

## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended December 31, 2021

*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:** Imperial Canadian Bond Pool (referred to as the *Pool*) seeks to provide a high level of interest income and some capital growth, while attempting to preserve capital by investing primarily in bonds, debentures, notes, other debt instruments (whether secured or unsecured), preferred shares, and convertible preferred shares of Canadian and non-Canadian issuers.

**Investment Strategies:** The Pool intends to position its portfolio by employing a combination of investment strategies including a passive strategy and an active bond selection strategy. The passive strategy involves managing a component of the Pool to track the performance of an index that is intended to represent the Canadian bond market. The active bond selection strategy is based primarily on two considerations: average term-to-maturity and security selection. Pool assets are then allocated to sectors of the bond market based on market outlook. Adjustments to the portfolio are based on a review of macroeconomic and capital market conditions both inside and outside of North America, along with detailed issuer credit reviews.

#### Risk

The Pool is a Canadian Fixed Income fund that is suitable for medium term investors who can tolerate low investment risk.

For the period ended December 31, 2021, the Pool's overall level of risk remained as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

#### Results of Operations

The Pool's portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (referred to as *CAMI* or the *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended December 31, 2021. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Pool's net asset value increased by 5% during the period, from \$13,620,591 as at December 31, 2020 to \$14,277,533 as at December 31, 2021. Net sales of \$985,282 were partially offset by negative investment performance, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Pool posted a return of -2.5% for the period. The Pool's benchmark, the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index (referred to as the *benchmark*), returned -2.5% for the same period. The Pool's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return.

The distribution of COVID-19 vaccines during the year enabled global markets to reopen and supported above-trend growth and inflation, which in turn led to rising interest rates. In the second half of 2021, the COVID-19 Omicron variant raised fears that a full economic reopening could be delayed.

Major central banks expressed heightened concerns that inflation could prove to be more persistent than previously expected. The U.S. Federal Reserve Board (referred to as the *Fed*) began to reduce its bond purchases and announced plans to end its quantitative-easing program sometime in the first half of 2022.

Although the Fed and the Bank of Canada did not raise their policy rates, both set the stage for interest rate increases in 2022. In response, short-term yields rose sharply. However, some analysts expressed concern that investors were responding to a potential policy error by the central banks, which might be raising interest rates too soon and too fast. This environment led long-term yields to decline in the fourth quarter.

The Pool's security selection in and overweight allocation to high-yield bonds contributed to performance as high-yield spreads contracted (that is, as the difference in yield compared to government bonds with the same maturities decreased) and the sector outperformed. A large overweight allocation to corporate bonds also contributed to performance as the Pool benefited from higher yield carry relative to the benchmark.

Individual contributors to the Pool's performance included Teranet Holdings L.P. (3.27%, 2031/12/01), Inter Pipeline Ltd. (6.63%, 2079/11/19) and Inter Pipeline Ltd. (6.88%, 2079/03/26). Positive economic conditions benefited Teranet's fundamentals, which positively affected credit spreads on its bonds. The credit spreads also

improved on the bonds issued by Inter Pipeline, which offered attractive yields.

The Pool's management of duration (meaning its sensitivity to interest rates) detracted from performance as interest rates rose in response to higher growth and inflation expectations. Although the Pool's duration was mostly neutral during the period, it was modestly longer for some time after interest rates moved to the upper end of the expected trading range. An overweight exposure to the mid-term part of the yield curve also detracted from performance, as mid-term bonds underperformed.

Individual detractors from the Pool's performance included Government of Canada (4.00%, 2041/06/01), Province of Ontario (2.90%, 2046/12/02) and Province of Quebec (6.25%, 2032/06/01). These holdings all detracted from performance as a result of their large weightings within the Pool and their duration as yields rose.

During the period, a new holding was added in TransCanada PipeLines Ltd. (2.97%, 2031/06/09) as the Portfolio Advisor believed the credit spread of this high-quality issuer was attractive.

The Portfolio Advisor increased the existing holding in The Toronto-Dominion Bank (3.11%, 2030/04/22) in order to extend the Pool's term in the issuer and improve the Pool's yield.

The holding in Rogers Communications Inc. (6.68%, 2039/11/04) was eliminated as the Portfolio Advisor anticipated that the company's credit metrics could deteriorate in response to potential mergers-and-acquisitions activity.

The holding in Bruce Power L.P. (4.01%, 2029/06/21) was reduced in response to the Portfolio Advisor's concerns about the company's operations and high valuation.

### Recent Developments

Effective July 1, 2022, the Manager will assume responsibility from the Pool for paying for certain expenses, which relate to the operation and conduct of the Pool's business, that are currently categorized as operating expenses.

Subsequent to December 31, 2021, the escalating conflict between Ukraine and the Russian Federation 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, financial markets, and the Pool's performance. While the situation remains fluid, the Pool continues to monitor ongoing developments and the impact to investment strategies.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed by governments around the world to limit its spread have disrupted the global economy and financial markets in unprecedented and unpredictable ways. The COVID-19 outbreak may adversely affect the performance of the Pool.

### Related Party Transactions

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

### Manager

CIBC is the Pool's manager (referred to as the *Manager*). CIBC receives management fees with respect to the Pool's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the Pool's net asset value as described in the section entitled *Management Fees*.

### Trustee

CIBC Trust Corporation (referred to as *CIBC Trust*), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Pool's trustee (referred to as the *Trustee*). The Trustee holds title to the Pool'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 Pool. CAMI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the portfolio advisor of the Pool.

### Discretionary Managers

As at the date of this report, units of the Pool are offered through discretionary investment management services provided by certain subsidiaries of CIBC (collectively, referred to as the *Discretionary Managers*). The Discretionary Managers may include CIBC Trust and CAMI. The Discretionary Managers arrange to purchase, convert, switch and redeem units of the Pool on behalf of their clients who have entered into discretionary investment management agreements with one of the Discretionary Managers. The Discretionary Managers are the registered unitholders of the Pools for the purposes of receiving all unitholder materials and having the right to vote all proxies with respect to units of the Pool. Units of the Pool are also offered to investors in connection with certain products offered by affiliated dealers pursuant to the terms of the account agreements governing such products. There are no compensation arrangements with these dealers in respect of the sale of units of the Pool. However, CIBC Trust receives fees from its clients for offering discretionary management services and, from these fees, CIBC Trust may pay affiliated dealers and other CIBC members for services provided in connection with the client's discretionary investment managed account, which may hold units of the Pool.

CIBC receives fees from CIBC Trust for the services of CIBC advisors that assist investors with opening discretionary investment management accounts where CIBC Trust acts as the Discretionary Manager and for acting as the investors' ongoing relationship manager. CIBC is responsible for the remuneration of the CIBC advisors and may pay the CIBC advisors out of such fees. Further details of the arrangement between CIBC and CIBC Trust may be found in the discretionary investment management agreement between CIBC Trust and investors. CAMI receives fees from their clients for offering discretionary managed accounts, which may hold units of the Pool, and may pay a portion of such fees to their investment counsellors.

### 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 World

Markets Inc. (referred to as *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 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 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 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 with investment decision-making services for the Pool or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Pool.

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

During the period, the Pool paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$1,770 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 (referred to as the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the IRC:

- invest in or hold equity securities of CIBC or issuers related to a portfolio sub-advisor;
- invest in or hold non-exchange-traded debt securities of CIBC or an issuer related to CIBC, with terms-to-maturity of 365 days or more, issued in a primary offering and in the secondary market;
- invest in or hold debt securities of CIBC or issuers related to a portfolio sub-advisor purchased in the secondary market;
- make an investment in the securities of an issuer for which CIBC WM, CIBC World Markets Corp., or any affiliate of CIBC (referred to as a *Related Dealer* 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 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 Pool's custodian (referred to as the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds all 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 of foreign exchange transactions. The Custodian may hire sub-custodians for the Pool. The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Pool are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Pool during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the Pool on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

#### *Service Provider*

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (referred to as *CIBC GSS*) provides certain services to the Pool, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. Such servicing fees are paid by the Manager and charged to the Pool on a recoverable basis. CIBC indirectly owns a 50% interest in CIBC GSS.

## Imperial Canadian Bond 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 December 31.

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 12.41	\$ 11.70	\$ 11.23	\$ 11.47	\$ 11.48
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.02	0.13	0.07	(0.07)	—
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.63)	0.58	0.44	(0.17)	(0.02)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ (0.26)	\$ 1.09	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.36
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.38
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.38
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 11.76	\$ 12.41	\$ 11.70	\$ 11.23	\$ 11.47

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual financial statements.

<sup>2</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The total increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

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

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 14,277,533	\$ 13,620,591	\$ 13,523,815	\$ 14,139,021	\$ 14,252,736
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	1,214,125,138	1,097,209,201	1,155,418,289	1,259,284,113	1,243,067,623
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	52.91%	34.55%	33.43%	28.28%	38.40%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 11.76	\$ 12.41	\$ 11.70	\$ 11.23	\$ 11.47

<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 pool (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period.

<sup>6</sup> The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

<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 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 Pool, either directly or indirectly, pays CIBC 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 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 Pool. The Pool 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 the period ended December 31, 2021, 100% of the management fees collected from the Pool was attributable to general administration and investment advice.

## Past Performance

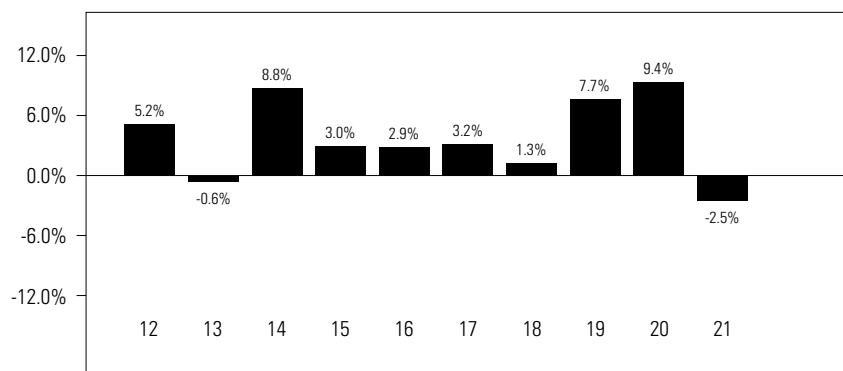
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

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

## Year-by-Year Returns

The bar chart shows the Pool's annual performance for each of the periods shown, and illustrates how the performance has changed from period to period. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31, unless otherwise indicated.

Class A Units



## Annual Compound Returns

This table shows the annual compound return of each class of units of the Pool for each indicated period ended on December 31, 2021. The annual compound total return is also compared to the Pool's benchmark.

The Pool's benchmark is the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	or	Since Inception	Inception Date
Class A units	-2.5%	4.8%	3.7%	3.8%			October 15, 1998
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	-2.5%	4.2%	3.3%	3.3%			

**FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index** is comprised of more than 900 marketable Canadian bonds intended to reflect the performance of the broad Canadian investment-grade bond market. Returns are calculated daily and are weighted by market capitalization.

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

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**Summary of Investment Portfolio** (as at December 31, 2021)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting [www.cibc.com/mutualfunds](http://www.cibc.com/mutualfunds). The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. If the fund holds fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown. Cash and cash equivalents are shown in total as one position.

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>	<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Corporate Bonds	40.1	Government of Canada, 4.00%, 2041/06/01	2.5
Provincial Government & Guaranteed Bonds	29.1	Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.25%, 2026/06/15	1.9
Government of Canada & Guaranteed Bonds	19.9	Government of Canada, 1.75%, 2053/12/01	1.6
Foreign Currency Bonds	5.5	Province of Ontario, 2.90%, 2046/12/02	1.5
Municipal Government & Guaranteed Bonds	3.6	Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.80%, 2024/12/15	1.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.3	Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.3
Supranational Bonds	0.6	Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.10%, 2026/12/15	1.2
Mortgage-Backed Securities	0.1	Province of Ontario, 4.65%, 2041/06/02	1.2
Forward & Spot Contracts	-0.1	Government of Canada, 3.50%, 2045/12/01	1.0
Other Assets, less Liabilities	-0.1	Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 2.65%, 2028/12/15	1.0
		Province of Ontario, 4.60%, 2039/06/02	1.0
		Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 1.40%, 2031/03/15	0.9
		Province of Quebec, 6.25%, 2032/06/01	0.8
		Canada Housing Trust No. 1, Series 'MAR', 0.95%, 2025/06/15	0.8
		Canada Housing Trust No. 1, Series 'SEPT', 2.55%, 2023/12/15	0.8
		Province of Ontario, 2.80%, 2048/06/02	0.7
		Province of Ontario, 5.85%, 2033/03/08	0.7
		Government of Canada, Real Return, 1.50%, 2044/12/01	0.7
		Bank of Nova Scotia, 1.40%, 2027/11/01	0.7
		Canada Housing Trust No. 1, 2.35%, 2023/09/15	0.7
		Province of Quebec, 3.50%, 2045/12/01	0.6
		Province of Ontario, 3.45%, 2045/06/02	0.6
		Province of Ontario, 4.70%, 2037/06/02	0.6
		Province of Quebec, 5.00%, 2041/12/01	0.6
		Province of Ontario, 6.50%, 2029/03/08	0.6

**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 fund, 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 fund 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 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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