



Important Tax Notice to U.S. Investors

This statement is provided to shareholders who are United States persons for purposes of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC") and the regulations thereunder. It is not relevant to other shareholders.

NEI Canadian Small Cap Equity Fund (the "Fund") may be deemed to be classified as a Passive Foreign Investment Company ("PFIC") as defined in Section 1297(a) of the IRC for the year ending September 30, 2023.

We recommend that all U.S. taxpayer clients consult a tax advisor concerning the overall tax consequences of their ownership of securities of the Fund and their U.S. tax reporting requirements. You can also find information on U.S. tax rules applicable to investments in a PFIC on the IRS website, www.irs.gov, by searching "Form 8621 Instructions".

Please find below a PFIC Annual Information Statement ("AIS") for the Fund. The PFIC AIS is being provided pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation §1.1295-1(g)(1). The PFIC AIS contains information to enable you, should you so choose based on the advice of your tax advisor in light of your personal tax circumstances, to elect to treat the Fund as a qualified electing fund ("QEF").

Generally, an election is filed for each mutual fund for which you wish to make a QEF election. If you hold an NEI Investments fund that holds one or more underlying funds, you will receive a combined PFIC AIS containing information that will enable you to elect to treat any or all of the funds as a QEF as you choose, as well as information relating to your securities and values in your indirect holdings.

Note that the information attached with this letter is intended to help you make one or more QEF elections, if you decide to do so, and neither such information nor this letter constitutes tax advice. The taxpayer should seek advice based on their particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your financial advisor and/or, a U.S. tax advisor or go to <https://www.neiinvestments.com/investment-products/fund-resources/fund-financials.html> for more information. Thank you for investing in NEI Funds.



NEI Canadian Small Cap Equity Fund
PFIC Annual Information Statement
For the Year Ending September 30, 2023

- 1) This Information Statement applies to the taxable year of the Fund for the year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2023.
- 2) Your pro-rata per share per day amounts of ordinary earnings and net capital gains for each Series of the Fund for the period specified in paragraph (1) are as follows:

Series	Ordinary Earnings (US\$)	Net Capital Gains (US\$)
Series A	0.0000000000	0.0059404355
Series F	0.0002211137	0.0029003006
Series I	0.0007922713	0.0031082128
Series O	0.0004291014	0.0017234200
Series P	0.0000127580	0.0018526970
Series PF	0.0002313321	0.0021955704

To determine your pro-rata share of the ordinary earnings and net capital gains of the Fund for the taxable year, multiply the number of shares you held on each day of the year by the per share per day ordinary earnings and net capital gains figures, and then adding the resulting sums for each day.

Similarly, if the Fund held shares of another fund at any time during the year, your indirect pro-rata share of the ordinary earnings and net capital gains of these funds may be determined by multiplying the number of shares you held on each day of the year in the Fund by the ordinary earnings and net capital gains figures for each of these lower-tier funds, and adding the resulting sums for each day.

Example: You owned 100 shares of Fund A from the period October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. On April 1, 2023 you purchased another 100 shares of Fund A. You did not sell any shares of the fund at any time during the year. Fund A's ordinary earnings were \$0.00050 per share per day and Fund A's net capital gains were \$0.00025 per share per day.

Result: Your ordinary earnings for 2023 are (\$0.00050 multiplied by 182 days multiplied by 100) + (\$0.00050 multiplied by 183 days multiplied by 200) = \$27.40 and your net capital gains for 2023 are (\$0.00025 multiplied by 182 days multiplied by 100) + (\$0.00025 multiplied by 183 days multiplied by 200) = \$13.70



3) Your pro-rata share of cash distributions¹ and property distributions for each Series of the Fund for the period specified in paragraph (1) are as follows:²

Series	Property Distributions (US\$)	Cash Distributions (US\$)
Series A	0.2438123384	0.0000000000
Series F	0.1108237902	0.0000000000
Series I	0.1182120429	0.0000000000
Series O	0.0664942741	0.0000000000
Series P	0.0738825268	0.0000000000
Series PF	0.0886590321	0.0000000000

To determine your pro-rata share of the amounts above, multiply the amounts by the number of securities of each Series you held during the year.

- i. If you owned the same number of securities from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 multiply the number of such securities by the amounts above.
 - ii. If you did not own same number of securities from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, multiply the number of securities you owned by the amounts above as well by the number of days the securities were held in the period specified in paragraph (1) and divide the result by 365.
- 4) The Fund will, upon receipt of a request, permit you to inspect and copy its permanent books of account, records, and other such documents as may be maintained by the Fund that are necessary to establish its ordinary earnings and net capital gains are computed in accordance with U.S. income tax principles under IRC Section 1293 and to verify these amounts and your pro-rata share thereof.³

¹ Under U.S. tax reporting rules, cash distributions only include distributions denominated in U.S. currency. Distributions denominated in Canadian currency are reported as property distributions.

² All amounts are reported in U.S. dollars. Distributions represent average distributions that are not reinvested in the fund. If you have elected to reinvest your distributions, the above amount may not be reflective of the actual distribution amount you received during the year. If you have made a QEF election, your basis in your fund securities is based on your investment in the fund before the election, plus your share of ordinary earnings and/or net capital gains less the actual distributions you have received during the year. You should consult your U.S. tax advisor to determine your U.S. tax basis in the fund securities during the year.

³ The per unit amount of ordinary earnings and net capital gains for each Series of the Fund for the period are calculated under U.S. tax principles and may not be reflective of the per unit Canadian dollar amounts reported in your fund account statement.

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The information contained herein is taken from the Audited Financial Statements of the various NEI Funds and is provided in order to assist investors in making calculations and does not constitute tax advice. Copies of the Financial Statements are available on <https://www.neiinvestments.com/investment-products/fund-resources/fund-financials.html>. Investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the overall tax consequences of their ownership of securities based on their particular circumstances under United States federal, state, local or foreign law.