



Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended December 31, 2020

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objective and Strategies

Investment Objective: Imperial Short-Term Bond Pool (referred to as the *Pool*) seeks to provide a high level of interest income and some capital growth, while attempting to preserve capital by investing primarily in bonds, debentures, notes, or other debt instruments of Canadian and non-Canadian issuers, with a remaining term-to-maturity of one to five years.

Investment Strategies: The term-to-maturity of the Pool is adjusted to reflect the portfolio advisor's outlook for interest rates. Pool assets are then allocated to those sectors of the bond market based upon market outlook. Adjustments to the portfolio are based on a review of macroeconomic and capital market conditions both inside and outside of Canada, along with detailed issuer credit reviews.

Risk

The Pool is a Canadian short-term fixed income fund that is suitable for short- to medium-term investors who can tolerate low investment risk.

For the period ended December 31, 2020, the Pool's overall level of risk remained as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

Results of Operations

The Pool's portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (referred to as *CAMI* or the *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended December 31, 2020. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Pool's net asset value decreased by 10% during the period, from \$10,987,777 as at December 31, 2019 to \$9,855,861 as at December 31, 2020. Net redemptions of \$1,660,507 in the period, which included redemptions of \$911,502 due to rebalancing of a portfolio product that holds units of the Pool, were partially offset by positive investment performance, resulting in an overall decrease in net asset value.

Class A units of the Pool posted a return of 5.4% for the period. The Pool's benchmark, the FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index (referred to as the *benchmark*), returned 5.3% for the same period. The

Pool's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return.

Canada's economy entered a recession in the second quarter of 2020, as lockdowns in response to the spread of COVID-19 significantly slowed economic activity in late March. Canada's gross domestic product fell at a record pace in the second quarter. In the third quarter as public health measures eased and the economy reopened, Canada's economy expanded at its fastest pace on record. Canada's economy contracted again in October, however, as COVID-19 infection rates continued to climb and governments imposed new lockdown restrictions.

As a result of business shutdowns, millions of jobs were lost and the unemployment rate rose to its highest level on record. The labour market improved over the second half of the period, however, as public health restrictions eased and business activity restarted. That said, Canada's unemployment rate was still over 8% in December, compared to roughly 5.5% at the start of 2020.

Canada's inflation rate fell as lower energy prices and a substantial drop in consumer demand weighed on price growth. During the spring lockdowns, inflation turned negative for the first time since 2009. The inflation rate ended the period well below the Bank of Canada's (referred to as the *BoC*) 2% target.

In response to the substantial decline in economic conditions, the BoC reduced its central interest rate three times, by 50 basis points (referred to as *bps*) each time, in March. This reduced the BoC's benchmark overnight interest rate to 0.25%. The BoC expects to maintain this low interest rate until its inflation target is achieved, which the BoC believes could take a few years. The BoC also implemented a bond-buying program to bolster the economy and ensure the proper functioning of financial markets.

Similarly, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (referred to as the *Fed*) reduced its central interest rate by 50 bps and 100 bps at two meetings in March, as the lockdowns in response to the COVID-19 pandemic brought economic activity to a near standstill. This lowered the target range of the federal funds rate to 0.00%–0.25%. The Fed noted it

expects to hold this key interest rate steady until inflation moves higher and better economic conditions are achieved, which the Fed believes could be in 2023 or later.

Government bond yields reached record lows as a result of these unprecedented central bank measures.

The Pool's significant overweight allocation to corporate bonds contributed to performance as corporate bonds outperformed Government of Canada bonds.

Individual contributors to the Pool's performance included Canada Housing Trust No. 1 (2.90%, 2024/06/15), which appreciated as bond yields declined. Bank of Nova Scotia (2.38%, 2023/05/01) and Royal Bank of Canada (2.61%, 2020/11/01) benefited as spreads (meaning the difference in yields between different bonds with similar maturities) in the banking sector contracted. Both holdings contributed to performance.

A significant underweight allocation to provincial bonds detracted from performance as provincial bonds outperformed Government of Canada bonds. Individual detractors from performance included West Edmonton Mall Property Inc. (4.06%, 2024/02/13) and Ford Credit Canada Co. (3.35%, 2022/09/19), which depreciated as spreads widened in response to the pandemic.

In February, a new holding in Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (2.95%, 2024/10/14) was added after the Pool's holding in a shorter-term bond from the same issuer (Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (2.15%, 2024/06/03)) was reduced. This change was made to increase the Pool's duration (meaning sensitivity to changing interest rates) and yield. The Portfolio Advisor also added a new holding in Manulife Financial Corp. (2.24%, 2030/05/12) to the Pool on the belief that its credit spread was attractive for a high-quality issuer. Glacier Credit Card Trust (1.39%, 2025/09/22) was added at what the Portfolio Advisor believes was an attractive credit spread for an AAA-rated issuer. An existing holding in Canada Housing Trust No. 1 (1.95%, 2025/12/15) was increased to increase the Pool's duration.

The Pool's holding in Ford Credit Canada Co. (2.58%, 2021/05/10) was decreased to improve the credit quality of the portfolio.

Recent Developments

The composition of the Independent Review Committee (referred to as *IRC*) changed. Don Hunter and Merle Kriss retired effective April 26, 2020. Effective April 27, 2020, David Forster and Deborah Leckman were appointed as members of the IRC. Marcia Lewis Brown was appointed Chair effective April 1, 2020.

The international spread of COVID-19 caused a significant slowdown in the global economy and volatility in financial markets. The COVID-19 outbreak may adversely affect global markets and the Pool's performance.

Related Party Transactions

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (referred to as *CIBC*) and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Pool, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

Manager

CIBC is the Pool's manager (referred to as the *Manager*). CIBC receives management fees with respect to the Pool's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the Pool's net asset value as described in the section entitled *Management Fees*.

Trustee

CIBC Trust Corporation (referred to as *CIBC Trust*), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Pool's trustee (referred to as the *Trustee*). The Trustee holds title to the Pool's property (cash and securities) on behalf of its unitholders.

Portfolio Advisor

The portfolio advisor provides, or arranges to provide, investment advice and portfolio management services to the Pool. CAMI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Pool's portfolio advisor.

Discretionary Managers

As at the date of this report, units of the Pool are offered through discretionary investment management services provided by certain subsidiaries of CIBC (collectively, referred to as the *Discretionary Managers*). The Discretionary Managers may include CIBC Trust and CAMI. The Discretionary Managers arrange to purchase, convert, switch and redeem units of the Pool on behalf of their clients who have entered into discretionary investment management agreements with one of the Discretionary Managers. The Discretionary Managers are the registered unitholders of the Pools for the purposes of receiving all unitholder materials and having the right to vote all proxies with respect to units of the Pool. Units of the Pool are also offered to investors in connection with certain products offered by affiliated dealers pursuant to the terms of the account agreements governing such products. There are no compensation arrangements with these dealers in respect of the sale of units of the Pool. However, CIBC Trust receives fees from its clients for offering discretionary management services and, from these fees, CIBC Trust may pay affiliated dealers and other CIBC members for services provided in connection with the client's discretionary investment managed account, which may hold units of the Pool.

CIBC receives fees from CIBC Trust for the services of CIBC advisors that assist investors with opening discretionary investment management accounts where CIBC Trust acts as the Discretionary Manager and for acting as the investors' ongoing relationship manager. CIBC is responsible for the remuneration of the CIBC advisors and may pay the CIBC advisors out of such fees. Further details of the arrangement between CIBC and CIBC Trust may be found in the discretionary investment management agreement between CIBC Trust and investors. CAMI receives fees from their clients for offering discretionary investment managed accounts, which may hold units of the Pool, and may pay a portion of such fees to their investment counsellors.

Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars

The Portfolio Advisor makes decisions, including the selection of markets and dealers and the negotiation of commissions, with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, certain derivative

products and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by the Portfolio Advisor to CIBC World Markets Inc. (referred to as *CIBC WM*) and CIBC World Markets Corp., each a subsidiary of CIBC. CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp. may also earn spreads on the sale of fixed income and other securities and certain derivative products to the Pool. A spread is the difference between the bid and ask prices for a security in the applicable marketplace, with respect to the execution of portfolio transactions. The spread will differ based upon various factors such as the type and liquidity of the security.

Dealers, including CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., may furnish goods and services other than order execution to the Portfolio Advisor in partial exchange for processing trades through them (referred to in the industry as “soft dollar” arrangements). These goods and services are paid for with a portion of the brokerage commissions and assist the Portfolio Advisor with investment decision-making services for the Pool or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Pool.

In addition, CIBC may enter into commission recapture arrangements with certain dealers with respect to the Pool. Any commission recaptured will be paid to the Pool.

During the period, the Pool did not pay any brokerage commissions or other fees to CIBC WM or CIBC World Markets Corp. Spreads associated with fixed income and other securities are not ascertainable and, for that reason, cannot be included when determining these amounts.

Pool Transactions

The Pool may enter into one or more of the following transactions (referred to as the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the IRC:

- invest in or hold equity securities of CIBC or issuers related to a portfolio sub-advisor;
- invest in or hold non-exchange-traded debt securities of CIBC or an issuer related to CIBC, with terms-to-maturity of 365 days or more, issued in a primary offering and in the secondary market;
- invest in or hold debt securities of CIBC or issuers related to a portfolio sub-advisor purchased in the secondary market;
- make an investment in the securities of an issuer for which CIBC WM, CIBC World Markets Corp., or any affiliate of CIBC (a Related Dealer) acts as an underwriter during the offering of the securities or at any time during the 60-day period following the completion of the offering of such securities (in the case of a “private placement” offering, in accordance with the exemptive relief order granted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities and in accordance with the policies and procedures relating to such investment);
- purchase equity or debt securities from or sell them to a Related Dealer, where it is acting as principal;
- undertake currency and currency derivative transactions where a Related Dealer is the counterparty;

- purchase securities from or sell securities to another investment fund or a managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate; and
- engage in in-specie transfers by receiving portfolio securities from, or delivering portfolio securities to, a managed account or another investment fund managed by the Manager or an affiliate, in respect of a purchase or redemption on units in the fund, subject to certain conditions.

At least annually, the IRC reviews the Related Party Transactions for which they have issued standing instructions. The IRC is required to advise the Canadian securities regulatory authorities, after a matter has been referred or reported to the IRC by the Manager, if it determines that an investment decision was not made in accordance with a condition imposed by securities legislation or the IRC in any Related Party Transactions requiring its approval.

Custodian

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the Pool's custodian (referred to as the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds all cash and securities for the Pool and ensures that those assets are kept separate from any other cash or securities that the Custodian might be holding. The Custodian also provides other services to the Pool including record-keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. The Custodian may hire sub-custodians for the Pool. The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Pool are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Pool during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the Pool on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

Service Provider

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (referred to as *CIBC GSS*) provides certain services to the Pool, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. Such servicing fees are paid by the Manager and charged to the Pool on a recoverable basis. CIBC indirectly owns a 50% interest in CIBC GSS.

Imperial Short-Term Bond Pool

Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Pool and are intended to help you understand the Pool's financial performance for the period ended December 31.

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit¹ - Class A Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.16	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.12	\$ 10.31	\$ 10.43
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.27
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.11	(0.02)	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.03)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.20	0.13	0.02	(0.13)	(0.09)
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.14
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.26
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Distributions³	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.26
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 10.45	\$ 10.16	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.12	\$ 10.31

¹ This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual financial statements.

² Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The total increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

³ Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Pool, or both.

Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Net Asset Value (000s)⁴	\$ 9,855,861	\$ 10,987,777	\$ 10,000,998	\$ 8,586,392	\$ 9,416,903
Number of Units Outstanding⁴	942,788,541	1,081,388,043	997,000,736	848,377,757	912,971,379
Management Expense Ratio⁵	0.12%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions⁶	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%	0.32%
Trading Expense Ratio⁷	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio Turnover Rate⁸	52.14%	32.92%	51.33%	41.61%	35.72%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 10.45	\$ 10.16	\$ 10.03	\$ 10.12	\$ 10.31

⁴ This information is presented as at December 31 of the periods shown.

⁵ Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the pool (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period.

⁶ The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

⁷ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs before income taxes expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the trading expense ratio calculation.

⁸ The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio advisor and/or portfolio sub-advisor manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by a fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

Management Fees

The Pool, either directly or indirectly, pays CIBC an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Pool. Management fees are based on the Pool's net asset value and are calculated daily and paid monthly. Management fees are paid to CIBC in consideration for providing, or arranging for the provision of, management, distribution, and portfolio advisory services. Advertising and promotional expenses, office overhead expenses and trailing commissions are paid by CIBC out of the management fees received from the Pool. The Pool is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees paid to CIBC. Refer to the Simplified Prospectus for the annual management fee rate.

For the period ended December 31, 2020, 100% of the management fees collected from the Pool was attributable to general administration, investment advice, and profit.

Past Performance

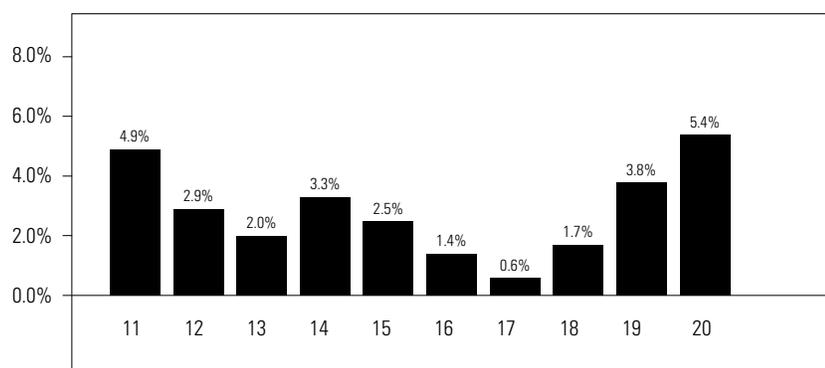
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

The Pool's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses. See *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

Year-by-Year Returns

The bar chart shows the Pool's annual performance for each of the periods shown, and illustrates how the performance has changed from period to period. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31, unless otherwise indicated.

Class A Units



Annual Compound Returns

This table shows the annual compound return of each class of units of the Pool for each indicated period ended on December 31, 2020. The annual compound total return is also compared to the Pool's benchmark.

The Pool's benchmark is the FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	or	Since Inception	Inception Date
Class A units	5.4%	3.6%	2.5%	2.8%			October 15, 1998
FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index	5.3%	3.4%	2.3%	2.5%			

FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index is intended to represent the Canadian short-term bond market. It contains bonds with remaining effective terms greater than or equal to one year and less than or equal to 5 years.

A discussion of the Pool's relative performance compared to its benchmark can be found in *Results of Operations*.

Imperial Short-Term Bond Pool

Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at December 31, 2020)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting www.cibc.com/mutualfunds. The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. If the fund holds fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown. Cash and cash equivalents are shown in total as one position.

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>	<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Corporate Bonds	55.2	Canada Housing Trust No. 1, Series 'MAR', 0.95%, 2025/06/15	5.8
Government of Canada & Guaranteed Bonds	28.4	Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 2.90%, 2024/06/15	5.0
Provincial Government & Guaranteed Bonds	6.3	Province of Ontario, 2.60%, 2025/06/02	3.4
Foreign Currency Bonds	4.9	Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.95%, 2025/12/15	3.3
Mortgage-Backed Securities	2.1	Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 2.35%, 2023/06/15	3.0
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.7	Government of Canada, 1.25%, 2025/03/01	2.5
Municipal Government & Guaranteed Bonds	1.0	Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 2.35%, 2023/09/15	2.4
Supranational Bonds	0.4	Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.16%, 2025/02/03	1.9
		Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.7
		Province of Ontario, 2.85%, 2023/06/02	1.7
		Canada Housing Trust No. 1, Series 'SEPT', 2.55%, 2023/12/15	1.6
		National Bank of Canada, 1.96%, 2022/06/30	1.4
		Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.80%, 2024/12/15	1.2
		Fortified Trust, Series 'A', 1.67%, 2021/07/23	1.2
		Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), 1.94%, 2025/03/13	1.1
		Bank of Nova Scotia, 2.38%, 2023/05/01	1.1
		Canada Housing Trust No. 1, Series '70', 2.25%, 2025/12/15	1.1
		Royal Bank of Canada, 1.94%, 2025/05/01	1.1
		Bank of Montreal, Callable, 2.37%, 2025/01/17	1.1
		Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 2.55%, 2025/03/15	1.1
		Wells Fargo & Co., Callable, 3.18%, 2024/02/08	1.0
		Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.75%, 2022/06/15	1.0
		Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), Variable Rate, Callable, 3.11%, 2030/04/22	1.0
		HSBC Bank Canada, 2.54%, 2023/01/31	1.0
		Royal Bank of Canada, 2.35%, 2024/07/02	0.9

A note on forward-looking statements

The management report of fund performance may contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as “expects”, “anticipates”, “intends”, “plans”, “believes”, “estimates”, or other similar wording. In addition, any statements that may be made concerning future performance, strategies, or prospects and possible future actions taken by the fund, are also forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause the actual results and achievements of the fund to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to: general economic, market, and business conditions; fluctuations in securities prices, interest rates, and foreign currency exchange rates; changes in government regulations; and catastrophic events.

The above list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decisions, we encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully. CIBC does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise prior to the release of the next management report of fund performance.

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