



Ninepoint Energy Fund

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

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2020

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objective and Strategies

The objective of the Ninepoint Energy Fund (the “Fund”) is to achieve long-term capital growth. The Fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies that are involved directly or indirectly in the exploration, development, production and distribution of oil, gas, coal, uranium and other related activities in the energy and resource sector.

To achieve the Fund’s investment objective, a fundamental analysis is employed to seek to identify superior investment opportunities with potential for capital appreciation over the long-term. This is accomplished by seeking out undervalued companies backed by strong management teams and solid business models that can benefit from both industry and macro-economic trends.

The Fund may follow a more concentrated investment approach and, from time to time, overweight certain sub-sectors within the energy and resource sector, when deemed appropriate by the Portfolio Manager. This may result in the Fund’s portfolio weighting being substantially different from the weightings of the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Total Return Index.

As part of its investment strategy, the Fund may:

- engage in short selling in a manner consistent with the investment objectives of the Fund and as permitted by securities regulations;
- engage in securities lending as permitted by securities regulations;
- invest in exchange-traded funds (ETFs) as permitted by securities regulations;
- invest in and overweight cash and fixed income securities based on the market outlook for the energy sector; and
- use derivatives, such as options, futures, forward contracts and swaps, for both hedging and non-hedging strategies, in a manner which is consistent with the investment objectives of the Fund and as permitted by securities regulations.

Risks

The risks of investing in the Fund are described in the Fund’s simplified prospectus. This Fund is suitable only for investors seeking long-term capital growth potential of the energy and resource sectors. This Fund is suitable for investors with a high investment risk tolerance and have a long-term investment horizon. There were no significant changes to the investment objective and strategies that affected the Fund’s overall level of risk during the reporting period.

Results of Operations and Recent Developments

The Fund, Series A returned -23.0% in 2020, while its benchmark, the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Total Return Index, returned -34.6%.

Oil suffered from the largest demand shock in history as the COVID-19 pandemic reduced demand by as much as 30% in April. Compounding this, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries was unable to coordinate production, and oil crashed to a low of around -US\$37/barrel, the first negative price ever.

Uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the pandemic led to significant risk aversion in the markets, with all discretionary sectors selling off.

With oil trading well below break-even levels, many energy companies faced short-term liquidity problems. Some energy equities fell as much as 70% between January and March.

As public health lockdowns were lifted in the summer, stocks in the energy sector began to recover. Large-capitalization energy companies generally outperformed, while companies exposed to natural gas outperformed those exposed to oil.

During the March/April market lows, the Manager positioned the Fund in companies with relatively strong balance sheets and hedge books that the Manager believed likely to benefit most from the expected rebound in the oil price. As a result, the sharp market rebound contributed to the Fund’s performance.

In terms of individual securities, the largest contributors to the Fund’s performance included Torc Oil & Gas Ltd., Seven Generations Energy Ltd. and Whitecap Resources Inc. All three are well-run companies exposed to light oil and condensate, with strong balance sheets that allowed them to weather the low commodity prices. These holdings contributed because the Manager averaged down on them during the March/April lows, allowing the Fund to benefit from the later rally.

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The largest individual detractors from the Fund's performance included Baytex Energy Corp., Kelt Exploration Ltd. and Crescent Point Energy Corp. Baytex suffered from concerns about excessive financial leverage that led to a significant decline in the share price. Kelt sold its flagship asset at modest prices in order to pay down bank debt. Crescent Point had no obvious negative catalysts.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 48.4% during the period, from \$114.8 million on December 31, 2019 to \$170.4 million as at December 31, 2020. This change was predominantly due to net subscriptions of \$53.7 million and unrealized gains in investments of \$24.4 million, offset by net realized losses on investments of \$17.7 million and expenses of \$6.4 million.

Related Party Transactions

MANAGEMENT FEES

The Fund pays a management fee to the Manager at an annual rate of 2.50% for Series A units, 1.50% for Series F and Series PTF units, 2.00% for Series D and as negotiated by the unitholders of Series I. The management fee is calculated and accrued daily based on daily net asset value of that series of the Fund, and is paid monthly. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund incurred management fees of \$2,034,218 (including taxes). The breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of management fees, is as follows:

	Portfolio Advisory	Trailing Commissions
Ninepoint Energy Fund – Series A	60%	40%
Ninepoint Energy Fund – Series D	75%	25%
Ninepoint Energy Fund – Series F	100%	–
Ninepoint Energy Fund – Series PTF	100%	–

Out of the management fees that the Manager received from the Fund, the Manager paid trailer commissions of \$6,697 during the year ended December 31, 2020 to Sightline Wealth Management, an affiliate of the Manager.

INCENTIVE FEES

The Fund also pays the Manager an annual incentive fee, equal to a percentage of the average net asset value of the applicable Series of the Fund. Such percentage will be equal to 10% of the difference by which the return in net asset value per unit of the applicable Series from January 1 to December 31 exceeds the percentage return of the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Total Return Index for the same period. If the performance of a Series of the Fund in any year is less than the performance of the Index (the "Deficiency"), then no incentive fee will be payable until the performance of the applicable Series, on a cumulative basis, has exceeded the amount of the Deficiency. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund accrued \$3,138 of incentive fees.

OPERATING EXPENSES

The Fund pays its own operating expenses, which include, but are not limited to, audit, legal, custodial, trustee, filing and administrative expenses as well as unitholder reporting costs. The Manager pays certain of these expenses on behalf of the Fund and then is reimbursed by the Fund. At its sole discretion, the Manager may waive or absorb a portion of the operating expenses of certain Funds. Amounts waived or absorbed by the Manager are reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Waivers or absorptions are at the Manager's discretion and can be terminated at any time without notice. The Manager did not absorb any expenses during the year ended December 31, 2020.

OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund relied on the approval, positive recommendation or standing instruction from the Fund's Independent Review Committee with respect to any related party transactions.

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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 years ended December 31 shown, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit¹

	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Series A					
Net assets, beginning of period	9.08	7.72	12.93	20.09	11.91
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.08	0.12	0.05	0.05	0.16
Total expenses	(0.37)	(0.50)	(0.77)	(0.79)	(1.45)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(1.11)	(1.34)	(0.80)	(5.66)	6.57
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.27	2.94	(3.84)	(0.40)	3.20
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	(0.13)	1.22	(5.36)	(6.80)	8.48
Distributions:					
Total annual distributions³	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets, end of period	6.99	9.08	7.72	12.93	20.09

	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018 ⁵
	\$	\$	\$
Series D			
Net assets, beginning of period	6.56	5.54	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.06	0.10	0.27
Total expenses	(0.25)	(0.32)	(0.47)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.12)	(0.37)	(0.70)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.72	1.85	(4.19)
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	1.41	1.26	(5.09)
Distributions:			
Total annual distributions³	-	-	-
Net assets, end of period	5.09	6.56	5.54

	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Series F					
Net assets, beginning of period	10.30	8.65	14.34	22.04	13.12
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.09	0.13	0.09	0.06	0.17
Total expenses	(0.36)	(0.46)	(0.78)	(0.56)	(1.79)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.98)	(1.56)	(0.96)	(6.24)	7.23
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.41	3.34	(4.62)	0.44	3.06
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	0.16	1.45	(6.27)	(6.30)	8.67
Distributions:					
Total annual distributions³	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets, end of period	8.01	10.30	8.65	14.34	22.04

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	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019 ⁴	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2017 ⁴	Dec 31, 2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Series I					
Net assets, beginning of period	–	4.07	6.63	10.00	–
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	–	–	(0.02)	0.02	–
Total expenses	–	(0.14)	(0.20)	(0.04)	–
Realized gains (losses) for the period	–	(0.28)	(0.34)	(2.90)	–
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	–	0.83	(1.90)	(0.76)	–
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	–	0.41	(2.46)	(3.68)	–
Distributions:					
Total annual distributions³	–	–	–	–	–
Net assets, end of period	–	–	4.07	6.63	–

	Dec 31, 2020 ⁶	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018 ⁵
	\$	\$	\$
Series PTF			
Net assets, beginning of period	10.00	10.00	10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total expenses	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	(0.00)	0.00	(0.00)
Distributions:			
Total annual distributions³	–	–	–
Net assets, end of period	–	10.00	10.00

1 This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

2 The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.

3 Distributions are reinvested in additional units of the fund or paid in cash.

4 All outstanding Series I units were fully redeemed during the year ended December 31, 2014. Subsequently, Series I units was subscribed for on January 3, 2017 and then were fully redeemed during the year ended December 31, 2019.

5 Information provided is for the period from May 10, 2018 (first issuance) for Series D, and December 3, 2018 (first issuance) for Series PTF, to December 31, 2018.

6 All outstanding Series PTF units were fully redeemed during the period ended December 31, 2020.

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Ratios and Supplemental Data

Series A	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
Total net asset value (000s) ¹	\$57,034	\$49,625	\$44,898	\$79,796	\$107,496
Number of units outstanding ¹	8,158,338	5,463,140	5,817,238	6,170,667	5,350,523
Management expense ratio ²	3.17%	3.22%	3.06%	3.11%	3.08%
Management expense ratio before incentive fee ²	3.17%	3.22%	3.06%	3.11%	3.08%
Trading expense ratio ³	4.17%	3.05%	3.56%	2.32%	6.15%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁴	420.77%	433.60%	636.98%	372.39%	1,293.60%
Net asset value per unit ¹	\$6.99	\$9.08	\$7.72	\$12.93	\$20.09

Series D	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018		
Total net asset value (000s) ¹	\$8,598	\$2,112	\$650		
Number of units outstanding ¹	1,688,193	321,813	117,257		
Management expense ratio ²	2.67%	2.62%	2.08%		
Management expense ratio before incentive fee ²	2.56%	2.62%	2.08%		
Trading expense ratio ³	4.17%	3.05%	3.56%		
Portfolio turnover rate ⁴	420.77%	433.60%	636.98%		
Net asset value per unit ¹	\$5.09	\$6.56	\$5.54		

Series F	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
Total net asset value (000s) ¹	\$104,750	\$63,038	\$61,848	\$76,170	\$73,943
Number of units outstanding ¹	13,070,957	6,120,534	7,146,324	5,312,933	3,355,521
Management expense ratio ²	2.07%	2.12%	2.23%	2.04%	3.37%
Management expense ratio before incentive fee ²	2.07%	2.12%	2.23%	2.04%	1.96%
Trading expense ratio ³	4.17%	3.05%	3.56%	2.32%	6.15%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁴	420.77%	433.60%	636.98%	372.39%	1,293.60%
Net asset value per unit ¹	\$8.01	\$10.30	\$8.65	\$14.34	\$22.04

Series I	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
Total net asset value (000s) ¹	–	–	\$1,064	\$2,736	–
Number of units outstanding ¹	–	–	261,543	412,902	–
Management expense ratio ²	–	–	0.43%	0.35%	–
Management expense ratio before incentive fee ²	–	–	0.43%	0.35%	–
Trading expense ratio ³	–	–	3.56%	2.32%	–
Portfolio turnover rate ⁴	–	–	636.98%	372.39%	–
Net asset value per unit ¹	–	–	\$4.07	\$6.63	–

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Series PTF	Dec 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018
Total net asset value (000s) ¹	–	\$ -	\$ -
Number of units outstanding ¹	–	1	1
Management expense ratio ²	–	0.00%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before incentive fee ²	–	0.00%	0.00%
Trading expense ratio ³	–	3.05%	3.56%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁴	–	433.60%	636.98%
Net asset value per unit ¹	–	\$10.00	\$10.00

1 The information is provided as at December 31 for the years shown.

2 Management expense ratio (“MER”) is based on total expenses (including incentive fees, if any; excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. The Manager may waive or absorb a portion of the operating expenses of the Fund. Waivers and absorption can be terminated at any time.

3 The trading expense ratio (“TER”) represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The TER includes dividend expense and securities borrowing expense paid by the Fund in connection with securities sold short.

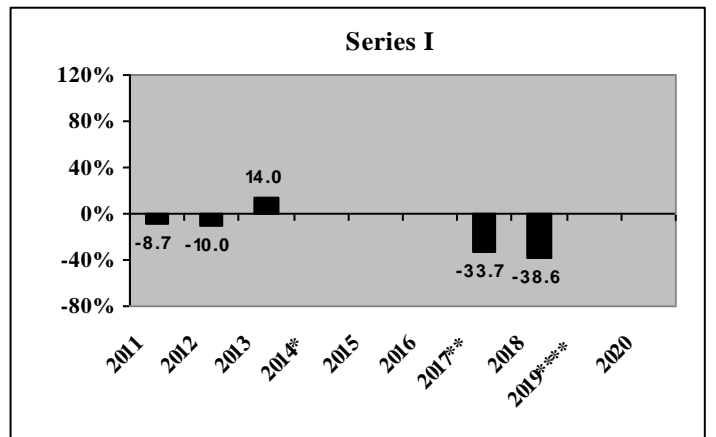
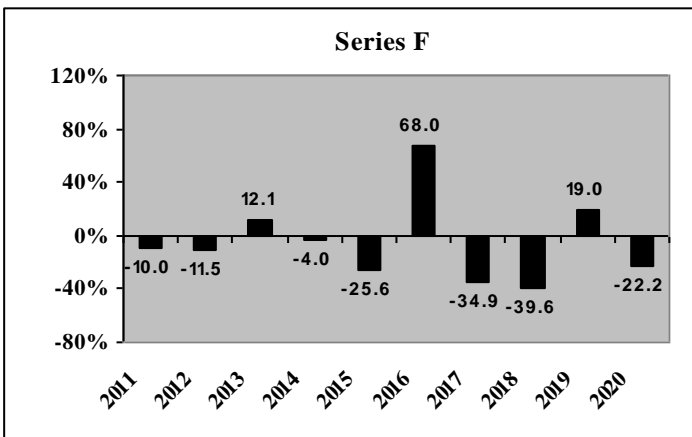
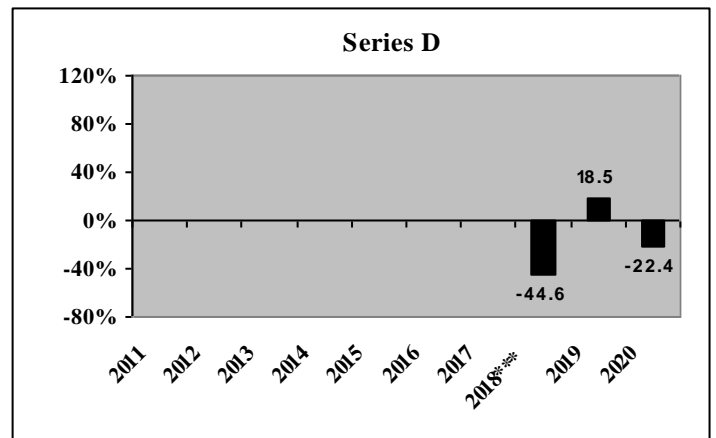
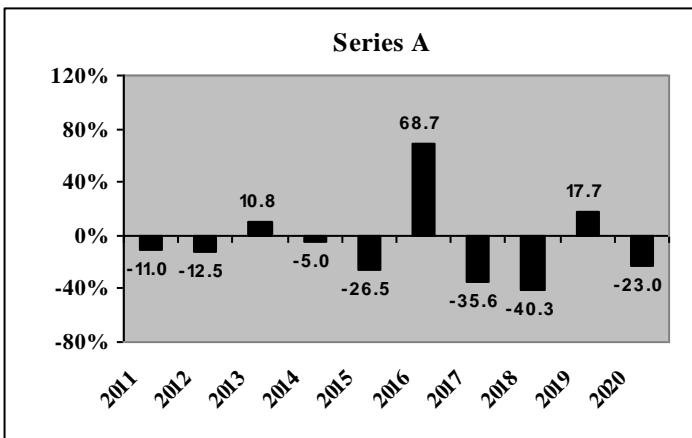
4 The Fund’s portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund’s portfolio adviser trades its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, 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 the Fund.

Past Performance

The indicated rates of return are the historical total returns including changes in unit values and assume reinvestment of all distributions in additional units of the relevant Series of the Fund. These returns do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder that may reduce returns. Please note that past performance is not indicative of future performance. All rates of returns are calculated based on the Net Asset Value of the particular Series of the Fund.

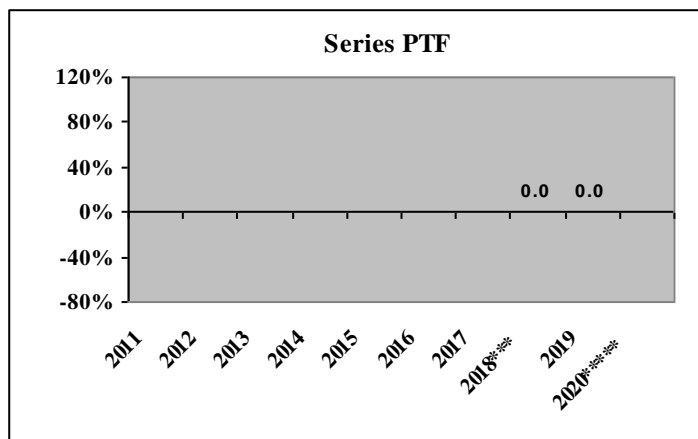
Year-by-Year Returns

The following chart indicates the performance of each Series of the Fund for the years ended December 31 shown, unless otherwise indicated. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each period. Returns are not shown for a Series in any period in which there were zero outstanding shares as at the end of the period.



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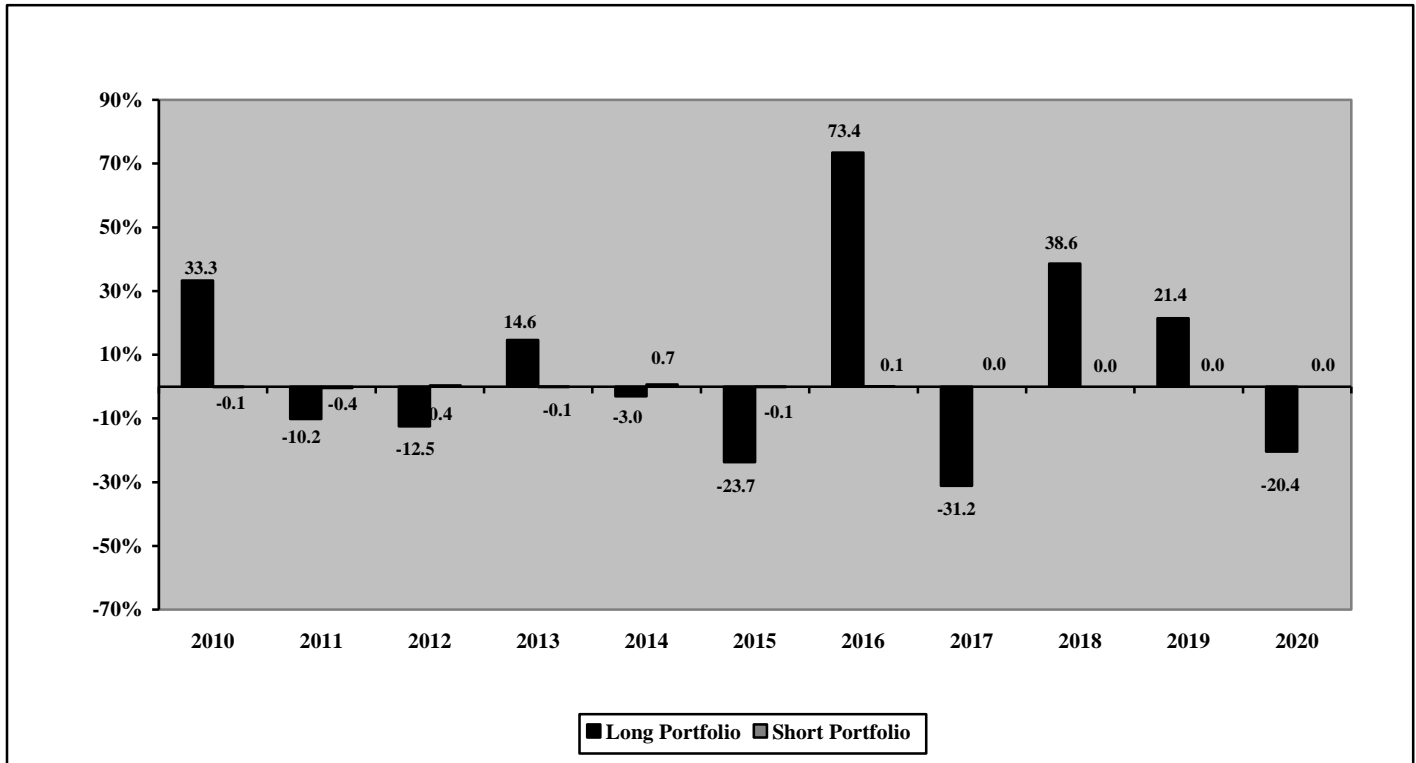
- * All outstanding Series I units were fully redeemed during the year ended December 31, 2014.
- ** Return from January 3, 2017 (re-subscription) to December 31, 2017 for Series I (not annualized).
- *** Return from May 10, 2018 (first issuance) for Series D, and December 3, 2018 (first issuance) for Series PTF, to December 31, 2018 (not annualized).
- **** All outstanding Series I units were fully redeemed during the year ended December 31, 2019
- ***** All outstanding Series PTF units were fully redeemed during the year ended December 31, 2020

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Long and Short Portfolio Returns

The following table illustrates the contribution to the return of the Fund by the long portfolio and the short portfolio of the Fund (before the impact of Fund expenses) for the years ended December 31 shown, unless otherwise indicated. For the purposes of this disclosure, certain derivatives may be considered to be part of the short portfolio.



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Annual Compound Returns

The following table illustrates the annual compound total return for each Series of units of the Fund for the periods shown. As a basis of performance comparison, the annual compound return of the Fund is compared to that of the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Total Return Index (the “Index”). The Index is comprised of securities of Canadian energy sector issuers listed on the TSX. Since the Fund does not necessarily invest in the same securities or in the same proportion as the Index, the performance of the Fund is not expected to equal the performance of the Index.

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception*
Ninepoint Energy Fund – Series A	-23.0%	-18.5%	-10.1%	-9.9%	-1.6%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Total Return Index	-34.6%	-19.2%	-8.0%	-9.1%	-0.9%
Ninepoint Energy Fund – Series D	-22.4%	–	–	–	-22.5%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Total Return Index	-34.6%	–	–	–	-23.1%
Ninepoint Energy Fund – Series F	-22.2%	-17.6%	-9.4%	-9.0%	-0.6%
S&P/TSX Capped Energy Total Return Index	-34.6%	-19.2%	-8.0%	-9.1%	-0.9%
Long portfolio	-20.4%	-16.0%	-6.7%	-7.2%	
Short portfolio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	

* Since launch date of April 15, 2004 for Series A and Series F, and May 10, 2018 for Series D. Returns for Series I and Series PTF are not shown as there were no units outstanding as at December 31, 2020.

Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at December 31, 2020

Portfolio Allocation

	% of Net Asset Value
Long Positions	
Oil and Gas Exploration and Production	85.2
Integrated Oil and Gas	12.1
<u>Total Long Positions</u>	<u>97.3</u>
Cash	2.4
Other Net Assets	0.3
<u>Total Net Asset Value</u>	<u>100.0</u>

All Positions

Issuer	% of Net Asset Value
Seven Generations Energy Limited	10.4
Enerplus Corporation	9.3
MEG Energy Corporation	9.1
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	9.0
Tamarack Valley Energy Limited	8.6
Tourmaline Oil Corporation	8.1
TORC Oil & Gas Limited	8.0
Suncor Energy Inc.	7.5
NuVista Energy Limited	6.1
Vermilion Energy Inc.	5.8
Whitecap Resources Inc.	5.7
Cenovus Energy Inc.	4.6
Crescent Point Energy Corporation	4.4
Cash	2.4
<u>Tamarack Valley Energy Limited</u>	<u>0.7</u>
<u>All long positions as a percentage of Net Asset Value</u>	<u>99.7</u>

The Fund held no short positions as at December 31, 2020.

This summary of investment portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of the Fund's investment portfolio are available on the Internet at www.ninepoint.com.

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