



## 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 U.S. Equity Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to provide long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio consisting primarily of equity securities of companies domiciled primarily in the United States.

Investment Strategies: The Fund focuses on companies that are perceived to have competitive advantages that will lead to sustained profitability and growth, and identifies companies with strong competitive positions that are trading at relatively attractive valuations.

#### Risk

The Fund is a U.S. equity fund that is suitable for long-term investors who can tolerate 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 sub-advisor is CIBC Private Wealth Advisors, Inc. (referred to as the *sub-advisor* or *CIBC Private Wealth Advisors*). 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 increased by 32% during the period, from \$718,673 as at December 31, 2019 to \$950,338 as at December 31, 2020. Net sales of \$88,984 and positive investment performance resulted in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 15.9% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P 500 Index (referred to as the *benchmark*), returned 16.3% 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.

The global economy and financial markets started 2020 off relatively strong, although measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 slowed economies around the world. In response, central banks and governments implemented massive monetary and fiscal stimulus

programs, including substantial asset purchases, to support their respective economies and financial markets.

The U.S. Federal Reserve Board (referred to as the *Fed*) reduced its central interest rate by 50 basis points (referred to as *bps*) and 100 bps at two meetings in March in response to the steep drop in economic activity. 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, which the Fed expects to be in 2023 or later. Equity prices fell steeply in March before rallying in response to the unprecedented stimulus programs, which kept global yields at historically low levels. In response, the price of gold reached record highs, and was supported by a weakening U.S. dollar.

Continued market optimism in the second half of the period supported further equity price gains, as well as a recovery in commodity prices. Despite a second wave of COVID-19 infections, this optimism was fuelled by hopes of economic re-openings and progress toward the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Other positive factors included the resolution of U.S. election uncertainty.

U.S. equity markets ended the period up substantially, having reached all-time highs during the period. While growth stocks outperformed value stocks over the period, positive vaccine news supported a shift toward value stocks in November.

The Fund's cash holding detracted from performance as U.S. equities posted strong gains after the March downturn. Stock selection in the information technology sector, particularly an overweight allocation to information technology services, also detracted from performance.

Individual detractors from performance included an underweight holding in Apple Inc., as the stock outperformed, and U.S. Bancorp. The bank operates predominantly in the midwest and western U.S., areas that were severely impacted by the pandemic.

Stock selection in the health care sector, including a moderate overweight exposure to health care services, contributed to the Fund's performance. Stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector also

contributed, particularly a slight overweight exposure to internet retail as online retailers benefited from pandemic-related lockdowns during the period.

Individual contributors to performance included Amazon.com Inc. and T-Mobile US Inc. Amazon.com's results exceeded expectations, and were supported by its business mix of subscription services, delivery, hosting, and music and video content. T-Mobile gained subscribers, and the regulatory approval of its merger with Sprint Corp. created a competitive provider in a consolidating industry.

The sub-advisor added new holdings in PNC Financial Services Group Inc., Roper Technologies Inc. and S&P Global Inc. to the Fund. PNC announced the acquisition of the U.S. operations of Spanish bank Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA, which will make PNC the fifth-largest U.S. bank and provide access to fast-growing markets in the southwest. Roper Technologies operates in niche markets, and the sub-advisor believes the company offers a scalable business model with strong returns, substantial recurring revenue and a favourable free cash flow profile. The sub-advisor expects S&P Global to benefit from the recently announced acquisition of IHS Markit Ltd. through further diversification of its base business, as well as strong cash generation and return of capital.

The Fund's existing holdings in The Blackstone Group L.P., NextEra Energy Inc. and Otis Worldwide Corp. were increased. The sub-advisor views Blackstone as a best-in-class asset management company and believes it will benefit from the trend to investing in alternative asset classes. The sub-advisor took advantage of share price weakness to add to the Fund's position in NextEra. The sub-advisor believes Otis Worldwide's revenues are defensive because elevator maintenance is not discretionary, and the company has achieved revenue growth through most economic environments, including during the 2008–2009 recession.

The sub-advisor eliminated the Fund's holdings in Capital One Financial Corp., Citigroup Inc., Kinder Morgan Inc. and Oracle Corp. The sub-advisor believes that new regulations may require Capital One to cut its dividend, and that Citigroup could face the challenge of softer loan demand. Kinder Morgan and Oracle were sold to fund investment in other opportunities.

The Fund's holdings in BlackRock Inc., QUALCOMM Inc., Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. and Amazon.com were trimmed after periods of strong performance. The Fund's holding in Comcast Corp. was reduced based on uncertainty about the company's media business, which represents almost a third of Comcast's earnings. The sub-advisor has concerns about the ability of Medtronic PLC's management to accelerate growth, and trimmed the Fund's holding in the company in response to those concerns.

The Fund's lower portfolio turnover rate reflects the Fund's expected level of activity. The higher portfolio turnover rate during the previous period was a result of the Fund's portfolio sub-advisor change to the current sub-advisor.

### 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 (referred to as the *Portfolio Advisor*).

#### Portfolio Sub-Advisor

The manager has retained CIBC Private Wealth Advisors, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, to provide investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund. A portion of the portfolio advisory fees CAMI receives from the Manager will be paid to CIBC Private Wealth Advisors.

#### 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 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 (including CIBC Private Wealth 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 (including CIBC Private Wealth 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.

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

During the period, the Fund did not pay any brokerage commissions or other fees to CIBC WM or 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 fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions initiated by CAMI as the Portfolio Advisor 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 by CAMI 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>	\$ 19.52	\$ 18.52	\$ 21.34	\$ 18.43	\$ 19.34
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.18
Total expenses	(0.42)	(0.43)	(0.46)	(0.40)	(0.37)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.42	4.24	3.93	1.03	2.16
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.68	0.46	(2.93)	2.03	(2.26)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 2.99	\$ 4.55	\$ 0.78	\$ 2.86	\$ (0.29)
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	3.57	3.54	—	0.74
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ —	\$ 3.57	\$ 3.54	\$ —	\$ 0.74
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 22.62	\$ 19.52	\$ 18.52	\$ 21.34	\$ 18.43

<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>	\$ 149,838	\$ 134,933	\$ 114,727	\$ 104,947	\$ 92,403
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	6,623,260	6,912,184	6,195,651	4,917,275	5,013,305
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	1.84%	1.84%	1.84%	1.84%	1.84%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	2.07%	2.08%	2.09%	2.11%	2.13%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	27.41%	88.54%	92.19%	43.21%	61.61%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 22.62	\$ 19.52	\$ 18.52	\$ 21.34	\$ 18.43

<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 U.S. Equity 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	\$ 0.04
Total expenses	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.30
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.78
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1.08</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ —
From dividends	—
From capital gains	—
Return of capital	—
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ —</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 11.08</b>

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

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

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<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>	2
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	0.74%*
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	0.92%*
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.02%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	27.41%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 11.08

<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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*CIBC U.S. Equity 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>	\$ 23.43	\$ 22.12	\$ 25.47	\$ 22.47	\$ 25.04
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.23
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.56	4.96	4.90	1.26	2.84
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	3.62	0.83	(3.33)	2.61	(2.61)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 4.48	\$ 6.07	\$ 1.80	\$ 4.08	\$ 0.42
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.14
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	4.44	4.46	0.88	2.68
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.26	\$ 4.67	\$ 4.66	\$ 1.04	\$ 2.82
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 27.39	\$ 23.43	\$ 22.12	\$ 25.47	\$ 22.47

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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>	\$ 800,500	\$ 583,740	\$ 485,367	\$ 473,617	\$ 413,618
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	29,227,873	24,916,381	21,939,172	18,597,058	18,409,115
<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>	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
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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, trailing commissions, and the fees of the portfolio sub-advisor(s) 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	49.85%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	50.15%	100.00%

## Past Performance

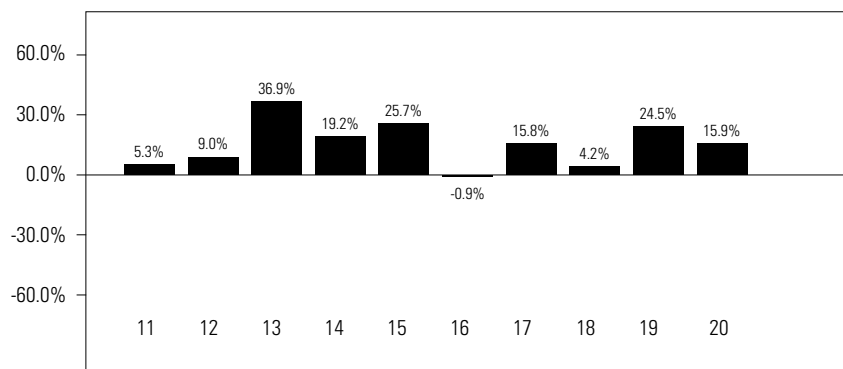
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

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

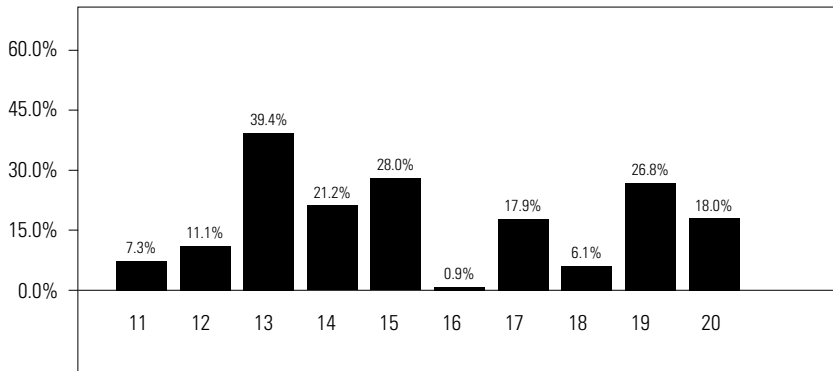


Class F Units



<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 benchmark is the S&P 500 Index.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years*	or	Since Inception*	Inception Date
Class A units	15.9%	14.6%	11.5%	15.1%			September 29, 2006
S&P 500 Index	16.3%	14.8%	13.2%	16.8%			
Class F units						10.8%	July 6, 2020
S&P 500 Index						13.6%	
Class O units	18.0%	16.7%	13.6%	17.2%			June 1, 2010
S&P 500 Index	16.3%	14.8%	13.2%	16.8%			

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

**S&P 500 Index** is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks, designed to measure performance of the broad U.S. economy representing all major industries.

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



*CIBC U.S. Equity 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.

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>	<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Information Technology	26.4	Amazon.com Inc.	6.6
Health Care	16.8	Microsoft Corp.	5.8
Financials	12.5	Alphabet Inc., Class 'A'	4.7
Consumer Discretionary	12.1	Apple Inc.	3.7
Communication Services	9.0	Visa Inc., Class 'A'	3.0
Industrials	8.9	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	2.8
Utilities	3.6	Cash	2.7
Materials	3.1	Honeywell International Inc.	2.3
Consumer Staples	3.1	Johnson & Johnson	2.2
Cash	2.7	T-Mobile US Inc.	2.2
Other Equities	2.3	Charles Schwab Corp. (The)	2.1
Other Assets, less Liabilities	-0.5	QUALCOMM Inc.	2.1
		JPMorgan Chase & Co.	2.0
		Fidelity National Information Services Inc.	1.9
		Danaher Corp.	1.9
		Cisco Systems Inc.	1.9
		Adobe Inc.	1.8
		Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	1.7
		Home Depot Inc. (The)	1.7
		Fiserv Inc.	1.7
		Blackstone Group Inc. (The), Class 'A'	1.7
		Abbott Laboratories	1.7
		Intercontinental Exchange Inc.	1.7
		Linde PLC	1.7
		TJX Cos. Inc. (The)	1.6

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