Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

for the period ended February 28, 2025

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Results of Operations

CIBC Private Wealth North American Yield Equity Pool's (the *Pool*) portfolio sub-advisor is CIBC Wood Gundy, a division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (the *Sub-Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the six-month period ended February 28, 2025. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Pool's net asset value increased by 69% during the period, from \$57,683 as at August 31, 2024 to \$97,541 as at February 28, 2025. Net sales of \$33,132 and positive investment performance resulted in an overall increase in net asset value.

Series FT6 units of the Pool posted a return of 9.7% for the period. The Pool's primary benchmarks, the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index and the Dow Jones U.S. Dividend 100 Index (the *primary benchmarks*), returned 8.2% and 10.3%, respectively, for the same period. The Pool's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the primary benchmarks' return. See the section *Past Performance* for the returns of other series of units offered by the Pool.

The outcome of the November 2024 U.S. presidential election and subsequent tariff threats led to heightened uncertainty about changing government policies. Specifically, market volatility was elevated by the threat of tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, as well as on several specific commodities. There was political uncertainty in Canada as well, relating to a change in leadership.

Inflation re-emerged in the U.S., leading the U.S. central bank to pause interest rate cuts amid fiscal uncertainties and a healthy U.S. labour market. However, Canada continued on its interest-rate cutting cycle given its weaker economic backdrop and lower inflation levels.

The period was characterized by generally lower consumer sentiment in Canada and the U.S. This was the result of the continued elevated interest rates, potential tariff concerns and a challenging labour market in Canada.

Artificial intelligence (*AI*) demand and trends remained strong but share prices of AI-related equities declined as valuations reached peak levels in late February 2025.

Security selection within the information technology and communication services sectors contributed to the Pool's performance. The largest individual contributors to the Pool's performance included holdings in Broadcom Inc., International Business Machines Corp. (*IBM*) and Emerson Electric Co.

Broadcom Inc. posted strong fiscal results and provided a solid midterm outlook, particularly for its generative AI business. IBM noted growing client demand in its AI business and generated solid growth in its software segment. Emerson Electric Co. reported positive results in mid-November 2024 amid steady end-market demand, which drove share price outperformance.

Security selection in the health care sector detracted from the Pool's performance. Security selection among fixed income holdings, primarily government debt holdings, also detracted from performance. The largest individual detractors from the Pool's performance included holdings in Merck & Co. Inc., Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. and Teck Resources Ltd.

Merck & Co. Inc. continued to be affected by lower sales of Gardasil in China, which led to the decision to halt shipments to China. Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. was affected by weaker oil prices and concerns of potential tariffs on the energy sector. Teck Resources Ltd. was affected by poor sentiment toward base metal producers, despite copper prices that were relatively flat.

The Sub-Advisor added a new holding in ARC Resources Ltd. to the Pool on the belief that the company is well positioned to capitalize on improving natural gas fundamentals. South Bow Corp. was added as it was spun out of TC Energy Corp., which is also a Pool holding. The new holding was later increased.

The Pool's U.S. exposure was increased with a new holding in Honeywell International Inc. Activist investor Elliott Investment Management L.P. took an over \$5-billion USD position to try and unlock value by splitting up the company. The company announced it will split its aerospace and automations businesses.

An existing holding in TELUS Corp. was increased based on its wellsupported dividend. Holdings in Bank of Montreal, Verizon Communications Inc. and Exxon Mobil Corp. were increased as part of the Sub-Advisor's portfolio repositioning. Additionally, a holding in BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF was increased to raise the Pool's fixed income weight.

A holding in The Toronto-Dominion Bank was eliminated from the Pool following strong share price performance and based on continuing risks related to regulatory uncertainty in the U.S. The proceeds of the sale were used to increase holdings in The Bank of Nova Scotia, Royal Bank of Canada and JPMorgan Chase & Co.

A holding in BCE Inc. was eliminated from the Pool given ongoing industry challenges and concerns about the company's growth strategy. Intense competition in the Canadian wireless market, continued regulatory pressures and reductions in immigration targets from the Canadian federal government pose multiple challenges. The Sub-Advisor believes these factors will likely constrain the company's growth in the near term.

Holdings in Loblaw Cos. Ltd. and Intact Financial Corp. were trimmed to take profits. A holding in Enbridge Inc. was reduced to lock in gains and as part of repositioning in the energy sector.

Recent Developments

The level of geopolitical risk disrupted the global economy and financial markets in unprecedented and unpredictable ways. Threatened and actual impositions of tariffs and other trade-related actions by the U.S., China and other global actors, and any counter-tariff and non-tariff retaliatory measures by Canada, Europe and others, 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 Pool'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 Pool, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor of the Pool

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

As Trustee, CAMI holds title to the Pool'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 Pool. CAMI also compensates dealers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Pool. From time to time, CAMI may invest in units of the Pool.

Portfolio Sub-Advisor

CAMI, in its capacity as Portfolio Advisor, has retained CIBC Wood Gundy, a division of CIBC World Markets Inc., to provide investment advice and portfolio management services to the Pool. As compensation for their services, CIBC Wood Gundy receives a fee from CAMI. CIBC World Markets Inc. is wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC.

Distributor

Units of the Pool may be purchased only through CIBC Wood Gundy, a division of CIBC World Markets Inc. CAMI does not pay sales commissions and trailing commissions to CIBC Wood Gundy in connection with the sale of units of the Pool. At its discretion, CAMI may make units of the Pool available through other dealers.

Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars

The Portfolio Advisor or 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 or any portfolio sub-advisor(s) 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 Pool. 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 or any portfolio sub-advisor(s) when they process trades through them. These types of goods and services for which the Portfolio Advisor or a portfolio sub-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 or any portfolio sub-advisor(s) with investment decision-making services for the Pool, or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Pool. As per the terms of the portfolio advisory agreement and portfolio sub-advisory agreements, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws.

During the period, the Pool paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$2,010 to CIBC WM; the Pool did not pay any brokerage commissions or other fees to CIBC World Markets Corp. Spreads associated with fixed income and other securities are not ascertainable and, for that reason, cannot be included when determining these amounts.

Pool Transactions

The Pool 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 the Portfolio 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 (a *Related Dealer* or the *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 Private Placement Relief Order and 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 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 Pool, 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 Pool (the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds cash and securities for the Pool 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 Pool including record-keeping and processing foreign exchange transactions. The fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager in exchange for the Pool charging a Fixed Administration Fee. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

Service Provider

The Custodian also provides certain services to the Pool, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. The Manager receives fixed administration fee from the Pool, 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 Pool.

Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Pool and are intended to help you understand the Pool's financial performance for the period ended February 28, 2025 and August 31 of any other period(s) shown.

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit¹ (\$) - Series F Units

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit ¹ (\$) - Series F Units			Inception date: March 25, 2024
	2025	2024 ^a	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.62	10.00 ^b	
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.19	0.15	
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.02)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.12	(0.01)	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.63	0.71	
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	0.92	0.83	
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	0.03	0.04	
From dividends	0.08	-	
From capital gains	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	
Total Distributions ³	0.11	0.04	
Net Assets, end of period	11.53	10.62	

Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F Units

	2025	2024 ^a	
Total Net Asset Value (\$000s) ⁴	8,422	3,465	
Number of Units Outstanding ⁴	730,343	326,142	
Management Expense Ratio ⁵ (%)	0.28*	0.28*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or			
absorptions ⁶ (%)	0.28*	0.28*	
Trading Expense Ratio ⁷ (%)	0.02*	0.02*	
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁸ (%)	12.74	16.54	
Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)	11.53	10.62	

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit¹ (\$) - Series FT6 Units

Inception date: March 7, 2023

	2025	2024	2023 ^a	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.75	9.67	10.00 ^b	
Increase (decrease) from operations:				
Total revenue	0.19	0.37	0.17	
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.02)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.12	-	-	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.73	1.45	(0.04)	
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	1.02	1.78	0.11	
Distributions:				
From income (excluding dividends)	0.14	0.42	0.30	
From dividends	0.07	0.05	-	
From capital gains	-	-	-	
Return of capital	0.10	0.12	-	
Total Distributions ³	0.31	0.59	0.30	
Net Assets, end of period	11.47	10.75	9.67	

Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series FT6 Units

	2025	2024	2023 ^a	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) ⁴	15,181	10,797	3,778	
Number of Units Outstanding ⁴	1,323,393	1,004,558	390,586	
Management Expense Ratio ⁵ (%)	0.27*	0.28	0.28*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or				
absorptions ⁶ (%)	0.27*	0.28	0.28*	
Trading Expense Ratio ⁷ (%)	0.02*	0.02	0.05*	
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁸ (%)	12.74	16.54	12.02	
Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)	11.47	10.75	9.67	

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit¹ (\$) - Series O Units

Inception	date:	March	25,	2024
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	2025	2024 ^a	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.64	10.00 ^b	
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.19	0.15	
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.13	(0.01)	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.68	0.83	
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	0.99	0.96	
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	0.03	0.03	
From dividends	0.07	-	
From capital gains	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	
Total Distributions ³	0.10	0.03	
Net Assets, end of period	11.59	10.64	

Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series O Units

	2025	2024 ^a	
Total Net Asset Value (\$000s) ⁴	27,622	6,053	
Number of Units Outstanding ⁴	2,384,091	568,828	
Management Expense Ratio ⁵ (%)	0.00*	0.00*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or			
absorptions ⁶ (%)	0.00*	0.00*	
Trading Expense Ratio ⁷ (%)	0.02*	0.02*	
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁸ (%)	12.74	16.54	
Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)	11.59	10.64	

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit¹ (\$) - Series OT6 Units

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit ¹ (\$) - Set	Inception date: March 8, 2023			
	2025	2024	2023 ^a	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.80	9.69	10.00 ^b	
Increase (decrease) from operations:				
Total revenue	0.19	0.37	0.16	
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.12	(0.01)	-	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.71	1.52	0.14	
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	1.01	1.87	0.29	
Distributions:				
From income (excluding dividends)	0.14	0.42	0.30	
From dividends	0.08	0.06	-	
From capital gains	-	-	-	
Return of capital	0.09	0.11	-	
Total Distributions ³	0.31	0.59	0.30	
Net Assets, end of period	11.55	10.80	9.69	

Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series OT6 Units

2025	2024	2023 ^a		
46,316	37,368	11,852		
4,011,141	3,458,791	1,222,705		
0.00*	0.00	0.04*		
0.00*	0.00	0.04*		
0.02*	0.02	0.05*		
12.74	16.54	12.02		
11.55	10.80	9.69		
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а Information presented is for the period from the inception date to August 31.

b Initial offering price.

Ratio has been annualized.

3 Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Pool, or both.

4 This information is presented as at February 28, 2025 and August 31 of the period(s) shown.

¹ This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual and unaudited interim financial statements.

² 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.

- ⁵ Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the Pool (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 exchange traded funds.
- ⁶ The decision to waive management fees and/or Fixed Administration Fees is at the discretion of the Manager, as applicable. The practice of waiving management fees and/or Fixed Administration Fees may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders. The management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds.
- 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.
- ⁸ The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio advisor manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a pool 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 pool 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 pool.

Management Fees

The Pool, either directly or indirectly, pays CAMI an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Pool. Management fees are based on the Pool'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 and trailing commissions are paid by CAMI out of the management fees received from the Pool. The Pool 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. For Series O and Series OT6 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 management fee for Series O and Series OT6 units will not exceed the annual management fee rate for Series F and Series FT6 units respectively.

For the period ended February 28, 2025, 100% of the management fees collected from the Pool was attributable to general administration and investment advice.

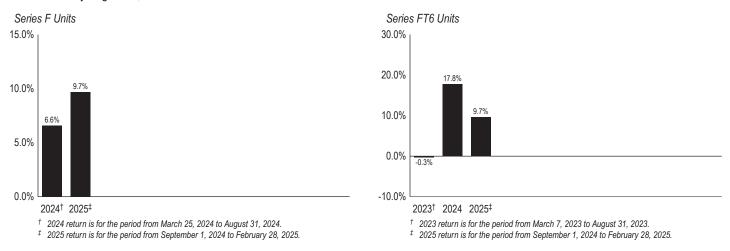
Past Performance

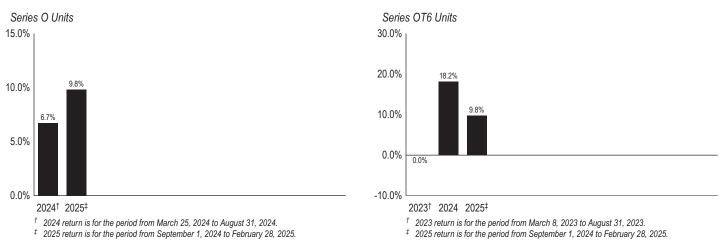
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

The Pool's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses. See Financial Highlights section for the management expense ratio.

Year-by-Year Returns

These bar charts show the annual performance of each series of units of the Pool for each of the periods shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from period to period. The bar charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on September 1 would have increased or decreased by August 31, unless otherwise indicated





Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at February 28, 2025)

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.woodgundy.cibc.com/en/investing/private-wealth-pools.html</u>. 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
Financials	28.8
Energy	16.6
Industrials	10.4
Consumer Staples	7.8
Information Technology	7.2
Materials	6.4
Communication Services	6.4
Health Care	5.2
Utilities	4.7
Other Equities	4.1
Cash	2.0
Other Assets, less Liabilities	0.4

	% of Net Asset
Top Positions	Value
Royal Bank of Canada	7.3
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	5.0
Bank of Montreal	4.9
Broadcom Inc.	4.1
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	3.8
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	3.7
Bank of Nova Scotia (The)	3.7
Verizon Communications Inc.	3.6
BlackRock Inc.	3.3
Merck & Co. Inc.	3.2
Emerson Electric Co.	3.2
International Business Machines Corp.	3.1
Coca-Cola Co. (The)	3.0
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2.9
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	2.8
TELUS Corp.	2.7
TC Energy Corp.	2.6
Fortis Inc.	2.6
Exxon Mobil Corp.	2.3
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	2.2
Canadian National Railway Co.	2.2
South Bow Corp.	2.2
AltaGas Ltd.	2.1
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	2.1
Cash	2.0

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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 pool, 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 pool 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.

The above list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decisions, we encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully. CIBC Asset Management Inc. does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise prior to the release of the next management report of fund performance.



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