

## Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

for the period ended June 30, 2019

*All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.*

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Results of Operations

CIBC Multifactor Canadian Equity ETF's (the *CIBC ETF*) portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (*CAMI* or the *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended June 30, 2019. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

Since the CIBC ETF's inception on January 14, 2019, the net asset value increased to \$32,407 as at June 30, 2019.

Global equity and fixed income markets recorded strong performance during the first half of 2019. This performance was driven by easing U.S.-China trade tensions and a shift by some of the world's central banks to a more cautious monetary policy stance.

Despite overall strength during the period, financial markets experienced a slight decline in the second quarter of 2019 as it was unclear if global economic growth would be stalled by the U.S.-China trade conflict. However, those concerns were allayed as progress with tariff talks was made at the G20 meeting in Japan in June.

More cautious central bank policy from the U.S. Federal Reserve Board and the European Central Bank helped to propel the price of gold to levels last seen in 2013. During the first quarter of 2019, the price of crude oil rebounded by 45% from its fourth-quarter 2018 lows amid renewed global economic growth expectations. However, some of those gains were reduced during the second-quarter market decline. Crude oil prices were further supported after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to extend production cuts for six to nine months.

Canadian equities rebounded strongly from the lows experienced at the end of 2018. The Canadian equity market had declined at the end of the previous year amid concerns about the length of the current economic cycle and relative valuation levels. In the first half of 2019, every sector had positive returns, most notably the information technology and health care sectors.

Amid heightened global trade uncertainty and elevated debt levels, the Bank of Canada took a more cautious approach to monetary policy and put further interest-rate increases on hold.

The CIBC ETF seeks to replicate, to the extent reasonably possible and before fees and expenses, the performance of the CIBC Multifactor Canadian Equity Index. Hence, the weights and transaction of the securities are meant to reflect the index portfolio characteristics for index-matching purposes.

The strongest-performing securities included Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd., Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corp. and Air Canada. The weakest-performing securities included Transcontinental Inc., OceanaGold Corp. and Canfor Corp.

#### Recent Developments

The composition of the Independent Review Committee (*IRC*) changed during the period. Effective February 28, 2019, Susan Silma resigned as a member of the IRC and, effective April 27, 2019, Barry Pollock was appointed as a member of the IRC.

#### Related Party Transactions

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

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

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

marketing activities regarding the CIBC ETF. From time to time, CAMI may invest in units of the CIBC ETF.

#### *Designated Broker and Dealer*

CAMI has entered into an agreement with CIBC World Markets Inc. (CIBC WM), an affiliate of CAMI, to act as designated broker and dealer for distribution of the CIBC ETF, on terms and conditions that are comparable to arm's length agreements in the exchanged traded funds industry.

#### *Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars*

The Portfolio Advisor makes decisions, including the selection of markets and dealers and the negotiation of commissions, with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, certain derivative products and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by the Portfolio Advisor to CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., each a subsidiary of CIBC. CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp. may also earn spreads on the sale of fixed income and other securities, and certain derivative products to the CIBC ETF. A spread is the difference between the bid and ask prices for a security in the applicable marketplace, with respect to the execution of portfolio transactions. The spread will differ based upon various factors such as the nature and liquidity of the security.

Dealers, including CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., may furnish goods and services, other than order execution, to the Portfolio Advisor when they process trades through them (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 CIBC ETF or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the CIBC ETF. As per the terms of the designated broker agreements, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws.

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

During the period, the CIBC ETF 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.

#### *CIBC ETF Transactions*

The CIBC ETF may enter into one or more of the following transactions (the *Related Party Transactions*) which the Manager, on behalf of the CIBC ETF, has applied for, or obtained exemptive relief from the Canadian Securities Regulatory Authorities:

- invest in or hold equity securities of CIBC or issuers related to CIBC;
- invest in or hold non-exchange-traded debt securities of CIBC or an issuer related to CIBC 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, including in respect of equity securities of a reporting issuer pursuant to a "private placement" offering (an offering under exemptions from the prospectus requirements) and for the 60-day period following the completion of the offering, in each case in accordance with certain conditions;
- purchase equity and debt securities from or sell them to a Related Dealer, where it is acting as principal;
- purchase securities from or sell securities to another investment fund or a managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager (referred to as inter-fund trades or cross-trades), subject to certain conditions;
- purchase equity securities of a reporting issuer during the period of distribution of the issuer's securities pursuant to a "private placement" offering (an offering under exemptions from the prospectus requirements) and for the 60-day period following the completion of the offering, notwithstanding that a Related Dealer is acting or has acted as underwriter in connection with the offering of the same class of such securities (the "Private Placement Relief Order"); 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 of the Manager, in respect of a purchase or redemption of Units of the CIBC ETF, subject to certain conditions.

The IRC reviews conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager and provides to the Manager a recommendation or, where required under National Instrument 81-107 or elsewhere in securities legislation, an approval relating to these matters. Approvals and recommendations may also be given in the form of standing instructions from the IRC.

#### *Custodian*

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the CIBC ETF (the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds cash, securities, and other assets of the CIBC ETF and ensures that those assets are kept separate from any other cash, securities, or other assets that the custodian might be holding. The Custodian also provides other services to the CIBC ETF including record-keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the CIBC ETF 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 CIBC ETF during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the CIBC ETF on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

*Service Provider*

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

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the CIBC ETF and are intended to help you understand its financial performance for the period ended June 30, 2019.

### The CIBC ETF's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Common Units

	2019 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 20.00 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>	
Total revenue	\$ 0.35
Total expenses	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	–
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.39
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.71
<b>Distributions:</b>	
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.16
From dividends	–
From capital gains	–
Return of capital	–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.16
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 21.60

<sup>a</sup> Information presented is for the period from January 14, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

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

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the CIBC ETF's unaudited interim financial statements.

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

<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash.

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Common Units

	2019 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 32,407
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	1,500,000
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	0.30% *
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	0.38% *
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.00% *
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	0.04%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 21.60
<b>Closing Market Price</b>	\$ 21.60

<sup>a</sup> Information presented is for the period from January 14, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

\* Ratio has been annualized.

<sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at June 30, 2019.

<sup>5</sup> Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a series of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that series during the period. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds, where applicable.

<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. The management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds, where applicable.

<sup>7</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs before income taxes expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the trading expense ratio calculation.

<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**

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The CIBC ETF pays CAMI an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the CIBC ETF. Management fees are based on the CIBC ETF'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, and office overhead expenses related to the Manager's activities and the fees of the Portfolio Advisor are paid by CAMI out of the management fees received from the CIBC ETFs. The CIBC ETF is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees paid to CAMI. Refer to the CIBC ETF's prospectus for the annual management fee rate.

For the period ended June 30, 2019, 100% of the management fees collected from the CIBC ETF was attributable to general administration, investment advice, and profit.

**Past Performance**

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Past performance is not presented because, as at June 30, 2019, the CIBC ETF had not yet completed its first full financial year.

*CIBC Multifactor Canadian Equity ETF*

**Summary of Investment Portfolio** (as at June 30, 2019)

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

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Financials	20.3
Industrials	19.1
Materials	18.4
Real Estate	9.8
Consumer Discretionary	7.5
Energy	7.4
Consumer Staples	5.7
Health Care	4.8
Information Technology	4.7
Utilities	2.0
Cash	0.7
Other Assets, less Liabilities	-0.4

<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd.	2.9
Aurora Cannabis Inc.	2.8
Air Canada	2.7
Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corp.	2.6
Constellation Software Inc.	2.5
CAE Inc.	2.4
Thomson Reuters Corp.	2.4
TMX Group Ltd.	2.3
Waste Connections Inc.	2.2
Parex Resources Inc.	2.2
Franco-Nevada Corp.	2.2
Intact Financial Corp.	2.2
Gildan Activewear Inc.	2.2
CGI Inc.	2.2
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2.2
Power Financial Corp.	2.1
Canadian National Railway Co.	2.1
Power Corp. of Canada	2.0
Empire Co. Ltd., Class 'A'	2.0
iA Financial Corp. Inc.	2.0
HEXO Corp.	2.0
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	2.0
Toromont Industries Ltd.	2.0
First Capital Realty Inc.	2.0
Capital Power Corp.	2.0

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