

APPOINTMENTS AT NEI INVESTMENTS

JOHN KEARNS, CEO OF NEI INVESTMENTS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL SOLOMON AS CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER AND A MEMBER OF THE FIRM'S MANAGEMENT TEAM. DANIEL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING NEI'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION PROCESS AS WELL AS THE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT SUB-ADVISORS.

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■ Daniel joins NEI with over 17 years experience in the investment industry, most recently acting as Vice President & Managing Director of Investment Funds Research at BMO Nesbitt Burns. He brings a solid reputation as an investment professional with excellent technical skills, a strong commitment to quality and a deep understanding of advisor needs. He also brings a number of accomplishments including leader of the #1 ranked Investment Fund Research Team in the 2011 Brokerage Report Card.

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WITH APPROXIMATELY \$5 BILLION IN ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT, NEI INVESTMENTS is a company that makes outstanding independent portfolio managers accessible to Canadian investors. Its two award-winning fund families, Northwest Funds and Ethical Funds, are known for their unique risk management philosophies and truly active investment approaches. NEI Investments is also home to Canada's leading team of socially responsible investing (SRI) specialists, who provide environmental, social and governance (ESG) analysis to portfolio managers of SRI investments, including Canada's leader in SRI - Ethical Funds. NEI Investments are distributed nationally through independent financial advisors and credit unions.