

## Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

for the period ended February 28, 2026

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Results of Operations

CIBC Asset Management Inc. (*CAMI*, the *Manager*, or *Portfolio Advisor*) is the portfolio advisor of CIBC Graduation Portfolio (the *Portfolio*). The Portfolio invests primarily in diversified mix of mutual funds and/or exchange-traded funds (the *Underlying Funds*), which can be found in the Top Positions table of the Summary of Investment Portfolio.

The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the six-month period ended February 28, 2026. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

Since the Portfolio's inception on May 9, 2025 the net asset value increased from \$538 as at August 31, 2025 to \$2,224 as at February 28, 2026.

Bond markets experienced volatility over the period, driven by trade policy uncertainty. By the end of 2025, risk assets stabilized as investor concerns over tariffs and inflation subsided.

The Bank of Canada shifted toward monetary easing in 2025, cutting its policy interest rate to 2.25% by year-end. The U.S. Federal Reserve Board implemented a series of interest rate cuts in late 2025, lowering the federal funds rate to a range of 3.50%–3.75% by December.

Fiscal spending concerns pushed longer-term bond yields higher, while central bank policy interest rate cuts pulled shorter-term yields lower, causing government yield curves to steepen. Corporate bonds outperformed government bonds as credit spreads narrowed, reflecting strong demand for risk assets and better-than-anticipated corporate profitability and credit fundamentals. More recently, credit spreads widened in February 2026 amid concerns over artificial intelligence disintermediation, rising geopolitical risk and stretched valuations.

Global fixed income markets were shaped by divergent central bank policies. The Bank of England reduced its policy interest rate, while the European Central Bank held its policy interest rates steady. The Bank of Japan raised its policy interest rate to its highest level since 1995. Investment-grade credit spreads widened amid elevated bond supply and interest-rate volatility, although this was broadly offset by resilient fundamentals and strong demand. Geopolitical tensions across several regions added to risk-off sentiment in early 2026.

#### Recent Developments

Effective April 27, 2026, Barry Pollock is appointed Chair of the Independent Review Committee (IRC), and Ursula Holmsten is appointed as a member of the IRC, succeeding Marcia Lewis Brown who is retiring from the Committee.

The level of geopolitical risk disrupted the global economy and financial markets in unprecedented and unpredictable ways. Newly implemented and proposed tariffs, by the U.S., and any potential counter-measures, are expected to have negative impacts on supply chains, inflation and economic activity, further amplifying ongoing U.S., Canada, and Mexico trade issues that existed prior to the tariff developments, and may have further negative impacts on the Canadian and global economy, and on financial markets. These events could exacerbate other preexisting political, social and economic risks and cause substantial market 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. These factors may adversely affect the Portfolio's performance. The Manager continues to monitor ongoing developments and the impact to investment strategies.

#### Related Party Transactions

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (*CIBC*) and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Portfolio, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

#### *Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor of the Portfolio*

*CAMI*, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Portfolio's Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor. As Manager, *CAMI* receives management fees with respect to the Portfolio's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the net asset value of each respective series of units of the Portfolio as described in *Management Fees*.

The Manager pays the Portfolio's operating expenses (other than certain fund costs) in respect of the series of units of the Portfolio, 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 Portfolio paying a fixed rate administration fee (plus applicable GST/HST) to the Manager with respect to those series of units. The fixed administration fee payable by the Portfolio, may, in any particular period, exceed or be lower than the expenses we incur in providing such services to the Portfolio.

As Trustee, CAMI holds title to the Portfolio's property (cash and securities) on behalf of its unitholders. As Portfolio Advisor, CAMI provides, or arranges to provide investment advice and portfolio management services to the Portfolio. CAMI also compensates dealers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Portfolio. From time to time, CAMI may invest in units of the Portfolio.

#### *Distributor*

Dealers and other firms sell units of the Portfolio to investors. These dealers and other firms may include CAMI's related dealers such as the CIBC Securities Inc. (*CIBC SI*), CIBC Investor's Edge, the 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.

Series F units of the Portfolio are available for purchase, subject to certain minimum investment requirements, to investors participating in programs such as clients of "fee-for-service" investment advisors, dealer-sponsored "wrap accounts", and others who pay an annual fee to their dealer. Series A units of the Portfolio are available to all investors on a front-end load basis and may be purchased through dealers and other firms, including CAMI's related dealers such as the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (*CIBC ISI*), the CIBC Imperial Service division of CIBC ISI, and CIBC World Markets Inc. (*CIBC WM*). CIBC ISI and CIBC WM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIBC. CAMI may pay sales commissions and trailing commissions to the dealers in connection with the sale of units of the Portfolio. These dealers and other firms may pay a portion of these sales commissions and trailing commissions to their advisors who sell units of the Portfolio 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, other securities, and certain derivative products to the Portfolio. 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 nature 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 when they process trades through them. These types of goods and services for which the Portfolio Advisor may direct brokerage commissions are research goods and services and order execution goods and services, and are referred to in the industry as "soft-dollar" arrangements. These goods and services received through soft dollar

arrangements assist the Portfolio Advisor with investment decision-making services for the Portfolio, or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Portfolio. As per the terms of the portfolio advisory agreement, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws.

During the period, the Portfolio 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.

#### *Portfolio Transactions*

The Portfolio may enter into one or more of the following transactions (the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the Independent Review Committee (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;
- purchase securities, including debt securities issued by an issuer that is not a reporting issuer in any of the provinces and territories of Canada, for which CIBC World Markets Inc., CIBC World Markets Corp., or any affiliate of CIBC (a *Related Dealer* or the *Related Dealers*) acts as an underwriter during the offering of such securities, or at any time during the 60-day period following the completion of the offering of such securities in accordance with certain conditions;
- 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 party is the counterparty;
- purchase securities from or sell securities to another investment fund or a managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate (*inter-fund trades* or *cross-trades*); 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 of the Portfolio, 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 to or reported to it by the Manager, if it determines that an investment decision was not made in accordance with conditions imposed by securities legislation or the IRC in any Related Party Transactions requiring its approval.

#### *Custodian*

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Portfolio (the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds cash and securities for the Portfolio 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 Portfolio including record-keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. The fees and spreads for

the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager in exchange for the Portfolio charging a Fixed Administration Fee. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

*Service Provider*

The Custodian also provides certain services to the Portfolio, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. The Manager receives fixed administration fee from the Portfolio, 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 the Custodian. Where applicable, securities lending fees are applied against the revenue received by the Portfolio.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Portfolio and are intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the period ended February 28, 2026 and August 31 of any other period(s) shown.

### The Portfolio's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> (\$) - Series A Units

Inception date: July 7, 2025

	2026	2025 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	10.00	10.00 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	0.20	0.08
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	–	–
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.07	0.02
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	0.22	0.08
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	0.15	0.05
From dividends	–	–
From capital gains	–	–
Return of capital	–	–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	0.15	0.05
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	10.10	10.00

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series A Units

	2026	2025 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (\$000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	2,224	538
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	220,143	53,787
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup> (%)</b>	1.05*	1.05*
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup> (%)</b>	1.19*	1.19*
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup> (%)</b>	0.00*	0.00*
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup> (%)</b>	13.49	26.86
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)</b>	10.10	10.00

### The Portfolio's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> (\$) - Series F Units

Inception date: July 7, 2025

	2026	2025 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	10.04	10.00 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	0.20	0.07
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	–	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.17	(0.01)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	0.36	0.04
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	–	–
From dividends	–	–
From capital gains	–	–
Return of capital	–	–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	–	–
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	10.40	10.04

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F Units

	2026	2025 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (\$000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	–	–
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	1	1
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup> (%)</b>	0.55*	0.55*
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup> (%)</b>	0.56*	0.56*
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup> (%)</b>	0.00*	0.00*
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup> (%)</b>	13.49	26.86
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)</b>	10.40	10.04

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

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

\* Ratio has been annualized.

## CIBC Graduation Portfolio

- <sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Portfolio'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 Portfolio, or both.
- <sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at February 28, 2026 and August 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 series of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that series during the period. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to investments in investment 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 investments in investment 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. The trading expense ratio includes the fees attributable to investments in investment funds, where applicable.
- <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.

### Management Fees

The Portfolio pays CAMI an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Portfolio. Management fees are based on the Portfolio's net asset value and are calculated daily and paid monthly. Management fees are paid to CAMI in consideration for providing, or arranging for the provision of, management, distribution, and portfolio advisory services. Advertising and promotional expenses, office overhead expenses related to the Manager's activities, and trailing commissions are paid by CAMI out of the management fees received from the Portfolio. The Portfolio is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees paid to CAMI. Refer to the simplified prospectus for the annual management fee rate for each series of units.

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 Portfolio for the period ended February 28, 2026. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Series A Units	Series F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	49.32%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	50.68%	100.00%

### Past Performance

Past performance is not presented because, as at February 28, 2026, the Portfolio had not yet completed its first full financial year.

### Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at February 28, 2026)

The Portfolio invests in units of its Underlying Funds. You can find the prospectus and additional information about the Underlying Funds by visiting [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

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. For funds with fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown.

Portfolio Breakdown	% of Net Asset Value	Top Positions	% of Net Asset Value
Canadian Bond Mutual Funds	97.3	CIBC Short-Term Income Fund, Class 'O'	58.2
Cash	2.7	CIBC Canadian Bond Fund, Class 'O'	29.3
		CIBC Diversified Fixed Income Fund, Series 'O'	9.8
		Cash	2.7

### A note on forward-looking statements

The management report of fund performance may contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates", or other similar wording. In addition, any statements that may be made concerning future performance, strategies, or prospects and possible future actions taken by the portfolio, are also forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause the actual results and achievements of the portfolio to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to: general economic, market, and business conditions; fluctuations in securities prices, interest rates, and foreign currency exchange rates; changes in government regulations; and catastrophic events.

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