

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 U.S. Equity Pool (the *Pool*) seeks to provide long-term growth through capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of U.S. issuers including preferred shares, warrants, securities convertible into equity securities, and other common share equivalents.

Investment Strategies: The Pool invests primarily in high-quality small-, medium-, and large-capitalization U.S. corporations in order to achieve its investment objectives and employs a combination of investment styles that may include core, growth, value-oriented, and passive strategies when making investment decisions. The passive strategy would involve managing a component of the Pool to track the performance of an index that is intended to represent the U.S. equity market.

Risk

The Pool is a U.S. equity fund that is suitable for medium to long term investors who can tolerate 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*), CIBC Private Wealth Advisors, Inc. (CIBC *Private Wealth Advisors*) and JPMorgan Asset Management (Canada) Inc. (JPMorgan) 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.

- CIBC Private Wealth Advisors – U.S. Equity - Core, approximately 65%
- JPMorgan – Core, approximately 20%
- CAMI – U.S. Equity Index, approximately 15%

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 23% during the period, from \$8,628,844 as at December 31, 2023 to \$10,585,801 as at December 31, 2024. Positive investment performance was partially offset by net redemptions of \$686,602, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Pool posted a return of 31.5% for the period. The Pool's benchmark, the S&P 500 Index (the *benchmark*), returned 36.4% for the same period. The Pool's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return.

Near the end of the period, the Federal Open Market Committee increased its core inflation forecast for 2025, albeit to a still moderate 2.5%. The U.S. Federal Reserve Board (the *Fed*) lowered short-term interest rates by a cumulative 1.00% in the last few months of 2024. Inflation came down without a substantial slowdown in economic growth or a significant increase in unemployment. The Fed's December round of economic projections included an increase in its estimate for inflation and a corresponding reduction in the number of expected interest-rate cuts for 2025.

U.S. equities performed strongly in 2024 as a result of resilient consumer spending, stable employment rates and declining inflation. Communication services and information technology were the best-performing sectors, while materials was the only sector with a negative return.

Equity markets made gains following the U.S. election results, driven by expectations of tax cuts and expansionary fiscal policies.

Commodity markets were up during the first half of the year, with the price of crude oil buoyed by an extension of production cuts and continued geopolitical tensions. In the second half of 2024, crude oil gave up those gains, ending the year flat. Gold was up significantly for the year amid a persistently elevated inflationary environment.

In the Pool's U.S. Equity – Core component, stock selection in the information technology, health care and real estate sectors detracted from performance. An overweight allocation to health care also detracted from performance as it trailed the broader equity market. An allocation to cash detracted from performance in an upward-trending

market. Underweight holdings in NVIDIA Corp. and Meta Platforms Inc. detracted from performance as both stocks outperformed.

An overweight allocation to financials and underweight exposure to industrials and consumer staples contributed to performance in the U.S. Equity – Core component. Top individual contributors to performance included holdings in Alphabet Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. Alphabet outperformed on the strength of its mobile search, YouTube, cloud computing and artificial intelligence (AI) monetization for the year. Amazon benefitted from the strength of its Amazon Web Services and cloud-computing business growth as well as renewed focus on digital advertising.

CIBC Private Wealth Advisors added holdings in Meta Platforms, O'Reilly Automotive Inc. and Workday Inc. to the U.S. Equity – Core component. Existing holdings in McDonald's Corp., UnitedHealth Group Inc. and Ulta Beauty Inc. were increased. These trades were largely based on valuations. Costco Wholesale Corp., Veralto Corp. and Edwards Lifesciences Corp. were sold, while S&P Global Inc., Visa Inc. and Linde PLC were trimmed. These trades were made primarily based on valuations or to reduce risk.

In the Pool's Core component, security selection in the retail industry and the pharmaceutical and medical technology industry detracted from performance. An underweight holding in Broadcom Inc. and an overweight holding in Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. were among the largest individual detractors from performance. Broadcom benefitted from strong demand for AI-related products and the successful integration of VMware Inc. The company reported significant revenue increases, particularly in its AI semiconductor segment. Regeneron Pharmaceuticals experienced volatile stock performance as a result of competitive pressures and legal challenges.

Security selection in the semiconductor and hardware industry and the media industry contributed to performance in the Core component. An overweight holding in NVIDIA contributed to performance as the stock benefitted from record revenues and significant year-over-year growth. Key product launches and advancements in AI components and software further bolstered investor confidence. An overweight holding in Wells Fargo & Co. was another top contributor to performance as a result of investor optimism around deregulation and the potential removal of an asset cap. The company's financial performance improved, with an increase in net income and earnings per share.

JPMorgan added a holding in Broadcom to the Core component based on its increasingly positive long-term outlook. The company is a leader in supplying application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) chips. With hyperscalers continuing to increase their AI-related capital expenditures, Broadcom is expected to benefit from expanding ASIC programs with existing hyperscale partners. An existing holding in Apple Inc. was increased when its stock underperformed. The company is poised to capitalize on an AI Assistant by partnering with an existing company in the market, creating an opportunity to extend its reach and encourage users to upgrade their iPhones.

JPMorgan sold The Coca-Cola Co., believing it was a good holding to own during the COVID-19 pandemic when the company had a distinct recovery plan. A holding in Morgan Stanley was trimmed to take profits after strong share price performance and in favour of other investments in the wealth management and capital markets industry.

In the Pool's U.S. Equity Index component, exposure to the drug and retail, auto parts and equipment, and agricultural products industry groups detracted the most from performance. The top performers were in the semiconductors, oil and gas storage and transportation, and consumer electronics industry groups.

Recent Developments

The level of geopolitical risk disrupted the global economy and financial markets in unprecedented and unpredictable ways. This has resulted in significant volatility and uncertainty in financial markets. It is unclear what further actions may be taken by governments and the resulting impact on global economies, businesses and financial markets. Inflation has increased in many markets across the globe, leading central banks to raise interest rates in order to counter rapidly rising prices. These factors may adversely affect the 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.

Portfolio Sub-Advisor

The manager has retained CIBC Private Wealth Advisors, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, to provide investment advice and portfolio management services to a portion of the Pool. A portion of the portfolio advisory fees CAMI receives from the Manager will be paid to CIBC Private Wealth Advisors.

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

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 Unit¹ - Class A Units Inception date: October 15, 1998

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 40.10	\$ 34.21	\$ 41.06	\$ 33.99	\$ 29.71
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.24	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.83
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	3.52	1.31	0.59	1.73	3.35
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	8.25	4.57	(6.91)	5.35	3.14
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	\$ 12.61	\$ 6.64	\$ (6.21)	\$ 8.03	\$ 7.20
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.78
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	0.34	—	—	0.09	1.98
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—
Total Distributions³	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.98	\$ 2.76
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 51.56	\$ 40.10	\$ 34.21	\$ 41.06	\$ 33.99

Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Net Asset Value (000s)⁴	\$ 10,585,801	\$ 8,628,844	\$ 8,016,255	\$ 8,079,715	\$ 6,425,224
Number of Units Outstanding⁴	205,322,751	215,191,812	234,326,550	196,796,726	189,060,664
Management Expense Ratio⁵	0.20%	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions⁶	0.31%	0.28%	0.28%	0.31%	0.32%
Trading Expense Ratio⁷	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%
Portfolio Turnover Rate⁸	29.66%	42.99%	19.18%	22.14%	108.17%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 51.56	\$ 40.10	\$ 34.21	\$ 41.06	\$ 33.99

¹ This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual 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.

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

⁴ This information is presented as at December 31 of the period(s) shown.

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 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.

⁶ 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.

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 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.

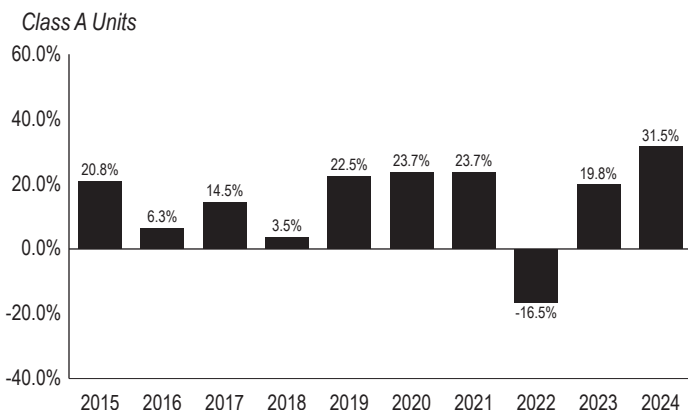
Past Performance

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 S&P 500 Index.

<i>Class and Benchmark(s)</i>	<i>1 Year (%)</i>	<i>3 Years (%)</i>	<i>5 Years (%)</i>	<i>10 Years* (%)</i>	<i>or Since Inception* (%)</i>	<i>Inception Date</i>
Class A units	31.5	9.5	15.0	14.1		October 15, 1998
S&P 500 Index	36.4	13.8	16.9	15.6		

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

S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks, designed to measure performance of the broad U.S. economy representing all major industries.

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)

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.

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>	<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Information Technology	31.0	Microsoft Corp.	7.3
Financials	15.3	Apple Inc.	6.3
Consumer Discretionary	11.1	NVIDIA Corp.	6.2
Health Care	10.4	Amazon.com Inc.	5.8
Communication Services	9.2	Alphabet Inc., Class 'A'	5.4
Industrials	6.7	KKR Private Equity Conglomerate LLC, Class 'R-I'	3.1
Other Equities	3.8	Visa Inc., Class 'A'	2.3
Energy	3.7	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	2.2
U.S. Equity Investment Funds	3.1	Meta Platforms Inc., Class 'A'	1.8
Consumer Staples	2.8	Salesforce Inc.	1.7
Materials	2.0	Exxon Mobil Corp.	1.6
Cash	0.9	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.2
		McDonald's Corp.	1.2
		Blackstone Inc.	1.2
		Fiserv Inc.	1.1
		Cisco Systems Inc.	1.1
		Adobe Inc.	1.0
		Qualcomm Inc.	1.0
		AstraZeneca PLC, ADR	1.0
		Walt Disney Co. (The)	1.0
		Intercontinental Exchange Inc.	1.0
		Home Depot Inc. (The)	1.0
		TE Connectivity PLC	0.9
		Raytheon Technologies Corp.	0.9
		NextEra Energy Inc.	0.9

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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