

## 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 Dividend Income Fund (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, 2024, 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. (*CAMI* or the *Portfolio 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 6% during the period, from \$210,481 as at December 31, 2023 to \$223,104 as at December 31, 2024. Positive investment performance was partially offset by net redemptions of \$21,466, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 16.5% for the period. The Fund's primary benchmarks, the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index and the FTSE Canada Universe Overall Bond Index (the *primary benchmarks*), returned 19.8% and 4.2%, 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.

The Bank of Canada (the *BoC*) and the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (the *Fed*) lowered interest rates multiple times over the period as inflation normalized. The Fed cut the federal funds rate by a total of 1.00% by the end of the year. The BoC made interest-rate cuts totalling 1.75% by the end of 2024.

Canadian equities performed well, with continued outperformance from companies benefiting from the growth of artificial intelligence (AI). The Canadian government announced plans to reduce the pace of immigration, resulting in lower growth outlooks for many large domestic companies. The price of gold strengthened, driven by the outlook for interest rates, uncertainty related to the direction of the global economy and rising geopolitical risk.

Both the Canadian and U.S. yield curves (the difference in yield between two-year and 30-year government bonds) steepened, moving from being inverted to being positive. Corporate bonds outperformed, reflecting strong demand and better-than-anticipated profitability. The Canadian bond market outperformed the U.S., partially as a result of weaker economic conditions in Canada, uncertain trade policies from the new U.S. Administration and higher risks of reaccelerating inflation in the U.S.

Within equities, stock selection in the consumer discretionary and consumer staples sectors, and underweight exposure to the materials sector, detracted from performance. Underweight holdings in Brookfield Corp., TC Energy Corp. and Waste Connections Inc. detracted from performance. Brookfield performed well, driven by an improving office real estate market. TC Energy benefitted from its successful spin-out and an improving growth outlook for natural gas power generation. Waste Connections saw continued growth in pricing.

Within fixed income, the largest individual detractors from the Fund's performance included Government of Canada (GoC) (2.75%, 2055/12/01), GoC (1.75%, 2053/12/01) and Province of Ontario (2.90%, 2046/12/02). All three long-term securities were affected by rising yields.

Within the Fund's equity portfolio, stock selection in the industrials, information technology and financials sectors contributed to performance. Overweight holdings in Broadcom Inc., Canadian Imperial

Bank of Commerce (*CIBC*) and Manulife Financial Corp. were among the largest individual contributors to performance. Broadcom's performance was driven by strong growth in AI and networking revenues. CIBC benefitted from solid and consistent earnings growth. Manulife Financial's share price rose in response to a reduction in risk in its long-term care portfolio.

In the Fund's fixed income component, an overweight allocation to corporate bonds contributed to performance. Security selection also contributed to performance, largely as a result of overweight exposure to high-yield bonds, hybrid securities, foreign sovereign debt, U.S. mortgage-backed securities (*MBS*) and private mortgages.

A holding in Enbridge Inc. (8.75%, 2084/01/15) contributed to performance as a result of its attractive yield. Another individual contributor to performance was Videotron Ltd. (4.50%, 2030/01/15) as the issuer was upgraded from high yield to investment grade.

A new equity holding in Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. was added to the Fund given a strong outlook for book value growth and an attractive valuation. The Hershey Company was added based on strong pricing power, its track record of innovation and an attractive valuation. The Portfolio Advisor participated in a new bond issue from Coastal GasLink Pipeline L.P. (5.19%, 2034/09/30), a strong investment-grade corporate bond issuer. The bonds offered a solid new issue concession and an attractive yield versus peers.

Existing equity holdings in Bank of Montreal and Enbridge Inc. were increased. The Portfolio Advisor believes Bank of Montreal has an attractive valuation relative to its growth prospects. Enbridge was increased for its attractive valuation and dividend yield. A fixed income holding in Royal Bank of Canada (5.10%, 2034/04/03) was increased, extending from credit maturing within one year in order to increase the Fund's yield.

An equity holding in Nutrien Ltd. was eliminated from the Fund amid concerns around slowing growth and additional supply. TC Energy was sold to fund other opportunities. In fixed income, the Portfolio Advisor eliminated US Foods Holding Corp. (4.75%, 2029/02/15), an expensive high-yield credit, and reinvested the proceeds in U.S. MBS to increase the Fund's credit quality at an equivalent yield.

The Fund's equity holding in The Toronto-Dominion Bank was reduced due to concerns related to operational challenges and an ongoing investigation in the U.S. Royal Bank of Canada and Broadcom were trimmed following strong share price performance. Fixed income holding Capital Power Corp. (5.82%, 2028/09/15) was trimmed in favour of Ventas Canada Finance Ltd. (5.10%, 2029/03/05) for a small term extension and upgrade in credit quality.

### **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.

The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain fund costs) in respect of the class of units of the Fund (except class O unit), which may include but are 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 Fund paying a fixed rate administration fee (plus applicable GST/HST) to the Manager with respect to those class of units. For class O units, no fixed administration fee will be charged. The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain Fund costs) allocated to Class O units of the Fund. The fixed administration fee payable by the Fund, may, in any particular period, exceed or be lower than the expenses we incur in providing such services to 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 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.

During the period, the Fund paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$15,961 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 Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class A Units

Inception date: June 20, 2005

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 8.61	\$ 8.68	\$ 9.63	\$ 8.43	\$ 8.92
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.28
Total expenses	(0.19)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.19)	(0.17)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.58	0.41	0.63	0.58	(0.09)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.64	(0.17)	(1.22)	1.00	(0.07)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 1.36	\$ 0.39	\$ (0.45)	\$ 1.68	\$ (0.05)
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 0.01
From dividends	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.11
From capital gains	0.13	0.23	–	0.23	–
Return of capital	0.20	0.10	0.33	0.15	0.36
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 9.52	\$ 8.61	\$ 8.68	\$ 9.63	\$ 8.43

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 121,445	\$ 104,995	\$ 107,975	\$ 115,550	\$ 98,478
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	12,754,066	12,189,636	12,443,778	11,996,745	11,687,236
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	2.02%	2.02%	2.01%	2.02%	2.02%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	2.02%	2.02%	2.01%	2.03%	2.04%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.04%	0.06%	0.05%	0.04%	0.07%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	55.80%	60.79%	44.65%	38.32%	58.16%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 9.52	\$ 8.61	\$ 8.68	\$ 9.63	\$ 8.43

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

Inception date: July 6, 2020

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 11.55	\$ 11.51	\$ 12.48	\$ 10.76	\$ 10.00 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.15
Total expenses	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.79	0.55	0.98	0.76	0.27
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.90	(0.17)	(2.78)	0.88	0.63
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 2.03	\$ 0.72	\$ (1.51)	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.00
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 0.01	\$ –
From dividends	0.34	0.33	0.29	0.20	–
From capital gains	0.27	0.33	–	0.36	–
Return of capital	–	–	0.19	–	0.24
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.24
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 12.97	\$ 11.55	\$ 11.51	\$ 12.48	\$ 10.76

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 12,667	\$ 10,429	\$ 10,377	\$ 329	\$ –
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	977,032	903,300	901,434	26,384	1
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	0.85%	0.85%	0.88%	0.93%	0.93%*
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	0.85%	0.85%	0.88%	0.93%	0.93%*
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.04%	0.06%	0.05%	0.04%	0.07%*
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	55.80%	60.79%	44.65%	38.32%	58.16%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 12.97	\$ 11.55	\$ 11.51	\$ 12.48	\$ 10.76

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

**Inception date: June 1, 2010**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 12.25	\$ 12.36	\$ 13.27	\$ 11.30	\$ 11.55
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.83	0.59	0.85	0.80	(0.13)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.98	(0.21)	(1.83)	1.39	0.02
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 2.28	\$ 0.85	\$ (0.55)	\$ 2.58	\$ 0.25
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04
From dividends	0.48	0.47	0.50	0.37	0.34
From capital gains	0.03	0.50	–	0.18	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	0.10
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.48
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 14.01	\$ 12.25	\$ 12.36	\$ 13.27	\$ 11.30

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 88,992	\$ 95,057	\$ 95,268	\$ 255,548	\$ 255,343
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	6,351,036	7,760,988	7,705,967	19,252,511	22,597,327
<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>	0.04%	0.06%	0.05%	0.04%	0.07%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	55.80%	60.79%	44.65%	38.32%	58.16%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 14.01	\$ 12.25	\$ 12.36	\$ 13.27	\$ 11.30

<sup>a</sup> Information presented is for the period from the inception date to December 31.

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

\* Ratio has been annualized.

<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.

<sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at December 31 of the period(s) 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. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds, where applicable.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<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 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. 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, 2024. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	51.44%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	48.56%	100.00%

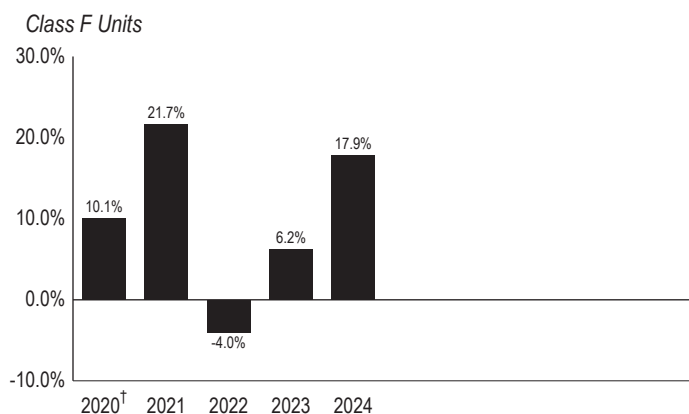
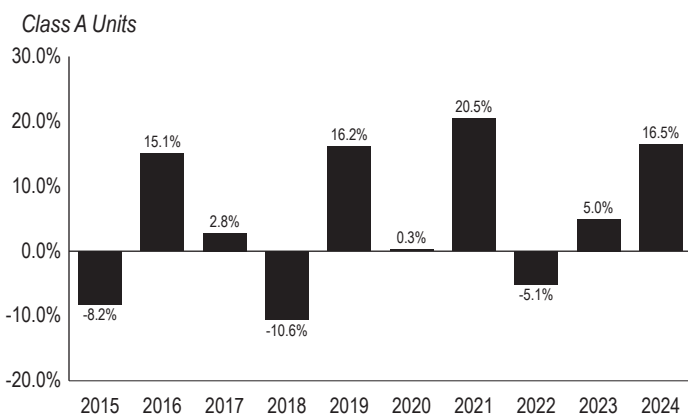
## Past Performance

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.

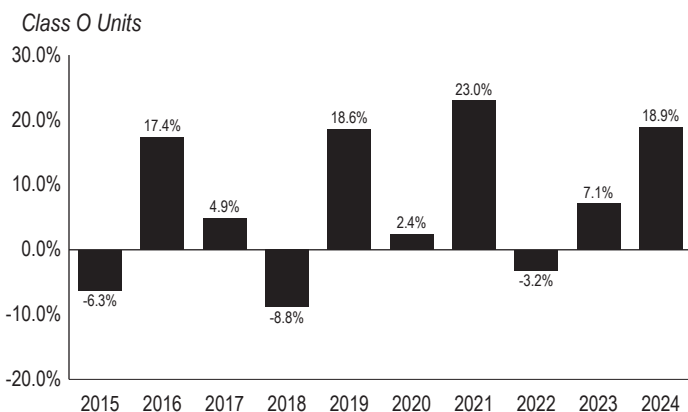
The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See the *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

## 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.



<sup>†</sup> 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 Composite Dividend Index and the FTSE Canada Universe Overall Bond Index.

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

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

<i>Class and Benchmark(s)</i>	<i>1 Year (%)</i>	<i>3 Years (%)</i>	<i>5 Years (%)</i>	<i>10 Years* (%)</i>	<i>or Since Inception* (%)</i>	<i>Inception Date</i>
Class A units	16.5	5.1	7.0	4.7		June 20, 2005
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	19.8	9.5	11.1	9.0		
FTSE Canada Universe Overall Bond Index	4.2	(0.6)	0.8	2.0		
Blended Benchmark	16.6	7.5	9.2	7.7		
Class F units	17.9	6.3			11.2	July 6, 2020
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	19.8	9.5			15.4	
FTSE Canada Universe Overall Bond Index	4.2	(0.6)			(0.8)	
Blended Benchmark	16.6	7.5			12.1	
Class O units	18.9	7.3	9.2	6.8		June 1, 2010
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	19.8	9.5	11.1	9.0		
FTSE Canada Universe Overall Bond Index	4.2	(0.6)	0.8	2.0		
Blended Benchmark	16.6	7.5	9.2	7.7		

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

**FTSE Canada Universe Overall 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 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](http://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. 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	29.3	Royal Bank of Canada	5.7
Other Equities	16.8	Enbridge Inc.	4.3
Energy	15.2	Bank of Montreal	4.3
Industrials	10.5	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	4.0
Corporate Bonds	7.5	Manulife Financial Corp.	3.6
Materials	6.4	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	3.4
Other Bonds	6.2	WSP Global Inc.	2.9
Provincial Government & Guaranteed Bonds	5.1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.6
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Canadian Bond Investment Funds	0.3	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	2.5
Other Assets, less Liabilities	0.2	Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	2.2
Forward & Spot Contracts	(0.1)	Intact Financial Corp.	2.2
		Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	2.1
		Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	1.8
		Granite REIT	1.8
		Brookfield Asset Management Ltd., Class 'A'	1.8
		Brookfield Corp., Class 'A'	1.7
		Restaurant Brands International Inc.	1.7
		Element Fleet Management Corp.	1.7
		Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	1.7
		TELUS Corp.	1.6
		RB Global Inc.	1.5
		Bank of Nova Scotia (The)	1.5
		TFI International Inc.	1.4
		Chartwell Retirement Residences	1.4

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