

March 31, 2021

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
NCM SHORT TERM INCOME  
FUND



## TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NCM SHORT TERM INCOME FUND.

These unaudited interim financial statements are as at March 31, 2021. 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, 2021 and September 30, 2020, statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to unitholders, and cash flows for the six months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020; and notes to the interim 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 Short Term Income Fund.  
May 27, 2021

# NCM SHORT TERM INCOME FUND

Interim Statements of Financial Position  
(unaudited)

(in Canadian dollars, except units outstanding)

As at	March 31 2021	September 30 2020
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,096,282	2,949,060
Dividends receivable	3,154	1,437
Interest receivable	152,745	260,514
Due from Manager (note 7)	9,264	–
Portfolio assets sold	950,495	661,196
Units issued	7,331	830
Investments, at fair value through profit or loss	15,571,628	22,720,506
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>17,790,899</b>	<b>26,593,543</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued expenses (note 7)	25,364	70,000
Distributions payable	21,895	29,274
Portfolio assets purchased	3,043	–
Units redeemed	7,311	1,468,687
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	38,128	137,676
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units)</b>	<b>95,741</b>	<b>1,705,637</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>17,695,158</b>	<b>24,887,906</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units:</b>		
Series A	6,338,010	7,905,877
Series F	4,133,725	4,989,479
Series I	2,323,345	2,297,984
Series A (H)	68,115	23,317
Series F (H)	400,459	3,559,836
Series R	4,431,504	6,111,413
<b>Redeemable units outstanding (note 6):</b>		
Series A	764,936	1,008,365
Series F	473,284	605,269
Series I	247,896	260,812
Series A (H)	7,146	2,432
Series F (H)	39,708	352,002
Series R	473,073	693,932
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit:</b>		
Series A	8.29	7.84
Series F	8.73	8.24
Series I	9.37	8.81
Series A (H)	9.53	9.59
Series F (H)	10.09	10.11
Series R	9.37	8.81
Series A (H) USD	7.58	7.18
Series F (H) USD	8.02	7.57

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

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



Alex Sasso



Keith Leslie

# NCM SHORT TERM INCOME FUND

Interim Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)  
(unaudited)

Six months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020

(in Canadian dollars)

	2021	2020
Dividend income	71,268	114,430
Interest for distribution purposes	420,528	1,156,779
Securities lending income	647	1,945
Net gain (loss) on investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(753,598)	(305,921)
Net realized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	296,617	(1,095,311)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	1,533,159	(3,162,125)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivative instruments	99,548	(420,108)
Total investment revenue (loss)	1,668,169	(3,710,311)
Management fees (note 7)	63,288	167,561
Legal and filing fees	23,569	10,108
Custodian and record keeping fees	21,176	25,388
Administrative fees (note 7)	16,193	37,418
HST/GST	13,844	30,143
Transaction costs	7,934	18,198
Other	6,835	6,105
Audit fees	6,120	6,690
Computer services	5,341	10,665
Tax and other professional fees	4,452	5,364
Independent review committee	2,148	3,274
Operating expense recovery (note 7)	(9,264)	–
Total operating expenses	161,636	320,914
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units before tax	1,506,533	(4,031,225)
Withholding tax expense (recovery)	9,246	(9,644)
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	1,497,287	(4,021,581)
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (note 6):		
Series A	558,911	(1,701,372)
Series F	336,585	(880,437)
Series I	181,640	(175,917)
Series A (H)	132	(20,798)
Series F (H)	1,180	(172,656)
Series R	418,839	(1,070,401)
Change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit (note 6):		
Series A	0.65	(0.90)
Series F	0.68	(0.80)
Series I	0.76	(0.32)
Series A (H)	0.04	(0.31)
Series F (H)	0.01	(0.28)
Series R	0.77	(1.25)

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

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

Six months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020

(in Canadian dollars)

	All Series		Series A		Series F		Series I		Series A (H)		Series F (H)		Series R	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, beginning of period	24,887,906	49,363,646	7,905,877	16,955,072	4,989,479	11,370,143	2,297,984	6,280,427	23,317	751,386	3,559,836	7,819,765	6,111,413	6,186,853
Increase (decrease) in net assets, attributable to holders of redeemable units	1,497,287	(4,021,581)	558,911	(1,701,372)	336,586	(880,437)	181,639	(175,917)	132	(20,798)	1,180	(172,656)	418,839	(1,070,401)
Transactions attributable to holders of redeemable units:														
Issuance of units	991,210	7,428,496	277,510	790,999	189,572	937,976	107,973	–	68,157	22	–	157,157	347,998	5,542,342
Reinvestment of distributions	274,944	745,968	122,697	298,422	32,874	107,822	–	–	948	15,686	10,606	142,090	107,819	181,948
Amounts paid on redemptions	(9,544,796)	(18,165,583)	(2,374,201)	(5,922,266)	(1,323,507)	(4,565,552)	(216,357)	(3,745,531)	(23,491)	(111,474)	(3,160,557)	(2,269,435)	(2,446,683)	(1,551,325)
	(8,278,642)	(9,991,119)	(1,973,994)	(4,832,845)	(1,101,061)	(3,519,754)	(108,384)	(3,745,531)	45,614	(95,766)	(3,149,951)	(1,970,188)	(1,990,866)	4,172,965
Distributions declared	(411,393)	(1,024,635)	(152,784)	(348,452)	(91,279)	(214,208)	(47,894)	(110,742)	(948)	(15,750)	(10,606)	(150,858)	(107,882)	(184,625)
	(411,393)	(1,024,635)	(152,784)	(348,452)	(91,279)	(214,208)	(47,894)	(110,742)	(948)	(15,750)	(10,606)	(150,858)	(107,882)	(184,625)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of period	17,695,158	34,326,311	6,338,010	10,072,403	4,133,725	6,755,744	2,323,345	2,248,237	68,115	619,072	400,459	5,526,063	4,431,504	9,104,792
Distributions per unit to holders of redeemable units			0.18	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.22	0.25	0.20	0.21

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

# NCM SHORT TERM INCOME FUND

Interim Statements of Cash Flows  
(unaudited)

Six months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020

(in Canadian dollars)

	2021	2020
<b>Cash flows from (used in) operating activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units	1,497,287	(4,021,581)
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	753,598	305,921
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(1,533,159)	3,162,125
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on derivative instruments	(99,548)	420,108
Purchase of investments	(5,374,013)	(13,461,782)
Proceeds from the sale and maturity of investments	13,060,669	24,665,349
Dividends receivable	(1,717)	(1,193)
Interest receivable	107,769	237,462
Due from Manager	(9,264)	–
Accrued expenses	(44,636)	(63,700)
<b>Net cash from (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>8,356,986</b>	<b>11,242,709</b>
<b>Cash flows from (used in) financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from the issuance of redeemable units	984,709	7,521,167
Amounts paid on redemption of redeemable units	(11,006,172)	(17,631,087)
Distributions to holders of redeemable units, net of reinvestments	(143,828)	(297,748)
<b>Net cash from (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(10,165,291)</b>	<b>(10,407,668)</b>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,808,305)	835,041
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(44,473)	65,242
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,949,060	5,039,142
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>1,096,282</b>	<b>5,939,425</b>
Dividends received, net of withholding tax paid	60,305	122,881
Interest received	528,297	1,394,241

See accompanying notes to interim financial statements.

# NCM SHORT TERM INCOME FUND

Schedule of Investment Portfolio  
(unaudited)

As at March 31, 2021

(in Canadian dollars)

Description	Number of Shares / Par Value	Cost (\$)	Fair Value % of Net (\$)	Assets
<b>CANADIAN EQUITIES</b>				
<b>Preferred Shares</b>				
Canadian Western Bank, Variable Rate, Preferred, Perpetual, Series '7'	20,000	508,800	511,200	
Empire Life Insurance Co. (The), Variable Rate, Preferred, Perpetual, Series '1'	4,000	101,899	99,840	
Laurentian Bank of Canada, Variable Rate, Preferred, Perpetual, Series '15', Class 'A'	4,000	95,772	100,880	
		706,471	711,920	4.0%
<b>TOTAL CANADIAN EQUITIES</b>		<b>706,471</b>	<b>711,920</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
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<b>CANADIAN BONDS (Par Value in CAD except as otherwise stated)</b>				
<b>Corporate</b>				
Equitable Bank, 2.948%, 2022/09/26	1,000,000	1,005,240	1,028,691	
goeasy Ltd., Callable, 5.375%, 2024/12/01 (Par Value in USD)	1,000,000	1,343,193	1,304,899	
Great Canadian Gaming Corp., Callable, 5.250%, 2026/12/31	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,245,375	
Kruger Products L.P., Callable, 6.000%, 2025/04/24	650,000	653,656	672,615	
Nuvista Energy Ltd., Callable, 6.500%, 2023/03/02	1,000,000	1,000,000	973,125	
Parkland Corp., Callable, 6.000%, 2028/06/23	750,000	750,000	806,953	
Russel Metals Inc., Callable, 5.750%, 2025/10/27	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,055,000	
Superior Plus L.P., Callable, 5.250%, 2024/02/27	600,000	595,500	618,687	
TD Capital Trust IV, Variable Rate, Callable, 10.000%, 2108/06/30	1,000,000	1,059,600	1,055,388	
		8,657,189	8,760,733	49.5%
<b>Exchange Traded Funds</b>				
Horizons Active High Yield Bond ETF	54,500	501,128	496,495	
		501,128	496,495	2.8%
<b>TOTAL CANADIAN BONDS</b>		<b>9,158,317</b>	<b>9,257,228</b>	<b>52.3%</b>
<b>UNITED STATES BONDS (Par Value in USD)</b>				
<b>Corporate</b>				
CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp., Callable, 5.500%, 2026/05/01	500,000	654,092	648,978	
		654,092	648,978	3.7%
<b>Exchange Traded Funds</b>				
iShares 0-5 Year High Yield Corporate Bond ETF	14,300	856,397	823,341	
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond ETF	5,412	752,018	740,065	
		1,608,415	1,563,406	8.8%
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES BONDS</b>		<b>2,262,507</b>	<b>2,212,384</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>TOTAL BONDS</b>		<b>11,420,824</b>	<b>11,469,612</b>	<b>64.8%</b>
<b>UNITED STATES TERM LOANS (Par Value in USD)</b>				
BDF Acquisition Corp., Term Loans, 6.250%, 2023/08/14	857,360	937,357	1,069,491	
McAfee LLC, Term Loans, 3.9064%, 2024/09/30	852,942	1,044,369	1,071,752	
		1,981,726	2,141,243	12.1%
<b>Exchange Traded Funds</b>				
Invesco Senior Loan ETF	44,900	1,256,183	1,248,853	
		1,256,183	1,248,853	7.1%
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES TERM LOANS</b>		<b>3,237,909</b>	<b>3,390,096</b>	<b>19.2%</b>
<b>TOTAL TERM LOANS</b>		<b>3,237,909</b>	<b>3,390,096</b>	<b>19.2%</b>
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost		(7,843)		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>15,357,361</b>	<b>15,571,628</b>	<b>88.0%</b>
Derivative liabilities			(38,128)	-0.2%
Other assets, less liabilities			2,161,658	12.2%
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS</b>			<b>17,695,158</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

As at March 31, 2021

Counterparty	Credit Rating	Settlement Date	Currency to be Delivered	Fair Value in Cdn Dollars	Currency to be Received	Contract Price	Unrealized Loss
Bank of Nova Scotia	A-1	April 15, 2021	3,436,463 USD	4,319,049	4,280,921 CAD	1.2457	(38,128)
Net Unrealized Loss							(38,128)



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Notes to Interim Financial Statements  
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## 1. Reporting Entity

On August 27, 2018, Norrep Short Term Income Fund changed its name to NCM Short Term Income Fund. NCM Short Term Income Fund (the "Fund") is an open-ended mutual fund trust established under the laws of Alberta pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated August 16, 2011, as amended April 14, 2014. The Fund's principal place of business is Suite 1850, 333 - 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Series may differ from the value of a Trust Unit in another Series, depending on the Net Asset Value of that particular Series.

Effective August 27, 2018, NCM Short Term Income Fund changed its year end from December 31 to September 30.

NCM Asset Management Ltd. ("Manager and Portfolio Manager") provides investment management services and manages the day-to-day operation of the Fund. CIBC Mellon Trust Company ("CIBC Mellon") is the custodian of the Fund and NCM Asset Management Ltd. is the Trustee and Promoter of the 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").

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 27, 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 and derivative instruments which are measured at fair value.

### (c) Functional and presentation currency:

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar except where otherwise indicated.

### (d) Use of judgements and estimates:

These financial statements include estimates and assumptions made by management that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and

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## 2. Basis of preparation (continued)

### (d) Use of judgements and estimates (continued):

expenses, and gains and losses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively. Significant estimates include the valuation of investments and investment income accruals.

Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates and requires judgement. If indicators of the primary environment are mixed, then management uses its judgement to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. All of the Fund's operating expenses are denominated in Canadian dollars. Investments are a mixture of Canadian and United States securities. Investor subscriptions and redemptions for Series A (H) and Series F (H) are in U.S. dollars. Although Series A (H) and Series F (H) are denominated in U.S. dollars for investor subscriptions and redemptions, the Series are meant to replicate the Series A and Series F, respectively. The Fund's NAV is calculated in Canadian dollars with the NAV per unit for the Series A (H) and Series F (H) being converted to USD after the Canadian NAV per unit is calculated. Accordingly, management has determined that the functional currency of the Fund is Canadian dollars.

## 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 ("FVTPL") are initially recognized on the trade date, which is the date on which the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. 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.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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

(ii) Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognized only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire; or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. The Fund derecognizes financial liabilities when, and only when the Fund's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

(iii) Classification

The Fund follows IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. The standard requires assets to be carried at amortized cost or fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in profit and loss or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

Assessment and decision on the business model approach used is an accounting judgement.

Under IFRS 9, derivatives are classified as FVTPL like other financial assets and liabilities, so there is no requirement to present separately the different component amounts on the Statement of Comprehensive Income as they fall within the same classification.

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

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

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- 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.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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

#### (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 the restriction.

Fair value of investments in unit purchase warrants is determined using a recognized economic model taking into account various factors including risk free rate of interest, dividend rates, volatility, market value and trading volume of the underlying stock.

Fair value of 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 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, does not qualify as equity under IAS 32, Financial Instruments. 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.

For U.S. dollar pricing, net asset values are calculated by converting the Canadian dollar net asset value per unit to the U.S. dollar equivalent using the then current rate of exchange.

### (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 and dividend expense:

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 at the date of distribution.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

- (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 March 31, 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 withholding tax expense (recovery) of \$9,246 (March 31, 2020 - \$9,644) for the six months ended March 31, 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 period. Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders per unit is calculated as increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders, 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.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

### (i) Derivative financial instruments:

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

### (j) Securities lending transactions:

The Funds are permitted to enter into securities lending transactions as set out in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus. These transactions involve the temporary exchange of securities for collateral with a commitment to redeliver the same securities on a future date. Securities lending transactions are administered by The Bank of New York Mellon (collectively the "Securities Lending Agent"). The value of cash or securities held as collateral must be at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned, sold or purchased. Income is earned from these transactions in the form of fees paid by the counterparty and, in certain circumstances, interest paid on cash or securities held as collateral. Income earned from these transactions is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income as Securities lending income and recognized when earned.

## 4. Fair value measurement

### (a) Investments:

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities that are traded on active markets are based on quoted market prices. For all other financial instruments, the Fund determines fair values using other valuation techniques.

For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective, and requires varying degrees of judgment depending on liquidity, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument.

A three-tier hierarchy is used as a framework for disclosing fair value based on inputs used to value the Fund's investments. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

- Inputs that are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments (Level 1);
- Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to 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);

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## 4. Fair value measurement (continued)

### (a) Investments (continued):

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 March 31, 2021 and September 30, 2020 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. All derivative fair values in the statement of financial position are classified as level 2.

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
March 31, 2021				
Public securities				
Equities - long	711,920	—	—	711,920
Bonds/Term Loans	—	11,550,954	—	11,550,954
ETF's	3,308,754	—	—	3,308,754
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	—	(38,128)	—	(38,128)
Total Investments	4,020,674	11,512,826	—	15,533,500

<i>(in Canadian dollars)</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
September 30, 2020				
Public securities				
Equities - long	299,920	—	—	299,920
Bonds/Term Loans	—	18,785,566	—	18,785,566
ETF's	3,635,020	—	—	3,635,020
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	—	(137,676)	—	(137,676)
Total Investments	3,934,940	18,647,890	—	22,582,830

There were no transfers between the levels for the periods ended March 31, 2021 and September 30, 2020.

### (c) Financial instruments not measured at fair value:

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



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## 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 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 each of the Funds 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 as presented on the statement of investment portfolios represents the maximum credit risk exposure as at March 31, 2021. This also applies to cash and cash equivalents and receivables as they have a short-term settlement.

A portion of the Fund's portfolio may consist of instruments that have a credit quality rated below investment grade by internationally recognized credit rating organizations or may be unrated.

These securities involve significant risk exposure as there is uncertainty regarding the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligations. Low rated and unrated debt instruments generally offer a higher current yield than that available from higher grade issuers, but typically involve greater risk.

As at March 31, 2021 and September 30, 2020, the Fund was invested in debt securities with the following credit rating:

Debt Security by Credit Rating	% of Assets Under Management in each category	
	March 31, 2021	September 30, 2020
BBB	11.8%	17.5%
Below BBB	46.5%	53.4%
Unrated	7.0%	4.6%

Credit risk arising on transactions for units purchased and portfolio assets sold relates to transactions awaiting settlement, also known as settlement risk.

'Settlement risk' is the risk of loss due to the failure of an entity to honor its obligations to deliver cash, securities or other assets as contractually agreed. Credit risk relating to unsettled transactions is considered small due to the short settlement period involved and the high credit quality of the brokers used.

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## 5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

### **Credit risk (continued):**

For the majority of the transactions, the Fund mitigates this risk by conducting settlements through a broker to ensure that a trade is settled only when both parties have fulfilled their contractual settlement obligations.

Also, legal entitlement will not pass until all monies have been received for the units purchased or the portfolio assets sold. If either party does not meet its obligation then the transaction will fail.

Substantially all of the assets of the Fund are held by CIBC Mellon, the custodian. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the custodian may cause the Fund's rights with respect to securities held by the custodian to be delayed or limited. The Fund monitors its risk by monitoring the credit quality and credit rating and financial positions of the custodian. If the credit quality or the financial position deteriorates significantly then the Portfolio Manager will move the investment holdings to another financial institution.

### **Liquidity risk:**

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

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. The 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 may not be able to quickly liquidate some of its investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value in order to meet its liquidity requirements. The Fund believes it maintains sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity.

The Fund's liquidity risk is managed on a daily basis by the Portfolio Manager. Minimum cash balances may be required to be maintained in the Fund at the discretion of the Portfolio Manager to allow for monies to cover redemptions. At March 31, 2021 the Fund had a cash balance equal to 6% (September 30, 2020 - 12%) of the net assets. The Fund's redemption policy allows for redemptions at any time during any given month. In certain circumstances, the Fund is required to settle the transaction by trade day plus two days.

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

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## 5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

### Market risk (continued):

The Fund's strategy on the management of investment risk is driven by the Fund's investment objective. The Fund is designed to provide holders of the units with capital preservation and a highly liquid portfolio comprised primarily of government and corporate debt securities targeting a level of income consistent with investments in short-term fixed income securities.

The portfolio may consist of all types of debt obligations of issuers that may or may not be listed for trading upon the facilities of stock exchanges or other organized and regulated trading facilities.

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

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, 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. Consequently, the Funds are exposed to risks that the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar to other foreign currencies may fluctuate.

The Fund uses forward contracts to hedge a portion of the Fund's foreign exchange risk.

At the reporting date the Fund had 23.2% (September 30, 2020 – 10.0%) of its net asset value in U.S. currency.

#### Sensitivity Analysis:

At March 31, 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 \$40,932 (September 30, 2020 - \$24,983). 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

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## 5. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

### Market risk (continued):

#### (b) Interest rate risk (continued):

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

High yield corporate bond prices are impacted by the credit metrics, liquidity and business fundamentals of the corporate entity movements in underlying interest rates and inflows and outflows in and out of high yield space. Historically, the high yield corporate bonds held in the Fund have been correlated with the related stock indices for those corporate investments, although generally less volatile. The table below summarizes the Fund's exposure to interest rate risks. It includes the Fund's assets at fair values, categorized by the maturity dates.

March 31, 2021	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	>5 years	Total
All amounts stated in Canadian dollars					
Corporate bonds/Term loans	—	3,689,994	4,104,266	3,756,694	11,550,954

September 30, 2020	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	>5 years	Total
All amounts stated in Canadian dollars					
Corporate bonds/Term loans	—	6,043,618	9,658,787	3,083,161	18,785,566

#### (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 by constructing a diverse portfolio of securities. The price of a security is affected by individual company developments and by general economic and financial conditions in those industries and countries where the issuer of the security is located, does business or where the security, if applicable, is listed for trading. 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 their knowledge of the market conditions and diversify the portfolio of investments accordingly. The risk resulting from financial instruments is equivalent to their fair value.

The Fund will primarily invest in government and corporate debt securities of varying types. The following table details the breakdown of the investment assets and liabilities held by the Fund as at March 31, 2021 and September 30, 2020:

	% of Net Assets	
	2021	2020
Investments:		
Exchange Traded Funds	18.7%	14.6%
Preferred Shares	4.0%	1.2%
Over-the-counter debt instruments	65.3%	75.5%

#### Sensitivity analysis:

A 1% increase or decrease in the Blended Index: FTSE TMX Short Term Bond Index (50%), Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index (30%) and the Merrill Lynch High Yield Canadian Issuer's Index (20%) at March 31, 2021 would have impacted the net assets attributable to unitholders and the changes in net assets attributable to unitholders by approximately \$155,716 (September 30, 2020 - \$227,205).

The Fund's investments exposed to other price risk were concentrated in the following industries at March 31, 2021 and September 30, 2020:

	2021	2020
Bonds		
Preferred Shares	4.6%	1.3%
Bonds and Term Loans	95.4%	98.7%
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, each representing an equal undivided interest in the net assets of the Fund. Currently, there are six series outstanding, Series A, Series A (H), Series F, Series F (H), Series I and Series R. Each series ranks equally with respect to dividends and return of capital in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up based on their respective series' net asset values.

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

Redeemable units (continued):

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 A (H) 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 F (H) 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 F (H) 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 A (H) and Series F (H) units are offered for purchase in U.S. dollars only.

There are no sales charges or commissions payable in respect of purchases of Series R units. Series R is only available for purchase by the NCM Funds and other funds and accounts managed or advised by the Manager and/or its affiliates.

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 period was as follows:

<b>Series A</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Balance, opening	1,008,365	1,959,967
Issued on distributions reinvested	15,079	35,191
Issued for cash	35,070	96,319
Redeemed for cash	(293,578)	(767,932)
Balance, March 31	764,936	1,323,545
<b>Series F</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Balance, opening	605,269	1,257,758
Issued on distributions reinvested	3,836	12,163
Issued for cash	21,659	103,795
Redeemed for cash	(157,480)	(526,898)
Balance, March 31	473,284	846,818
<b>Series I</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Balance, opening	260,812	656,061
Issued for cash	11,475	—
Redeemed for cash	(24,391)	(391,215)
Balance, March 31	247,896	264,846

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

Redeemable units (continued):

<b>Series A (H)</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Balance, opening	2,432	71,722
Issued on distributions reinvested	99	1,522
Issued for cash	7,068	—
Redeemed for cash	(2,453)	(10,789)
Balance, March 31	7,146	62,455
<b>Series F (H)</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Balance, opening	352,002	711,722
Issued on distributions reinvested	1,049	13,117
Issued for cash	—	14,485
Redeemed for cash	(313,343)	(209,322)
Balance, March 31	39,708	530,002
<b>Series R</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Balance, opening	693,932	646,479
Issued on distributions reinvested	11,756	19,474
Issued for cash	37,538	579,770
Redeemed for cash	(270,153)	(172,761)
Balance, March 31	473,073	1,072,962

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit is calculated as follows:

Due to rounding, numbers presented may not calculate precisely and not reflect the absolute figures.

	Series A	Series F	Series I	Series A (H)	Series F (H)	Series R
NCM Short Term Income Fund - March 31, 2021						
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	559	337	182	—	1	419
Average units outstanding during the period (in 000's of units)	871	492	239	4	69	552
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$0.65	\$0.68	\$0.76	\$0.04	\$0.01	\$0.77

	Series A	Series F	Series I	Series A (H)	Series F (H)	Series R
NCM Short Term Income Fund - March 31, 2020						
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (in 000's of \$)	(1,701)	(880)	(176)	(21)	(173)	(1,070)
Average units outstanding during the period (in 000's of units)	1,891	1,106	545	69	625	853
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit	\$(0.90)	\$(0.80)	\$(0.32)	\$(0.31)	\$(0.28)	\$(1.25)

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## 7. Management fees, expenses and key contracts

### (a) Manager and management fees:

Series A and Series A (H)) paid an annual management fee to the Manager of 1.25% of the net asset value of the series. Series F and Series F (H) 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. Included in accrued expenses at March 31, 2021 is \$9,625 (September 30, 2020 - \$14,862) related to these fees. 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. There are no management fees payable in respect of Series R units. The NCM Funds and other funds and accounts managed or advised by the Manager and/or its affiliates that invest in Series R units are charged a management fee for the provision of our services to them.

### (b) Expenses:

All fees and expenses applicable to the administration and operation of the Fund, including recordkeeping and communication costs, custodian fees, legal and filing fees, audit, applicable taxes and bank charges are payable by the Fund. The Manager has charged the Fund for administration services. As at March 31, 2021 \$2,497 (September 30, 2020 - \$5,174) is included in accrued expenses.

### (c) Operating expense recoveries:

NCM has agreed to absorb certain expenses associated with some of the Funds. Such absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice. Included in accounts receivable at March 31, 2021 is \$9,264 (September 30, 2020 – \$nil).

## 8. Brokerage commissions on securities transactions

The Fund paid brokerage commissions amounting to \$3,704 (March 31, 2020 - \$9,516) in connection with portfolio transactions during the period.

## 9. Securities lending transactions

In August 2019, the Fund engaged in securities lending. Collateral received on securities lending may be comprised of debt obligations of the Government of Canada and other countries, Canadian provincial or territorial governments, governments of states of the United States of America, and evidence of indebtedness of financial institutions whose short-term debt is rated A-1 or R-1 or equivalent by a recognized, widely followed North American credit rating agency, corporate debt or corporate commercial paper, convertible securities or cash that is not to be invested. The table below shows a reconciliation of the gross amount generated from securities lending transactions to the



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## 9. Securities lending transactions (continued)

securities lending income earned by the remaining Funds for the periods ended March 31, 2021 and 2020.

	2021		2020	
<i>(In Canadian dollars)</i>				
Gross securities lending income	1,152	100.0%	3,288	100.0%
Withholding taxes	(74)	(6.4)%	(45)	(1.4)%
Agent fees	(431)	(37.4)%	(1,298)	(39.5)%
Securities lending income	647	56.2%	1,945	59.1%

<b>Security Lending:</b>	2021	2020
Value of securities loaned	\$1,338,405	\$202,007
Value of collateral received	\$1,406,632	\$212,361

## 10. Subsequent events

On May 10, 2021, the unitholders of the Fund approved a change to the investment objectives to permit the Fund to invest primarily in Canadian fixed income securities. On or about May 19, 2021, the Fund was renamed NCM Core Income Fund and offered Series Z to investors. Series Z is available to certain investors at the Manager's discretion. To qualify to purchase Series Z, an investor must enter into an agreement with the Manager relating to this Series. Series Z are not subject to sales charges and instead are subject to a flat fee pricing model.

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