

NEI Proposes Streamlining US Equity Offerings

Toronto, Ontario – August 8, 2024 – NEI Investments ("NEI") has announced a proposed change to streamline its investment fund lineup by merging <u>NEI U.S. Dividend Fund</u> into <u>NEI U.S. Equity RS Fund.</u> This change is subject to approval of applicable unitholders at a meeting to be held on or about October 23, 2024.

In advance of the meeting, a notice and access document will be mailed on September 16, 2024 to unitholders of record as at September 3, 2024. The notice and access document and management information circular will also be available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca and at www.neiinvestments.com.

Subject to unitholder approval, the implementation of the change is expected on or about November 15, 2024. At that time, the NEI U.S. Dividend Fund will be terminated as will the sub-advisor agreement between NEI Investments and River Road Asset Management LLC to manage the NEI U.S. Dividend Fund. There will be no change to NEI U.S. Equity RS Fund's sub-advisor, prospectus risk ratings, distribution policies, or series availability as a result of the proposed merger.

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