



## 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 Income Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to maximize returns with a conservative investment philosophy by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of Canadian income generating equity and debt securities.

**Investment Strategies:** The Fund uses a fundamental approach to invest mainly in dividend producing equity securities and Canadian fixed income securities, with varying exposures to these areas depending on their relative potential at a particular time.

#### Risk

The Fund is a Canadian equity balanced 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 8% during the period, from \$384,042 as at December 31, 2019 to \$353,821 as at December 31, 2020. Net redemptions of \$35,247 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 0.3% for the period. The Fund's primary benchmarks, the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index and the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index (referred to as the *benchmarks*), returned 1.1% and 8.7%, respectively, for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmarks' returns. 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 spread of COVID-19 significantly slowed 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 economy contracted again in October, however, as COVID-19 infection rates continued to climb in Canada and governments imposed new lockdown restrictions.

In response to the substantial weakening of economic conditions, the Bank of Canada (referred to as the *BoC*) lowered its central interest rate three times, by 50 basis points (referred to as *bps*) each time. This reduced the BoC's benchmark overnight interest rate to 0.25%. The BoC expects to maintain this low interest rate for at least a few years, until its inflation target of 2% is sustainably achieved. The BoC also implemented a bond-buying program to bolster the economy and ensure the proper functioning of financial markets. This program included purchases of bankers' acceptances, which helped stabilize that market.

Similarly, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (referred to as the *Fed*) reduced its central interest rate by 50 bps and 100 bps at two meetings in March, as the lockdowns in response to the spread of COVID-19 brought economic activity to a near halt. This lowered the target range of the federal funds rate to 0.00%–0.25%. The Fed noted that it expects to hold this key interest rate steady until inflation moves higher and better economic conditions are achieved, likely in 2023 or later.

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

The spring economic slowdown reduced demand for commodities, which, in combination with oversupply, led to a brief period of negative crude oil prices. Conversely, the price of gold reached record highs.

After substantial declines in March, Canadian equity markets rebounded to end 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.

Within the Fund's equity component, stock selection in the financials, materials and energy sectors detracted from performance. A slight underweight holding in Bank of Montreal detracted from performance as credit recovered rapidly. Individual detractors from performance included a slight overweight position in Cenovus Energy Inc. and a moderate overweight holding in Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. Cenovus shares weakened in response to the substantial decline in the price of oil. Fairfax shares fell as value-oriented investments generally underperformed.

Stock selection in the utilities, communication services and health care sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. Individual equity contributors to performance included moderate overweight holdings in Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. and Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. and a slight overweight holding in WSP Global Inc. Brookfield Renewable benefited from global advances in clean energy policies. Agnico Eagle benefited from stronger gold prices. WSP made an accretive acquisition in environmental engineering.

Several new equity holdings were added to the Fund during the period. After being sold in January, Magna International Inc. was reintroduced at what the Portfolio Advisor believes to be an attractive valuation based on the company's potential for inventory rebuilding as consumer demand recovers. SSR Mining Inc. was added to increase the Fund's gold exposure. The Portfolio Advisor believes Allied Properties REIT offers attractive assets at a reasonable valuation.

The Fund's existing equity holdings in Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and National Bank of Canada were increased in August based on the Portfolio Advisor's outlook for the economic recovery.

The Fund's equity holdings in Great-West Lifeco Inc., Teck Resources Ltd., Activision Blizzard Inc. and Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. were sold to fund other opportunities. The Fund's holding in TransAlta Corp. was trimmed after a period of strong performance, while the Fund's holding in Keyera Corp. was reduced based on the Portfolio Advisor's concern about counterparty credit.

Within the Fund's fixed income component, individual detractors from performance included 407 International Inc. (5.75%, 2036/02/14), which was negatively impacted by reduced traffic levels, and Inter Pipeline Ltd. (6.88%, 2079/03/26), as a result of lower oil prices.

A material overweight allocation to corporate bonds contributed to performance as credit spreads (meaning the difference in yields between bonds of similar maturities) declined. The Fund's duration (sensitivity to interest rate changes) also contributed to performance as yields moved lower. An overweight exposure to the mid-term part of the yield curve contributed to performance as yields moved lower and the yield curve steepened.

Individual fixed income contributors to performance included Government of Canada (4.00%, 2041/06/01), Government of Canada Real Return (1.50%, 2044/12/01) and Government of Canada (3.50%, 2045/12/01). These holdings contributed to performance as a result of

their weightings within the portfolio and their durations, as long-term bond yields declined.

During the period, the Portfolio Advisor added a new fixed income holding in TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. (3.80%, 2027/04/05) on the belief that the credit spread of this high-quality issuer was attractive during a period of heightened financial market volatility.

The Portfolio Advisor increased the Fund's existing holding in Sun Life Financial Inc. (2.58%, 2032/05/10) by selling shorter-term Sun Life bonds to extend the term in the issuer and to improve the Fund's yield. For the same reason, the Fund's holding in Bank of Nova Scotia (2.36%, 2022/11/08) was eliminated, while its holding in Penske Truck Leasing Canada Inc. (2.85%, 2022/12/07) was reduced.

### 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 \$27,640 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>	\$ 8.92	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.56	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.14
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.34
Total expenses	(0.17)	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.19)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.09)	0.31	0.31	1.21	0.18
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.07)	0.91	(1.39)	(1.07)	1.00
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ (0.05)	\$ 1.33	\$ (0.97)	\$ 0.26	\$ 1.33
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.01
From dividends	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.14
From capital gains	—	0.06	0.35	0.56	—
Return of capital	0.36	0.29	—	—	0.33
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.48
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 8.43	\$ 8.92	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.56	\$ 10.00

<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>	\$ 98,478	\$ 113,552	\$ 113,651	\$ 157,156	\$ 167,557
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	11,687,236	12,732,322	14,030,108	16,432,057	16,752,901
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	2.02%	2.02%	2.02%	2.02%	2.02%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	2.04%	2.03%	2.03%	2.03%	2.03%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.07%	0.08%	0.16%	0.09%	0.01%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	58.16%	45.62%	88.69%	64.97%	22.58%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 8.43	\$ 8.92	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.56	\$ 10.00

<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.

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<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.

*CIBC Dividend Income Fund*

**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	\$ 0.15
Total expenses	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.27
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.63
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ —
From dividends	—
From capital gains	—
Return of capital	0.24
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.24</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 10.76</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>	\$ —
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	1
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	0.93%*
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	0.93%*
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.07%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	58.16%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 10.76

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\* Ratio has been annualized.

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*CIBC Dividend Income 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>	\$ 11.55	\$ 10.16	\$ 12.05	\$ 12.87	\$ 11.40
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.43
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	—
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.13)	0.39	0.38	1.59	0.23
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.02	1.18	(1.75)	(1.41)	1.29
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.25	\$ 1.94	\$ (1.00)	\$ 0.61	\$ 1.95
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.04
From dividends	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.37	0.39
From capital gains	—	0.09	0.45	0.98	—
Return of capital	0.10	—	—	—	0.05
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.84	\$ 1.43	\$ 0.48
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 11.30	\$ 11.55	\$ 10.16	\$ 12.05	\$ 12.87

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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>	\$ 255,343	\$ 270,490	\$ 277,975	\$ 320,769	\$ 309,651
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	22,597,327	23,415,474	27,350,627	26,624,321	24,063,885
<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>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.07%	0.08%	0.16%	0.09%	0.01%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	58.16%	45.62%	88.69%	64.97%	22.58%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 11.30	\$ 11.55	\$ 10.16	\$ 12.05	\$ 12.87

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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	53.31%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	46.69%	100.00%

## Past Performance

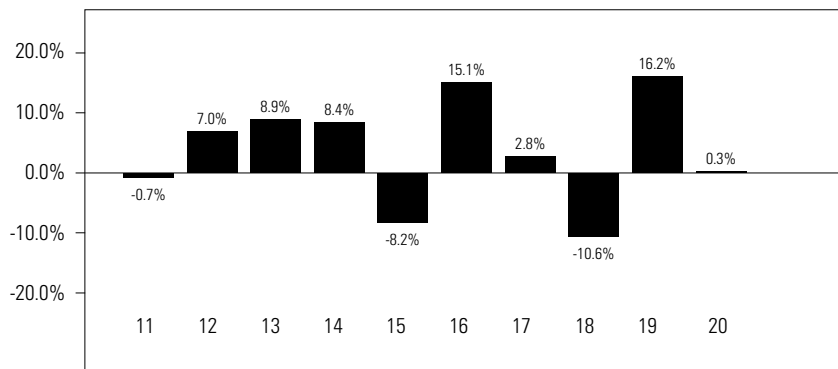
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

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



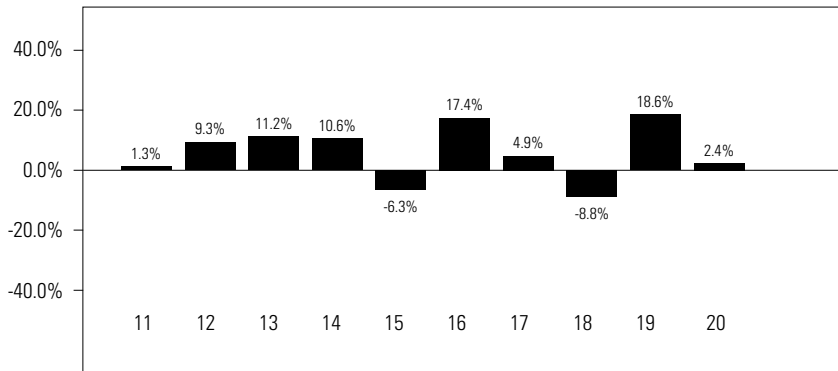


Class F Units



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

Class O Units



**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 benchmarks.

The Fund's primary benchmarks are the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index and the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index.

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

- 80% S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index
- 20% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years*	or	Since Inception*	Inception Date
Class A units	0.3%	1.4%	4.3%	3.6%			June 20, 2005
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	1.1%	4.0%	8.8%	6.1%			
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	8.7%	5.6%	4.2%	4.5%			
Blended Benchmark	2.9%	4.5%	8.0%	5.8%			
Class F units						10.1%	July 6, 2020
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index						13.3%	
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index						0.9%	
Blended Benchmark						10.7%	

## CIBC Dividend Income Fund

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years*	or	Since Inception*	Inception Date
Class O units	2.4%	3.5%	6.4%	5.7%			June 1, 2010
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	1.1%	4.0%	8.8%	6.1%			
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	8.7%	5.6%	4.2%	4.5%			
Blended Benchmark	2.9%	4.5%	8.0%	5.8%			

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

**FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index** is comprised of marketable Canadian bonds intended to reflect the performance of the broad Canadian investment-grade bond market. Returns are calculated daily and are weighted by market capitalization.

**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 primary benchmarks can be found in *Results of Operations*.

### 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	29.2	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	6.3
Other Equities	12.8	Royal Bank of Canada	4.6
Corporate Bonds	10.5	Enbridge Inc.	4.3
Industrials	10.4	Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Class 'A'	3.7
Energy	9.5	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	3.5
Materials	9.1	Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.	3.0
Other Bonds	8.5	Canadian National Railway Co.	2.8
Utilities	4.4	TELUS Corp.	2.4
Consumer Discretionary	3.9	Nutrien Ltd.	2.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.6	Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., Class 'B'	2.2
Forward & Spot Contracts	0.2	National Bank of Canada	1.9
Other Assets, less Liabilities	-0.1	Bank of Nova Scotia	1.8
		Restaurant Brands International Inc.	1.7
		Bank of Montreal	1.7
		Intact Financial Corp.	1.7
		Suncor Energy Inc.	1.7
		Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	1.6
		Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.6
		WSP Global Inc.	1.6
		Northland Power Inc.	1.6
		Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	1.5
		Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	1.5
		Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P.	1.4
		Magna International Inc.	1.4
		Barrick Gold Corp.	1.3

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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.

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