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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 2009

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Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: The Bank of Nova Scotia  
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13F File Number: 28-11475

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Abdurrehman Muhammadi  
Title: Vice President, Financial Accounting and Reporting  
Phone: 416-866-7898

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Abdurrehman Muhammadi Toronto, On, Canada November 13, 2009

Report Type (Check only one.):

- [ ] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.  
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List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

Form 13F File Number	Name
28-11461	Scotia Capital Inc.
28-11460	Scotia Cassels Investment Counsel Ltd.
28-11459	Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Co.

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FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 1  
 Form13F Information Table Entry Total: 242  
 Form13F Information Table Value Total: \$11,461,806 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

No.	13F File Number	Name
	28-11472	BNS Investment Inc.

FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE								
NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	VALUE (x\$1000)	SHARES/ PRN AMT	SH/ PRN	PUT/ CALL	INVSTMT DSCRETN	OTH MANA
ABBOTT LABS	COM	002824100	203	4110	SH		DEFINED	
ACCENTURE PLC IRELAND	SHS CLASS A	G1151C101	4659	125000	SH		SOLE	
ADVANCED ANALOGIC TECHNOLOGI	COM	00752J108	85	21500	SH		DEFINED	
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES INC	COM	007903107	566	100000	SH		SOLE	
AEGON N V	NY REGISTRY SH	007924103	175	20729	SH		DEFINED	
AES CORP	COM	00130H105	409	27600	SH		SOLE	
AETNA INC NEW	COM	00817Y108	376	13500	SH		SOLE	
AFLAC INC	COM	001055102	934	21850	SH		SOLE	
AGNICO EAGLE MINES LTD	COM	008474108	17809	263307	SH		SOLE	
AGRIUM INC	COM	008916108	13659	273236	SH		SOLE	
ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYS GR	COM	01167P101	113	12300	SH		DEFINED	
ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP	COM	018581108	4832	79046	SH		SOLE	
ALLIANCE ONE INTL INC	COM	018772103	1781	397476	SH		SOLE	
AMGEN INC	COM	031162100	6023	100000	SH		SOLE	
AMR CORP	COM	001765106	122	30000	SH		DEFINED	1
ANADARKO PETE CORP	COM	032511107	9409	150000	SH		SOLE	
APPLE INC	COM	037833100	408	2200	SH		SOLE	
APPLE INC	COM	037833100	1619	8734	SH		DEFINED	1
APPLIED MATLS INC	COM	038222105	2680	200000	SH		SOLE	
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO	COM	039483102	7525	259750	SH		SOLE	
AT&T INC	COM	00206R102	8103	300000	SH		SOLE	
AUGUSTA RES CORP	COM NEW	050912203	99	40000	SH		SOLE	
AVON PRODS INC	COM	054303102	3233	95403	SH		SOLE	
BALLARD PWR SYS INC NEW	COM	058586108	225	83000	SH		SOLE	
BANCO SANTANDER CHILE NEW	SP ADR REP COM	05965X109	1740	108050	SH		DEFINED	1
BANK MONTREAL QUE	COM	063671101	958068	18934771	SH		SOLE	
BANK NOVA SCOTIA HALIFAX	COM	064149107	4236	92809	SH		DEFINED	1
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION	COM	060505104	15850	936787	SH		SOLE	
BANRO CORP	COM	066800103	67	25000	SH		SOLE	
BARCLAYS BK PLC	DJUBS CMDT ETN36	06738C778	2949	76500	SH		DEFINED	
BARRICK GOLD CORP	COM	067901108	67405	1779998	SH		SOLE	

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BARRICK GOLD CORP	COM	067901108	348	9215	SH	DEFINED	1
BCE INC	COM NEW	05534B760	66971	2716887	SH	SOLE	
BCE INC	COM NEW	05534B760	3463	140500	SH	SOLE	1
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC DEL	CL A	084670108	4040	40	SH	DEFINED	1
BEST BUY INC	COM	086516101	349	9300	SH	SOLE	
BHP BILLITON LTD	SPONSORED ADR	088606108	3161	47883	SH	DEFINED	1
BIOVAIL CORP	COM	09067J109	68606	4446082	SH	SOLE	
BLACKSTONE GROUP L P	COM UNIT LTD	09253U108	1065	75000	SH	SOLE	
BOSTON PROPERTIES INC	COM	101121101	4141	63104	SH	SOLE	
BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORP	COM	101137107	349	33000	SH	SOLE	
BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO	COM	110122108	3657	162400	SH	SOLE	
BROADCOM CORP	CL A	111320107	1413	46050	SH	SOLE	
BROOKFIELD ASSET MGMT INC	CL A LTD VT SH	112585104	343313	15081965	SH	SOLE	
BROOKFIELD PPTYS CORP	COM	112900105	139625	12313135	SH	SOLE	
BURLINGTON NORTHN SANTA FE C	COM	12189T104	383	4800	SH	DEFINED	
CAE INC	COM	124765108	22481	2659432	SH	SOLE	
CAMECO CORP	COM	13321L108	19016	685239	SH	SOLE	
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD	COM	136385101	65135	964494	SH	SOLE	
CANADIAN NATL RY CO	COM	136375102	167919	3409290	SH	SOLE	
CANADIAN PAC RY LTD	COM	13645T100	33714	720428	SH	SOLE	
CATERPILLAR INC DEL	COM	149123101	385	7500	SH	SOLE	
CDN IMPERIAL BK OF COMMERCE	COM	136069101	691744	11342836	SH	SOLE	
CEMEX SAB DE CV	SPON ADR NEW	151290889	10414	806000	SH	SOLE	
CEPHALON INC	COM	156708109	16249	278667	SH	SOLE	
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP	COM	165167107	4876	171700	SH	SOLE	
CHEVRON CORP NEW	COM	166764100	8804	125000	SH	SOLE	
CHIQUITA BRANDS INTL INC	COM	170032809	169	10500	SH	DEFINED	
CISCO SYS INC	COM	17275R102	5885	250000	SH	SOLE	
CISCO SYS INC	COM	17275R102	535	22760	SH	DEFINED	
CITIGROUP INC	COM	172967101	6764	1406000	SH	SOLE	
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	7625	142000	SH	SOLE	
COMCAST CORP NEW	CL A SPL	20030N200	4824	300000	SH	DEFINED	1
COMPANIA DE MINAS BUENAVENTU	SPONSORED ADR	204448104	2026	57530	SH	DEFINED	1
CONAGRA FOODS INC	COM	205887102	7913	365000	SH	SOLE	
CONCUR TECHNOLOGIES INC	COM	206708109	585	14709	SH	SOLE	
COVANTA HLDG CORP	COM	22282E102	19582	1152058	SH	SOLE	
CREDIT SUISSE GROUP	SPONSORED ADR	225401108	326	5888	SH	DEFINED	
CROWN HOLDINGS INC	COM	228368106	4080	150000	SH	DEFINED	1
CVS CAREMARK CORPORATION	COM	126650100	5361	150000	SH	SOLE	
DEERE & CO	COM	244199105	794	18500	SH	SOLE	
DELL INC	COM	24702R101	336	22000	SH	SOLE	
DELTA AIR LINES INC DEL	COM NEW	247361702	106	11900	SH	DEFINED	
DELTA PETE CORP	COM NEW	247907207	50	29100	SH	DEFINED	
DENISON MINES CORP	COM	248356107	86	46300	SH	DEFINED	
DENNYS CORP	COM	24869P104	34	12900	SH	DEFINED	
DOW CHEM CO	COM	260543103	7169	275000	SH	SOLE	
E M C CORP MASS	COM	268648102	21326	1251502	SH	SOLE	
EASTMAN KODAK CO	COM	277461109	71	15000	SH	DEFINED	
EL PASO CORP	COM	28336L109	2580	250000	SH	SOLE	
ELDORADO GOLD CORP NEW	COM	284902103	7646	673200	SH	SOLE	
ELECTRONIC ARTS INC	COM	285512109	3690	193700	SH	SOLE	
ENBRIDGE INC	COM	29250N105	554698	14285649	SH	SOLE	
ENCANA CORP	COM	292505104	547868	9481779	SH	SOLE	
ENDEAVOUR SILVER CORP	COM	29258Y103	2382	850000	SH	SOLE	
ENERPLUS RES FD	UNIT TR G NEW	29274D604	6707	293100	SH	SOLE	
ERICSSON L M TEL CO	ADR B SEK 10	294821608	9519	950000	SH	SOLE	
EXTERRAN HLDGS INC	COM	30225X103	7144	300688	SH	SOLE	
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	506	7380	SH	DEFINED	1
FLEXTRONICS INTL LTD	ORD	Y2573F102	1492	200000	SH	SOLE	
FORD MTR CO DEL	COM PAR \$0.01	345370860	815	113000	SH	SOLE	
FREEMPORT-MCMORAN COPPER & GO	COM	35671D857	470	6854	SH	DEFINED	1
GAYLORD ENTMT CO NEW	COM	367905106	991	51000	SH	SOLE	

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GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	COM	369604103	336	20500	SH	DEFINED	1
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	COM	369604103	10418	635300	SH	SOLE	
GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC	COM	375916103	3473	175700	SH	SOLE	
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PLC	SPONSORED ADR	37733W105	1976	50000	SH	SOLE	
GOLDCORP INC NEW	COM	380956409	47470	1182016	SH	SOLE	
GREAT BASIN GOLD LTD	COM	390124105	2221	1450000	SH	SOLE	
GRUPO AEROPORTUARIO DEL SURE	SPON ADR SER B	40051E202	82517	1934291	SH	SOLE	
HALLIBURTON CO	COM	406216101	5424	200000	SH	SOLE	
HEINZ H J CO	COM	423074103	7234	182000	SH	SOLE	
HOME DEPOT INC	COM	437076102	7992	300000	SH	SOLE	
HSBC HLDGS PLC	SPON ADR NEW	404280406	3339	58230	SH	SOLE	
IAMGOLD CORP	COM	450913108	8756	619600	SH	SOLE	
IESI BFC LTD	COM	44951D108	11893	920000	SH	SOLE	
IMPERIAL OIL LTD	COM NEW	453038408	18220	478684	SH	SOLE	
INTEL CORP	COM	458140100	6067	310000	SH	SOLE	
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	323	2705	SH	DEFINED	
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	598	5000	SH	SOLE	
INTERNATIONAL GAME TECHNOLOG	COM	459902102	1514	70500	SH	SOLE	
ISHARES INC	MSCI BRIC INDX	464286657	1241	29600	SH	SOLE	
ISHARES INC	MSCI CDA INDEX	464286509	2081	81650	SH	DEFINED	1
ISHARES INC	MSCI BRAZIL	464286400	4615	68225	SH	DEFINED	1
ISHARES INC	MSCI JAPAN	464286848	1105	111199	SH	DEFINED	
ISHARES TR	US PFD STK IDX	464288687	1450	40000	SH	DEFINED	
ISHARES TR INDEX	IBOXX INV CPBD	464287242	389	3663	SH	DEFINED	1
ISHARES TR INDEX	S&P EURO PLUS	464287861	2186	56740	SH	DEFINED	
IVANHOE ENERGY INC	COM	465790103	2769	1200000	SH	SOLE	
IVANHOE MINES LTD	COM	46579N103	7712	600000	SH	SOLE	
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	11927	196250	SH	SOLE	
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	666	10938	SH	DEFINED	
JOHNSON CTLS INC	COM	478366107	900	36000	SH	SOLE	
KIMBERLY CLARK CORP	COM	494368103	7455	126400	SH	SOLE	
KINROSS GOLD CORP	COM NO PAR	496902404	29939	1373862	SH	SOLE	
KROGER CO	COM	501044101	267	12965	SH	DEFINED	
LAM RESEARCH CORP	COM	512807108	10248	300000	SH	SOLE	
LILLY ELI & CO	COM	532457108	796	24100	SH	SOLE	
LIONS GATE ENTMNT CORP	COM NEW	535919203	136	22150	SH	DEFINED	
LOWES COS INC	COM	548661107	597	28500	SH	SOLE	
MAGNA INTL INC	CL A	559222401	21969	515438	SH	SOLE	
MANULIFE FINL CORP	COM	56501R106	795882	37869459	SH	SOLE	
MARTEN TRANS LTD	COM	573075108	5181	303750	SH	DEFINED	1
MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODS INC	COM	57772K101	5442	300000	SH	SOLE	
MCDONALDS CORP	COM	580135101	1381	24200	SH	SOLE	
MCDONALDS CORP	COM	580135101	206	3619	SH	DEFINED	
MEMC ELECTR MATLS INC	COM	552715104	3326	200000	SH	SOLE	
MERCK & CO INC	COM	589331107	936	29600	SH	SOLE	
METHANEX CORP	COM	59151K108	27803	1595998	SH	SOLE	
MI DEVS INC	CL A SUB VTG	55304X104	9431	702162	SH	SOLE	
MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC	COM	595112103	6274	765700	SH	SOLE	
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	575	22357	SH	DEFINED	
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	7847	305000	SH	SOLE	
MINEFINDERS LTD	COM	602900102	668	68100	SH	SOLE	
MIRANT CORP NEW	COM	60467R100	0	76832	SH	DEFINED	
MOODYS CORP	COM	615369105	511	25000	SH	SOLE	
MORGAN STANLEY	COM NEW	617446448	203	6600	SH	DEFINED	
MOSAIC CO	COM	61945A107	841	17500	SH	SOLE	
NEVSUN RES LTD	COM	64156L101	102	50000	SH	SOLE	
NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC	COM	651229106	8103	516420	SH	SOLE	
NEWPARK RES INC	COM PAR \$.01NEW	651718504	34	10650	SH	DEFINED	
NEXEN INC	COM	65334H102	28992	1275208	SH	SOLE	
NISOURCE INC	COM	65473P105	4167	300000	SH	SOLE	
NOKIA CORP	SPONSORED ADR	654902204	7829	535500	SH	SOLE	
NORTH AMERN PALLADIUM LTD	COM	656912102	4462	1602900	SH	SOLE	

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NORTHERN DYNASTY MINERALS LT	COM NEW	66510M204	2974	400000	SH	SOLE
NVIDIA CORP	COM	67066G104	296	19700	SH	SOLE
PAETEC HOLDING CORP	COM	695459107	3236	836205	SH	SOLE
PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP	COM	697900108	6842	298000	SH	SOLE
PENGROWTH ENERGY TR	TR UNIT NEW	706902509	2646	250000	SH	SOLE
PENN WEST ENERGY TR	TR UNIT	707885109	22762	1435129	SH	SOLE
PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA PETRO	SPONSORED ADR	71654V408	2772	60375	SH	DEFINED 1
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	15530	939100	SH	SOLE
POTASH CORP SASK INC	COM	73755L107	45256	498869	SH	SOLE
POWERSHARES DB CMDTY IDX TRA	UNIT BEN INT	73935S105	3335	151200	SH	DEFINED
POWERSHARES QQQ TRUST	UNIT SER 1	73935A104	425	10080	SH	DEFINED
PRECISION DRILLING TR	TR UNIT	740215108	1452	217142	SH	SOLE
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	COM	742718109	918	15800	SH	SOLE
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	COM	742718109	565	9772	SH	DEFINED 1
PROSHARES TR	PSHS ULTSH 20YRS	74347R297	2473	56200	SH	DEFINED
QLOGIC CORP	COM	747277101	1720	100000	SH	SOLE
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC	COM	74834L100	2623	50270	SH	DEFINED 1
RANDGOLD RES LTD	ADR	752344309	363	5200	SH	SOLE
RESEARCH IN MOTION LTD	COM	760975102	230	3415	SH	DEFINED 1
RESEARCH IN MOTION LTD	COM	760975102	59278	876553	SH	SOLE
RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS	COM	767744105	26857	1085000	SH	SOLE
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B	775109200	366075	12964510	SH	SOLE
ROYAL BK CDA MONTREAL QUE	COM	780087102	1097	20403	SH	DEFINED 1
ROYAL BK CDA MONTREAL QUE	COM	780087102	2451837	45615433	SH	SOLE
ROYAL BK SCOTLAND GROUP PLC	SPON ADR SER H	780097879	144	12000	SH	DEFINED 1
ROYAL BK SCOTLAND GROUP PLC	SP ADR L RP PF	780097788	147	14000	SH	DEFINED 1
RUBICON MINERALS CORP	COM	780911103	372	90000	SH	SOLE
SAP AG	SPON ADR	803054204	1222	25000	SH	SOLE
SARA LEE CORP	COM	803111103	312	28000	SH	SOLE
SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	COM	78388J106	9565	353939	SH	SOLE
SCHERING PLOUGH CORP	COM	806605101	1506	53325	SH	SOLE
SELECT SECTOR SPDR TR	SBI INT-FINL	81369Y605	1321	95000	SH	SOLE
SHAW COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B CONV	82028K200	135481	7484261	SH	SOLE
SILICON IMAGE INC	COM	82705T102	243	100000	SH	SOLE
SOUTHERN COPPER CORP	COM	84265V105	610	19878	SH	DEFINED 1
SOUTHWEST AIRLS CO	COM	844741108	465	48400	SH	SOLE
SOUTHWEST GAS CORP	COM	844895102	3223	126000	SH	SOLE
SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY CO	COM	845467109	234	5500	SH	DEFINED
SPDR GOLD TRUST	GOLD SHS	78463V107	9513	96240	SH	DEFINED
SPDR GOLD TRUST	GOLD SHS	78463V107	1238	12533	SH	DEFINED 1
SPDR SERIES TRUST	S&P HOMEBUILD	78464A888	1879	125000	SH	SOLE
SPDR TR	UNIT SER 1	78462F103	8882	84120	SH	DEFINED
SPDR TR	UNIT SER 1	78462F103	269	2550	SH	DEFINED 1
STATE STR CORP	COM	857477103	936	17800	SH	SOLE
SUN LIFE FINL INC	COM	866796105	344243	10984893	SH	SOLE
SUNCOR ENERGY INC NEW	COM	867224107	211	6050	SH	DEFINED 1
SUNCOR ENERGY INC NEW	COM	867224107	91838	2628911	SH	SOLE
SUNOCO INC	COM	86764P109	7824	275000	SH	SOLE
SUNPOWER CORP	COM CL A	867652109	386	12967	SH	SOLE
TAKE-TWO INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE	COM	874054109	4989	445035	SH	SOLE
TALISMAN ENERGY INC	COM	87425E103	39747	2284091	SH	SOLE
TANZANIAN ROYALTY EXPL CORP	COM	87600U104	717	251700	SH	SOLE
TARGET CORP	COM	87612E106	271	5800	SH	SOLE
TATA MTRS LTD	SPONSORED ADR	876568502	4536	350000	SH	SOLE
TECK RESOURCES LTD	CL B	878742204	24689	896007	SH	SOLE
TELUS CORP	NON-VTG SHS	87971M202	126245	4057529	SH	SOLE
TESORO CORP	COM	881609101	285	19000	SH	SOLE
TEXAS INSTRS INC	COM	882508104	7107	300000	SH	SOLE
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	COM	883556102	224	5130	SH	DEFINED
THOMSON REUTERS CORP	COM	884903105	27357	815812	SH	SOLE
TIM HORTONS INC	COM	88706M103	12621	443875	SH	SOLE
TONGJITANG CHINESE MED CO	SPON ADR	89025E103	504	135000	SH	SOLE

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TORONTO DOMINION BK ONT	COM NEW	891160509	9945	154282	SH	DEFINED	1
TORONTO DOMINION BK ONT	COM NEW	891160509	1538952	23805773	SH	SOLE	
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	130295	6387143	SH	SOLE	
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	30600	1500000	SH	SOLE	1
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	416088	13349119	SH	SOLE	
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	21040	675000	SH	SOLE	1
UNILEVER N V	N Y SHS NEW	904784709	234	8140	SH	DEFINED	1
UNITED STATES STL CORP NEW	COM	912909108	544	12250	SH	SOLE	
UNITED STATES STL CORP NEW	COM	912909108	3417	77000	SH	DEFINED	1
UR ENERGY INC	COM	91688R108	129	150000	SH	SOLE	
VALERO ENERGY CORP NEW	COM	91913Y100	15972	823729	SH	SOLE	
VANGUARD INDEX FDS	STK MRK ETF	922908769	21831	407285	SH	DEFINED	1
VANGUARD INTL EQUITY INDEX F	EURPEAN ETF	922042874	14315	288600	SH	DEFINED	1
VANGUARD INTL EQUITY INDEX F	PACIFIC ETF	922042866	7330	139900	SH	DEFINED	1
VISA INC	COM CL A	92826C839	8546	1883680	SH	SOLE	
VORNADO RLTY TR	SH BEN INT	929042109	3926	61164	SH	SOLE	
WAL MART STORES INC	COM	931142103	494	10075	SH	DEFINED	
WELLS FARGO & CO NEW	COM	949746101	4415	156684	SH	SOLE	
WHIRLPOOL CORP	COM	963320106	3498	50000	SH	SOLE	
WHOLE FOODS MKT INC	COM	966837106	2098	68800	SH	SOLE	
WILEY JOHN & SONS INC	CL B	968223305	6882	200000	SH	DEFINED	1
WILLIAMS COS INC DEL	COM	969457100	6680	373800	SH	SOLE	
YAHOO INC	COM	984332106	677	38000	SH	SOLE	
YAMANA GOLD INC	COM	98462Y100	13307	1236619	SH	SOLE	
YAMANA GOLD INC	COM	98462Y100	120	11150	SH	DEFINED	