



# CIBC Managed Aggressive Growth Portfolio

## Annual Financial Statements

for the financial year ended December 31, 2020

### Statements of Financial Position (in 000s, except per unit amounts)

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019 (note 1)

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investments (non-derivative financial assets) (notes 2 and 3)	\$ 369,811	\$ 354,206
Cash including foreign currency holdings, at fair value	1,768	1,673
Interest receivable	–	2
Receivable for portfolio securities sold	93	111
Receivable for units issued	104	140
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>371,776</b>	<b>356,132</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payable for units redeemed	370	579
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>579</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units</b> (note 5)	<b>\$ 371,406</b>	<b>\$ 355,553</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Class</b>		
Class A	\$ 367,470	\$ 351,652
Class T4	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,538
Class T6	\$ 433	\$ 514
Class T8	\$ 2,093	\$ 1,849
Class F	\$ –	n/a
Class FT4	\$ –	n/a
Class FT6	\$ –	n/a
Class FT8	\$ –	n/a
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit</b> (note 5)		
Class A	\$ 19.43	\$ 17.70
Class T4	\$ 13.94	\$ 13.23
Class T6	\$ 11.83	\$ 11.46
Class T8	\$ 9.12	\$ 9.04
Class F	\$ 11.09	n/a
Class FT4	\$ 10.90	n/a
Class FT6	\$ 10.78	n/a
Class FT8	\$ 10.65	n/a

### Organization of the Fund (note 1)

The Portfolio was established on January 15, 2002 (referred to as *Date Established*).

	Inception Date
Class A	February 1, 2002
Class T4	December 14, 2009
Class T6	November 30, 2009
Class T8	November 12, 2009
Class F	July 6, 2020
Class FT4	July 6, 2020
Class FT6	July 6, 2020
Class FT8	July 6, 2020

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### Statements of Comprehensive Income (in 000s, except per unit amounts)

For the periods ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 (note 1)

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<b>Net Gain (loss) on Financial Instruments</b>		
Interest for distribution purposes	\$ 1	\$ 2
Investment income	4,868	6,999
Dividend revenue	1,839	1,763
Other changes in fair value of investments and derivatives		
Net realized gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives	11,356	20,590
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives	22,987	36,676
<b>Net Gain (loss) on Financial Instruments</b>	<b>41,051</b>	<b>66,030</b>
<b>Expenses</b> (note 6)		
Management fees $\pm\pm$	8,157	8,227
Audit fees	13	10
Custodial fees	99	103
Independent review committee fees	1	1
Legal fees	3	2
Regulatory fees	48	43
Transaction costs	-	-
Unitholder reporting costs	405	466
Other expenses	5	13
	<b>8,731</b>	<b>8,865</b>
Expenses waived/absorbed by the Manager	(228)	(282)
	<b>8,503</b>	<b>8,583</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (excluding distributions)</b>	<b>32,548</b>	<b>57,447</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Class (excluding distributions)</b>		
Class A	\$ 32,211	\$ 56,849
Class T4	\$ 124	\$ 254
Class T6	\$ 7	\$ 83
Class T8	\$ 206	\$ 261
Class F	\$ -	n/a
Class FT4	\$ -	n/a
Class FT6	\$ -	n/a
Class FT8	\$ -	n/a
<b>Average Number of Units Outstanding for the period per Class</b>		
Class A	19,399	20,318
Class T4	111	119
Class T6	38	44
Class T8	219	186
Class F	-	n/a
Class FT4	-	n/a
Class FT6	-	n/a
Class FT8	-	n/a
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit (excluding distributions)</b>		
Class A	\$ 1.66	\$ 2.80
Class T4	\$ 1.13	\$ 2.13
Class T6	\$ 0.20	\$ 1.86
Class T8	\$ 0.94	\$ 1.39
Class F	\$ 1.09	n/a
Class FT4	\$ 1.08	n/a
Class FT6	\$ 1.08	n/a
Class FT8	\$ 1.07	n/a

### $\pm\pm$ Maximum Chargeable Annual Management Fee Rates (note 6)

Class A	2.15%
Class T4	2.15%
Class T6	2.15%
Class T8	2.15%
Class F	1.15%
Class FT4	1.15%
Class FT6	1.15%
Class FT8	1.15%

### Administrative and Other Fund Operating Expenses (note 9)

	2020	2019
(\$000s)	422	484

### Service Provider (note 9)

The amounts paid by the Portfolio (including all applicable taxes) to CIBC Mellon Trust Company for custodial fees, and to CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (referred to as *CIBC GSS*) for securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation (all net of absorptions) for the periods ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	2020	2019
(\$000s)	98	104

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**Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units  
(in 000s)**

For the periods ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 (note 1)

	Class A Units		Class T4 Units		Class T6 Units		Class T8 Units	
	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (excluding distributions)</b>	\$ 32,211	\$ 56,849	\$ 124	\$ 254	\$ 7	\$ 83	\$ 206	\$ 261
<b>Distributions Paid or Payable to Holders of Redeemable Units</b>								
From net investment income	–	(715)	–	(4)	–	(1)	–	(3)
From net realized capital gains	–	(4,773)	–	(27)	–	–	–	(18)
Return of capital	–	–	(58)	(25)	(26)	(26)	(158)	(104)
	–	(5,488)	(58)	(56)	(26)	(27)	(158)	(125)
<b>Redeemable Unit Transactions</b>								
Amount received from the issuance of units	40,720	44,869	72	111	74	129	364	757
Amount received from reinvestment of distributions	–	5,485	58	55	22	18	97	85
Amount paid on redemptions of units	(57,113)	(63,355)	(324)	(251)	(158)	(118)	(265)	(309)
	(16,393)	(13,001)	(194)	(85)	(62)	29	196	533
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units</b>	15,818	38,360	(128)	113	(81)	85	244	669
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units at Beginning of Period</b>	351,652	313,292	1,538	1,425	514	429	1,849	1,180
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units at End of Period</b>	\$ 367,470	\$ 351,652	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,538	\$ 433	\$ 514	\$ 2,093	\$ 1,849

**Redeemable Units Issued and Outstanding** (note 5)

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019

Balance - beginning of period	19,871	20,630	116	123	45	42	205	143
Redeemable units issued	2,318	2,693	6	9	6	12	44	86
Redeemable units issued on reinvestments	–	308	4	4	2	1	11	10
	22,189	23,631	126	136	53	55	260	239
Redeemable units redeemed	(3,276)	(3,760)	(25)	(20)	(16)	(10)	(30)	(34)
Balance - end of period	18,913	19,871	101	116	37	45	230	205

	Class F Units		Class FT4 Units		Class FT6 Units		Class FT8 Units	
	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2020
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (excluding distributions)</b>	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units at Beginning of Period</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units at End of Period</b>	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –

**Redeemable Units Issued and Outstanding** (note 5)

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019

Balance - beginning of period	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Redeemable units redeemed	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Balance - end of period	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**(in 000s)**

For the periods ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 (note 1)

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units from Operations (excluding distributions)	\$ 32,548	\$ 57,447
Adjustments for:		
Net realized (gain) loss on sale of investments and derivatives	(11,356)	(20,590)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of investments and derivatives	(22,987)	(36,676)
Reinvested distributions from underlying funds	(6,707)	(8,762)
Purchase of investments	(10,201)	(22,042)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	35,664	48,520
Interest receivable	2	–
Other accrued expenses and liabilities	–	(3)
	<b>16,963</b>	<b>17,894</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Amount received from the issuance of units	41,266	45,997
Amount paid on redemptions of units	(58,069)	(63,656)
Distributions paid to unitholders	(65)	(53)
	<b>(16,868)</b>	<b>(17,712)</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash during the Period</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>Foreign exchange loss (gain) on cash</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Cash (Bank Overdraft) at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>1,491</b>
<b>Cash (Bank Overdraft) at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 1,768</b>	<b>\$ 1,673</b>
Interest received	\$ 3	\$ 2

## CIBC Managed Aggressive Growth Portfolio

### Schedule of Investment Portfolio As at December 31, 2020

Security	Number of Units	Average Cost (\$000s)	Fair Value (\$000s)	% of Net Assets
<b>MUTUAL FUNDS</b>				
CIBC Asia Pacific Fund, Class 'O'	621,114	10,024	19,508	
CIBC Canadian Bond Fund, Class 'O'	1,380,927	14,504	15,691	
CIBC Canadian Equity Value Fund, Class 'O'	2,990,172	34,139	37,249	
CIBC Emerging Markets Fund, Class 'O'	1,545,513	16,350	23,225	
CIBC European Equity Fund, Class 'O'	1,394,693	22,629	30,593	
CIBC International Equity Fund, Class 'O'	2,020,770	31,558	48,914	
CIBC U.S. Broad Market Index Fund, Class 'O'	925,929	16,115	37,703	
CIBC U.S. Equity Fund, Class 'O'	1,494,234	29,443	40,924	
Renaissance Canadian Growth Fund, Class 'O'	1,957,939	30,334	37,324	
Renaissance Corporate Bond Fund, Class 'O'	1,635,052	17,092	17,711	
Renaissance Global Real Estate Fund, Class 'O'	1,636,800	20,935	21,291	
Renaissance U.S. Equity Income Fund, Class 'O'	2,460,243	34,269	39,678	
<b>TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS</b>		<b>277,392</b>	<b>369,811</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
Less: Transaction costs included in average cost		—		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>277,392</b>	<b>369,811</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
Other Assets, less Liabilities			1,595	0.4%
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS</b>			<b>371,406</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio**

**Offsetting Arrangements** (note 2d)

The Portfolio may enter into various master netting arrangements or other similar agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the Statements of Financial Position but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or the termination of the contracts.

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Portfolio did not enter into any arrangements whereby the financial instruments were eligible for offset.

**Interests in Underlying Funds** (note 4)

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Portfolio had no investments in underlying funds where the ownership exceeded 20% of each underlying fund.

## CIBC Managed Aggressive Growth Portfolio

### Financial Instrument Risks

Investment Objective: CIBC Managed Aggressive Growth Portfolio (referred to as the *Portfolio*) seeks to create a diversified portfolio by allocating its investments across a balanced blend of asset classes. Within the asset classes, the Portfolio will invest primarily in Mutual Funds including savings, income, and growth funds (referred to as the *Underlying Funds*). The Portfolio will focus on long-term capital growth.

Investment Strategies: The Portfolio employs a long-term strategic asset mix weighting among the Underlying Funds of 10% income and 90% growth funds. While the asset mix of the Portfolio is not generally actively managed, a review and change of the strategic asset mix may be necessary in order to meet the investment objective. The Portfolio may also rebalance the mix of the Underlying Funds to realign the weightings within the strategic asset mix.

As the Portfolio invests in the Underlying Funds, it may be indirectly exposed to concentration, credit, currency, and interest rate risks from these holdings. Only direct exposure to significant risks that are relevant to the Portfolio is discussed here. General information on risk management and specific discussion on concentration, credit, currency, interest rate, liquidity, and other price/market risk can be found in note 2 of the financial statements.

In the following risk tables, Net Assets is defined as meaning "Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units".

#### Concentration Risk as at December 31, 2020 and 2019

The Schedule of Investment Portfolio presents the securities held by the Portfolio as at December 31, 2020.

The following table presents the investment sectors held by the Portfolio as at December 31, 2019 and groups the securities by asset type, industry sector, geographic region, or currency exposure:

As at December 31, 2019

Portfolio Breakdown	% of Net Assets
<b>Mutual Funds</b>	
Canadian Bond	9.3
Canadian Equity	20.2
International Equity	37.9
U.S. Equity	32.2
<b>Other Assets, less Liabilities</b>	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

#### Credit Risk

Credit ratings represent a consolidation of the ratings provided by various outside service providers and are subject to change, which could be material.

See the Schedule of Investment Portfolio for counterparties related to over-the-counter derivative contracts, where applicable.

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Portfolio had no significant investments in debt securities.

#### Currency Risk

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Portfolio did not have a significant exposure to currency risk.

#### Interest Rate Risk

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019, the majority of the Portfolio's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing and short-term in nature; accordingly, the Portfolio is not subject to significant amounts of risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Portfolio will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Portfolio is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. The Portfolio maintains sufficient cash on hand to fund anticipated redemptions.

With the exception of derivative contracts, where applicable, all of the Portfolio's financial liabilities are short-term liabilities maturing within 90 days after the period end.

For portfolios that hold derivative contracts with a term-to-maturity that exceeds 90 days from the period end, further information related to those contracts can be referenced in the derivative schedules following the Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

### Other Price/Market Risk

The table that follows indicates how net assets as at December 31, 2020 and 2019 would have increased or decreased had the value of the Portfolio's benchmark(s) increased or decreased by 1%. This change is estimated based on the historical correlation between the return of Class A units of the Portfolio as compared to the return of the Portfolio's benchmark(s), using 36 monthly data points, as available, based on the monthly net returns of the Portfolio. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain unchanged. The historical correlation may not be representative of the future correlation and, accordingly, the impact on net assets could be materially different.

Benchmark	Impact on Net Assets (\$000s)	
	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
MSCI World Index	3,304	2,787
21% S&P 500 Index	3,692	3,525
20% S&P/TSX Composite Index		
13% MSCI EAFE Index		
11% Russell 3000 Value Index		
10% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index		
8% MSCI Europe Index		
6% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Real Estate Index (Net)		
6% MSCI Emerging Markets Index		
5% MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index		

### Fair Value Measurement of Financial Instruments

The following is a summary of the inputs used as at December 31, 2020 and 2019 in valuing the Portfolio's financial assets and financial liabilities, carried at fair value:

As at December 31, 2020

Classification	Level 1 (i) (\$000s)	Level 2 (ii) (\$000s)	Level 3 (iii) (\$000s)	Total (\$000s)
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Mutual Funds	369,811	-	-	369,811
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>369,811</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>369,811</b>

- (i) Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets
- (ii) Significant other observable inputs
- (iii) Significant unobservable inputs

As at December 31, 2019

Classification	Level 1 (i) (\$000s)	Level 2 (ii) (\$000s)	Level 3 (iii) (\$000s)	Total (\$000s)
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Mutual Funds	354,206	-	-	354,206
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>354,206</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>354,206</b>

- (i) Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets
- (ii) Significant other observable inputs
- (iii) Significant unobservable inputs

#### Transfer of assets between Level 1 and Level 2

Financial assets and liabilities transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 are the result of securities no longer being traded in an active market.

For the periods ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no transfers of financial assets and liabilities from Level 1 to Level 2.

Financial assets and liabilities transferred from Level 2 to Level 1 are the result of securities now being traded in an active market.

For the periods ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no transfers of financial assets and liabilities from Level 2 to Level 1.

#### Reconciliation of financial asset and liability movement – Level 3

The Portfolio did not hold any Level 3 investments at the beginning of, during, or at the end of either reporting period.

# Notes to Financial Statements

As at and for the periods as disclosed in the financial statements (see note 1)

## 1. Organization of the Funds and Financial Reporting Periods

Each of the CIBC Mutual Funds and CIBC Family of Portfolios (referred to as individually, a *Fund*, and collectively, the *Funds*) is a mutual fund trust organized under the laws of Ontario and governed by a declaration of trust (referred to as *Declaration of Trust*). The address of the Funds' head office is Brookfield Place, 161 Bay Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario.

CIBC Securities Inc. is the principal distributor, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (referred to as *CIBC*) is the manager (referred to as the *Manager*), and CIBC Trust Corporation is the trustee (referred to as the *Trustee*) of the Funds.

Each Fund is permitted to have an unlimited number of classes or series of units and may issue an unlimited number of units of each class or series. In the future, the offering of any classes or series of units of a Fund may be terminated or additional classes or series of units may be offered. The following table indicates the classes or series of units offered for sale by each of the Funds, as at the date of these financial statements:

Funds	Class A	Class T4 and Class FT4	Class T6 and Class FT6	Class T8 and Class FT8	Premium Class	Class F	Class F-Premium	Class O
CIBC Canadian T-Bill Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	
CIBC Money Market Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Short-Term Income Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Canadian Bond Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Monthly Income Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Global Bond Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Global Monthly Income Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Balanced Fund	✓					✓		
CIBC Dividend Income Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Dividend Growth Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Canadian Equity Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Canadian Equity Value Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Canadian Small-Cap Fund	✓					✓		
CIBC U.S. Equity Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC U.S. Small Companies Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Global Equity Fund	✓					✓		
CIBC International Equity Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC European Equity Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Emerging Markets Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Asia Pacific Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC International Small Companies Fund	✓					✓		
CIBC Financial Companies Fund	✓					✓		
CIBC Canadian Resources Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Energy Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Canadian Real Estate Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Precious Metals Fund	✓					✓		✓
CIBC Global Technology Fund	✓					✓		
CIBC Canadian Short-Term Bond Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Canadian Bond Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Global Bond Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Balanced Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	
CIBC Canadian Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC U.S. Broad Market Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC U.S. Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC International Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC European Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	
CIBC Emerging Markets Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Asia Pacific Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Nasdaq Index Fund	✓				✓	✓	✓	
CIBC Managed Income Portfolio	✓	✓	✓			✓		
CIBC Managed Income Plus Portfolio	✓	✓	✓			✓		
CIBC Managed Balanced Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
CIBC Managed Monthly Income Balanced Portfolio	✓		✓	✓		✓		
CIBC Managed Balanced Growth Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
CIBC Managed Growth Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
CIBC Managed Aggressive Growth Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
CIBC U.S. Dollar Managed Income Portfolio	✓	✓	✓			✓		



Funds	Class A	Class T4 and Class FT4	Class T6 and Class FT6	Class T8 and Class FT8	Premium Class	Class F	Class F-Premium	Class O
CIBC U.S. Dollar Managed Growth Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
CIBC U.S. Dollar Managed Balanced Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		

Passive Portfolios	Class A	Class D	Class F	Class O
CIBC Conservative Passive Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Balanced Passive Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Balanced Growth Passive Portfolio	✓	✓	✓	✓

Smart Investment Solutions	Series A	Series T5	Series F	Series FT5	Series S	Series ST5
CIBC Smart Income Solution	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Smart Balanced Income Solution	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Smart Balanced Solution	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Smart Balanced Growth Solution	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIBC Smart Growth Solution	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Each class or series of units may charge a different management fee. Operating expenses can be either common, class-specific or series-specific. Class-specific or series-specific expenses are allocated on a class-by-class or series-by-series basis. As a result, a separate net asset value per unit is calculated for each class or series of units.

Class A and Series A units are available to all investors on a no-load basis with a minimum investment of \$500. Investors may have to pay a short-term trading fee if applicable.

Class T4, T6, and T8 units have the same characteristics as Class A units, except that they each intend to pay a fixed distribution amount per unit, which results in a separate net asset value per unit for each class, and they may have different minimum investment requirements.

Class D units are available to investors who have accounts with CIBC Investor's Edge (a division of CIBC Investor Services Inc.) or other discount brokers with a minimum investment of \$500.

Class F and Series F units are available, subject to a minimum investment of \$500, to investors participating in certain programs, such as clients of "fee-for-service" investment advisors, dealer-sponsored "wrap accounts", and others who pay an annual fee to their dealer, and to investors who have accounts with a discount broker. Instead of paying a sales charge, investors purchasing Class F and Series F units may pay fees to their dealer for their services. Trailing commissions are not paid to dealers in respect of Class F and Series F units, which allows for Class F and Series F to charge a lower annual management fee. Class FT4, FT6, and FT8 units have the same characteristics as Class F units, except that they each intend to pay a fixed distribution amount per unit, which results in a separate net asset value per unit for each class, and they may have different minimum investment requirements.

Premium Class units are available to investors on a no-load basis with a minimum investment of \$100,000 for CIBC Canadian T-Bill Fund and CIBC Money Market Fund, US\$100,000 for CIBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, \$50,000 for CIBC Short-Term Income Fund, CIBC Canadian Bond Fund, CIBC Canadian Short-Term Bond Index Fund, CIBC Canadian Bond Index Fund, CIBC Global Bond Index Fund, CIBC Balanced Index Fund, CIBC Canadian Index Fund, CIBC U.S. Broad Market Index Fund, CIBC U.S. Index Fund, CIBC International Index Fund, CIBC European Index Fund, CIBC Emerging Markets Index Fund, CIBC Asia Pacific Index Fund, and CIBC Nasdaq Index Fund, and US\$50,000 for the U.S. dollar purchase option of CIBC U.S. Broad Market Index Fund and CIBC Nasdaq Index Fund. Management fees charged in respect of Premium Class units are lower than those charged in respect of Class A units.

Class F-Premium units are available, subject to certain minimum investment requirements, to investors participating in certain programs, such as clients of "fee-for-service" investment advisors, dealer-sponsored "wrap accounts", institutional clients and others who pay an annual fee to their dealer, and to investors who have accounts with a discount broker (provided the discount broker offers this of units on its platform). Instead of paying a sales charge, investors purchasing Class F-Premium may pay fees to their dealer for their services. This class does not pay a trailing commission to dealers which allows the class to charge a lower annual management fee. Effective July 6, 2020, Institutional Class units were renamed as Class F-Premium units for the CIBC Canadian Short-Term Bond Index Fund, CIBC Canadian Bond Index Fund, CIBC Global Bond Index Fund, CIBC Balanced Index Fund, CIBC Canadian Index Fund, CIBC U.S. Broad Market Index Fund, CIBC U.S. Index Fund, CIBC International Index Fund, CIBC European Index Fund, CIBC Emerging Markets Index Fund, CIBC Asia Pacific Index Fund and the CIBC Nasdaq Index Fund.

Class O units are only available to certain investors who have been approved by and have entered into a Class O unit account agreement with the Manager or whose dealer or discretionary manager offers separately managed accounts or similar programs and has entered into a Class O unit account agreement with the Manager. These investors are typically financial services companies, including the Manager, that use Class O units of a fund to facilitate offering other products to investors. No management fees or operating expenses are charged to a fund in respect of Class O units; instead, a negotiated management fee is charged by the Manager directly to, or as directed by, Class O unitholders or dealers and discretionary managers on behalf of unitholders.

Series S units are only available for purchase by mutual funds, asset allocation services or discretionary managed accounts offered by the manager or its affiliates.

Series T5 units have the same characteristics as Series A units, FT5 units have the same characteristics as Series F units and ST5 units have the same characteristics as Series S units except that Series T5 units, Series FT5 units and Series ST5 units may have different minimum investment requirements and they intend to pay a fixed distribution amount per unit, which results in a separate net asset value per unit for each Series.

The date upon which each Fund was established by Declaration of Trust (referred to as *Date Established*) and the date upon which each class or series of units of each Fund was first sold to the public (referred to as *Inception Date*) are reported in the footnote *Organization of the Fund* on the Statements of Financial Position.

The Schedule of Investment Portfolio of each of the Funds is as at December 31, 2020. The Statements of Financial Position of each of the Funds are as at December 31, 2020 and 2019. The Statements of Comprehensive Income, Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units, and the Statements of Cash Flows of each of the Funds are for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, except for Funds, classes or series established during either period, in which case the information presented is from the Date Established or the Inception Date to December 31, 2020 and 2019.

These financial statements were approved for issuance by the Manager on March 10, 2021.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (referred to as *IFRS*) as published by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost convention. However, each Fund is an investment entity and primarily all financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value in accordance with IFRS. Accordingly, the Funds' accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments and derivatives are consistent with those used in measuring the Net Asset Value for transactions with unitholders. In applying IFRS, these financial statements include estimates and assumptions made by management that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses during the reporting periods. However, existing circumstances and assumptions may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Funds. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

These financial statements have been presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Funds' functional currency (unless otherwise noted).

### a) Financial Instruments

#### Classification and recognition of financial instruments

Under IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*, the Funds classify financial assets into one of three categories based on the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Those categories are:

- *Amortized Cost* - Assets held within a business model whose objective is to collect cash flows and where the contractual cash flows of the assets are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI criterion). Amortization of the asset is calculated utilizing the Effective Interest Rate Method.

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- **Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (referred to as FVOCI)** - Financial assets such as debt instruments that meet the SPPI criterion and are held within a business model with objectives that include both collecting the associated contractual cash flows and selling financial assets. Gains and losses are reclassified to profit or loss upon derecognition for debt instruments but remain in other comprehensive income for equity instruments.
- **Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (referred to as FVTPL)** - A financial asset is measured at FVTPL unless it is measured at Amortized Cost or FVOCI. Derivative contracts are measured at FVTPL. For all instruments classified as FVTPL, the gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are classified at FVTPL when they meet the definition of held-for-trading or when they are designated as FVTPL on initial recognition using the fair value option.

The Manager has assessed the business models of the Funds and has determined that the Funds' portfolio of financial assets and financial liabilities are managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Funds' risk management and investment strategies; therefore, classification and measurement of financial assets is FVTPL.

All Funds have contractual obligations to distribute cash to the unitholders. As a result, each Fund's obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units represents a financial liability and is presented at the redemption amount.

### b) Risk Management

The Funds' overall risk management approach includes formal guidelines that govern the extent of exposure to various types of risk, including diversification within asset classes and limits on the exposure to individual investments and counterparties. In addition, derivative financial instruments may be used to manage certain risk exposures. The Manager also has various internal controls to oversee the Funds' investment activities, including monitoring compliance with the investment objectives and strategies, internal guidelines, and securities regulations. Please refer to each Fund's *Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio* for specific risk disclosures.

#### Fair value of financial instruments by using valuation techniques

Financial instruments are valued at their fair value, which is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Refer to notes 3a to 3f for valuation of each specific type of financial instrument held by the Funds. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Funds use the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the price that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

For financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market, fair value is determined using valuation techniques.

The Funds classify fair value measurement within a hierarchy, which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (referred to as *Level 1*) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (referred to as *Level 3*). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability.

If inputs are used to measure an asset's or liability's fair value, the classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Each Fund's fair value hierarchy classification of its assets and liabilities is included in the *Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio*.

The carrying values of all non-investment assets and liabilities approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature. Fair values are classified as Level 1 when the related security or derivative is actively traded and a quoted price is available. If an instrument classified as Level 1 subsequently ceases to be actively traded, it is transferred out of Level 1. In such cases, instruments are reclassified into Level 2, unless the measurement of its fair value requires the use of significant unobservable inputs, in which case it is classified as Level 3.

The Manager is responsible for performing the fair value measurements included in the financial statements of a Fund, including the Level 3 measurements. The Manager obtains pricing from third-party pricing vendors and the pricing is reviewed daily. At each financial reporting date, the Manager reviews and approves all Level 3 fair value measurements. The Funds also have a Valuation Committee that meets quarterly to perform detailed reviews of the valuations of investments held by the Funds, which includes discussion on Level 3 measurements.

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument, such as a fixed income security or a derivative contract, will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Funds. The value of fixed income securities and derivatives as presented on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio includes consideration of the creditworthiness of the issuer and, accordingly, represents the maximum credit risk exposure of the Funds. Certain Funds may invest in short-term fixed income securities issued or guaranteed primarily by the Government of Canada or, any Canadian provincial or Canadian municipal government, obligations of Canadian chartered banks or trust companies, and commercial paper with approved credit ratings. The risk of default on these short-term fixed income securities is considered low and these securities primarily have credit ratings of "A-1 (Low)" or higher (as rated by S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global, or equivalent rating from another rating service).

The bond ratings noted in the Funds' 'Financial Instruments Risk' under sub-section 'Credit Risk' represent ratings collected and disseminated by recognized third-party vendors. These ratings utilized by the Manager, while obtained from vendors skilled and recognized for bond rating services, may not be the same as those used directly by the portfolio advisor or portfolio sub-advisors. Ratings used by the portfolio advisor or portfolio sub-advisors could be higher or lower than those used for risk disclosure in the financial statements in compliance with their investment policy guidelines.

The Funds may engage in securities lending transactions. The credit risk related to securities lending transactions is limited by the fact that the value of cash or securities held as collateral by the Funds in connection with these transactions is at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned. The collateral and loaned securities are marked to market on each business day. Further information regarding the collateral and securities on loan can be found in the footnotes to the Statements of Financial Position and in note 2j.

### Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of an investment will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Mutual funds may invest in securities denominated or traded in currencies other than the Funds' reporting currency.

### Interest rate risk

Prices of fixed income securities generally increase when interest rates decline and decrease when interest rates rise. This risk is known as interest rate risk. Prices of longer-term fixed income securities will generally fluctuate more in response to interest rate changes than would shorter-term securities. Due to the nature of short-term fixed income securities with a remaining term-to-maturity of less than one year, these investments are not generally exposed to a significant risk that their value will fluctuate in response to changes in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

### Liquidity risk

The Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. Generally, the Funds retain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain adequate liquidity. However, liquidity risk also involves the ability to sell an asset for cash easily and at a fair price. Some securities are illiquid due to legal restrictions on their resale, the nature of the investment, or simply a lack of interested buyers for a particular security or security type. Certain securities may become less liquid due to changes in market conditions, such as interest rate changes or market volatility, which could impair the ability of a Fund to sell such securities quickly or at a fair price. Difficulty in selling securities could result in a loss or a lower return for a Fund.

### Other price/market risk

Other price/market risk is the risk that the value of investments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market conditions. Several factors can influence market trends, such as economic developments, changes in interest rates, political changes, and catastrophic events, such as pandemics or disasters which occur naturally or are exacerbated by climate change. Pandemics such as coronavirus disease 2019 (referred to as *COVID-19*) may adversely affect global markets and the performance of the Funds. All investments are exposed to other price/market risk.

### c) Investment Transactions, Income Recognition, and Recognition of Realized and Unrealized Gains and Losses

- i) Interest for distribution purposes shown on the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the coupon interest received by the Fund accounted for on an accrual basis. The Funds do not amortize premiums paid or discounts received on the purchase of fixed income securities except for zero coupon bonds, which are amortized on a straight-line basis.
- ii) Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

- iii) Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Securities that are exchange-traded are recorded at fair value established by the last traded market price when that price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. Debt securities are recorded at fair value, established by the last traded price on the over-the-counter market (referred to as *OTC*) when that price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager determines the price that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances. Gold bullion recorded at fair value established by the last traded market price when the price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. Unlisted securities are recorded at fair value using fair valuation techniques established by the Manager in establishing a fair value.
- iv) Realized gains and losses on investments and unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments are calculated using the average cost, excluding transaction costs, of the related investments.
- v) Investment income is the sum of income paid to the Fund that is generated from a Fund's investment fund holdings.
- vi) Other income is the sum of income, excluding transaction costs, other than that which is separately classified on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

#### d) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statements of Financial Position, if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Where applicable, additional information can be found in the table *Offsetting Arrangements* as part of the *Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio*. This supplemental schedule discloses the *OTC* derivatives which are subject to offsetting.

#### e) Portfolio Securities

The cost of securities of a Fund is determined in the following manner: securities are purchased and sold at a market-traded price to arrive at a value for the position traded. The total purchased value represents the total cost of the security to the Fund. When additional units of the same security are purchased, the cost of those additional units is added to the total security cost. When units of the same security are sold, the proportionate cost of the units of the security sold is deducted from the total security cost. If there is a return of capital paid by a security, the amount of this return of capital is deducted from the total security cost. This method of tracking security cost is known as "average cost" and the current total for any one security is referred to as the "adjusted cost base" or "ACB" of the security. Transaction costs incurred in portfolio transactions are excluded from the average cost of investments and are recognized immediately in *Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units* and are presented as a separate expense item in the financial statements.

The difference between the fair value of securities and their average cost, excluding transaction costs, represents the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of the portfolio investments. The applicable period change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments is included on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Short-term investments on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio are presented at their amortized cost which approximates the fair value. Accrued interest for bonds is disclosed separately on the Statements of Financial Position.

#### f) Foreign Exchange

The value of investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies is translated into Canadian dollars, which is the Funds' functional and presentation currency (except for CIBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, CIBC U.S. Dollar Managed Income Portfolio, CIBC U.S. Dollar Managed Balanced Portfolio, and CIBC U.S. Dollar Managed Growth Portfolio, which are valued in U.S. dollars) at the current rates prevailing on each valuation date.

Purchases and sales of investments, income, and expenses are translated into Canadian dollars, which is the Funds' functional and presentation currency (with the exception of the above-mentioned Funds which are valued in U.S. dollars) at the foreign exchange rates prevailing on the dates of such transactions. Foreign currency translation gains (losses) on investments and income transactions are included in Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency and in Income, respectively, on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

#### g) Forward Foreign Currency Contracts

The Funds may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for either hedging or non-hedging purposes where such activity is consistent with their investment objectives and as permitted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

Changes in the fair value of forward foreign currency contracts are included in derivative assets or derivative liabilities on the Statements of Financial Position, and are recorded as an Increase (Decrease) in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivatives during the applicable period on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

The gain or loss arising from the difference between the value of the original forward foreign currency contract and the value of such contract at close or delivery is realized and recorded as Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency for Funds that use the forward foreign currency contracts for hedging, or as Derivative income (loss) from forward foreign currency contracts for Funds that do not use the forward foreign currency contracts for hedging.

#### h) Futures Contracts

The Funds may enter into futures contracts for either hedging or non-hedging purposes where such activity is consistent with their investment objectives and as permitted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

The margin deposits with brokers relating to futures contracts are included in Margin on the Statements of Financial Position. Any change in the margin requirement is settled daily and included in Receivable for portfolio securities sold or Payable for portfolio securities purchased on the Statements of Financial Position.

Any difference between the settlement value at the close of business on each valuation date and the settlement value at the close of business on the previous valuation date is recorded as Derivative income (loss) from futures contracts on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

#### i) Options

The Funds may enter into options contracts for either hedging or non-hedging purposes where such activity is consistent with their investment objectives and as permitted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

Premiums paid for purchased call and put options are included in derivative assets and subsequently measured at fair value on the Statements of Financial Position. When a purchased option expires, the Fund will realize a loss in the amount of the cost of the option. For a closing transaction, the Fund will realize a gain or loss depending on whether the proceeds are greater or less than the premium paid at the time of purchase. When a purchased call option is exercised, the cost of the security purchased is increased by the premium paid at the time of purchase.

Premiums received from writing options are included in derivative liabilities and subsequently measured at fair value on the Statements of Financial Position as initial reductions in the value of investments. Premiums received from writing options that expire unexercised are recorded as realized gains and reported as Net gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives on the Statements of Comprehensive Income. For a closing transaction, if the cost of closing the transaction exceeds the premium received, the Fund will record a realized loss or, if the premium received at the time the option was written is greater than the amount paid, the Fund will record a realized gain and is reported as Net gain (loss) on sale of investments and derivatives. If a written put option is exercised, the cost for the security delivered is reduced by the premiums received at the time the option was written.

#### j) Securities Lending

A Fund may lend portfolio securities in order to earn additional revenue, which is disclosed on the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The loaned assets of any one Fund are not permitted to exceed 50% of the fair value of the assets of that Fund (excluding collateral debt for the loaned securities). The minimum allowable collateral is 102% of the fair value of the loaned securities as per the requirements of National Instrument 81-102 – *Investment Funds*. Collateral can consist of the following:

- i) Cash.
- ii) Qualified securities.
- iii) Irrevocable letters of credit issued by a Canadian financial institution that is not the counterparty, or an affiliate counterparty, of the fund in the transaction, if evidences of indebtedness of the Canadian financial institution that are rated as short-term debt by an approved credit rating organization have an approved credit rating.
- iv) Securities that are immediately convertible into securities of the same issuer, class, or type, and the same term, as the securities loaned.

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The fair value of the loaned securities is determined on the close of any valuation date and any additional required collateral is delivered to the Fund on the next business day. The securities on loan continue to be included on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio and are included in the total value on the Statements of Financial Position in Investments (non-derivative financial assets) at fair value. Where applicable, a Fund's securities lending transactions are reported in the footnote *Securities Lending* on the Statements of Financial Position.

National Instrument 81-106 – *Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure* requires a reconciliation of the gross income amount generated from the securities lending transactions of the Funds to the revenue from securities lending disclosed in the Funds' Statements of Comprehensive Income. The gross amount generated from securities lending includes interest paid on collateral, withholding taxes deducted, the fees paid to the Funds' lending agent and the securities lending revenue received by the Funds. Where applicable, the reconciliation can be found in the footnotes to the Funds' Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### k) Multi-Class or Multi-Series Structured Funds

The realized and unrealized capital gains or losses, income, and common expenses (other than class-specific or series-specific operating expenses and management fees) of the Fund are allocated on each valuation date to the unitholders in proportion to the respective prior day's net asset value, which includes unitholder trades dated for that day, of each class or series of units at the date on which the allocation is made. All class-specific or series-specific operating expenses and management fees do not require allocation. All class-specific or series-specific operating expenses are paid by the Manager and are collected from the Funds on a recoverable basis.

### l) Loans and Receivables, Other Assets and Liabilities

Loans and receivables, other assets and liabilities are recorded at cost, which approximates their fair value, with the exception of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units which are presented at the redemption value.

### m) Legend of Abbreviations

The following is a list of abbreviations (foreign currency translation and others) that may be used on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio:

#### Currency Abbreviations

AED	– United Arab Emirates Dirham	KRW	– South Korean Won
ARS	– Argentine Peso	MAD	– Morocco Dirham
AUD	– Australian Dollar	MXN	– Mexican Peso
BRL	– Brazilian Real	MYR	– Malaysian Ringgit
CAD	– Canadian Dollar	NOK	– Norwegian Krone
CHF	– Swiss Franc	NZD	– New Zealand Dollar
CLP	– Chilean Peso	PEN	– Peruvian Nuevo Sol
CNY	– Chinese Renminbi	PHP	– Philippine Peso
COP	– Colombian Peso	PKR	– Pakistan Rupee
CZK	– Czech Koruna	PLN	– Polish Zloty
DKK	– Danish Krone	QAR	– Qatari Riyal
EGP	– Egyptian Pound	RUB	– Russian Ruble
EUR	– Euro	SAR	– Saudi Riyal
GBP	– British Pound	SEK	– Swedish Krona
HKD	– Hong Kong Dollar	SGD	– Singapore Dollar
HUF	– Hungarian Forint	THB	– Thai Baht
IDR	– Indonesian Rupiah	TRY	– New Turkish Lira
ILS	– Israeli Shekel	TWD	– Taiwan Dollar
INR	– Indian Rupee	USD	– United States Dollar
JOD	– Jordanian Dinars	ZAR	– South African Rand
JPY	– Japanese Yen		

#### Other Abbreviations

ADR	– American Depositary Receipt	ETF	– Exchange-Traded Fund
CVO	– Contingent Value Obligations	GDR	– Global Depositary Receipt Securities
ELN	– Equity Linked Note	NVDR	– Non-Voting Depositary Receipt

### n) Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit of each class or series is calculated by dividing the Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (excluding distributions), as reported on the Statements of Comprehensive Income, by the weighted average number of units in issue during the related period.

### 3. Valuation of Investments

The valuation date (referred to as *Valuation Date*) for a Fund is any day when the Manager's head office is open for business. The Manager may, at its discretion, establish other Valuation Dates.

The value of the investments or assets of a Fund is determined as follows:

#### a) Cash and Other Assets

Cash, accounts receivable, dividends receivable, distributions receivable, and interest receivable are valued at fair value or at their recorded cost, plus or minus any foreign exchange between recognition of the asset by the Fund and the current Valuation Date, which approximates fair value.

#### b) Bonds, Debentures, and Other Debt Obligations

Bonds, debentures, and other debt obligations are fair valued using the last traded price provided by a recognized vendor upon the close of trading on a Valuation Date, whereby the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread. If the last traded price does not fall within that day's bid-ask spread, the Manager will then determine the price that is most representative of fair value based on the specific facts and circumstances.

#### c) Listed Securities, Unlisted Securities and Fair Value Pricing of Foreign Securities

Any security that is listed or traded on a securities exchange is fair valued using the last traded price, whereby the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread or, if there is no traded price on that exchange or the last traded price does not fall within that day's bid-ask spread and in the case of securities traded on an OTC market, at the fair value as determined by the Manager as an appropriate basis for valuation. In such situations, a fair value will be determined by the Manager to establish current value. If any securities are inter-listed or traded on more than one exchange or market, the Manager will use the principal exchange or market for the fair value of such securities.

Units of each mutual fund in which a Fund invests will be valued at fair value using the most recent net asset value quoted by the Trustee or Manager of the mutual fund on the Valuation Date.

Unlisted securities are fair valued using the last traded price quoted by a recognized dealer, or the Manager may determine a price that more accurately reflects the fair value of these securities if the Manager feels the last traded price does not reflect fair value.

Fair value pricing is designed to avoid stale prices and to provide a more accurate fair value, and may assist in the deterrence of harmful short-term or excessive trading in the Fund. When securities listed or traded on markets or exchanges that close prior to North or South American markets or exchanges are valued by the Manager at their fair market value, instead of using quoted or published prices, the prices of such securities used to calculate the Fund's net assets or net asset value may differ from quoted or published prices of such securities.

#### d) Derivatives

Long positions in options, debt-like securities, and listed warrants are fair valued using the last traded price as established on either their principal trading exchange or by a recognized dealer in such securities, whereby the last traded price falls within that day's bid-ask spread and the credit rating of each counterparty (as rated by S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global) meets or exceeds the minimum designated rating.

When any option is written by any Fund, the premium received by the Fund will be reflected as a liability that will be valued at an amount equal to the current fair value of the option that would have the effect of closing the position. Any difference resulting from revaluation shall be treated as an unrealized gain or loss on investment; the liability shall be deducted in arriving at the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of the Fund. The securities that are the subject of a written option, if any, will be valued in the manner described above for listed securities.

Futures contracts, forward contracts, or swaps will be valued at fair value of the gain or loss, if any, that would be realized on the Valuation Date if the position in the futures contracts, forward contracts, or swaps were to be closed out.

Margin paid or deposited in respect of futures contracts and forward contracts will be reflected as an account receivable and margin consisting of assets other than cash will be noted as held as collateral.

Other derivatives and margin are fair valued in a manner that the Manager determines to represent their fair value.

#### e) Restricted Securities

Restricted securities purchased by any Fund will be fair valued in a manner that the Manager determines to represent their fair value.

#### f) Other Investments

All other investments of the Funds will be fair valued in accordance with the laws of the Canadian securities regulatory authorities where applicable.

The value of any security or other property of a Fund for which a market quotation is not readily available or where the market quotations do not properly reflect the fair value of such securities will be determined by the Manager by valuing the securities at their fair value. In such situations, fair value will be determined using fair valuation techniques that most accurately reflect their fair value as established by the Manager.

### 4. Interest in Underlying Funds

The Funds may invest in other investment funds (referred to as *Underlying Funds*). Each Underlying Fund invests in a portfolio of assets to generate returns in the form of investment income and capital appreciation for its unitholders. Each Underlying Fund finances its operations primarily through the issuance of redeemable units, which are puttable at the unitholder's option and entitle the unitholder to a proportionate share of the Underlying Fund's net assets. The funds' interests in Underlying Funds held in the form of redeemable units, are reported in their Schedule of Investments at fair value, which represents the Funds' maximum exposure on those investments. The Funds' interests in Underlying Funds as at the prior year period ends are presented in the Financial Instruments Risks - Concentration Risk section in the Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio. Distributions earned from Underlying Funds are included in "Investment Income" in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The total realized and change in unrealized gains (losses) arising from Underlying Funds are also included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The Funds do not provide any additional significant financial or other support to Underlying Funds.

Where applicable, the table "Interests in Underlying Funds" presented as part of the Supplemental Schedule to Schedule of Investment Portfolio, provides additional information on the Funds' investments in Underlying Funds where the ownership interest exceeds 20% of each Underlying Fund.

### 5. Redeemable Units Issued and Outstanding

Each Fund is permitted to have an unlimited number of classes or series of units and may issue an unlimited number of units of each class or series. The outstanding units represent the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units of a Fund. Each unit has no par value and the value of each unit is the net asset value as determined on each valuation date. Settlement of the cost for units issued is completed as per security regulations in place at the time of issue. Distributions made by a Fund and reinvested by unitholders in additional units also constitute issued redeemable units of a Fund.

Units are redeemed at the net assets attributable to holders of a redeemable unit per unit of a Fund. A right to redeem units of a Fund may be suspended with the approval of the Canadian securities regulatory authorities or when normal trading is suspended on a stock, options, or futures exchange within Canada or outside of Canada on which securities or derivatives that make up more than 50% of the value or underlying exposure of the total assets of a Fund, not including any liabilities of a Fund, are traded and when those securities or derivatives are not traded on any other exchange that represents a reasonably practical alternative for a Fund. The Fund is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

The capital received by a Fund is utilized within the respective investment mandate of the Fund. This includes the ability to make liquidity available to satisfy unitholder unit redemption requirements upon a unitholder's request.

Changes in issued and outstanding units for the periods ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 can be found on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units.

### 6. Management Fees and Operating Expenses

Management fees are based on the net asset value of the Funds and are calculated daily. Management fees are paid to the Manager in consideration for providing, or arranging for the provision of, management, distribution, and portfolio advisory services. The maximum annual management fee expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value for each class or series of units of the Fund is reported in footnote *Maximum Chargeable Annual Management Fee Rates* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income. For Class O units, management fees are negotiated with and paid by, or as directed by, unitholders, or dealers and discretionary managers on behalf of unitholders.

In addition to the management fees, the Funds are responsible for all expenses relating to the operation and conduct of the business of the Funds, including interest, operating, and administrative costs (other than advertising and promotional expenses, which are the responsibility of the Manager), brokerage fees, commissions, spreads, regulatory fees, Independent Review Committee fees, taxes, audit and legal fees and expenses, safekeeping and custodial fees, investor servicing costs, and costs of unitholder reports, prospectuses, and other reports. All class-specific or series-specific operating expenses are paid by the Manager and recovered from the Funds. The Funds do not pay a fee to the Trustee.

The Manager may recover from a Fund less than the actual class-specific or series-specific operating expenses paid by the Manager, resulting in the Manager absorbing class-specific or series-specific expenses. The Manager may also charge to a Fund less than the maximum management fee in footnote *Maximum Chargeable Annual Management Fee Rates* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income, resulting in the Manager waiving management fees.

At its sole discretion, the Manager may stop absorbing class-specific or series-specific operating expenses and/or waiving management fees at any time. Class-specific or series-specific operating expenses absorbed and/or management fees waived by the Manager are disclosed on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

In some cases, the Manager may charge management fees to a Fund that are less than the management fees the Manager is entitled to charge in respect of certain investors in a Fund. The difference in the amount of the management fees will be paid out by the Fund to the applicable investors as a distribution of additional units of the Fund (referred to as *Management Fee Distributions*). Management Fee Distributions are negotiable between the Manager and the investor and are dependent primarily on the size of the investor's investment in the Fund. Management Fee Distributions paid to qualified investors do not adversely impact the Fund or any of the Fund's other investors. The Manager may increase or decrease the amount of Management Fee Distributions to certain investors from time to time.

The Manager pays the operating expenses of the CIBC Conservative Passive Portfolio, CIBC Balanced Passive Portfolio and CIBC Balanced Growth Passive Portfolio (referred to as *Passive Portfolios*) and the CIBC Smart Income Solution, CIBC Smart Balanced Income Solution, CIBC Smart Balanced Solution, CIBC Smart Balanced Growth Solution and the CIBC Smart Growth Solution (referred to as *Smart Investment Solutions*), which may include but is not limited to, operating and administrative costs; regulatory fees; audit, and legal fees and expenses; trustee, safekeeping, custodial, and any agency fees; and investor servicing costs and costs of unitholder reports, prospectuses, Fund Facts, and other reports, in exchange for the payment by the Passive Portfolios and Smart Investment Solutions of a fixed rate administration fee to the Manager. The Fixed Administration Fee will be equal to a specified percentage of the net asset value of the class units of the Passive Portfolios and the series of units of the Smart Investment Solutions, calculated and accrued daily and paid monthly. The Fixed Administration Fee charged for each class of the Passive Portfolios and the series of units of the Smart Investment Solutions is reported in the footnote Fixed Administration Fee on the Statements of Comprehensive Income. For Class O, no Fixed Administration Fee will be charged. The Fixed Administration Fee payable by the Passive Portfolios and the Smart Investment Solutions, may, in any particular period, exceed or be lower than the expenses we incur in providing such services to the Passive Portfolios or Smart Investment Solutions.

## Notes to Financial Statements

Where a Fund invests in units of an Underlying fund, the Fund does not pay duplicate management fees on the portion of its assets that it invests in units of the Underlying Fund. In addition, the Fund will not pay duplicate sales fees or redemption fees with respect to the purchase or redemption by it of units of the Underlying Fund. Some of the Underlying Funds held by the Funds may offer Management Fee Distributions. Such Management Fee Distributions of an Underlying Fund will be paid out as required for taxable distribution payments by a Fund. The manager of an Underlying Fund may, in some cases, waive a portion of an Underlying Fund's management fee and/or absorb a portion of an Underlying Fund's operating expenses.

### 7. Income Taxes and Withholding Taxes

The Funds qualify as mutual fund trusts under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). No income tax is payable by the Funds on net income and/or net realized capital gains that are distributed to unitholders. In addition, income taxes payable on undistributed net realized capital gains are refundable on a formula basis when units of the Funds are redeemed. Sufficient net income and realized capital gains of the Funds have been, or will be, distributed to the unitholders such that no tax is payable by the Funds and, accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the financial statements. Occasionally, a Fund may pay distributions in excess of the net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund. This excess distribution is called a return of capital and is non-taxable to the unitholder. However, a return of capital reduces the average cost of the unitholder's units for tax purposes, which may result in a capital gain to the unitholder to the extent the average cost becomes less than zero.

CIBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, CIBC U.S. Dollar Managed Income Portfolio, CIBC U.S. Dollar Managed Balanced Portfolio, and CIBC U.S. Dollar Managed Growth Portfolio may realize net foreign currency gains and losses on the translation of their net realized capital gains to Canadian dollars for tax purposes. These gains will be distributed to investors annually unless these Funds elect to retain them, with the result that the tax would be payable by the Funds.

Non-capital losses are available to be carried forward for 20 years.

Capital losses for income tax purposes may be carried forward indefinitely and applied against capital gains realized in future years. Where applicable, a Fund's net capital and non-capital losses are reported in Canadian dollars in the footnote *Net Capital and Non-Capital Losses* on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units.

The Funds have a taxation year-end of December 15 (except for CIBC Canadian T-Bill Fund, CIBC Money Market Fund, CIBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund which have a taxation year-end of December 31).

The Funds currently incur withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income and gains are recorded on a gross basis and the related withholding taxes are shown as a separate expense in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

### 8. Brokerage Commissions and Fees

The total commissions paid by the Funds to brokers in connection with portfolio transactions are reported in footnote *Brokerage Commissions and Fees* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income of each Fund where applicable. In allocating brokerage business to a dealer, consideration may be given by the portfolio advisor or the portfolio sub-advisors of the Funds to the provision of goods and services by the dealer or a third party, other than order execution (referred to in the industry as "soft dollar" arrangements). These goods and services are paid for with a portion of brokerage commissions and assist the portfolio advisor and portfolio sub-advisors with their investment decision-making services to the Funds or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Funds. The total soft dollar payments paid by the Funds to brokers are reported in footnote *Brokerage Commissions and Fees* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income of each Fund. In addition, the Manager may enter into commission recapture arrangements with certain dealers with respect to the Fund. Any commission recaptured will be paid to the applicable Fund.

Fixed income and certain other securities are transacted in an OTC market, where participants are dealing as principals. Such securities are generally traded on a net basis and do not normally involve brokerage commissions, but will typically include a "spread" (being the difference between the bid and the offer prices on the security of the applicable marketplace).

Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading and certain other securities are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the dollar amounts. In addition, the soft dollar amounts only include the value of research and other services supplied by a third party to CIBC Asset Management Inc. (referred to as *CAMI* or the *Portfolio Advisor*) and any portfolio sub-advisors, as the value of the services supplied to the Portfolio Advisor and any portfolio sub-advisors by the dealer is not ascertainable. When these services benefit more than one Fund, the costs are allocated among the Funds based on transaction activity or some other fair basis as determined by the Portfolio Advisor and any portfolio sub-advisors.

### 9. Related Party Transactions

CIBC and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Funds and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities. The Funds may hold securities of CIBC. CIBC and its affiliates may also be involved in underwriting or lending to issuers of securities that may be held by the Funds, have purchased or sold securities from or to the Funds while acting as principal, have purchased or sold securities from or to the Funds on behalf of another investment fund managed by CIBC or an affiliate, and also may have been involved as a counterparty to derivative transactions. Management fees payable and other accrued expenses on the Statements of Financial Position are amounts generally payable to a related party of the Fund.

*Manager, Trustee, Portfolio Advisor, and certain Portfolio Sub-Advisors of the Funds*

CIBC is the Manager, CIBC Trust Corporation is the Trustee, and CAMI is the Portfolio Advisor of each of the Funds.

The Manager also arranges for fund administrative services (other than advertising and promotional, which are the responsibility of the Manager), legal, investor servicing, and costs of unitholder reports, prospectuses, and other reports. The Manager is the registrar and transfer agent for the Funds and provides, or arranges for the provision of, all other administrative services required by the Funds. The dollar amount (including all applicable taxes) of all fund administrative expenses (net of absorptions) that the Manager recovers from a Fund is reported in footnote *Administrative and Other Fund Operating Expenses* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

*Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars*

The Portfolio Advisor generally delegates trading and execution authority to the portfolio sub-advisors.

The Portfolio Advisor and portfolio sub-advisors make 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 or portfolio sub-advisors to CIBC World Markets Inc. and CIBC World Markets Corp., each a subsidiary of CIBC. The total commissions paid to related brokers in connection with portfolio transactions are reported in footnote *Brokerage Commissions and Fees* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income of each Fund.

CIBC World Markets Inc. and CIBC World Markets Corp. may also earn spreads on the sale of fixed income and other securities, and certain derivative products to the Funds. Dealers, including CIBC World Markets Inc. and CIBC World Markets Corp., may furnish goods and services, other than order execution, to the Portfolio Advisor and portfolio sub-advisors that process trades through them (referred to in the industry as "soft dollar" arrangements). These goods and services are paid for with a portion of brokerage commissions and assist the Portfolio Advisor and portfolio sub-advisors with their investment decision-making services to the Fund or relate directly to executing portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund. As per terms of the portfolio advisory and sub-advisory agreements, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws. Custodial fees directly related to portfolio transactions incurred by a Fund, otherwise payable by the Fund, shall be 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 Fund, or a portion of the Fund, during that month. The total soft dollar payments paid by the Fund to related brokers are reported in footnote *Brokerage Commissions and Fees* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income of each Fund. In addition, the Manager may enter into commission recapture arrangements with certain dealers with respect to the Funds. Any commission recaptured will be paid to the relevant Fund.

*Custodian*

The custodian holds all cash and securities for the Funds 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 Funds including record keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Funds (referred to as the *Custodian*). The Custodian may hire sub-custodians for the Funds. The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by a Fund, or a portion of a Fund, 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 Funds during that month. All other fees for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager, and charged to the Funds on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50% interest in CIBC Mellon Trust Company.

*Service Provider*

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

The dollar amount paid by the Funds (including all applicable taxes) to CIBC Mellon Trust Company for custodial fees (net of absorptions) and to CIBC GSS for securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation (net of absorptions) for the periods ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 is reported in footnote *Service Provider* on the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

**10. Hedging**

Certain foreign currency denominated positions have been hedged, or partially hedged, by forward foreign currency contracts as part of the investment strategies of certain Funds. These hedges are indicated by a hedging reference number on the Schedule of Investment Portfolio and a corresponding hedging reference number on the Schedule of Derivative Assets and Liabilities - Forward Foreign Currency Contracts for those Funds.

**11. Collateral on Specified Derivatives**

Short-term investments may be used as collateral for futures contracts outstanding with brokers.

**12. Terminations**

The Manager terminated the following Fund effective June 12, 2020:

<b><u>Terminating Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Proceeds of Termination</u></b>
CIBC Latin American Fund	\$ 4,153,855

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Unitholders of

CIBC Canadian T-Bill Fund  
CIBC Money Market Fund  
CIBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund  
CIBC Short-Term Income Fund  
CIBC Canadian Bond Fund  
CIBC Monthly Income Fund  
CIBC Global Bond Fund  
CIBC Global Monthly Income Fund  
CIBC Balanced Fund  
CIBC Dividend Income Fund  
CIBC Dividend Growth Fund  
CIBC Canadian Equity Fund  
CIBC Canadian Equity Value Fund  
CIBC Canadian Small-Cap Fund  
CIBC U.S. Equity Fund  
CIBC U.S. Small Companies Fund  
CIBC Global Equity Fund  
CIBC International Equity Fund  
CIBC European Equity Fund  
CIBC Emerging Markets Fund  
CIBC Asia Pacific Fund  
CIBC International Small Companies Fund  
CIBC Financial Companies Fund  
CIBC Canadian Resources Fund  
CIBC Energy Fund  
CIBC Canadian Real Estate Fund  
CIBC Precious Metals Fund  
CIBC Global Technology Fund  
CIBC Canadian Short-Term Bond Index Fund  
(collectively, the "Funds")

CIBC Canadian Bond Index Fund  
CIBC Global Bond Index Fund  
CIBC Balanced Index Fund  
CIBC Canadian Index Fund  
CIBC U.S. Broad Market Index Fund  
CIBC U.S. Index Fund  
CIBC International Index Fund  
CIBC European Index Fund  
CIBC Emerging Markets Index Fund  
CIBC Asia Pacific Index Fund  
CIBC Nasdaq Index Fund  
CIBC Smart Income Solution  
CIBC Smart Balanced Income Solution  
CIBC Smart Balanced Solution  
CIBC Smart Balanced Growth Solution  
CIBC Smart Growth Solution  
CIBC Managed Income Portfolio  
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## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Funds, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units and statements of cash flows for the periods then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Funds as at December 31, 2020 and 2019, and their financial performance and cash flows for the periods then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (referred to as *IFRSs*).

## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Funds in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management Report of Fund Performance of the Funds. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information, and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the Management Report of Fund Performance of the Funds prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with *IFRSs*, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing each Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Funds' financial reporting process.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Funds' internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Funds' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Funds to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Toronto, Canada  
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