

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended December 31, 2024

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 International Bond Pool (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, and other debt obligation securities denominated in foreign currencies of Canadian governments and companies, non-Canadian issuers, and supranational organizations.

Investment Strategies: The Pool uses a multi-strategy approach to buying global fixed income securities with a focus on fundamentals, valuation, and market sentiment to determine value across countries, sectors and currencies. Currency and country exposure are managed to protect principal and increase returns.

Risk

The Pool is a global fixed income fund that is suitable for medium term investors who can tolerate low to medium investment risk.

For the period ended December 31, 2024, the Pool's overall level of risk remained as discussed in the prospectus.

Results of Operations

CIBC Asset Management Inc. (*CAMI* or the *Portfolio Advisor*) and Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC (*Brandywine*) provide investment advice and investment management services to the Pool. The investment style and the percentage of the portfolio allocated to CAMI and the portfolio sub-advisor(s) are outlined below. The portfolio allocation may change from time to time.

- CAMI Core, approximately 42.5%
- Brandywine Global Opportunistic, approximately 42.5%

The Pool also had approximately 6.5% exposure to floating-rate debt instruments through investment in Renaissance Floating Rate Income Fund, sub-advised by Ares Capital Management II LLC (*Ares*), 5% exposure to global credit debt instruments through investment in CIBC Global Credit Fund, sub-advised by PIMCO Canada, and a targeted 3.5% exposure to private credit debt instruments, of which approximately 1% is currently allocated to the Ares Strategic Income Fund, sub-advised by Ares Capital Management LLC (*Ares*).

The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended December 31, 2024. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Pool's net asset value increased by 38% during the period, from \$2,108,124 as at December 31, 2023 to \$2,907,547 as at December 31, 2024. Net sales of \$782,619 and positive investment performance resulted in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Pool posted a return of 0.5% for the period. The Pool's benchmark, the FTSE World Government Bond Index (Hedged to CAD) (the *benchmark*), returned 1.4% for the same period. The Pool's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return.

Global fixed income markets generated modest gains in 2024 but were outpaced by equity markets, which benefitted from a better-than-expected global economy. The U.S. labour market displayed resilience, and consumer confidence stabilized as recession concerns eased.

Monetary policy eased in the U.S., Canada, Europe and emerging markets, with many central banks lowering interest rates. Global inflation slowed but persisted in the U.S., where sentiment was impacted by the presidential election in the fourth quarter. The U.S. election result was positive for U.S. corporate bonds, especially high-yield bonds, as investors anticipated a business-friendly environment. However, the risk of U.S. tariffs weighed on the Mexican peso.

U.K. gilts underperformed due to the Bank of England's cautious approach to lowering interest rates and fiscal concerns about the country's federal budget. China's economy showed signs of weakness.

In the Pool's Core component, a longer duration (higher sensitivity to interest rates) detracted from performance. On a country basis, overweight exposure to Brazilian and Polish bonds detracted from performance. An overweight allocation to German bonds versus Italian also detracted from performance.

Overweight exposure to local-currency emerging market sovereign credit contributed to performance in the Core component, as did overweight exposure to South African bonds.

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CAMI added an overweight allocation to Hungarian bonds. The Core component's overweight exposure to Indonesian bonds was increased, while its overweight allocations to Malaysian and South African bonds were eliminated. Overweight exposure to Polish bonds was decreased.

In the Pool's Global Opportunistic component, underweight exposure to Chinese duration detracted from performance as Chinese yields fell. China's economy faced sluggish growth and a distressed property market, prompting government stimulus. Emerging markets exposure to Colombia and Brazil detracted from performance as fiscal concerns related to the U.S. elections emerged.

Overweight exposure to U.K. gilts detracted from performance in the Global Opportunistic component. Persistent inflation reduced rate-cut expectations in the U.K., leading to higher yields. Overweight exposure to Mexican bonds also detracted. Along with the uncertainty related to the U.S. election, Mexico's economic growth was disappointing, and higher-than-expected inflation delayed rate-cut expectations. However, Brandywine maintains overweight exposure to Mexican bonds as they appear attractive on a nominal and real yield basis.

Overweight exposure to U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities contributed to performance in the Global Opportunistic component. A resilient economy and strong housing market caused spreads (the difference in yield between bonds of similar maturity but different credit quality) to narrow. Currency exposure also contributed to performance, with the U.S. dollar strengthening as a result of higher yields.

Exposure to South African bonds contributed to performance in the Global Opportunistic component. Political stability within the country and an accommodative shift from the South African central bank supported these bonds. U.S. corporate bonds contributed to performance. Expectations of lower corporate tax rates, increased government deficit spending, higher mergers-and-acquisitions activity and reduced regulation led to narrower credit spreads.

Brandywine added a small holding in the South Korean won as the country's trade balance improved. An allocation to U.K. duration was increased. Brandywine prefers gilts to eurozone bonds given historically wide spreads. Additionally, U.K. core inflation is expected to moderate in line with softer wage growth and lower inflation expectations, which Brandywine believes should allow the Bank of England to lower its policy rate more than what is priced into markets.

Brandywine eliminated exposure to the Malaysian ringgit as inflation risks emerged, with fuel subsidy rationalization continuing and public sector worker wages increasing. U.S. duration was reduced by over 2.75 years. Given the new U.S. administration's potential pro-growth policies, Brandywine believes the floor on rates has likely risen, making U.S. duration less attractive.

Recent Developments

Effective April 15, 2025, PIMCO Canada Corp. will replace Brandywine as portfolio sub-advisor, and CAMI will provide portfolio management services to an increased portion of the Pool.

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 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

CIBC is the Pool's manager (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 *Management Fees* section.

Trustee

CIBC Trust Corporation (*CIBC Trust*), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Pool's trustee (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 Pool's portfolio advisor.

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, 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 Pool 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

investment 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 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 World Markets Inc. (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 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 Pool or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Pool. As per the terms of the portfolio sub-advisory agreement, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws.

During the period, the Pool 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.

Pool Transactions

The Pool may enter into one or more of the following transactions (*Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the CIBC 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;
- 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 Pool's custodian (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 initiated by CAMI as the Portfolio Advisor 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 by CAMI 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

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

Financial Highlights

Net Assets, end of period

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.

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The Pool's Net Assets per Unit - Class	A Units					псерио	in date. Julie 26, 1999
		2024	2023	2022	2021		2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	9.61	\$ 9.36	\$ 10.84	\$ 11.63	\$	11.32
Increase (decrease) from operations:							
Total revenue	\$	0.14	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.68	\$	0.17
Total expenses		(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.03)		(0.03)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.01	(0.28)	(0.73)	(0.14)		0.40
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		(0.06)	0.73	(0.52)	(0.77)		0.25
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	\$	0.07	\$ 0.68	\$ (1.11)	\$ (0.26)	\$	0.79
Distributions:							
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.27	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.47	\$	0.17
From dividends		_	-	_	_		-
From capital gains		_	-	_	0.03		0.33
Return of capital		_	_	_	_		-
Total Distributions ³	\$	0.27	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.50	\$	0.50

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Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) ⁴	\$ 2,907,547	\$ 2,108,124	\$ 2,093,175	\$ 2,116,657	\$ 2,056,165	
Number of Units Outstanding ⁴	310,089,948	219,389,793	223,654,136	195,305,371	176,844,856	
Management Expense Ratio ⁵	0.27%	0.24%	0.23%	0.23%	0.23%	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or						
absorptions ⁶	0.32%	0.29%	0.28%	0.39%	0.39%	
Trading Expense Ratio ⁷	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁸	75.03%	72.84%	123.09%	77.13%	91.67%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 9.38	\$ 9.61	\$ 9.36	\$ 10.84	\$ 11.63	

This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual financial statements.

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- 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.
- Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Pool, or both.
- This information is presented as at December 31 of the period(s) shown.
- 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.
- 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 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 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 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 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, trailing commissions, and the fees of the portfolio sub-advisor(s) 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, 2024, 100% of the management fees collected from the Pool was attributable to general administration and investment advice.

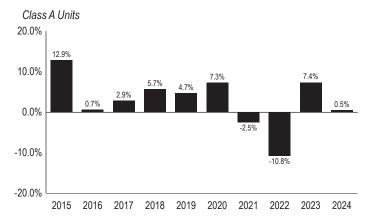
Past Performance

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.



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, 2024. The annual compound total return is also compared to the Pool's benchmark(s).

The Pool's benchmark is the FTSE World Government Bond Index (Hedged to CAD).

Class and Danah mayle(a)	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years*	or Since Inception*	Insention Date
Class and Benchmark(s)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	Inception Date
Class A units	0.5	(1.3)	0.1	2.7		June 28, 1999
FTSE World Government Bond Index (Hedged to CAD)	1.4	(2.4)	(0.7)	1.2		

^{*} If a class of units has been outstanding for less than 10 years, the annual compound return since inception is shown.

FTSE World Government Bond Index (Hedged to CAD) measures the performance of fixed-rate, local currency, investment-grade sovereign bonds. It currently includes sovereign debt from over 20 countries, denominated in a variety of currencies, and has more than 30 years of history available. Hedged to CAD represents a close estimation of the performance that can be achieved by hedging the currency exposures of the index, FTSE World Government Bond Index, to CAD.

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

Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at December 31, 2024)

This Pool invests in units of its Underlying Funds. You can find the simplified prospectus and additional information about the Underlying Funds by visiting www.sedarplus.ca.

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Pool. A quarterly update is available by visiting www.cibc.com/mutualfunds. The Top Positions table shows the Pool's 25 largest positions. If the Pool 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
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
United States Dollar	49.0
Canadian Dollar	13.7
British Pound	10.6
Euro	8.9
Mexican Peso	3.9
China Renminbi	3.8
Japanese Yen	3.2
Brazilian Real	2.5
Other Bonds	2.4
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.3
Australian Dollar	0.8
Forward & Spot Contracts	(1.1)

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Top Positions	
Renaissance Floating Rate Income Fund, Class 'OH'	6.7
CIBC Global Credit Fund, Series 'O'	5.1
United States Treasury Bond, Floating Rate, 4.50%, 2026/04/30	4.8
United Kingdom Treasury Bond, 1.25%, 2051/07/31	3.9
United States Treasury Bond, Floating Rate, 4.52%, 2025/10/31	3.9
United Kingdom Treasury Bond, 4.38%, 2054/07/31	3.5
Freddie Mac, 6.00%, 2054/10/01	3.0
Ares Strategic Income Fund, Class 'I'	2.9
United States Treasury Bond, 4.25%, 2054/02/15	2.6
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.3
United Mexican States, Series 'M', 8.00%, 2053/07/31	2.1
Federative Republic of Brazil, Series 'F', 10.00%, 2035/01/01	1.8
Government of Canada, 3.75%, 2025/02/01	1.5
Fannie Mae, 6.00%, 2054/06/01	1.5
United States Treasury Bond, 2.75%, 2047/08/15	1.4
Long Gilt Future, March 2025	1.4
United States Treasury Bond, 1.75%, 2029/11/15	1.4
United States Treasury Bond, 1.63%, 2026/02/15	1.4
United States Treasury Bond, 1.50%, 2027/01/31	1.3
United States Treasury Bond, 2.25%, 2027/08/15	1.3
United States Treasury Bond, Floating Rate, 4.47%, 2025/07/31	1.3
United States Treasury Bond, 3.13%, 2028/11/15	1.3
United States Treasury Bond, 2.88%, 2028/05/15	1.2
United Mexican States, Series 'M', 8.00%, 2047/11/07	1.2
United States Treasury Bond, Floating Rate, 4.56%, 2026/10/31	1.1

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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