Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended December 31, 2023

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: CIBC Canadian Equity Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to provide long-term growth through capital appreciation by investing primarily in Canadian equity securities.

Investment Strategies: The Fund aims to add value through prudent security selection based on fundamental, bottom-up analysis by identifying securities that are trading at attractive relative valuations.

Risk

The Fund is a Canadian equity fund that is suitable for medium to long term investors who can tolerate medium investment risk.

For the period ended December 31, 2023, the Fund's overall level of risk remained as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

Results of Operations

The Fund'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, 2023. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 10% during the period, from \$646,323 as at December 31, 2022 to \$710,628 as at December 31, 2023. Net sales of \$13,107 and positive investment performance resulted in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 6.1% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index (referred to as the *benchmark*), returned 11.8% for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return. See the section *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

Canadian equity markets rose over the period. The impact of higher interest rates and slower growth in 2023 helped to ease inflation pressures. Concerns about inflation declined, and by late in the year, markets began to expect that the U.S. Federal Reserve Board and the Bank of Canada would likely cut interest rates in 2024. Consumer demand was supported by high household savings rates in Canada. However, consumer spending was expected to become more pressured as excess savings are depleted and many homeowners must refinance mortgages at higher interest rates.

In March, financial markets experienced a significant shock when concerns about potential insolvency at U.S. regional banks led customers to make massive withdrawals, resulting in the second- and third-largest bank failures in U.S. history. Despite support from federal regulators, the turbulence spilled over into Europe.

Eight of the 11 sectors in the benchmark generated positive returns, with information technology, health care and financials being the best performers, while communication services, materials and utilities were the worst performers.

A slight underweight exposure to the information technology sector detracted from the Fund's performance. Individual detractors from the Fund's performance included an overweight holding in First Quantum Minerals Ltd. and an underweight holding in Cameco Corp. First Quantum's stock underperformed after Panama's Supreme Court ruled its revised Concession Contract unconstitutional and its mining operations in the country ceased. In December, the Portfolio Advisor reduced the holding to neutral weight as risks relating to Panama remained high. The purchase of Cameco for the Fund was delayed until November amid valuation concerns. As a result, some of its positive performance was not captured.

A slight underweight exposure to the materials sector contributed to the Fund's performance. Individual contributors to the Fund's performance included a moderate overweight holding in Constellation Software Inc. The company performed well given its consistent execution on organic growth and margins. In addition, the macroeconomic environment remained supportive of its acquisition model, as the company can acquire smaller companies at an accelerated pace and at attractive valuations.

Several new holdings were added to the Fund, including Cargojet Inc., Fortis Inc. and Quebecor Inc. The Portfolio Advisor believes Cargojet has good long-term fundamentals. Fortis has a diversified asset base, a strong balance sheet and potential future dividend growth, in the Portfolio Advisor's opinion. The Portfolio Advisor believes Quebecor is well positioned to win market share from telecommunication incumbents, given its purchase of Freedom Mobile and support from regulators.

The Portfolio Advisor increased some of the Fund's existing holdings, including Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc., Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (referred to as *CIBC*). Alimentation Couche-Tard was trading at an attractive valuation, and the Portfolio Advisor believes a potential acquisition could drive share price appreciation. Canadian Pacific Railway was increased as the Portfolio Advisor believes management's forecast is conservative. CIBC was increased based on the Portfolio Advisor's expectation that lower expenses and an expansion of net interest margins will improve the bank's fundamentals over 2023.

Several of the Fund's holdings were eliminated, including Lumine Group Inc., Canadian Tire Corp. Ltd. and Rogers Communications Inc. Lumine Group has singular exposure to the communication services sector and declining organic growth. The Portfolio Advisor believes Canadian Tire faces slower consumer discretionary spending, combined with higher inventory levels and signs of increasing promotional activity. Rogers Communications was sold after the closing of its acquisition of Shaw Communications Inc., as the Portfolio Advisor has concerns regarding the integration of the two companies.

Several of the Fund's holdings were reduced, including Maple Leaf Foods Inc., TELUS International (CDA) Inc. and Brookfield Corp. The Portfolio Advisor believes Maple Leaf Foods may experience near-term earnings volatility as a new poultry facility begins to ramp up. Management at TELUS issued a muted forecast. Brookfield was trimmed to reduce the Fund's exposure to office real estate, a market segment the Portfolio Advisor believes will see more pressure going forward.

Recent Developments

Effective April 27, 2023, Bryan Houston was appointed Chair of the Independent Review Committee.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war have 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 performance of the Fund. The Manager continues to monitor ongoing developments and the impact to investment strategies.

Related Party Transactions

CIBC and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Fund, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

Manager

CIBC is the Fund's manager (referred to as the *Manager*). CIBC receives management fees with respect to the Fund's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the net asset value of

each respective class of units of the Fund as described in the section entitled *Management Fees*. The Manager compensates its wholesalers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Fund. From time to time, CIBC may invest in units of the Fund.

The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain fund costs) in respect of the class of units of the Fund(except class O unit), which may include but are not limited to, operating and administrative costs; regulatory fees; audit, and legal fees and expenses; trustee, safekeeping, custodial, and any agency fees; and investor servicing costs and costs of unitholder reports, prospectuses, Fund Facts, and other reports, in exchange for the Fund paying a fixed rate administration fee (plus applicable GST/HST) to the Manager with respect to those class of units. For class O units, no fixed administration fee will be charged. The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain Fund costs) allocated to Class O units of the Fund. The fixed administration fee payable by the Fund, may, in any particular period, exceed or be lower than the expenses we incur in providing such services to the Fund.

Trustee

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

Distributor

Dealers and other firms sell the units of the Fund to investors. These dealers and other firms include CIBC's related dealers such as the principal distributor, CIBC Securities Inc. (referred to as *CIBC SI*), the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (referred to as *CIBC ISI*), the CIBC Imperial Investor Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (referred to as *CIBC WM*). CIBC SI, CIBC ISI, and CIBC WM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIBC.

CIBC may pay trailing commissions to these dealers and firms, in connection with the sale of units of the Fund. These dealers and other firms may pay a portion of these trailing commissions to their advisors who sell units of the Fund to investors.

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 securities and other securities and certain derivative products to the Fund. 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 Fund or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund.

During the period, the Fund paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$38,558 to CIBC WM; the Fund 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.

Fund Transactions

The Fund 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;
- 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 Fund's custodian (referred to as the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds all cash and securities for the Fund 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 Fund including record-keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. The fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or the dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

Service Provider

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company Inc. (referred to as *CIBC GSS*) provides certain services to the Fund, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. Such servicing fees are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund 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 Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period ended December 31.

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit ¹ - Class	s A Units	5			Incep	tion da	ate: November 30, 198
		2023	2022	2021	2020		2019
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	29.11	\$ 31.64	\$ 25.27	\$ 24.70	\$	20.51
Increase (decrease) from operations:							
Total revenue	\$	1.03	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.73	\$	0.73
Total expenses		(0.65)	(0.67)	(0.65)	(0.54)		(0.54)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.83	1.33	`1.14 [´]	(0.57)		0.77
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.55	(3.44)	5.16	0.85		3.35
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	\$	1.76	\$ (1.82)	\$ 6.45	\$ 0.47	\$	4.31
Distributions:							
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ _	\$	-
From dividends		0.28	0.16	-	0.02		-
From capital gains		0.11	0.29	0.02	_		-
Return of capital		-	-	_	-		-
Total Distributions ³	\$	0.39	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$	_
Net Assets, end of period	\$	30.49	\$ 29.11	\$ 31.64	\$ 25.27	\$	24.70
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class	A Units						
		2023	2022	2021	2020		2019
Total Net Asset Value (000s) ⁴	\$	158,619	\$ 166,742	\$ 215,983	\$ 187,829	\$	199,992
Number of Units Outstanding ⁴		5,202,288	5,729,119	6,826,190	7,432,986		8,095,610
Management Expense Ratio ⁵		2.15%	2.15%	2.19%	2.20%		2.20%
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absorptions ⁶	2.15%	2.15%	2.19%	2.25%	2.27%	
Trading Expense Ratio ⁷	0.04%	0.04%	0.05%	0.09%	0.10%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁸	24.49%	29.11%	28.39%	36.04%	47.23%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 30.49	\$ 29.11	\$ 31.64	\$ 25.27	\$ 24.70	

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit¹ - Class F Units

Inception date: July 6, 2020

2023		2022		2021		2020 ^a	
\$ 12.25	\$	13.69	\$	11.10	\$	10.00 ^b	
\$ 0.43	\$	0.37	\$	0.36	\$	0.02	
(0.12)		(0.13)		(0.13)		(0.01)	
0.35		0.59		0.50		_	
0.23		(2.71)		1.90		(0.12)	
\$ 0.89	\$	(1.88)	\$	2.63	\$	(0.11)	
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0.29		0.29		0.21		-	
0.10		0.41		0.17		-	
-		-		-		-	
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Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class F Units

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	Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 12.76	\$ 12.25	\$ 13.69	\$ 11.10	

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit¹ - Class O Units

Inception date: January 25, 2012

2023		2022		2021		2020		2019
\$ 15.88	\$	17.68	\$	14.47	\$	14.14	\$	11.82
\$ 0.57	\$	0.54	\$	0.46	\$	0.42	\$	0.46
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0.46		0.72		0.65		(0.30)		0.30
0.32		(2.01)		2.84		1.09		1.12
\$ 1.34	\$	(0.76)	\$	3.94	\$	1.20	\$	1.86
\$ -	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-
0.54		0.50		0.38		0.32		0.21
0.31		0.50		0.46		-		0.20
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\$ 0.85	\$	1.00	\$	0.84	\$	0.32	\$	0.41
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Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O Units

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) ⁴	\$ 531,655	\$ 459,720	\$ 441,665	\$ 236,653	\$ 89,499	
Number of Units Outstanding ⁴	32,504,438	28,956,117	24,985,025	16,354,675	6,330,942	-
Management Expense Ratio ⁵	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁶	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Trading Expense Ratio ⁷	0.04%	0.04%	0.05%	0.09%	0.10%	-
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁸	24.49%	29.11%	28.39%	36.04%	47.23%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 16.36	\$ 15.88	\$ 17.68	\$ 14.47	\$ 14.14	

^a Information presented is for the period from the inception date to December 31.

^b Initial offering price.

Ratio has been annualized.

¹ This information is derived from the Fund'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 Fund, 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 Fund (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 management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds, where applicable.

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

- 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 the 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 the 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 the Fund.

Management Fees

The Fund, either directly or indirectly, pays CIBC an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Fund. Management fees are based on the Fund'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 Fund. The Fund 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 each class of units. For Class O units, the management fee is negotiated with and paid by, or as directed by, unitholders or dealers and discretionary managers on behalf of unitholders. Such Class O management fee will not exceed the Class F unit management fee rate.

The following table shows a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees collected from the Fund for the period ended December 31, 2023. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	10.70%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	89.30%	100.00%

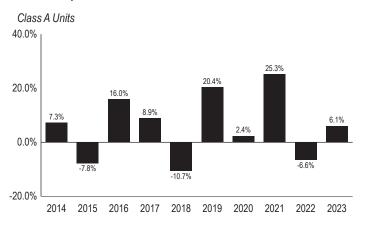
Past Performance

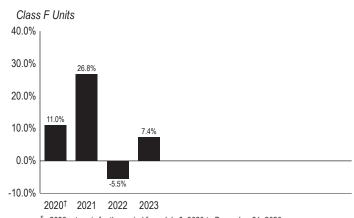
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

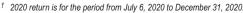
The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See the *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

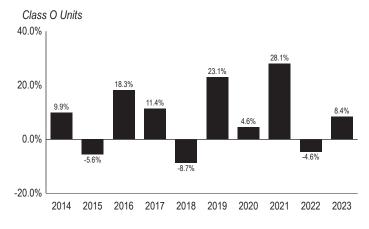
Year-by-Year Returns

These bar charts show the annual performance of each class of units of the Fund for each of the periods shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from period to period. These bar charts show, 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 Fund for each indicated period ended on December 31, 2023. The annual compound total return is also compared to the Fund's benchmark(s).

The Fund's benchmark is the S&P/TSX Composite Index.

	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years* (%)	or Since Inception* (%)	Inception Date
Class A units	6.1	7.5	8.9	5.5		November 30, 1988
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11.8	9.7	11.3	7.6		
Class F units	7.4	8.8			10.8	July 6, 2020
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11.8	9.7			12.2	
Class O units	8.4	9.8	11.3	7.9		January 25, 2012
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11.8	9.7	11.3	7.6		

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

S&P/TSX Composite Index is intended to represent the Canadian equity market and includes the largest companies listed on the TSX.

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

Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at December 31, 2023)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting <u>www.cibc.com/mutualfunds</u>. The Top Positions table shows the 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.

Portfolio Breakdown	% of Net Asset Value	Top Positions	% of Net Asset Value
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Financials	30.4	Royal Bank of Canada	5.3
Energy	17.0	Bank of Montreal	5.2
Industrials	14.7	Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	5.0
Materials	10.0	Enbridge Inc.	4.3
Information Technology	8.8	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	4.3
Consumer Staples	4.2	Shopify Inc., Class 'A'	4.2
Utilities	3.9	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	3.8
Consumer Discretionary	3.8	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	3.6
Communication Services	3.7	Constellation Software Inc.	3.6
Real Estate	2.0	Canadian National Railway Co.	3.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.5	Brookfield Corp., Class 'A'	3.0
		Bank of Nova Scotia	2.7
		TELUS Corp.	2.7
		Manulife Financial Corp.	2.5
		Suncor Energy Inc.	2.5
		Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	2.3
		Teck Resources Ltd., Class 'B'	2.0
		Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	1.9
		Nutrien Ltd.	1.8
		Restaurant Brands International Inc.	1.8
		Sun Life Financial Inc.	1.8
		Cenovus Energy Inc.	1.6
		WSP Global Inc.	1.6
		Waste Connections Inc.	1.6
		Loblaw Cos. Ltd.	1.6

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