

# CIBC U.S. Small Companies Fund

# **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the financial year ended December 31, 2016

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. Small Companies Fund (the *Fund*) seeks to provide long-term growth through capital appreciation by investing primarily in smaller U.S. companies, including equity securities of publicly traded companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges.

Investment Strategies: The Fund invests primarily in securities of companies that are judged to be undervalued based on fundamental research, which focuses on identifying discrepancies between a security's intrinsic value and its observed market price.

### Risk

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

For the period ended December 31, 2016, the Fund's overall level of risk remains as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

# **Results of Operations**

The portfolio sub-advisor of the Fund is The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC (the *sub-advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended December 31, 2016. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 7% during the period, from \$40,599 as at December 31, 2015 to \$43,545 as at December 31, 2016. Positive investment performance was partially offset by net redemptions of \$1,866, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 13.4% for the period. The Fund's benchmarks are the Russell 2500 Index and the S&P 500 Index (the *benchmarks*), which returned 13.5% and 8.1%, respectively, for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmarks. See *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

Global equity markets were broadly positive in 2016 despite increased volatility stemming from political and policy shifts. European equity markets broadly declined over the period as a result of the U.K. vote to exit the European Union (*Brexit*), while the U.S. and emerging markets rebounded.

U.S. economic data was mixed in the first half of the year, but gross domestic product growth was 2.9% in the third quarter, its highest level in two years. In December, for the first time since 2015, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board raised the range of the federal funds rate by 25 basis points from 0.50% to 0.75%, citing increased inflation expectations and near full employment. Although the U.S. presidential election campaign contributed to increased market volatility, the unexpected result led to higher equity markets as investors appeared to expect the President's policies to increase inflation. The U.S. dollar ended the year higher, after a significant post-election increase.

The Fund's exposure to the health care sector detracted from performance, primarily as a result of stock selection in the health care provider, pharmaceuticals and health care equipment segments. Holdings in the consumer discretionary and utilities sectors also detracted from performance.

Individual detractors included Adeptus Health Inc., Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co. and HeartWare International Inc. Concerns about Adeptus's financial execution led to the company's sharp share price decline. Management did not capitalize on an addressable market opportunity, prompting the sub-advisor to eventually eliminate the holding. Houghton Mifflin had difficulty forecasting accurately and issued a series of lower billings guidance, after which the Fund's holding in the company was reduced. HeartWare halted the trial of its next-generation heart pumps early in the period and was sold from the Fund.

The Fund's overweight exposure to and stock selection in the information technology sector contributed to performance. Nearly all industries in the sector delivered positive returns, led by the electronic equipment instrument and components segment, in which almost all holdings delivered double-digit returns. Stock selection in the materials

sector also contributed, including overweight exposures to the metals and mining and chemicals segments. The financials sector contributed as a result of holdings in the consumer finance and diversified financial services segments.

Individual contributors to performance included SLM Corp., Yamana Gold Inc. and GW Pharmaceuticals PLC. Student loan provider SLM increased loan origination volume throughout the year, and has benefited from rising interest rates and rate expectations. Gold miner Yamana's share price increased in response to higher gold prices and increased cost discipline. GW Pharma released positive results from a Phase 3 trial of its key epilepsy drug, Epidiolex, early in the period, and made subsequent progress towards commercialization.

The sub-advisor added methanol producer Methanex Corp. to the Fund at a time when the environment for commodities was challenging. As methanol prices and demand recover over the next one to three years, the sub-advisor expects the stock to perform well.

The sub-advisor increased the Fund's existing holding in SLM, which focuses on private college student loans. With strong credit performance in this highly attractive niche market, the sub-advisor expects robust earnings growth from SLM in 2017.

The Fund's holding in Realogy Holding Corp., the largest U.S. residential real estate broker, held since mid-2014, was eliminated. The company's sales, earnings and cash flow stopped meeting the sub-advisor's expectations, and the company appeared to be losing market share.

The sub-advisor reduced the Fund's holding in Universal Display Corp. after its stock price rose in response to new customers using the company's organic light-emitting diode technology in smartphones, watches and TVs. Proceeds were used to invest in new opportunities in semiconductors and communication equipment.

# **Recent Developments**

Effective September 6, 2016, the maximum annual management fee was reduced from 2.25% to 2.00% and the maximum annual trailing commission was reduced from 1.25% to 1.00% for Class A units of the Fund.

Effective April 27, 2016, the composition of the Independent Review Committee (*IRC*) changed. John Crow resigned his position as member and Chair. Marcia Lewis Brown was appointed as member and Don Hunter was appointed as Chair.

# **Related Party Transactions**

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (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 Manager of the Fund. CIBC receives management fees with respect to the day-to-day business and operations of the Fund, 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 also compensates its wholesalers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Fund. From time to time, CIBC may provide seed capital to the Fund.

#### Trustee

CIBC Trust Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the trustee (the *Trustee*) of the Fund. The Trustee holds title to the property (cash and securities) of the Fund 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 portfolio advisor (the *Portfolio Advisor*) of the Fund.

# 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 ISI), the CIBC Imperial Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (CIBC WM). CIBC SI, CIBC ISI, and CIBC WM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIBC.

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

#### Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars

The Portfolio Advisor and any portfolio sub-advisors make decisions, including the selection of markets and dealers and the negotiation of commissions, with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, certain derivative products and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by the Portfolio Advisor and any portfolio sub-advisors, to CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., each a subsidiary of CIBC. CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp. may also earn spreads on the sale of fixed income and other securities and certain derivative products to the Fund. A spread is the difference between the bid and ask prices for a security in the applicable marketplace, with respect to the execution of portfolio transactions. The spread will differ based upon various factors such as the type and liquidity of the security.

Dealers, including CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., may furnish goods and services, other than order execution, to the Portfolio Advisor and any portfolio sub-advisors, in partial exchange for processing trades through them (referred to in the industry as "soft dollar" arrangements). These goods and services are paid for with a portion of the brokerage commissions and assist the Portfolio Advisor and any portfolio sub-advisors, with investment decision-making services for the Fund or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund. As per the terms of the portfolio

sub-advisory agreements, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws.

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 (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 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 (a Related Dealer) acts as an underwriter during the offering of the securities 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; and
- purchase securities from or sell securities to another investment fund or a managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager.

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 conditions of its approval.

# Custodian

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund (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 (*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 Unit1 - Class A Units

2016		2015		2014		2013		2012	
\$ 21.22	\$	19.33	\$	17.26	\$	11.45	\$	10.04	
\$ 0.27	\$	0.41	\$	0.29	\$	0.11	\$	0.11	
(0.65)		(0.64)		(0.67)		(0.45)		(0.30)	
1.31		3.93		5.01		3.24		0.88	
1.72		(1.73)		(2.72)		2.84		0.74	
\$ 2.65	\$	1.97	\$	1.91	\$	5.74	\$	1.43	
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This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The Fund adopted International Financial Reporting Standards (*IFRS*) on January 1, 2014. Previously, the Fund prepared its financial statements in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (*GAAP*) as defined in Part V of the CPA Canada Handbook. Under Canadian GAAP, the Fund measured fair values of its investments in accordance with CICA Handbook Section 3855 which required the use of bid prices for long positions and ask prices for short positions. As such, the net assets per unit figure presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. An explanation of these differences can be found in the notes to the financial statements issued prior to January 1, 2014. Upon adoption of IFRS, the Fund measures the fair value of its investments by using the close market prices, where the close market price falls within the bid-ask spread. As such, the Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments in the financial statements are consistent with those used in measuring the net asset value for transactions with unitholders. Accordingly, the opening net asset figure as at January 1, 2013 was restated to reflect accounting policy adjustments made in accordance with IFRS. All figures presented for periods prior to January 1, 2013 were prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP and subsequent thereto were prepared in accordance with IFRS.

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units**

	2016	2015	2014	2014	2012	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$ 43,545	\$ 40,599	\$ 40,964	\$ 43,074	\$ 27,436	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	1,809,339	1,912,834	2,118,898	2,496,160	2,395,469	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	2.73%	2.80%	2.80%	2.80%	2.79%	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	3.46%	3.47%	3.40%	3.55%	3.94%	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.21%	0.14%	0.19%	0.20%	0.24%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	103.77%	75.12%	178.32%	100.03%	102.59%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 24.07	\$ 21.22	\$ 19.33	\$ 17.26	\$ 11.45	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at December 31 of the period(s) shown.

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

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>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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. The trading expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds.

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.

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

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	2016	2015ª				
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 25.33	\$ 24.22 <sup>b</sup>				
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.24	\$ _				
Total expenses	(0.07)	_				
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.58	1.06				
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	2.25	_				
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.06				
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ _	\$ _				
From dividends	_	_				
From capital gains	-	_				
Return of capital	-	_				
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ -	\$ -				
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 29.33	\$ 25.33				
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- <sup>a</sup> Information presented is for the period from October 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
- <sup>b</sup> Represents the price on the first day in the period in which the class became active.
- <sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.
- 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 O Units**

	2016	2015ª	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$ -	\$ -	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	1	1	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.00%	0.00%*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.12%*	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.21%	0.14%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	103.77%	75.12%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 29.33	\$ 25.33	

- <sup>a</sup> Information presented is for the period from October 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
- \* Ratio has been annualized.
- <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 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.
- 7 The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs before income taxes expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the trading expense ratio calculation. The trading expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds.
- 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.

# **Management Fees**

The Fund, either directly or indirectly, pays an annual management fee to CIBC to cover the costs of managing the Fund. Management fees are based on the net asset value of the Fund 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 maximum 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 A 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, 2016. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	26.11%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	73.89%

#### **Past Performance**

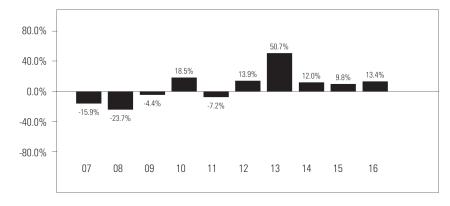
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

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 section entitled *Financial Highlights* 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 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, 2016. The annual compound total return is also compared to the Fund's benchmark(s).

The Fund's benchmarks are the Russell 2500 Index and the S&P 500 Index.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years*	or	Since Inception*	Inception Date
Class A units	13.4%	11.7%	19.1%	4.9%			December 11, 1995
Russell 2500 Index	13.5%	14.7%	20.5%	9.0%			
S&P 500 Index	8.1%	17.7%	21.2%	8.5%			
Class O units	15.8%					17.8%	October 30, 2015
Russell 2500 Index	13.5%					15.3%	
S&P 500 Index	8.1%					11.6%	

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

**Russell 2500 Index** is intended to represent the U.S. small- to mid-capitalization equity market. It measures the performance of the 2,500 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

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

# Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at December 31, 2016)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting www.cibc.com/mutualfunds. The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. For funds with fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown.

Value
26.0
24.5
16.2
13.9
7.3
5.7
2.2
2.0
1.5
0.6
0.1

	% of Net Asset
Top Positions	Value
Mosaic Co. (The)	4.2
SLM Corp.	4.0
Leucadia National Corp.	3.4
Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc., Class 'A'	3.0
Nexstar Broadcasting Group Inc., Class 'A'	2.9
Ciena Corp.	2.8
KeyCorp	2.8
SVB Financial Group	2.7
TherapeuticsMD Inc.	2.6
Square Inc., Class 'A'	2.6
Methanex Corp.	2.5
Lithia Motors Inc., Class 'A'	2.5
Viavi Solutions Inc.	2.4
Avis Budget Group Inc.	2.3
TrueBlue Inc.	2.2
Office Depot Inc.	2.2
Methode Electronics Inc.	2.2
Teradyne Inc.	2.2
Huntington Bancshares Inc.	2.0
Cavium Inc.	2.0
Cash	2.0
Banner Corp.	1.9
HD Supply Holdings Inc.	1.8
Snap-On Inc.	1.8
Visteon Corp.	1.8



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