

# Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the nine month period ended September 30, 2008

## Credential Select Balanced Portfolio

Portfolio Manager

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Credential Select Balanced Portfolio aims to provide reasonable current income and growth over the long term by investing in a mix of income-oriented mutual funds and equity mutual funds. The Fund invests in other mutual funds that are managed by different portfolio managers. The Fund will have a 40% exposure to fixed-income securities and 60% to equity securities. The portfolio manager uses strategic asset allocation, diversification and rebalancing to manage the Fund.

### Risks

The risks of investing in the Fund have not changed from the prior year and remain as discussed in the prospectus. The Fund is suitable for investors seeking a balance of current income and capital growth and who have a moderate tolerance for risk.

### Results of Operations

The Credential Select Balanced Portfolio's Class A units returned -11.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared with a return of -8.3% for a blended benchmark, explained below. Unlike the benchmark return, the Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses paid by the Fund. The Fund's net assets decreased by 16.5% to \$87.4 million at September 30, 2008, from \$104.7 million at December 31, 2007. Of this change, \$11.9 million is attributable to a loss by investment performance and \$5.4 million to net redemptions. Performance differences between classes of units are mainly attributable to management fees charged to each class. Refer to the Past Performance section for the details of returns by Class.

Over the past nine months, the Fund held a portfolio with target weights of 30% in Canadian bonds, 10% in foreign bonds, 25% in Canadian equities, and 35% in foreign equities.

The Fund's weight in US and global equities detracted most from returns, while the 40% weight in Global and Canadian fixed income added to performance.

High levels of volatility and uncertainty plagued both the equity and debt markets throughout the first nine months of 2008. Banks began shoring up their balance sheets with as much cash as possible and refused to offer loans at reasonable terms to other institutions for fear of their exposure to subprime loans and other toxic assets.

Short Term bonds (one to five years) were the strongest performers during the first nine months of the year, returning 4.1%, followed by mid term bonds (five to ten years) at 2.7% return, while long term bonds (ten years +) were the worst performers at -2.4%, as institutional investors reduced the term to maturity of their portfolios in the face of uncertainty. Federal bonds significantly outperformed both corporate bonds and the DEX Universe Index, returning 3.8% year to date vs. 0.5% for corporate bonds and 1.8% for the index.

Despite reaching an all-time high of 15,073 on June 18, the S&P/TSX had a rollercoaster ride to end the first nine months of 2008 at 11,753, down 13.3%. The earlier selloff was pointed to financials, but became indiscriminate towards the end of the period with all 10 subsectors of the index ending in double digit losses. Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary were the worst performing sectors at -37.1% and -28.1%. Consumer Staples, Energy and Financials were the best sectors, returning -10.3%, -11.3% and -11.8%, respectively.

Large Capitalization companies outperformed smaller companies as investors continued to seek safety in larger names, with the S&P/TSX 60 returning -11.0% and the BMO Nesbitt Burns Small Cap index returning -26.0%.

The center of all global market volatility was the US financial system in the first nine months of 2008. The S&P 500 Index lost 13.4% (in C\$ terms) year to date. The sectors that really led the declines were Financials, Telecommunications Services and Information Technology; all at different times. The brunt of the 31.0% decline in Financials came in June 2008 but the sector lost ground over the first two quarters and broke even in the last. The other two sectors lost 31.7% and 23.9%, respectively. Their losses were sustained in the first and third quarters.

All sectors posted losses for the year to date; a general economic slowdown, tight credit, and uncertainty about the future all contributed to an unprecedented sell off. Lessening this impact was the appreciation of the US dollar against many currencies, including the Canadian dollar, by about 7 cents.

International stocks have been impacted by various issues over the past nine months. As the year started, energy prices had an effect on business earnings in both Europe and the Far East. As the second quarter started, food prices and other related commodities drove inflationary fears and further impacted these economies, especially in the Far East and emerging markets. As the third quarter started, the full effect of the credit crisis was being felt by central banks and investors around the world. With connected people, businesses, and economies, these developments have sent international equity markets into declines that have not been felt for more than ten years.

The hardest hit market sectors over the past nine months were: Financials, Materials and Information Technology. Each declined by approximately 35% (in \$US terms). Regionally, the MSCI EAFE Index declined by 31.3% (in \$US terms). European markets declined by 33.6% and the Far East by 25.8% (all in \$US terms). Emerging markets, rising in significance in global benchmarks, declined by 36.8% (in \$US terms) since the beginning of the year.

Among the underlying funds held by the portfolio, fixed-income funds added considerable value to overall portfolio performance. The largest positive contributor to performance was the Fidelity Short Term Bond Fund which returned 3.3% and added 0.2% to the portfolio's gains as shorter maturities were in particularly strong demand. With a 10% target weight, the Templeton Global Bond Fund also made a positive contribution to the Fund's gains by approximately 1.0%, as the Canadian dollar declined on falling oil and other commodity weakness. Funds that detracted from performance include: The AIM International Growth Class and the Fidelity American Disciplined Equity Fund. These funds were held back by ongoing credit concerns, the collapse of several well-regarded US financial institutions and deteriorating investor confidence. These funds took away 2.8%, and 2.3%, respectively from the overall return.

## Recent Developments

During the year, several significant changes were made to the Portfolio's holdings. Fidelity Canadian Disciplined Equity Fund and the **Ethical** Canadian Index Fund (Class D) were added, while the Fidelity True North Fund, **Ethical** Special Equity Fund (Class D), and Mackenzie Cundill Value Fund were removed. The portfolio manager also added to the Fund's weighting in the Fidelity American Disciplined Equity Fund to take advantage of the relatively attractive valuations and strong global growth opportunities for large cap multinational companies based in the US. The portfolio manager also reduced the Fund's position in the **Ethical** Canadian Dividend Fund (Class D) to make additional room for the **Ethical** Canadian Index Fund (Class D), which has outperformed its benchmark, the S&P/TSX composite year to date. These changes were made to better position the Fund for the second half of 2008. The remaining portfolio holdings were rebalanced back to the Fund's strategic weights on July 8th. Overall, the portfolio manager has increased the Fund's weighting in US equities, maintained its position in the Canadian corporate high yield bond market and maintained its overweight position in large cap stocks.

Going forward we expect markets to remain under pressure as hedge funds, financial sector firms and private equity firms further unwind leveraged positions and consumer confidence continues to erode. On the positive side, world governments have been implementing innovative measures to contain the spreading credit and liquidity crisis and appear to be doing whatever it takes to avoid a total financial meltdown. In this type of environment we believe investing in funds that own fundamentally strong stocks, that generate significant free cash flows and have little or no debt on the balance sheet will not only survive but become even stronger when markets stabilize. The funds in this portfolio hold stocks with these characteristics. Although we don't believe the current crisis will end overnight, we continue to believe the environment presents an opportunity for investors with a long term view.

## Related Party Transactions

NEILP is the Manager of the Fund pursuant to a management agreement. NEILP ensures the daily administration of the Fund. NEILP provides the Fund or makes sure the Fund is provided with all services (accounting, custody, portfolio management, record maintenance, transfer agent) required to function properly. The fees are presented in the Management Fees section.

Desjardins Trust Inc. is the custodian. Desjardins Trust Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec, which is a 50% owner of NEILP. The Custodian fees of Desjardins Trust Inc. are at the Fund's expense and are established based on market conditions.

Management and administrative fees presented in the Statement of Operations are incurred by the Fund with the Manager. These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

In total, the Fund paid 2.12% of its average Class A net asset value for management and portfolio advisory services. In addition, the Fund paid \$39.50/unitholder per annum (aggregate across all funds) and \$35/day to NEILP.

In accordance with its investment objectives, the Fund invests in Class D units of certain other funds managed by Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. All transactions in those funds are executed based on the net asset value per unit determined in accordance with the stated policies of the respective fund on each transaction day. No commissions or other fees were received by the Fund in relation to these transactions. As at September 30, 2008, 25.0% of the Fund's net assets were invested in other funds managed by Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P.

The Fund is distributed through Credential Asset Management Inc., Credential Securities Inc. and other non-related dealers. Both Credential Asset Management Inc. and Credential Securities Inc. are related to NEILP by way of common ownership. NEILP pays to these related parties distribution and servicing fees based on a percentage of the average daily value of the units of each held by the dealer's clients and additionally, in some cases, on the amount of the initial purchase.

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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the periods indicated. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

### The Fund's Net Asset Value per Unit

	CLASS A				
	Sep 30 2008	Dec 31 2007	Dec 31 2006	Dec 31 2005	Dec 31 2004
<b>Net asset value, beginning of year</b>	\$ 11.35	\$ 11.67	\$ 11.09	\$ 10.54	\$ 10.30
Initial Adoption of new accounting policy <sup>1</sup>	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.22	0.32	0.29	0.27	0.31
Total expenses	(0.22)	(0.32)	(0.31)	(0.30)	(0.23)
Realized gain (loss) for the period	(0.17)	0.36	1.34	0.33	0.76
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period	(1.16)	(0.51)	(0.11)	0.38	(0.09)
<b>Total increase (decrease) in net assets from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>(1.33)</b>	<b>(0.15)</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	(0.02)
From dividends	-	(0.04)	-	(0.02)	(0.01)
From realized gains on investments	-	(0.14)	(0.65)	(0.13)	(0.50)
From return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>(0.65)</b>	<b>(0.15)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 10.01</b>	<b>\$ 11.35</b>	<b>\$ 11.67</b>	<b>\$ 11.09</b>	<b>\$ 10.54</b>

<sup>1</sup> The impact of the adoption of the new accounting policy for valuation of securities on the net assets per unit determined in accordance with GAAP as of October 1, 2006 is disclosed. The new accounting policy may result in a different valuation of securities held by the Fund for financial reporting purposes than the market value used to determine net asset value of the Fund for the purchase and redemption of the Fund's units ("transactional NAV"). As a result, the net asset value per unit presented may differ from the Transaction NAV as of December 31, 2007 and onwards.

<sup>2</sup> Net asset value and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. These calculations are prescribed by securities regulations and are not intended to be a reconciliation between opening and closing net asset value per unit.

<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

	CLASS A				
	Sep 30 2008	Dec 31 2007	Dec 31 2006	Dec 31 2005	Dec 31 2004
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data:</b>					
Net assets (in 000's) <sup>1</sup>	\$ 87,412	\$ 104,719	\$ 102,424	\$ 93,724	\$ 75,830
Number of units outstanding (in 000's) <sup>1</sup>	8,733	9,225	8,775	8,454	7,192
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	2.65%	2.70%	2.80%	2.88%	2.90%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>2</sup>	*	*	*	*	3.17%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>3</sup>	34.49%	53.14%	104.46%	118.38%	94.97%
Trading expense ratio	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	n/a

<sup>1</sup> For each class of each Fund, the information is provided as at December 31 or September 30 of the period shown.

<sup>2</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. In the period a class is established or reinstated the management expense ratio is annualized from the date of inception or reinstatement to December 31 or September 30, as applicable.

<sup>3</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

\* There was no absorption of expenses for this class.

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## Management Fees

The Fund pays NEILP a management fee for management services. The fee is calculated daily and paid monthly. The maximum annual management fee for Class A units of the Fund is 1.65%.

In addition to the management fee paid by the Fund, each underlying fund may pay a management fee for the investment services that the managers of the underlying funds provide. The arrangements in respect of the Fund and underlying funds are such as to avoid duplication of management fees. There are no sales or redemption fees payable by the Fund in relation to its purchases of any of the **Ethical Funds**.

Management fees are used to pay for investment management services, dealer remuneration (including trailer fees and commissions paid to dealers), administration costs and other expenses.

The following table shows the Fund's maximum trailer fee and commission rates paid to dealers for Class A units. The trailer fees are a percentage of the average daily value of the units of each Fund held by the dealer's clients. The fees depend on the Fund and the sales charge option chosen.

	CLASS A			
	Deferred Sales Charge	Low-Load	Low-Load 2	Front-End Sales Charge
Maximum Trailer Fee Paid to Dealers (annually)	0.50%	1.00%	1.00% <sup>1</sup>	1.00%
Maximum Commission Paid to Dealers (upon initial purchase)	5.00%	1.00%	2.50%	5.00%

<sup>1</sup> A maximum of 0.5% of the value of Class A units of the Fund held in your individual account during the first three years, and a maximum of 1% thereafter.

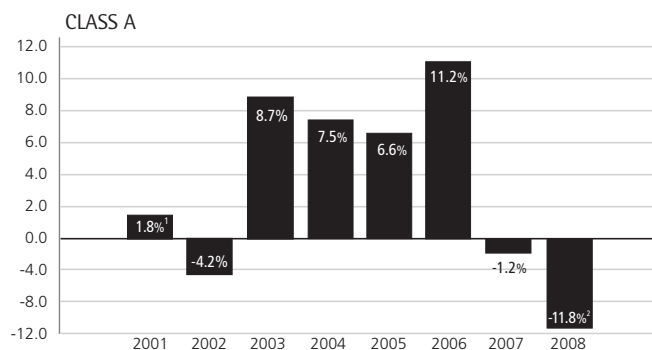
## Past Performance

Past performance shows historical information for the Fund. This information is provided to show past performance only, and is not necessarily indicative of what may happen in the future.

Past performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the period shown are reinvested in additional units of the Fund. Performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance.

## Year-by-year Returns

The bar charts that follow show the performance of each class of unit of the Fund for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, and for each of the previous 12-month periods ended December 31. The charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by the end of the period.



<sup>1</sup> Return shown from the first date of distribution, January 8, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Class A unit return shown from January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008.

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## Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the annual compound returns for Class A units of the Fund. All returns are in Canadian dollars, on a total return basis, net of all fees.

### Annual Compound Returns

For the periods ended September 30, 2008

Year	1	3	5	10	Since Inception
Class A	(12.3)	(0.6)	3.1	n/a	2.1
Blended Index	(8.3)	1.8	5.7	n/a	2.8

For comparison, returns are included for the blended index, comprised of 30% DEX Universe Bond Index, 10% Citigroup World Government Bond Index, 25% S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index, 17.5% S&P 500 Total Return Index and 17.5% MSCI EAFE Index ("Blended Index").

The DEX Universe Bond Index is designed to be a broad measure of the Canadian investment-grade fixed income market. Returns are calculated daily, and are weighted by market capitalization, so that the return on a bond influences the return on the index in proportion to the bond's market value.

The S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index is a capitalization weighted index that measures market activity of stocks traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The Index includes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

The Citigroup World Government Bond Index tracks the performance of government bonds in developed nations that measure the total principal, interest, and returns in each market and provides a realistic measure of market performance.

The S&P 500 Total Return Index tracks the common share price of 500 leading American companies. These are generally large companies that dominate their industries in the US. The Index reflects the reinvestment of both ordinary and special dividends.

The MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance, excluding the US & Canada. As of September 2008, the MSCI EAFE Index consisted of 21 developed market country indices.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

(%) as at September, 2008

### Equity Sector Allocation

	% of Portfolio
Consumer Discretionary	8.4
Consumer Staples	14.3
Energy	16.7
Financials	23.9
Health Care	6.5
Industrials	9.4
Information Technology	6.5
Materials	8.5
Telecommunication Services	3.7
Utilities	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Effective Allocation

Canadian Bonds	24.4
Canadian Mortgage-Backed Securities	0.3
Canadian Equities	21.0
Canadian Trust Units	1.8
US Equities	15.8
Foreign Bonds	12.0
International Equities	12.9
Cash, Short-Term and Other	11.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Top Twenty Five Holdings<sup>1</sup>

(%) as at September 30, 2008

Underlying Fund		Type of Fund
Fidelity American Disciplined Equity Fund - Series O	14.4	US Equity
Templeton Global Bond Fund - Series O	11.2	Foreign Bond
Mackenzie Sentinel Corporate Bond Fund - Series O	10.6	Canadian Corporate Bond
<b>Ethical</b> Income Fund - Class D	10.6	Canadian Bond
Mutual Discovery Fund - Series O	10.2	Global Equity
<b>Ethical</b> Canadian Index - Class D	9.3	Canadian Equity
AIM International Growth Class - Series I	9.3	Global Equity
Fidelity Canadian Disciplined Equity Fund - Series O	9.0	Canadian Equity
Fidelity Canadian Short Term Bond Fund - Series O	5.4	Canadian Short-Term Bond
Trimark Canadian Bond Fund - Series I	5.3	Canadian Bond
<b>Ethical</b> Canadian Dividend Fund - Class D	5.1	Canadian Dividend
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.4</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The investment portfolio of this Fund is comprised of 11 underlying funds.

This Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. A quarterly update is available.

This Fund invests in units of other investment funds. You can find the prospectus and additional information about the underlying investment funds at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).