

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 Dividend Growth Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to maximize income and potential capital growth by investing primarily in Canadian equity securities that produce dividend income.

Investment Strategies: The Fund identifies stocks that have attractive dividend yields and capital appreciation potential. The Fund aims to add value through prudent security selection based on fundamental, bottom-up analysis and through the allocation of assets between common and preferred shares, bonds, and other securities based on a review of economic and capital market conditions.

Risk

The Fund is a Canadian dividend and income 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 2% during the period, from \$741,267 as at December 31, 2022 to \$753,375 as at December 31, 2023. Positive investment performance was partially offset by net redemptions of \$36,513, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 6.8% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index (referred to as the *benchmark*), returned 9.6% 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.

Although the period began with expectations of a recession, the economy remained relatively healthy. As the possibility strengthened that economic growth might withstand rising interest rates, equities rebounded sharply.

In a continued effort to combat inflation, the Bank of Canada (referred to as the *BoC*) raised its benchmark overnight interest rate to 5.00% from 4.25% between January and July. With inflation and economic activity slowing, the BoC held the rate unchanged through its final three meetings of 2023.

Rising interest rates had a disproportionately negative impact on ratesensitive equities, such as real estate investment trusts (referred to as *REITs*) and certain equities within the utilities, communication services and financials sectors.

Volatile commodity prices for both oil and gas drove some unusually large moves in share prices for energy-related equities.

Stock selection in the materials and industrials sectors detracted from the Fund's performance, as a result of underweight exposure to gold and underperformance from fertilizer company Nutrien Ltd. A modest underweight exposure to the information technology sector also detracted from performance. Few companies in the sector meet the Fund's criteria for dividend yield.

Individual detractors from the Fund's performance included an underweight holding in Constellation Software Inc., which outperformed in response to stronger-than-expected organic growth and effective capital deployment. Constellation was added to the portfolio on share price weakness based on the Portfolio Advisor's increased expectations for growth and the success of the spin-out of Lumine.

Stock selection in the real estate sector, specifically an underweight exposure to REITs, contributed to the Fund's performance. A moderate overweight exposure to the health care sector and a moderate underweight exposure to the materials sector also contributed to the Fund's performance.

Individual contributors to the Fund's performance included overweight holdings in Element Fleet Management Corp., Brookfield Corp. and DRI

Healthcare Trust. These stocks outperformed in response to significant growth at each company.

New holdings were added to the Fund in Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. and Trisura Group Ltd. as the Portfolio Advisor expects property and casualty insurers to benefit more quickly than life insurers from persistent, high interest rates. The Portfolio Advisor also believes Fairfax is not yet valued appropriately for the changes management has made in its business model, reducing investment leverage and increasing the percentage of earnings from underwriting and reinsurance. Trisura has a record of profitable growth and a strong balance sheet, and the company expects to double its book value by 2027.

The Fund's existing holding in Enbridge Inc. was increased when the company issued shares at an attractive valuation in order to finance a transaction that the Portfolio Advisor believes will add to growth.

The Fund's holding in Northland Power Inc. was eliminated based on the company's lack of funded growth, combined with the negative impact of continued higher rates on interest expenses. The Portfolio Advisor eliminated the holding in First Quantum Minerals Ltd. given the increased uncertainty surrounding its Panamanian copper mine. A holding in Johnson & Johnson was replaced by new holdings in Roche Holding AG and Medtronic PLC, which increased the Fund's overall dividend yield.

The Fund's holdings in Brookfield Corp. and Brookfield Asset Management Ltd. were steadily reduced over the period based on valuation after significant outperformance.

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 \$47,115 to CIBC WM and \$262 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.

		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	39.11	\$	41.24	\$	34.78	\$	34.35	\$	29.42
Increase (decrease) from operations:	Ψ	33.11	Ψ	41.24	Ψ	34.70	Ψ	34.33	Ψ	25.42
Total revenue	\$	1.56	\$	1.50	\$	1.22	\$	1.05	\$	1.04
Total expenses	Ψ	(0.81)	Ψ	(0.84)	Ψ	(0.81)	Ψ	(0.67)	Ψ	(0.70)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		1.58		1.00		3.41		(0.17)		1.62
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.21		(3.11)		4.41		0.18		3.67
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	\$	2.54	\$	(1.45)	\$	8.23	\$	0.39	\$	5.63
Distributions:	<u> </u>	2.01	Ψ	(1.10)	Ψ	0.20	Ψ	0.00	Ψ	0.00
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
From dividends	,	0.57	,	0.37	*	0.14	*	0.23	*	0.20
From capital gains		0.05		_		1.58		_		0.35
Return of capital		_		_		_		_		_
Total Distributions ³	\$	0.62	\$	0.37	\$	1.72	\$	0.23	\$	0.55
Net Assets, end of period	\$	41.14	\$	39.11	\$	41.24	\$	34.78	\$	34.35
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A	Units									
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Total Net Asset Value (000s) ⁴	\$	674,741	\$	668,583	\$	753,866	\$	645,286	\$	715,729
Number of Units Outstanding ⁴	Ψ	16,404,660	Ψ	17,094,757	Ψ	18,279,255	Ψ	18,553,178	Ψ	20,834,328
Management Expense Ratio ⁵		2.00%		1.99%		2.00%		2.02%		2.02%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or										
absorptions ⁶		2.00%		1.99%		2.00%		2.03%		2.03%
Trading Expense Ratio ⁷		0.04%		0.02%		0.04%		0.06%		0.07%
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁸		26.86%		15.16%		28.83%		34.73%		34.26%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	41.14	\$	39.11	\$	41.24	\$	34.78	\$	34.35
The Fund's Net Assets per Unit ¹ - Class	F Units	i							Ince	ption date: July 6, 20
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		2023		2022		2021		2020 ^a		
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	12.97	\$	2022 13.72	\$	2021 11.36	\$	2020 ^a 10.00 ^b		
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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit ¹ - Class	O Units	;			Inc	eption	date: October 30, 20
		2023	2022	2021	2020	-	2019
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	20.57	\$ 21.62	\$ 17.42	\$ 17.23	\$	14.59
Increase (decrease) from operations:							
Total revenue	\$	0.81	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.53	\$	0.51
Total expenses		(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)		(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.82	0.59	1.67	(0.09)		0.78
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		(0.15)	(1.14)	2.38	0.30		1.87
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	\$	1.47	\$ 0.21	\$ 4.64	\$ 0.73	\$	3.14
Distributions:							
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	_	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$	_
From dividends		0.72	0.55	0.32	0.45		0.40
From capital gains		_	_	_	_		_
Return of capital		-	_	-	-		-
Total Distributions ³	\$	0.72	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.45	\$	0.40
Net Assets, end of period	\$	21.66	\$ 20.57	\$ 21.62	\$ 17.42	\$	17.23
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class C	Units						
		2023	2022	2021	2020		2019
Total Net Asset Value (000s) ⁴	\$	376	\$ 280	\$ 247	\$ 241	\$	261
Number of Units Outstanding ⁴		17,359	13,591	11,430	13,835		15,165
Management Expense Ratio ⁵		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		0.00%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or							
absorptions ⁶		0.00%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%		0.03%
Trading Expense Ratio ⁷		0.04%	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%		0.07%
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁸		26.86%	15.16%	28.83%	34.73%		34.26%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	21.66	\$ 20.57	\$ 21.62	\$ 17.42	\$	17.23

- ^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.
- 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 Fund, or both.
- 4 This information is presented as at December 31 of the period(s) shown.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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	26.09%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	73.91%	100.00%

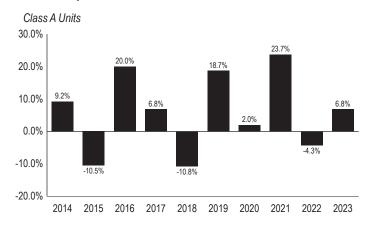
Past Performance

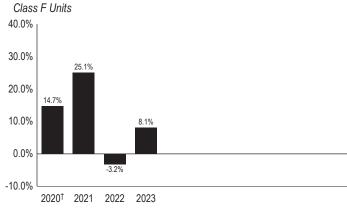
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

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.

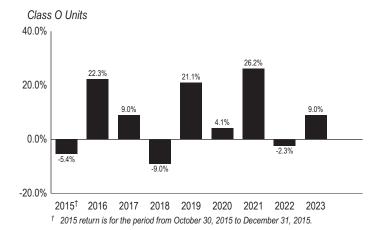
Year-by-Year Returns

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.





[†] 2020 return is for the period from July 6, 2020 to December 31, 2020.



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 Dividend Index.

	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years* (%)	or Since Inception* (%)	Inception Date
Class A units	6.8	8.1	8.9	5.5		August 7, 1991
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	9.6	11.9	11.5	8.1		-
Class F units	8.1	9.4			12.4	July 6, 2020
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	9.6	11.9			14.1	
Class O units	9.0	10.3	11.1		8.5	October 30, 2015
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	9.6	11.9	11.5		9.2	

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

CIBC Dividend Growth Fund

S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index aims to provide a broad-based benchmark of Canadian dividend-paying stocks. It includes all stocks in the S&P/TSX Composite Index with positive annual dividend yields as of the latest rebalancing of the S&P/TSX Composite Index.

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 www.cibc.com/mutualfunds. 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.

	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
Financials	39.2
Energy	20.2
Industrials	12.4
Materials	7.5
Communication Services	5.0
Utilities	5.0
Real Estate	2.9
Information Technology	2.7
Health Care	2.0
Consumer Discretionary	1.9
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.2

Top Positions	% of Net Asset Value
Royal Bank of Canada	8.7
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	6.0
Bank of Montreal	5.7
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	5.4
Enbridge Inc.	4.5
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	4.0
Brookfield Corp., Class 'A'	4.0
TELUS Corp.	3.5
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	3.0
Canadian National Railway Co.	3.0
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	2.4
Element Fleet Management Corp.	2.3
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	2.2
Brookfield Infrastructure Partners L.P.	2.1
Suncor Energy Inc.	2.1
Bank of Nova Scotia	2.1
Nutrien Ltd.	2.1
Manulife Financial Corp.	2.1
Intact Financial Corp.	1.9
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	1.8
Brookfield Asset Management Ltd., Class 'A'	1.6
Cenovus Energy Inc.	1.6
Constellation Software Inc.	1.5
GFL Environmental Inc.	1.4
Teck Resources Ltd., Class 'B'	1.4

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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