

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended December 31, 2024

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: CIBC Canadian Small-Cap Fund (the *Fund*) seeks to provide long-term growth through capital appreciation by investing primarily in small and medium-sized Canadian companies judged to be undervalued or that have above-average growth potential.

Investment Strategies: The Fund identifies stocks with sustainable growth characteristics from among a universe of primarily small- to mid-capitalization Canadian stocks that trade at reasonable valuations. The Fund aims to add value through prudent security selection based on fundamental, bottom-up analysis.

Risk

The Fund is a Canadian small/mid-cap equity fund that is suitable for long term investors who can tolerate medium to high investment risk.

For the period ended December 31, 2024, the Fund's overall level of risk remained as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

Results of Operations

The Fund's portfolio sub-advisor is Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd. (the *Sub-Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended December 31, 2024. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 8% during the period, from \$129,066 as at December 31, 2023 to \$139,346 as at December 31, 2024. Positive investment performance was partially offset by net redemptions of \$20,390, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 25.0% for the period. The Fund's primary benchmarks, the S&P/TSX Small Cap Index and the S&P/TSX Completion Index (the *primary benchmarks*), returned 18.8% and 24.3%, respectively, for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the primary benchmarks' return. See the section *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

In the first quarter of 2024, Canadian and U.S. economic growth and inflation data diverged. U.S. economic growth appeared to reaccelerate, while growth in Canada was relatively low, but still positive.

In the second quarter, U.S. economic releases showed a resilient pace of activity overall but there were signs of slowing momentum. Importantly, inflation releases were reassuring and helped alleviate concerns of a more sustained reacceleration in inflation. Meanwhile, economic releases in Canada highlighted broad disinflationary pressures, sluggish economic growth and softening employment. Central bank activity moved in favour of monetary easing, and the Bank of Canada (the *BoC*) became the first G7 central bank to lower its target interest rate in June. The European Central Bank followed shortly after.

With cooperative data releases affirming the steady deceleration in inflation through the third quarter, markets shifted focus to softening economic activity. This led to bouts of equity market volatility. The U.S. Federal Reserve Board (the *Fed*) reduced its target rate by an unusually large 0.50%, indicating a concerted effort to prevent further deterioration in the labour market. The BoC continued its monetary easing cycle over the third quarter in response to softening jobs data.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, Donald Trump's victory, as well as the Republican Party winning control of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, boosted investor optimism. Markets anticipated a more favourable economic environment driven by business-friendly policies. Despite potential 25% tariffs on Canadian imports to the U.S., Canadian equities benefited from post-U.S. election optimism and delivered a positive return.

Security selection within the information technology, industrials and materials sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. From a sector allocation perspective, an underweight exposure to the real estate sector contributed to performance. Overweight holdings in Celestica Inc. and CES Energy Solutions Corp. were the largest individual contributors to the Fund's performance. Celestica benefited from the rapid adoption of generative artificial intelligence (AI). It experienced tremendous earnings growth, which led to a very large gain in the stock. The stock

price for CES Energy Solutions rose 192.6% following the release of strong quarterly results.

Stock selection within the energy and real estate sectors detracted from the Fund's performance. An underweight allocation to the materials sector also detracted from performance. An underweight holding in CI Financial Corp. detracted from performance as the stock price increased. In the fourth quarter of the year, the company announced a definitive agreement to be acquired by Mubadala Capital at a premium, which contributed to the rise in its stock price.

The Sub-Advisor added a new holding in Hudbay Minerals Inc., a copper-focused mining company, to the Fund. The company is a direct beneficiary of the clean energy transition, as copper is an essential metal used in electric batteries and solar and wind infrastructure. Copper demand should also benefit from the increase in data centre construction. The Sub-Advisor took advantage of a relatively cheap valuation and initiated the holding on the belief that the company is well positioned to benefit from this increased level of demand.

An existing holding in Chartwell Retirement Residences was increased. Occupancy rates continue to rise as the baby boomer generation (born 1946–1964) begins entering the 80+ age cohort. As a result of these growth trends and cheap valuation, the Sub-Advisor increased the holding.

Pan American Silver Corp. was eliminated from the Fund as it continued to report earnings and production levels that fell short of expectations. Celestica, a direct beneficiary of the adoption of generative AI, saw its stock outperform. The holding was trimmed to manage its weighting within the Fund.

Recent Developments

The level of geopolitical risk disrupted the global economy and financial markets in unprecedented and unpredictable ways. This has resulted in significant volatility and uncertainty in financial markets. It is unclear what further actions may be taken by governments and the resulting impact on global economies, businesses and financial markets. Inflation has increased in many markets across the globe, leading central banks to raise interest rates in order to counter rapidly rising prices. These factors may adversely affect the Fund's performance. The Manager continues to monitor ongoing developments and the impact to investment strategies.

Related Party Transactions

CIBC and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Fund, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

Manager

CIBC is the Fund's manager (the *Manager*). CIBC receives management fees with respect to the Fund's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the net asset value of each respective class of units of the Fund as described in *Management Fees* section. From time to time, CIBC may invest in units of the Fund.

Trustee

CIBC Trust Corporation (*CIBC Trust*), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Fund's trustee (the *Trustee*). The Trustee holds title to the Fund'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 Fund. CAMI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Fund's portfolio advisor.

Distributor

Dealers and other firms sell the units of the Fund to investors. These dealers and other firms include CIBC's related dealers such as the principal distributor, CIBC Securities Inc. (*CIBC SI*), the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (*CIBC IS*), the CIBC Imperial Investor Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (*CIBC WM*). CIBC SI, CIBC ISI, and CIBC WM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIBC.

CIBC may pay trailing commissions to these dealers and firms, in connection with the sale of units of the Fund. These dealers and other firms may pay a portion of these trailing commissions to their advisors who sell units of the Fund to investors.

Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars

The Portfolio Advisor and any 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 and any portfolio sub-advisors, to 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 Fund. 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 and any portfolio sub-advisors, 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 and any portfolio sub-advisors, with investment decision-making services for the Fund or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund. As per the terms of the portfolio sub-advisory agreements, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws.

During the period, the Fund paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$29,326 to CIBC WM; the Fund did not pay any brokerage commissions or other fees to 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.

Fund Transactions

The Fund may enter into one or more of the following transactions (*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;
- make an investment in the securities of an issuer for which CIBC WM, CIBC World Markets Corp., or any affiliate of CIBC (the *Related Dealer* or *Related Dealers*) 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 of 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 Fund's custodian (the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds all cash and securities for the Fund 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 Fund including record-keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. The fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or the dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager, in return for receiving a fixed administration fee from the Fund. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

Service Provider

The Custodian also provides certain services to the Fund, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. The Manager receives a fixed administration fee from the Fund, in return, the Manager pays certain operating expenses which includes custodial fees (including all applicable taxes) and the fees for fund accounting, reporting, and fund valuation (including all applicable taxes) to CIBC Mellon Trust Company. Where applicable, securities lending fees are applied against the revenue received by the Fund.

Financial Highlights

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

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

Inception date: August 7, 1991

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 36.79	\$ 35.26	\$ 40.73	\$ 38.12	\$ 30.48
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.43
Total expenses	(0.97)	(0.83)	(0.88)	(1.11)	(0.82)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	4.08	1.25	3.93	7.55	1.73
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	5.43	0.84	(6.24)	1.40	5.84
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	\$ 9.27	\$ 2.02	\$ (2.60)	\$ 8.36	\$ 7.18
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	1.71	0.54	2.49	5.40	–
Return of capital	0.06	–	–	–	–
Total Distributions³	\$ 1.77	\$ 0.54	\$ 2.49	\$ 5.40	\$ –
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 44.19	\$ 36.79	\$ 35.26	\$ 40.73	\$ 38.12

Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Net Asset Value (000s)⁴	\$ 113,603	\$ 108,065	\$ 116,043	\$ 160,087	\$ 145,127
Number of Units Outstanding⁴	2,570,535	2,938,080	3,291,221	3,930,520	3,806,759
Management Expense Ratio⁵	2.09%	2.09%	2.09%	2.37%	2.35%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions⁶	2.09%	2.09%	2.09%	2.53%	2.65%
Trading Expense Ratio⁷	0.23%	0.20%	0.21%	0.21%	0.44%
Portfolio Turnover Rate⁸	79.62%	71.83%	99.73%	49.30%	86.14%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 44.19	\$ 36.79	\$ 35.26	\$ 40.73	\$ 38.12

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit¹ - Class F Units

Inception date: July 6, 2020

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020 ^a
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 12.68	\$ 12.06	\$ 14.14	\$ 13.64	\$ 10.00 ^b
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.07
Total expenses	(0.17)	(0.14)	(0.16)	(0.22)	(0.08)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.44	0.42	1.39	2.52	1.34
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.83	0.31	(3.42)	0.23	1.58
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	\$ 3.35	\$ 0.85	\$ (1.97)	\$ 2.72	\$ 2.91
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	0.91	0.24	1.19	2.54	–
Return of capital	0.02	–	–	–	–
Total Distributions³	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.24	\$ 1.19	\$ 2.54	\$ –
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 15.09	\$ 12.68	\$ 12.06	\$ 14.14	\$ 13.64

Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class F Units

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020 ^a
Total Net Asset Value (000s) ⁴	\$ 25,743	\$ 21,001	\$ 20,250	\$ 188	\$ 98
Number of Units Outstanding ⁴	1,705,751	1,656,381	1,678,757	13,285	7,186
Management Expense Ratio ⁵	0.93%	0.94%	0.98%	1.18%	1.15%*
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁶	0.93%	0.94%	0.98%	1.35%	1.32%*
Trading Expense Ratio ⁷	0.23%	0.20%	0.21%	0.21%	0.44%*
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁸	79.62%	71.83%	99.73%	49.30%	86.14%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 15.09	\$ 12.68	\$ 12.06	\$ 14.14	\$ 13.64

^a Information presented is for the period from the inception date to December 31.

^b Initial offering price.

* Ratio has been annualized.

¹ This information is derived from the Fund'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 Fund, or both.

⁴ This information is presented as at December 31 of the period(s) shown.

⁵ Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the Fund (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. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds, where applicable.

⁶ The decision to waive management fees and/or fixed administration fees is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving management fees and/or fixed administration fees may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders. The management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds, where applicable.

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 the 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 the 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 the Fund.

Management Fees

The Fund, either directly or indirectly, pays CIBC an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Fund. Management fees are based on the Fund'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 Fund. The Fund 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 each class of units.

The following table shows a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees collected from the Fund for the period ended December 31, 2024. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	51.11%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	48.89%	100.00%

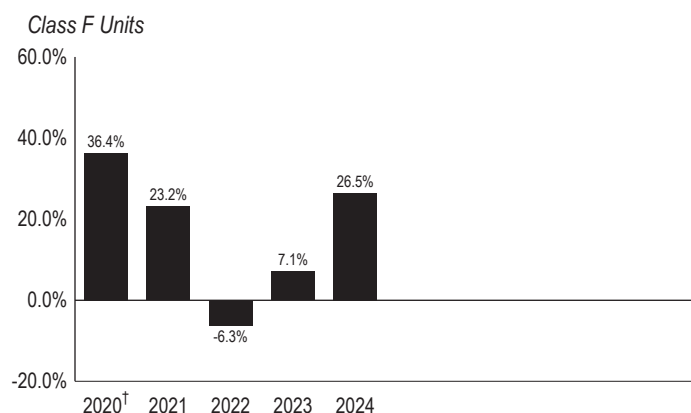
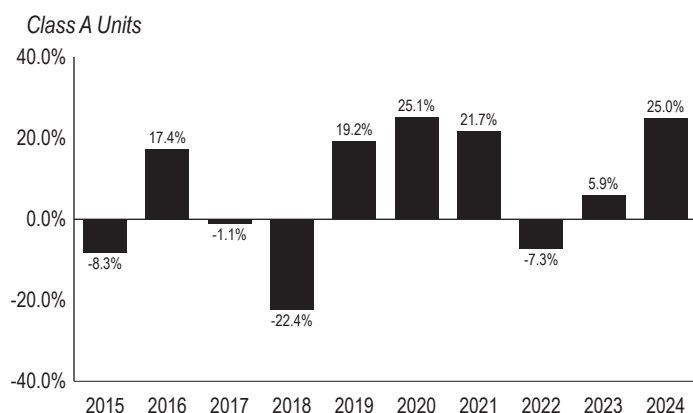
Past Performance

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 Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See the *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

Year-by-Year Returns

These bar charts show the annual performance of each class of units of the Fund for each of the periods shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from period to period. These bar charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31, unless otherwise indicated.



† 2020 return is for the period from July 6, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Annual Compound Returns

This table shows the annual compound return of each class of units of the Fund for each indicated period ended on December 31, 2024. The annual compound total return is also compared to the Fund's benchmark(s).

The Fund's primary benchmarks are the S&P/TSX Small Cap Index and the S&P/TSX Completion Index.

The Fund's blended benchmark (*Blended Benchmark*) is comprised of the following:

- 60% S&P/TSX Small Cap Index
- 40% S&P/TSX Completion Index

Class and Benchmark(s)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years* (%)	or Since Inception* (%)	Inception Date
Class A units	25.0	7.0	13.3	6.3		August 7, 1991
S&P/TSX Small-Cap Index	18.8	4.1	8.9	6.0		
S&P/TSX Completion Index	24.3	9.5	9.9	7.4		
Blended Benchmark	21.0	6.3	9.4	6.6		
Class F units	26.5	8.3			18.4	July 6, 2020
S&P/TSX Small-Cap Index	18.8	4.1			13.5	
S&P/TSX Completion Index	24.3	9.5			13.9	
Blended Benchmark	21.0	6.3			13.8	

* If a class of units has been outstanding for less than 10 years, the annual compound return since inception is shown.

S&P/TSX Completion Index is a capitalization-weighted index comprised of the constituents of the S&P/TSX Composite Index that are not included in the S&P/TSX 60 Index.

S&P/TSX Small Cap Index provides an investable index for the Canadian small-cap market. The index is float adjusted and market cap weighted and was developed with industry input as the ideal benchmark for those with small cap exposure of the Canadian equity market.

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

Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at December 31, 2024)

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 the Fund's 25 largest positions. If the fund holds fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown.

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>	<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Materials	23.7	Celestica Inc.	3.5
Industrials	22.7	Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	3.0
Energy	17.6	ARC Resources Ltd.	2.6
Financials	12.6	Chartwell Retirement Residences	2.5
Information Technology	8.9	Descartes Systems Group Inc.	2.4
Utilities	5.1	iA Financial Corp. Inc.	2.4
Health Care	3.4	OceanaGold Corp.	2.3
Consumer Discretionary	2.3	CES Energy Solutions Corp.	2.2
Real Estate	1.6	MDA Space Ltd.	2.0
Cash	1.2	Element Fleet Management Corp.	1.9
Other Equities	1.1	Capital Power Corp.	1.9
Other Assets, less Liabilities	(0.2)	AtkinsRealis Group Inc.	1.7
		Hammond Power Solutions Inc.	1.7
		Advantage Energy Ltd.	1.7
		Hudbay Minerals Inc.	1.6
		Alamos Gold Inc., Class 'A'	1.6
		GFL Environmental Inc.	1.5
		Tourmaline Oil Corp.	1.5
		Savaria Corp.	1.5
		MEG Energy Corp.	1.4
		Bombardier Inc.	1.4
		Dundee Precious Metals Inc.	1.4
		Lundin Gold Inc.	1.4
		Torex Gold Resources Inc.	1.4
		Topaz Energy Corp.	1.3

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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