# Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fund

Semi-Annual Management Report of Fund Performance – 2024 For the six months ended June 30, 2024



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## Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fund Semi-annual management report of fund performance – June 30, 2024 Management discussion of fund performance

#### Investment Objective and Strategies

Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") is a mutual fund established as a trust under the laws of the Province of Ontario by a declaration of trust dated November 3, 2020 made by Next Edge Capital Corp., in its capacity as trustee of the Fund. The Fund is divided into units of participation ("Units") representing an interest in the Fund held by unitholders of the Fund ("Unitholders"). The Fund has four classes of Units: Class A Units, Class A1 Units, Class F Units and Class F1 Units.

The Fund started investing according to its investment objective on December 22, 2020.

#### Investment Objective

The Fund seeks short and long-term capital appreciation through the ownership of biotechnology and life sciences companies. Investments by the Fund may be made globally.

The Fund will not change the investment objectives of the Fund without the approval of a majority of Unitholders.

#### Investment Strategies

The portfolio manager uses the following investment strategies to attempt to achieve the Fund's investment objective:

- Holdings comprised of a mix of biotechnology and life sciences companies.
- Sector exposure includes biotechnology, speciality pharma, medical devices, medical software and technology, diagnostics, drug delivery, bioinformatics and agricultural, healthcare services and telehealth services.
- Derivatives may be used for hedging purposes, to generate income and return enhancement.

Investment decisions are made by:

- Focusing on companies in early to later stages of clinical development or early commercialization that meet specific criteria and whose data has been subjected to peer reviewed analysis.
- The Fund is managed to seek to attempt to reduce overall portfolio volatility by: further reducing the risk associated with investments in a particular sector by placing option hedges on biotechnology indices; and exiting or hedging a particular position, should the applicable issuer be faced with event risks owing to expected upcoming factors/data/information.
- Collectively hedging to reduce the volatility of a traditionally volatile sector and to generate income and provide return enhancement.

The Fund may invest in or use derivatives for hedging and non-hedging purposes in a manner consistent with the investment objective of the Fund and as permitted by applicable securities legislation. Derivatives to be used by the Fund may include, but are not limited to, non-exchange traded options, forward contracts, futures contracts and swaps. The Fund may also sell short certain securities in accordance with NI 81-102. Short selling will be used selectively and opportunistically. To do this, the Fund borrows the securities it is selling short, and is under an obligation to return the borrowed securities to the lender at a future date. The Fund is required to pay the lender any distribution declared on the borrowed securities, together with any securities borrowing fees. To return the borrowed securities, the Fund purchases these same securities at a later date, with the result that the Fund will generally make a gain on the short sale if the price of the securities has declined by such date. The short selling activities of the Fund are subject to the limitations set out in NI 81-102 (and as such requirements are applicable to alternative mutual funds).

The Fund may enter into securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions to earn additional returns, subject, in each case, to limits at least as stringent as those required by Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

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As the Fund is considered an "alternative mutual fund" within the meaning of NI 81-102, as noted, it may use strategies generally prohibited to be used by conventional mutual funds, such as the ability to invest more than 10% of its net asset value in securities of a single issuer, the ability to invest in physical commodities or specified derivatives, to borrow cash, to short sell beyond the limits prescribed for conventional mutual funds and to generally employ leverage.

The Fund may depart temporarily from its fundamental investment objectives and will likely invest in cash or cash equivalents in the event of adverse market, economic, political or other considerations.

The Fund is managed by Next Edge Capital Corp. (the "Manager"). The custodian, registrar, transfer agent and valuation agent of the Fund is RBC Investor Services Trust. The registered office of the Fund is located at 18 King Street East, Suite 902, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5C 1C4.

#### Risk

The Fund started investing according to its investment objective on December 22, 2020. An investment in the Fund is subject to certain risk factors relating to the Fund, as detailed in its Simplified Prospectus. During the period ended June 30, 2024, there were no changes to the Fund that materially affected the overall risk level associated with an investment in the Fund.

#### **Results of Operations**

The Fund experienced a decrease in its net assets during the period ended June 30, 2024:

Class of redeemable <u>units</u>	June 30, 2024 NAV per unit (CAD) <sup>1</sup>	December 31, 2023 NAV per unit (CAD) <sup>1</sup>	% return for the period ended June 30, 2024 <sup>1</sup>
А	6.94%	8.97	(22.7%)
F	6.97%	8.96	(22.2%)
A1	3.99%	5.15	(22.4%)
F1	4.16%	5.33	(22.0%)

1. Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units ("NAV", or "Net Assets").

Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fund commenced trading according to its investment objective on December 22, 2020 to provide investors with exposure to small-mid cap biotech stocks.

The first half of 2024, biotech continued its pattern of the prior three years characterized by brief spirited rallies followed by long grinding periods where those returns are surrendered, and positive clinical, regulatory or commercial developments does not result in positive returns for the equities as investors hope given the risk they are taking positioning ahead of such anticipated favourable outcomes.

Q1:2024 began with a bang into the end of February, continuing the November-December rally ignited when the Federal Reserve signaled that they would pivot to three interest rate cuts in 2024. Small cap Biotech, the ultimate long duration asset, spends heavily on R&D in the present in hope of developing a successful therapeutic and the promise of positive cash-flows in the distant future. That model is most vulnerable during a rising interest rate regime, as the past three years has borne out. When the economy remained resilient, market rates resumed their rise, and the likelihood of rate cuts were taken off the table, the sector selling resumed in March, and intensified into the end of Q2 when the perfect storm of investor selling coalesced with the annual Russell 2000 small cap index rebalance at the end of June that saw a significant number of biotech companies, including many of the Fund's holdings, succumb to forced selling completely unrelated to any fundamental changes, either positive or negative. In contrast, large cap biotech stocks, heavily weighted in the indexes, performed well as they generate substantial cash-flows now, and thus a defensive quality during economic uncertainty.

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Biotech is the ultimate 'stock-picking' sector where significant returns are possible during any adverse condition if a company transforms itself through successful clinical data or commercial success not tied to economic conditions. But during Q2 none of this seemed to matter as a few of the Fund's core holdings, enjoying both clinical and commercial success, yet still declined -40% to -60% off their February highs. The raison d'etre for the considerable, intense research that goes into investing in a few companies to the exclusion of the many companies not deemed investment worthy and accepting the risk of positioning for such favourable developments, is the hope for reward that the market will ascribe and revalue the beneficial companies accordingly. It is especially frustrating to Fund's portfolio manager when markets instead punish companies for achieving what they set out to do, simply due to the sentiment of the market, such as small caps being out of favour while investors scrambled to concentrate their positions in a few mega cap tech companies, as they similarly did with the 'Nifty Fifty' global brand companies during the early 1970s. For example, a core position for the Fund is Legend Biotech (LGND) that developed a CAR-T therapeutic to treat often fatal multiple myeloma (MM), and can cure patients in some cases, already approved to treat 4th line patients (4L), got approved to treat 2L patients in early March. Along with partner Johnson & Johnson (JNJ), they expect the addressable patient population to expand at least 5X and propel the therapy, Carvkti, to grow to several billion dollars in revenue over the next few years. What does the stock do? Decline relentlessly from just under \$70 to under \$40 by the end of June. And this same scenario similarly played out across several of the Fund's core investments.

Inconceivably, many small and midcap ("SMID") biotech and Technology-enabling biotech companies sunk below their distressed levels of last November, reflecting the bleak sentiment that pervaded the sector into the end of Q2. It once again drove metrics of austerity such as the percent-of-biotech companies trading below net cash, to eclipse 30%.

Given the majority of the Fund's holdings are either in the early stages of commercializing new therapies, having succeeded in clinical trials and through regulatory hurdles, or else in the final stages of clinical development, we expect such holdings to benefit from the expected M&A wave that will inevitably descend upon this sector, as between \$100 billion to \$200 billion in large cap BioPharma revenue through 2030 is expected to lose patent protection. That is an existential risk to such companies and will be compelled to explore various means to remedy such loss of revenue to generics. One near term solution is to acquire biotech companies that have therapies that can grow to multibillion dollar revenues in the right commercial hands. The only issue is when, not if.

For the six months ended June 30th, Class A Units declined -22.7%, Class A1 Units -22.4, Class F Units -22.2 and Class F1 Units -22.0%.

#### **Recent Developments**

July experienced an explosive rebound in biotech along with small caps companies in general, as investors cashed in their concentrated Tech stocks and rotated into the deep value found elsewhere. One catalyst was the growing perception that the Federal Reserve is well behind the curve as short-term market rates were well below the Fed funds rate, signaling the Fed to cut rates, officially ending the hiking cycle so draconian to SMID biotech stocks.

Reflecting the about face, the very same Legend Biotech discussed earlier and for reasons related to big Pharma's need to buy revenue growth, became the subject of a takeover rumor, driving the stock up 50%. That contributed to the Fund's +20.80% performance in July.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund and provides management services to the Fund, including the marketing, promotion, and distribution of the Fund; transfer agency services; and unitholder reporting and servicing. In consideration of the management services, the Fund pays management fees, which are accrued for daily, to the Manager based on the average NAV of the applicable class of units of the Fund. The Manager pays for dealer compensation, or service fees, if any, out of management fees.

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Total management fees for the six months ended June 30, 2024 amounted to \$10,444 (2023: \$18,693) with \$4,221 (2023: \$11,334) in outstanding accrued fees due to the Manager at June 30, 2024.

The Fund will pay to the Manager, in respect of each fiscal quarter of the Fund, a performance fee based on the percentage gain in the NAV per Unit of a Class of Units of the Fund over the preceding fiscal quarter or quarters since a performance fee was last payable, provided that the NAV per Unit of the Fund (including distributions) is greater than all previous values at the end of each previous fiscal quarter in which a performance fee was paid.

The performance fee will be equal to this excess return per Unit multiplied by the number of Units outstanding at the end of the quarter multiplied by 20%.

Total performance fees for the six months ended June 30, 2024 amounted to \$nil (2023: \$nil), and \$nil (2023: \$nil) outstanding accrued fees due to the Manager at June 30, 2024.

The Manager incurs operating expenses on behalf of the Fund and is then reimbursed by the Fund for such expenses.

National Instrument 81-107 Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107") requires all publicly offered investment funds, such as the Fund, to establish an independent review committee ("IRC"). Consequently, the Manager has appointed three independent IRC members. The purpose of the IRC is to: (i) review and provide input on the Manager's written policies and procedures that deal with conflict-of-interest matters; (ii) consider and, if deemed appropriate, approve the Manager's decision on a conflict of interest matter that the Manager refers to the IRC for approval; and (iii) perform such other duties as may be required of the IRC under applicable Canadian securities laws. Additional information about the IRC is available in the Fund's prospectus. Fees are paid to the IRC members for the performance of their duties.

The total remuneration paid to the Independent Review Committee allocable to the Fund during the six months ended June 30, 2024 was \$2,875 (2023: \$9,290). There were no outstanding payables relating to Independent Review Committee fees as at June 30, 2024.

## Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fund Semi-annual management report of fund performance – June 30, 2024 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 six months ended June 30, 2024.

#### Class A – Net Assets per Unit (CAD)

For the period ended	Jun 30, 2024 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022
Net Assets per unit, beginning of period	8.97	10.00	-
Increase (decrease) from operations			
Total revenue	-	-	-
Total expenses	(0.59)	(0.43)	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-	-	-
Unrealized gains for the period	(1.88)	(0.60)	-
Total decrease from operations	(2.47)	(1.03)	-
Distributions			
From net investment income (excluding	-	-	-
dividends)			
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-
Total distributions	-	-	-
Net Assets per unit, end of period <sup>2</sup>	6.94	8.97	10.00
Class E – Net Assets per Unit (CAD)			

Class $\vdash -1$	Net Assets	per Unit	(CAD)

	Jun 30,	Dec 31,	Dec 31,	
For the period ended	2024 <sup>1</sup>	2023	2022	
Net Assets per unit, beginning of period	8.96	10.00	-	
			-	
Increase (decrease) from operations				
Total revenue	-	-	-	
Total expenses	(0.19)	(0.13)	-	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-	-	-	
Unrealized gains for the period	(2.42)	(1.42)	-	
Total decrease from operations	(2.61)	(1.55)	-	
Distributions				
From net investment income (excluding	-	-	-	
dividends)				
From dividends	-	-	-	
From capital gains	-	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	
Total distributions	-	-	-	
Net Assets per unit, end of period <sup>2</sup>	6.97	8.96	10.00	

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### Class A1 - Net Assets per Unit (CAD)

For the period ended	Jun 30, 20241	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022
Net Assets per unit, beginning of period	5.15	5.60	8.89
Increase (decrease) from operations			
Total revenue	0.01	0.02	0.01
Total expenses	(0.27)	(0.36)	(0.45)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.27)	(0.82)	(1.61)
Unrealized gains for the period	(0.53)	0.77	(1.02)
Total decrease from operations	(1.06)	(0.39)	(3.07)
Distributions			
From net investment income (excluding	-	-	-
dividends)			
From dividends	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-
Total distributions	-	-	-
Net Assets per unit, end of period <sup>2</sup>	3.99	5.15	5.60

#### Class F1 – Net Assets per Unit (CAD)

For the period ended	Jun 30, 2024 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022	
Net Assets per unit, beginning of period	5.33	5.74	8.99	
		-		
Increase from operations Total revenue	0.01	0.02	0.01	
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.18)	(0.32)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.28)	(0.84)	(1.64)	
Unrealized gains for the period	(0.87)	0.62	(0.91)	
Total increase from operations	(1.19)	(0.38)	(2.86)	
Distributions				
From net investment income (excluding	-	-	-	
dividends)				
From dividends	-	-	-	
From capital gains	-	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	-	
Total distributions	-	-	-	
Net Assets per Unit, end of period <sup>2</sup>	4.16	5.33	5.74	

## Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fund Semi-annual management report of fund performance – June 30, 2024 Financial highlights (continued)

- 1. This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2024.
- 2. Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is calculated based on the average number of units outstanding over the period. Therefore, the beginning of period Net Assets, the increase (decrease) from operations and distributions, if any, will not sum to the end of period Net Assets.

#### Class A – Ratios and Supplement Data:

For the period ended	Jun 30, 2024 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022
Total NAV (CAD 000s) <sup>1</sup>	11	9	-
Number of units outstanding <sup>1</sup>	1,638	1,000	1
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.37%	1.54%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>2</sup>	3.34%	3.49%	0.00%
Management expense ratio before performance fees <sup>2</sup>	1.37%	1.54%	0.00%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	3.77%	3.15%	2.78%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	179.76%	308.28%	220.47%
NAV per unit (CAD)	6.94	8.97	10.00

#### Class F – Ratios and Supplement Data:

For the period ended	Jun 30, 2024 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022	
Total NAV (CAD 000s) <sup>1</sup>	23	14	-	
Number of units outstanding <sup>1</sup>	3,321	1,615	1	
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.23%	0.47%	0.00%	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>2</sup>	2.20%	2.42%	0.00%	
Management expense ratio before	0.23%	0.47%	0.00%	
performance fees <sup>2</sup> Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	3.77%	2 1 5 0/	2.78%	
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	3.77% 179.76%	3.15% 308.28%	2.78% 220.47%	
	6.97	308.28% 8.96	10.00	
NAV per unit (CAD)	0.97	0.90	10.00	

#### Class A1 – Ratios and Supplement Data:

For the period ended	Jun 30, 2024¹	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022
Total NAV (CAD 000s) <sup>1</sup>	1,518	2,351	3,939
Number of units outstanding <sup>1</sup>	379,981	456,287	692,797
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.01%	2.16%	3.67%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>2</sup>	2.99%	4.09%	4.36%
Management expense ratio before performance fees <sup>2</sup>	1.01%	2.16%	3.67%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	3.77%	3.15%	2.78%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	179.76%	308.28%	220.47%
NAV per unit (CAD)	3.99	5.15	5.60

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#### Class F1 – Ratios and Supplement Data:

For the period ended	Jun 30, 2024 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022	
Total NAV (CAD 000s) <sup>1</sup>	6,163	7,675	6,245	
Number of units outstanding <sup>1</sup>	1,482,643	1,439,736	1,072,820	
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	-0.09%	1.10%	2.53%	
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>2</sup>	1.88%	3.03%	3.22%	
Management expense ratio before performance fees <sup>2</sup>	-0.09%	1.10%	2.53%	
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	3.77%	3.15%	2.78%	
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	179.76%	308.28%	220.47%	
NAV per unit (CAD)	4.16	5.33	5.74	

- 1. This information is provided as at June 30, 2024.
- Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The management expense ratio is calculated in accordance with Part 15 of NI 81-106.
- 3. The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- 4. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager 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 the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in the 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 period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

## Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fund Semi-annual management report of fund performance – June 30, 2024 Past performance

#### Management Fees

Annual Management Fees (% of net asset value of the class of the Fund)					
Class Management Fee <sup>1,2</sup>					
Class A Units	1.50%				
Class F Units	0.50%				
Class A1 Units	1.00%				
Class F1 Units	0.00%				

1. Plus applicable HST.

2. The Manager may from time to time, in its own discretion, waive a portion of the management fee resulting in a reduction of the management fee charged. To the extent a portion of the management fee is waived, the Manager reserves the right to stop such waiver at any time and without notice to, or the consent of, Unitholders.

For its services to the Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive from the Fund a management fee (the "management fee") at (up to) an annual rate of: (i) 1.00% of the portion of its NAV represented by the Class A1 Units, and (ii) nil of the portion of NAV represented by the Class F1 Units, calculated daily and paid monthly in arrears, plus applicable taxes. The Manager uses these management fees to pay for sales and trailing commissions to registered dealers on the distribution of the Fund's Units.

The Fund pays its own operating expenses, other than advertising costs and costs of dealer compensation programs, which are paid by the Manager.

Annual management fees, and a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of management fees, for the six months ended June 30, 2024, are as follows:

		As a percentage of manag	
	Annual		General administration,
Class of Units	Rates	Dealer Compensation	investment advice and profit
A	1.50%	66.66%	33.33%
F	0.50%	0.00%	100.00%
A1	1.00%	100.00%	0.00%
F1	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

#### As a percentage of management fees

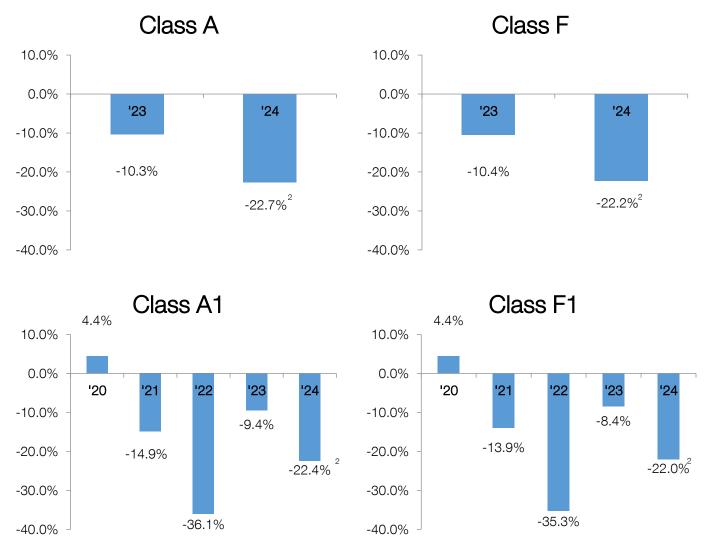
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The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information shown does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

The Fund launched November 3, 2020 but did not trade according to its investment objectives until December 22, 2020.

Reported returns are as follows from the first day to the last day of each fiscal period shown: November 3, 2020 (the Fund's inception date) to December 31, 2020; January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022; January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; and January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

#### Year-by-Year Returns



1. Returns for the period ended December 31, 2020 are from the Fund 's inception date to December 31, 2020. Inception dates used for calculation are November 3, 2020 for Class A and December 22, 2020 for Class F.

2. For the six months January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

## Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fund Semi-annual management report of fund performance – June 30, 2024 Summary of investment portfolio

The following shows the Fund's Portfolio breakdown by asset mix, asset class, geography and the top 25 holdings. The Fund's investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions.

	% of Net Asset Value	
Portfolio by Asset Mix	Long	Short
United States Equity	63.8	-
Canadian Equity	7.1	(0.7)
Foreign Equity	11.3	-
Equity Options	10.2	-
Canadian Bond	3.3	-
United States Bond	1.8	-
Total investments	97.5	(0.7)
Cash and cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	2.6	-
Other net liabilities	0.6	-
Total net asset value	100.7	(0.7)

	% of Net	% of Net Asset Value	
Portfolio by Industry	Long	Short	
Pharmaceuticals, biotechnology & life sciences	76.6	(0.3)	
Healthcare equipment and services	18.6	-	
Equity options	2.2	(0.4)	
Total investments	97.5	(0.7)	
Cash and cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	2.6	-	
Other net liabilities	0.6	-	
Total net asset value	100.7	(0.7)	

	% of Net Asset Value	
Portfolio by Country	Long	Short
United States	75.8	(0.7)
Canada	10.4	-
International	11.3	-
Total investments	97.5	(0.7)
Cash and cash equivalents <sup>1</sup>	2.6	-
Other net liabilities	0.6	-
Total net asset value	100.7	(0.7)

1. Cash and cash equivalents are shown in total as one position.

## Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fund Semi-annual management report of fund performance – June 30, 2024 Summary of investment portfolio (continued)

#### Top 25 Long Positions

Issuer	% of Net Asset Value	
TG Therapeutics Inc.	4.6	
Phathom Pharmaceuticals Inc.	3.8	
ClearPoint Neuro Inc.	3.5	
10X Genomics Inc.	3.4	
Cytokinetics Inc.	3.4	
Imagin Medical Inc., Private Bond, September 30, 2024	3.3	
Schrodinger Inc.	3.3	
Neuraxis Inc.	3.2	
Inari Medical Inc.	3.1	
Immix Biopharma Inc.	3.0	
Exscientia PLC, ADR	2.9	
CRISPR Therapeutics AG	2.8	
Reviva Pharmaceuticals Holdings Inc.	2.8	
Verona Pharma PLC, ADR	2.8	
Cash and cash equivalent	2.6	
Personalis Inc.	2.5	
Protalix BioTherapeutics Inc.	2.5	
Cellectar Biosciences Inc.	2.5	
Acumen Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2.4	
Microbix Biosystems Inc.	2.3	
Fennec Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2.2	
Eledon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	2.1	
Regenxbio Inc.	2.1	
Corvus Pharmaceuticals Inc.	1.9	
Clene Inc.	1.9	

#### Top 25 Short Positions<sup>1</sup>

Issuer	% of Net Asset Value
INVESCO QQQ TRUST SERIES 1@410 PUT OPT 16 AUG 24	(0.4)
VIKING THERAPEUTICS INC@95 CALL OPT 16 AUG 24	(0.2)
VIKING THERAPEUTICS INC@90 CALL OPT 19 JUL 24	(0.1)
ANNOVIS BIO INC@30 CALL OPT 19 JUL 24	-
VERONA PHARMA PLC@30 CALL OPT 19 JUL 24	-
Net Asset Value of Next Edge Biotech and Life Sciences Opportunities Fun	d

as at June 30, 2024	7,715,017

1. These are all of the Fund's short positions as at June 30, 2024.

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