovery) (note 8)	(45,623)	(60,000)
Total operating expenses	96,073	74,298
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units before tax	(1,429,714)	563,765
Withholding tax recovery	-	(4,020)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	(1,429,714)	567,785
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (note 7):		
Series A	(604,564)	242,420
Series F	(641,547)	271,557
Series I	(134,843)	41,608
Series T6	(33,975)	6,430
Series F6	(12,473)	5,770
Series M	(2,312)	-
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (note 7):		
Series A	(2.67)	1.28
Series F	(2.31)	1.37
Series I	(2.54)	2.00
Series T6	(2.83)	0.93
Series F6	(2.17)	1.79
Series M	(8.95)	-

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

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

Six months ended March 31, 2020 and 2019

(in Canadian dollars)

	All Series		Series A		Series F		Series I		Series T6		Series F6		Series M	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of period	14,398,654	150,000	5,320,968	75,000	7,321,299	75,000	1,433,373	-	173,347	-	148,678	-	989	-
Increase (decrease) in net assets, attributable to holders of redeemable units	(1,429,714)	567,785	(604,564)	242,420	(641,547)	271,557	(134,843)	41,608	(33,975)	6,430	(12,473)	5,770	(2,312)	-
Transactions attributable to holders of redeemable units:														
Issuance of units	2,929,998	14,348,316	1,475,140	5,954,324	1,128,607	6,487,877	131,413	1,648,847	177,175	169,668	-	87,600	17,663	-
Reinvestment of distributions	198,881	38,781	102,559	20,284	96,297	17,686	-	811	-	-	-	-	25	-
Amounts paid on redemptions	(2,033,942)	(1,432,285)	(919,748)	(645,153)	(1,108,194)	(648,037)	-	(139,095)	-	-	(6,000)	-	-	-
	1,094,937	12,954,812	657,951	5,329,455	116,710	5,857,526	131,413	1,510,563	177,175	169,668	(6,000)	87,600	17,688	-
Distributions declared	(373,525)	(75,761)	(147,680)	(33,197)	(176,675)	(35,177)	(35,582)	(1,306)	(9,359)	(4,295)	(4,204)	(1,786)	(25)	-
	(373,525)	(75,761)	(147,680)	(33,197)	(176,675)	(35,177)	(35,582)	(1,306)	(9,359)	(4,295)	(4,204)	(1,786)	(25)	-
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period	13,690,352	13,596,836	5,226,675	5,613,678	6,619,787	6,168,906	1,394,361	1,550,865	307,188	171,803	126,001	91,584	16,340	-
Distributions per unit to holders of redeemable units			0.65	0.15	0.65	0.15	0.68	0.15	0.73	0.62	0.74	0.50	0.68	-

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO

Interim Statements of Cash Flows
(unaudited)

Six months ended March 31, 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	(1,429,714)	567,785
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(380,080)	(32,093)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments at fair value through profit or loss	1,911,160	(437,256)
Purchase of investments	(5,703,259)	(13,254,382)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	4,683,989	447,743
Dividends receivable	1,050	(22,761)
Due from Manager	62,987	(60,000)
Accrued expenses	(27,287)	45,400
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	(881,154)	(12,745,564)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		
Proceeds from the issuance of redeemable units	3,025,362	14,348,316
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	(2,069,699)	(1,430,435)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvestments	(173,675)	(36,980)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	781,988	12,880,901
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(99,166)	135,337
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	-	20
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	275,184	150,000
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	176,018	285,357
Dividends received, net of withholding tax paid	198,059	147,926
Interest received	430	2,047

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO

Schedule of Investment Portfolio
(unaudited)

As at March 31, 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'	8,464	293,565	199,801	
NCM Short Term Income Fund, Series 'R'	337,821	3,247,676	2,866,647	
		3,541,241	3,066,448	22.4%
NCM Core Portfolios Ltd.				
NCM Core Canadian, Series 'R'	24,207	763,096	657,449	
NCM Core Global, Series 'R'	64,536	2,107,631	2,102,866	
		2,870,727	2,760,315	20.2%
NCM Opportunities Corp.				
NCM US Dividend Class, Series 'R'	25,006	596,314	468,123	
		596,314	468,123	3.4%
TOTAL MUTUAL FUND SHARES		7,008,282	6,294,886	46.0%
CANADIAN EQUITY ETFs				
BMO Global Infrastructure Index ETF	13,600	502,515	472,600	
iShares Global Real Estate Index ETF	9,000	270,712	229,950	
iShares S&P Global Water Index Fund	7,300	265,656	254,551	
Vanguard FTSE Developed All Cap ex North America Index ETF (CAD Hedged)	13,800	396,967	320,988	
		1,435,850	1,278,089	9.3%
TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITY ETFs		1,435,850	1,278,089	9.3%
CANADIAN BOND ETFs				
BMO High Yield US Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD ETF	78,000	1,053,031	874,380	
BMO Mid-Term US IG Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF	168,100	2,392,607	2,434,088	
BMO Short-Term US IG Corporate Bond Hedged to CAD Index ETF	177,900	2,620,146	2,529,738	
TOTAL CANADIAN BOND ETFs		6,065,784	5,838,206	42.7%
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS		7,501,634	7,116,295	52.0%
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost		(6,358)		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		14,503,558	13,411,181	98.0%
Other assets, less liabilities			279,171	2.0%
TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS			13,690,352	100.0%

NCM CONSERVATIVE INCOME PORTFOLIO

Notes to Interim Financial Statements

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1. Reporting Entity

NCM Conservative 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. Computershare Trust Company of Canada is the trustee of the Fund. 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 periods presented.

These interim financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 34, Interim financial reporting.

The financial statements of the Fund were approved and were authorized for issue by the Manager’s Board of Directors on May 28, 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 period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimate 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 periods 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 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 ("FVTPL") 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:

- All investments, including derivatives

Financial assets at amortized cost:

- Cash and cash equivalents and receivables

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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

(iii) Classification (continued)

Financial liabilities at amortized 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.

(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).

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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

(vi) Specific instruments

Cash and cash equivalents

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

Redeemable units

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

(b) Interest for distribution purposes:

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

(c) Dividend income:

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

(d) Distributions to holders of redeemable units:

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

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.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(f) Income tax:

As at March 31, 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. The Fund incurred \$nil in withholding tax expense (2019 - withholding tax recovery of \$4,020) for the six months ended March 31, 2020.

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

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

Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is calculated as increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, divided by the weighted average units outstanding during the period.

(h) Translation of foreign currency:

Foreign currency amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars as follows:

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

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

(i) Derivative financial instruments:

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

4. Asset Transfers

On October 31, 2018, the Fund acquired substantially all of the net assets of NCM High Income Fund (“the terminating Fund”) and security holders of the terminating Fund became security holders of the Fund.

As a result, 226,852 Series A units of the Fund were issued, 234,083 Series F units of the Fund were issued and 8,641 Series I units were issued. The assets transferred were as follows:

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4. Asset Transfers (continued)

	October 31, 2018
Cash and cash equivalents	11,446,305
Other assets – net of liabilities	(35,400)
Value of assets received and units issued	11,410,905

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 period during which the change occurred.

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

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

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
March 31, 2020				
Public securities – Equity and Bond ETFs	7,116,295	-	-	7,116,295
Public securities – Underlying Funds	-	6,294,886	-	6,294,886
Total Investments	7,116,295	6,294,886	-	13,411,181

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5. 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, 2019				
Public securities – Equity and Bond ETFs	7,173,797	-	-	7,173,797
Public securities – Underlying Funds	-	6,935,166	-	6,935,166
Total Investments	7,173,797	6,935,166	-	14,108,963

There were no transfers into or out of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the periods ended March 31, 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. 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 ETFs represents the maximum credit risk exposure as at March 31, 2020. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and receivables also represents their maximum credit risk.

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

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

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Credit risk (continued):

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 March 31, 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.

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

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

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

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

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued):

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

Market risk:

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

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

It is expected that the Fund will invest primarily in Underlying Funds managed or advised by the Manager or its affiliates and ETFs.

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

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

The Fund's market risk is managed on a daily basis by the portfolio manager in accordance with the policies and procedures in place.

Details of the nature of the Fund's investment portfolio at March 31, 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 ETFs hold investments in global currencies. Consequently, the Fund is exposed to risks that the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar to other foreign currencies may fluctuate.

At the reporting date the Fund had none (September 30, 2019 – \$nil) of its net asset value in 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

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(b) Interest rate risk (continued):

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 ETFs 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 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.

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 ETFs at March 31, 2020 and September 30, 2019, is an increase or decrease in the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of approximately:

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6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

Market risk (continued):

(c) Other price risk (continued):

Sensitivity analysis (continued):

(In Canadian dollars)	Total Return Index	Change in	
		Net Assets (\$)	
		2020	2019
Underlying Funds			
NCM Core Canadian	S&P TSX Composite Total Return Index	6,574	17,414
NCM Core Global	MSCI World Net Total Return Index	21,029	21,185
	BMO Small Cap Equity Only Weighted Total		
NCM Norrep Fund	Return Index	1,998	2,827
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	28,666	27,926
NCM US Dividend Class	S&P 1500 Index	4,681	–
Total Underlying Funds		62,948	69,352
Equity and Bond ETFs		71,163	71,738
Total		134,111	141,090

In practice, the actual trading results may differ from this estimate and the difference could be material. The Fund's financial assets exposed to other price risk were concentrated in the following industries as a percentage of total investments at March 31, 2020 and September 30, 2019:

	2020	2019
Energy	1.1%	2.2%
Materials	1.7%	1.4%
Industrials	2.5%	3.7%
Consumer Discretionary	3.1%	3.2%
Consumer Staples	3.8%	4.4%
Health Care	3.5%	1.9%
Financials	5.4%	6.4%
Communication Services	1.9%	2.2%
Information Technology	3.3%	2.1%
Utilities	0.5%	0.8%
Real Estate	0.4%	1.3%
Bonds and Secured Loans	63.3%	59.9%
Exchange Traded Funds	9.5%	10.5%
Total	100%	100%

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7. Net assets attributable to unitholders of redeemable units

Redeemable units

The authorized capital of the Fund consists of an unlimited number of units, issuable in series. Currently, the Fund is offered in six series of units: Series A units, Series F units, Series 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 I units are sold without commission and are available to certain investors at the Portfolio Manager's discretion. A 2% redemption fee is charged if the units are 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.

The analysis of movements in the number of redeemable units and net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units during the periods ended March 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

Series A	2020	2019
Balance, opening	203,704	3,000
Issued on distributions reinvested	3,943	861
Issued for cash	56,385	245,487
Redeemed for cash	(37,375)	(26,407)
Balance, March 31	226,657	222,941

Series F	2020	2019
Balance, opening	277,235	3,000
Issued on distributions reinvested	3,652	748
Issued for cash	43,621	266,690
Redeemed for cash	(42,160)	(26,764)
Balance, March 31	282,348	243,674

Series I	2020	2019
Balance, opening	52,366	–
Issued on distributions reinvested	–	33
Issued for cash	4,772	64,714
Redeemed for cash	–	(5,402)
Balance, March 31	57,138	59,345

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

Redeemable units (continued):

Series T6	2020	2019
Balance, opening	6,956	–
Issued for cash	7,075	6,956
Balance, March 31	14,031	6,956

Series F6	2020	2019
Balance, opening	5,876	–
Issued for cash	–	3,670
Redeemed for cash	(236)	–
Balance, March 31	5,640	3,670

Series M	2020	2019
Balance, opening	36	–
Issued on distributions reinvested	–	–
Issued for cash	634	–
Balance, March 31	670	–

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.

March 31, 2020	Series A	Series F	Series I
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$(604,564)	\$(641,547)	\$(134,843)
Average units outstanding during the period	225,805	278,193	53,278
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$(2.67)	\$(2.31)	\$(2.54)

March 31, 2020	Series T6	Series F6	Series M
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$(33,975)	\$(12,473)	\$(2,312)
Average units outstanding during the period	11,996	5,722	258
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$(2.83)	\$(2.17)	\$(8.95)

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

Redeemable units (continued):

March 31, 2019	Series A	Series F	Series I
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$242,420	\$271,557	\$41,608
Average units outstanding during the period	189,172	198,291	20,843
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$1.28	\$1.37	\$2.00

March 31, 2019	Series T6	Series F6	Series M
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	\$6,430	\$5,770	\$ –
Average units outstanding during the period	6,885	3,220	–
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$0.93	\$1.79	\$ –

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 1.75% of the net asset value of the series. Series F and Series F6 paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 0.75% of the net asset value of the series. The management fee is calculated and paid monthly. No management fee is charged to the Series I. Instead, the investors pay a management fee directly to the Manager in an amount determined through negotiation with the Manager. Series M units are not available for general public purchase. The Manager and its affiliates offer wealth management services including fee-based and managed accounts under the Cumberland Private Wealth brand, and the Series M units are intended for such accounts. There is no management fee attached to Series M. Included in accrued expenses at March 31, 2020 is \$12,874 (September 30, 2019 - \$12,474) related to these fees.

(b) Operating expense recoveries:

The Manager has agreed to absorb certain expenses associated with some of the Funds, such as absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice. Included in Due from Manager at March 31, 2020 is \$45,623 (September 30, 2019 - \$108,610) 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
March 31, 2020		
NCM Core Portfolios Ltd:		
NCM Core Canadian	14,566,551	657,449
NCM Core Global	45,714,488	2,102,866
Mutual Fund Trust:		
NCM Norrep Fund	28,828,239	199,801
NCM Short Term Income Fund	34,326,311	2,866,647
NCM Opportunities Corp.:		
NCM US Dividend Class	11,462,076	468,123
Total	134,897,665	6,294,886

	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	1,741,353
NCM Core Global	38,563,741	2,118,465
Mutual Fund Trust:		
NCM Norrep Fund	46,284,661	282,734
NCM Short Term Income Fund	49,363,646	2,792,614
Total	154,495,715	6,935,166

During the periods ended March 31, 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 investments 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 \$4,525 (March 31, 2019 - \$4,482) in connection with portfolio transactions during the period.

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11. Subsequent events

Effective May 19, 2020, investors residing in each of Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon can purchase units in the Fund, in addition, the Trustee changed from Computershare Trust Company of Canada to NCM Asset Management Ltd.

In January 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus a global health emergency and on March 11, 2020, it was declared a global pandemic. The situation is dynamic with various cities and countries around the world responding in different ways to address the outbreak. At this time, governments and businesses around the world are introducing significant new measures to contain and control the spread of the virus.

There had been a significant drop in commodity prices and equity markets have reacted with the biggest decline experienced in more than a decade. In response, both the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada quickly reduced their key interest rates.

The full impact of these circumstances on businesses will not be fully understood until time has passed. While the full impact is not yet known, we will continue to monitor the impact the coronavirus has on the Funds' investments and reflect the consequences as appropriate in our accounting and reporting.

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