



## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended December 31, 2020

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Investment Objective and Strategies

**Investment Objective:** CIBC Dividend Growth Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to maximize income and potential capital growth by investing primarily in Canadian equity securities that produce dividend income.

**Investment Strategies:** The Fund identifies stocks that have attractive dividend yields and capital appreciation potential. The Fund aims to add value through prudent security selection based on fundamental, bottom-up analysis and through the allocation of assets between common and preferred shares, bonds, and other securities based on a review of economic and capital market conditions.

#### Risk

The Fund is a Canadian dividend and income equity fund that is suitable for medium- to long-term investors who can tolerate low to medium investment risk.

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

#### Results of Operations

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

The Fund's net asset value decreased by 10% during the period, from \$715,990 as at December 31, 2019 to \$646,449 as at December 31, 2020. Net redemptions of \$77,024 were partially offset by positive investment performance, resulting in an overall decrease in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 2.0% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index (referred to as the *benchmark*), returned 1.1% for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return. See the section *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

Canada's economy entered a recession in the second quarter of 2020, as lockdowns in response to the COVID-19 pandemic significantly hindered economic activity in late March. Canada's gross domestic product (referred to as *GDP*) fell at a record pace in the second quarter. In the third quarter as lockdown restrictions eased and the economy reopened, Canada's economy expanded at its fastest pace on record. Canada's GDP contracted again in October, however, as COVID-19 infection rates continued to climb. The rise in cases resulted in governments imposing new lockdowns, which disproportionately impacted the travel and entertainment sectors.

Canadian equity markets ended the period up slightly. The approval and distribution of several vaccines late in the period boosted investor sentiment and economic activity. With hopes of an end to the pandemic and an economic recovery, investors moved back into cyclical sectors, which had experienced a steep sell-off earlier in the period. Overall, the information technology and materials sectors were the strongest performers, while the energy and health care sectors declined.

The Fund's stock selection in the utilities, information technology and health care sectors contributed to performance. Holdings in high-quality and growing information technology and renewable energy utilities companies were particularly strong. A moderate overweight exposure to the outperforming information technology sector and moderate underweight exposure to the underperforming energy sector contributed to performance.

Individual contributors to performance included overweight holdings in Northland Power Inc., First Quantum Minerals Ltd. and Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. Northland Power and Brookfield Renewable benefited from increased funds flow into renewables, as well as company-specific growth. Brookfield Renewable also benefited from heightened demand after being added to an index.

Stock selection in the materials sector and a moderate overweight exposure to the health care sector detracted from the Fund's performance. The Fund's overweight position in Bank of Montreal as the COVID-19 pandemic began, and then lower weighting later in the period as the economy began to recover, detracted from performance. Individual detractors from performance also included a moderate

underweight position in Teck Resources Ltd. and a significant overweight holding in Keyera Corp. Teck reported strong results after the prices of copper and other bulk commodities rallied. Energy stocks such as Keyera were weaker as an oversupply of oil and the economic contraction caused by the pandemic resulted in lower oil prices.

New holdings added to the Fund during the period included Chegg Inc., Twilio Inc. and Dye & Durham Ltd. The online education market continues to expand rapidly, and the Portfolio Advisor believes that as Chegg expands beyond the U.S., the company's total addressable market should grow substantially. Communication software company Twilio has partnerships with global carriers, and the Portfolio Advisor believes communications is one of the largest areas of technology spending. The Portfolio Advisor expects Twilio grow strongly over the next few years. Dye & Durham has a robust pipeline of sizeable acquisitions and substantial net cash. The Portfolio Advisor believes company management has a history of allocating capital well.

As the COVID-19 crisis escalated early in the period, the Portfolio Advisor decreased the Fund's exposure to Canadian banks in response to the potential for lower interest rates, as well as increasing unemployment and bankruptcies. After third-quarter reporting, the Fund returned to an overweight exposure because these banks have strong capital levels, prudent reserves and are expected to benefit from the reopening of the economy. As such, existing holdings in Royal Bank of Canada and National Bank of Canada were increased.

Within the communication services sector, the Fund's existing holdings in Shaw Communications Inc. and Rogers Communications Inc. were increased. The Portfolio Advisor believes Shaw should benefit from wireless growth and more muted competition in Western Canada, while Rogers is well positioned for future 5G wireless growth. Existing holdings in Newmont Corp. and Barrick Gold Corp. were increased to bolster the Fund's exposure to gold in anticipation of negative real interest rates.

The Portfolio Advisor eliminated the Fund's holdings in Facebook Inc., NFI Group Inc. and Teck Resources. Facebook was sold following the company's rebound from its March lows. The Portfolio Advisor has concerns about NFI's liquidity. Teck Resources was sold in favour of First Quantum based on their relative risk-reward profiles. The Portfolio Advisor believes First Quantum is likely to generate relatively strong free cash flow in the current commodity price environment.

The Fund's weighting in Suncor Energy Inc. was reduced following the company's dividend cut.

#### **Recent Developments**

On July 6, 2020, Class F units of the Fund were made available for purchase.

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

The international spread of COVID-19 caused a significant slowdown in the global economy and volatility in financial markets. The COVID-19

outbreak may adversely affect global markets and the Fund's performance.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

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

##### *Manager*

CIBC is the Fund's manager (referred to as 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 the section entitled *Management Fees*. The Manager compensates its wholesalers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Fund. From time to time, CIBC may invest in units of the Fund.

##### *Trustee*

CIBC Trust Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Fund's trustee (referred to as 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. (referred to as *CIBC SI*), the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (referred to as *CIBC ISI*), the CIBC Imperial Investor Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (referred to as *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, except for CIBC SI, 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. CIBC does not pay trailing commissions to CIBC SI for selling units of the Fund, although overall sales of CIBC funds may be considered in assessing the performance of their advisors and may therefore contribute to their annual compensation.

##### *Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars*

The Portfolio Advisor makes decisions, including the selection of markets and dealers and the negotiation of commissions, with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, certain derivative products and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by the Portfolio Advisor to CIBC 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 securities 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 in partial exchange for processing trades through them (referred to in the industry as “soft dollar” arrangements). These goods and services are paid for with a portion of the brokerage commissions and assist the Portfolio Advisor with investment decision-making services for the Fund or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund.

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

During the period, the Fund paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$49,771 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 (referred to as the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the IRC:

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

of a purchase or redemption on units in the fund, subject to certain conditions.

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

#### *Custodian*

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the Fund's custodian (referred to as 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 Custodian may hire sub-custodians for the Fund. The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the 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 Fund during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

#### *Service Provider*

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

## 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 Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class A Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 34.35	\$ 29.42	\$ 35.43	\$ 39.58	\$ 33.28
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.28
Total expenses	(0.67)	(0.70)	(0.74)	(0.85)	(0.74)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.17)	1.62	2.28	9.01	1.47
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.18	3.67	(6.25)	(6.76)	4.56
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.39	\$ 5.63	\$ (3.71)	\$ 2.62	\$ 6.57
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
From dividends	0.23	0.20	0.07	0.23	0.35
From capital gains	–	0.35	2.05	6.60	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.55	\$ 2.12	\$ 6.83	\$ 0.35
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 34.78	\$ 34.35	\$ 29.42	\$ 35.43	\$ 39.58

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 645,286	\$ 715,729	\$ 686,831	\$ 866,124	\$ 875,751
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	18,553,178	20,834,328	23,346,736	24,451,074	22,128,477
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	2.02%	2.02%	2.02%	2.02%	2.03%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	2.03%	2.03%	2.02%	2.03%	2.03%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.06%	0.07%	0.09%	0.11%	0.02%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	34.73%	34.26%	39.97%	64.30%	4.76%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 34.78	\$ 34.35	\$ 29.42	\$ 35.43	\$ 39.58

<sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at December 31 of the periods shown.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

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

<sup>7</sup> 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.

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

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**The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class F Units**

	2020 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 10.00 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>	
Total revenue	\$ 0.17
Total expenses	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.17
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.95
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1.25</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ —
From dividends	0.11
From capital gains	—
Return of capital	—
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.11</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 11.36</b>

<sup>a</sup> Information presented is for the period from July 6, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

<sup>b</sup> Initial offering price.

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

**Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class F Units**

	2020 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 922
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	81,145
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	0.87%*
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	0.87%*
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.06%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	34.73%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 11.36

<sup>a</sup> Information presented is for the period from July 6, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

\* Ratio has been annualized.

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<sup>5</sup> 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.

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*CIBC Dividend Growth Fund*

**The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class O Units**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 17.23	\$ 14.59	\$ 17.39	\$ 16.32	\$ 13.76
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.83
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.09)	0.78	1.05	3.34	0.06
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.30	1.87	(3.22)	(2.45)	1.30
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.73	\$ 3.14	\$ (1.69)	\$ 1.39	\$ 2.18
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
From dividends	0.45	0.40	0.29	0.38	0.47
From capital gains	–	–	0.94	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.47
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 17.42	\$ 17.23	\$ 14.59	\$ 17.39	\$ 16.32

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<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

**Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O Units**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 241	\$ 261	\$ 220	\$ 147	\$ 115
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	13,835	15,165	15,122	8,470	7,057
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	0.03%	0.03%	0.04%	0.06%	0.37%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.06%	0.07%	0.09%	0.11%	0.02%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	34.73%	34.26%	39.97%	64.30%	4.76%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 17.42	\$ 17.23	\$ 14.59	\$ 17.39	\$ 16.32

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## 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. For Class O units, the management fee is negotiated with and paid by, or as directed by, unitholders or dealers and discretionary managers on behalf of unitholders. Such Class O management fee will not exceed the Class F unit management fee rate.

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, 2020. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	53.11%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	46.89%	100.00%

## Past Performance

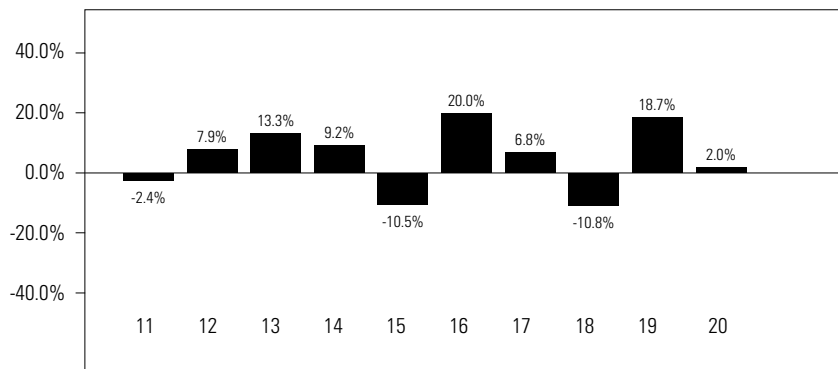
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

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 *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.

Class A Units

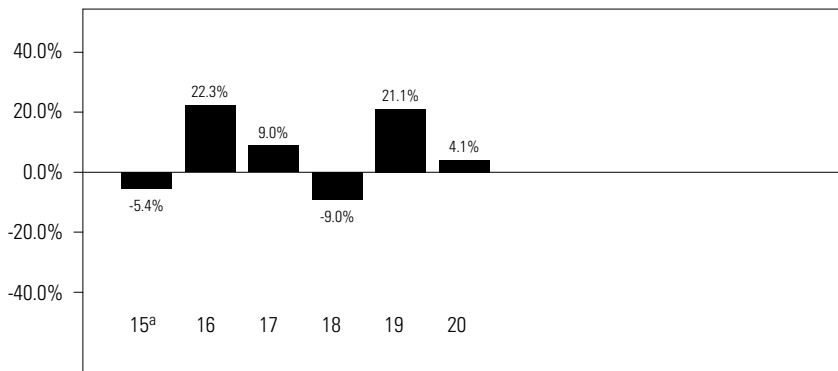


Class F Units



<sup>a</sup> 2020 return is for the period from July 6, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Class O Units



<sup>a</sup> 2015 return is for the period from October 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

**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, 2020. The annual compound total return is also compared to the Fund's benchmark.

The Fund's benchmark is the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years*	or	Since Inception*	Inception Date
Class A units	2.0%	2.6%	6.7%	4.9%			August 7, 1991
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	1.1%	4.0%	8.8%	6.1%			
Class F units						14.7%	July 6, 2020
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index						13.3%	
Class O units	4.1%	4.7%	8.9%			7.4%	October 30, 2015
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	1.1%	4.0%	8.8%			7.7%	

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

**S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index** aims to provide a broad-based benchmark of Canadian dividend-paying stocks. It includes all stocks in the S&P/TSX Composite Index with positive annual dividend yields as of the latest rebalancing of the S&P/TSX Composite Index.

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



*CIBC Dividend Growth Fund*

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

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

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>	<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Financials	39.1	Royal Bank of Canada	8.8
Industrials	12.9	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	8.8
Energy	10.7	Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Class 'A'	6.9
Materials	8.9	TELUS Corp.	4.3
Utilities	8.5	Enbridge Inc.	3.5
Communication Services	7.2	Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.	3.4
Information Technology	5.3	Barrick Gold Corp.	2.8
Real Estate	3.6	National Bank of Canada	2.8
Other Equities	2.9	Brookfield Infrastructure Partners L.P.	2.7
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.8	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	2.4
Forward & Spot Contracts	0.2	Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P.	2.2
Options	-0.1	Bank of Montreal	2.2
		Northland Power Inc.	2.1
		Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	2.0
		FirstService Corp.	2.0
		Canadian National Railway Co.	2.0
		Brookfield Business Partners L.P.	1.9
		Shaw Communications Inc., Class 'B'	1.8
		TC Energy Corp.	1.8
		GFL Environmental Inc.	1.7
		Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	1.7
		Pembina Pipeline Corp.	1.6
		Intact Financial Corp.	1.5
		Element Fleet Management Corp.	1.4
		First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	1.4

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