# **Interim Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the period ended June 30, 2024

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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#### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### **Results of Operations**

CIBC Emerging Markets Fund's (the *Fund*) portfolio sub-advisor is Victory Capital Management Inc. (the *Sub-Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the sixmonth period ended June 30, 2024. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 11% during the period, from \$845,484 as at December 31, 2023 to \$937,023 as at June 30, 2024. Positive investment performance was partially offset by net redemptions of \$28,372, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 12.6% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (the *benchmark*), returned 11.7% 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.

Despite elevated inflation and restrictive global monetary conditions, emerging market economies were generally resilient during the period as a result of low debt, high savings levels and a rapid shift by central banks toward raising interest rates.

As companies sought to reduce risk in their supply chains, emerging markets benefited from the trend to work with suppliers in countries other than China.

Conflicts between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East, as well as tensions between China and the US, contributed to elevated geopolitical concerns.

In China, deflationary pressures persisted. Consumer and business confidence remained depressed, and the labour and housing markets were weak.

Stock selection in the financials and industrials sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. Stock selection in China also contributed to performance, although the Fund had underweight exposure to the country given the Sub-Advisor's cautious outlook regarding government policy and overall growth. Individual contributors to performance included Hyundai Electric & Energy Systems Co. Ltd., Fortune Electric Co. Ltd. and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (*TSMC*). Hyundai Electric's share price rose in response to better-than-expected revenue, operating profit and margins, driven by higher export contribution, product mix gains and favourable foreign exchange rates. The company was also added to the KOSPI Large Sized Index and the MSCI Korea Index, further supporting its share price.

Fortune Electric reported strong sales growth in the fourth quarter of 2023, benefiting from infrastructure replacement demand in the US, lower shipping costs and raw material prices, and constrained industry capacity. The Sub-Advisor expects the company to grow in response to increasing demand for green and conventional electricity. Shares of TSMC rose as the semiconductor cycle appeared to improve.

Overweight exposure to Brazil detracted from the Fund's performance, as the Brazilian market and currency faced negative investor sentiment despite improving economic data. Stock selection in the real estate sector, particularly in Latin America, detracted from performance as interest rates remained high. Stock selection in and underweight exposure to the information technology sector also detracted from performance as the sector generated strong gains throughout the period.

Individual detractors from performance included LG Chem Ltd. Shares of LG Chem lost momentum in response to slow electric vehicle adoption in the US and poor cost competitiveness in the petrochemicals business.

The Sub-Advisor added new holdings in SK Hynix Inc., Meituan, LOTES Co. Ltd. and Hero MotoCorp Ltd. to the Fund. SK Hynix is the market leader in the high-bandwidth-memory semiconductors used in artificial intelligence (AI) servers, and the Sub-Advisor expects operating and net profits to increase substantially over the next two years. The Sub-Advisor believes Meituan's share price may increase in response to reduced competition, new growth drivers and improved profitability.

LOTES has a strong balance sheet, and the Sub-Advisor expects earnings growth to be driven by server and desktop platform upgrades as well as AI sales. Despite lower volumes following increased regulatory safety costs and then the COVID-19 pandemic, Hero improved its earnings per motorcycle. The Sub-Advisor believes this could lead to strong operating leverage if volumes continue to grow in the coming years.

The Fund's existing holding in TSMC was increased. The Sub-Advisor expects the company to continue to outpace its peers in a sector that is key for AI applications.

The Sub-Advisor sold the Fund's holdings in Vale SA, NetEase Inc., National Bank of Greece SA, BYD Co. Ltd. and LG Chem. Vale's share price has been negatively affected by political concerns, as well as lower iron ore prices. NetEase faced the possibility of a further slowdown in legacy games due to competition and weak macroeconomic conditions in the Chinese market, and the company's fourth-quarter revenue and net profit were lower than expected.

National Bank of Greece was sold to take profits, based on its valuation. BYD was sold in response to challenging pricing dynamics, as price cuts on certain models suggested weaker demand. The Fund's holding in LG Chem was sold in response to slow electric vehicle adoption in the US and poor cost competitiveness in the petrochemicals business.

The Fund's holding in Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. was decreased in response to slowing growth in its Chinese e-commerce business, due to competitive pressures, and in its Ali cloud division. The Sub-Advisor expects margins to be supported by cost savings from several other loss-making business lines.

# **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 ISI*), 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 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.

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 (*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

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company Inc. (*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, in return for receiving a fixed administration fee from the Fund. 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 June 30, 2024 and December 31 of any other period(s) shown.

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

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Class	A Units	6				Ince	ption date: D	ecemb	er 11, 1995
		2024	2023	2022	2021		2020		2019
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	14.64	\$ 13.61	\$ 16.49	\$ 19.02	\$	17.24	\$	15.08
Increase (decrease) from operations:									
Total revenue	\$	0.25	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.48	\$	0.33	\$	0.55
Total expenses		(0.31)	(0.51)	(0.47)	(0.73)		(0.56)		(0.57)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.14	(0.23)	(1.09)	1.91		(0.29)		0.04
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		1.76	`1.36 <sup>´</sup>	(1.93)	(2.94)		2.17		2.10
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	1.84	\$ 1.05	\$ (2.98)	\$ (1.28)	\$	1.65	\$	2.12
Distributions:									
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
From dividends		-	-	-	-		-		-
From capital gains		-	-	-	1.26		-		-
Return of capital		-	-	-	_		_		-
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.26	\$	-	\$	-
Net Assets, end of period	\$	16.49	\$ 14.64	\$ 13.61	\$ 16.49	\$	19.02	\$	17.24

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

2024         2023         2022         2021         2020           Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup> \$ 16,687         \$ 16,608         \$ 17,620         \$ 26,117         \$ 28,655           Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup> 1,012,248         1,134,748         1,294,358         1,583,860         1,506,532           Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> 2.79%         2.80%         2.80%         2.82%         2.79%           Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup> 2.80%         2.95%         3.21%         3.31%           Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> 0.32%*         0.29%         0.37%         0.44%         0.49%	2019 \$ 28,842 1,672,740
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Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> 0.32% <sup>*</sup> 0.29%         0.37%         0.44%         0.49%	3.40%
	0.53%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> 39.06%         69.47%         79.61%         116.94%         92.43%	86.86%
Net Asset Value per Unit         \$         16.49         \$         14.64         \$         13.61         \$         16.49         \$         19.02	\$ 17.24

#### 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>
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 8.70	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.81	\$ 11.42	\$ 10.00 <sup>b</sup>
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.05
Total expenses	(0.14)	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.14)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.09	(0.14)	(0.61)	(0.16)	_
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.05	0.80	(0.79)	(1.25)	1.47
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1.16	\$ 0.71	\$ (1.25)	\$ (1.42)	\$ 1.43
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.19	\$ -
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	0.84	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	_	-
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ -	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.09	\$ 1.03	\$ -
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 9.86	\$ 8.70	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.81	\$ 11.42

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

2024		2023		2022		2021		2020 <sup>a</sup>
\$ 2,839	\$	2,446	\$	2,397	\$	108	\$	-
288,136		281,153		295,975		10,935		1
1.64%*		1.64%		1.70%		1.70%		1.69%*
1.64%*		1.64%		1.70%		1.75%		1.69%*
0.32%*		0.29%		0.37%		0.44%		0.49%*
39.06%		69.47%		79.61%		116.94%		92.43%
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	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019
\$	11.65	\$	10.85	\$	13.10	\$	15.03	\$	13.42	\$	11.65
\$	0.22	\$	0.36	\$	0.45	\$	0.39	\$	0.28	\$	0.45
	(0.09)		(0.10)		(0.08)		(0.15)		(0.10)		(0.11)
	0.12		(0.19)		(0.83)		1.36		(0.22)		0.06
	1.41		1.10		(1.09)		(2.30)		2.36		1.82
\$	1.66	\$	1.17	\$	(1.55)	\$	(0.70)	\$	2.32	\$	2.22
\$	-	\$	0.34	\$	0.27	\$	0.30	\$	0.19	\$	0.27
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#### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O Units

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\$	917,497	¢									
	,	Ф	826,430	\$	777,675	\$	594,804	\$	543,118	\$	285,621
	68,951,685		70,933,817		71,643,909		45,409,736		36,142,051		21,285,672
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	0.32%*		0.29%		0.37%		0.44%		0.49%		0.53%
	39.06%		69.47%		79.61%		116.94%		92.43%		86.86%
\$	13.31	\$	11.65	\$	10.85	\$	13.10	\$	15.03	\$	13.42
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<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 and unaudited interim 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 June 30, 2024 and 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 is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving management 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 June 30, 2024. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	32.02%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	67.98%	100.00%

Incention date: June 1, 2010

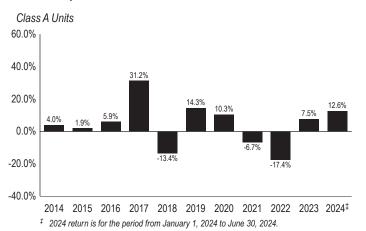
#### **Past Performance**

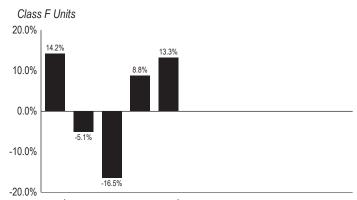
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

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.

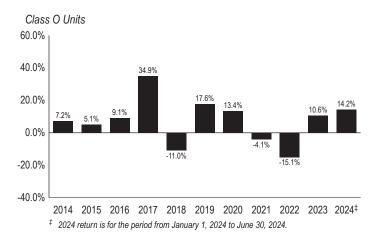




2020† 2021 2022 2023 2024‡

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

<sup>‡</sup> 2024 return is for the period from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.



#### Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at June 30, 2024)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting <u>www.cibc.com/mutualfunds</u>. 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.

	% of Net Asset		% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value	Top Positions	Value
China	24.0	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	9.7
Taiwan	16.8	Tencent Holdings Ltd.	5.4
India	16.1	Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	5.3
South Korea	15.4	ICICI Bank Ltd., ADR	2.9
Other Equities	12.1	SK Hynix Inc.	2.3
Brazil	5.0	PDD Holdings Inc., ADR	2.0
Saudi Arabia	2.5	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Class 'H'	1.8
Turkey	2.5	Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.	1.6
Mexico	2.3	Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.5
Hong Kong	2.2	Power Grid Corp. of India Ltd.	1.4
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.5	Meituan, Class 'B'	1.4
Other Assets, less Liabilities	(0.4)	PT Bank Mandiri (Persero) TBK	1.4
·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR	1.3
		Manappuram Finance Ltd.	1.2
		LOTES Co. Ltd.	1.2
		Tata Steel Ltd.	1.1
		Shandong Nanshan Aluminum Co. Ltd.	1.1
		PetroChina Co. Ltd., Class 'H'	1.1
		DB Insurance Co. Ltd.	1.1
		Nedbank Group Ltd.	1.1
		Larsen & Toubro Ltd.	1.1
		Ultra Tech Cement Ltd.	1.1
		Hero MotoCorp Ltd.	1.0
		Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd.	1.0

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#### A note on forward-looking statements

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