

## 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 Precious Metals Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to provide long-term growth through capital appreciation by investing primarily in Canadian companies directly or indirectly involved in the precious metals sector and directly in precious metals in the form of bullion, coins, or certificates.

Investment Strategies: The Fund identifies the commodities, securities, and sub-sectors within the gold, silver, and precious metals & minerals groups that are expected to outperform. Adjustments to the portfolio are based on an assessment of industry and company fundamentals, including analysis of company financial statements, evaluation of assets, future growth prospects, and assessment of management teams.

#### Risk

The Fund is a precious metals equity fund that is suitable for long term investors who can tolerate high 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 decreased by 6% during the period, from \$53,682 as at December 31, 2022 to \$50,598 as at December 31, 2023. Net redemptions of \$4,375 were partially offset by positive investment performance, resulting in an overall decrease in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 1.5% for the period. The Fund's benchmarks, the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index and the S&P/TSX Composite Index (referred to as the *benchmarks*), returned 4.6% and 11.8%, respectively, for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmarks' returns. See

the section *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

Inflation, inflation expectations, economic growth and outright recession fears remained the market's main macroeconomic preoccupations over the period. Gold's inverse relationship to the U.S. dollar made the direction of interest rates and resulting impact on the dollar of particular interest. Ongoing conflict in Ukraine and Gaza also affected gold because of its role as a hedge against geopolitical risk.

Sector allocation significantly detracted from the Fund's performance. An allocation to copper also detracted from performance.

Individual detractors from performance included overweight exposures to First Quantum Minerals Ltd. and SSR Mining Inc. and an underweight holding in Compania de Minas Buenaventura SA. First Quantum stock fell after the Cobre Panama mine was ordered closed by the Panamanian government. This mine was the company's cornerstone property. SSR Mining had disappointing guidance updates and weak communications with investors. Compania de Minas Buenaventura outperformed on news that another miner had taken a 19% stake in the company.

Conversely, a cap on the size of individual stock weights in the Fund contributed to the Fund's performance.

The top individual contributors to the Fund's performance included an overweight holding in Kinross Gold Corp. and underweight exposures to Franco-Nevada Corp. and Newmont Corp. Kinross Gold executed well on its 2023 plans and benefited from the rise in the price of gold during the year. Franco-Nevada lost value on its exposure to the Cobre Panama mine that was ordered closed by the government after related social unrest. The Fund was underweight Newmont Corp. because the benchmark weight exceeds the 10% Fund cap on individual stock weights.

The Fund's holdings in B2Gold Corp. and Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd. were increased. B2Gold has a strong balance sheet. The Portfolio Advisor believes the company can easily finance a recently acquired mine and maintain its dividend distribution. The Portfolio Advisor believes risks related to uncertainty around management and

leadership at Osisko Gold Royalties was mitigated, making for a more attractive investment opportunity.

The Portfolio Advisor sold First Quantum, which was not included in the benchmark and no longer provided the desired exposure.

The Fund's exposures to SSR Mining Inc., Alamos Gold Inc., Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. and Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. were reduced. The Portfolio Advisor lost confidence in SSR Mining's ability to execute consistently on operations and reduced the Fund's holding following an update on company costs and production. Alamos Gold traded at a premium versus peers. Even though this was based on strong fundamentals and results, the the Portfolio Advisor reduced its exposure. Wheaton Precious Metals and Agnico Eagle Mines were successively reduced as they each approached the Fund's 10% weight cap.

### 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 \$909 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.

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**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<sup>1</sup> - Class A Units**

**Inception date: July 25, 1996**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 14.06	\$ 14.25	\$ 15.65	\$ 12.52	\$ 9.32
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.11
Total expenses	(0.34)	(0.33)	(0.35)	(0.37)	(0.28)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.68	0.72	0.62	1.26	(0.55)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.42)	(0.24)	(1.93)	1.90	3.89
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.44	\$ (1.40)	\$ 2.95	\$ 3.17
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 14.27	\$ 14.06	\$ 14.25	\$ 15.65	\$ 12.52

**Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 38,529	\$ 41,060	\$ 57,583	\$ 63,470	\$ 48,933
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	2,700,709	2,920,453	4,040,401	4,054,695	3,907,805
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	2.25%	2.25%	2.27%	2.29%	2.43%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	2.25%	2.25%	2.32%	2.30%	2.47%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.02%	0.03%	0.06%	0.08%	0.08%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	6.86%	6.09%	14.20%	20.28%	12.33%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 14.27	\$ 14.06	\$ 14.25	\$ 15.65	\$ 12.52

**The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class F Units**

**Inception date: July 6, 2020**

	2023	2022	2021	2020 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 8.78	\$ 8.80	\$ 9.47	\$ 10.00 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>				
Total revenue	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.20	\$ (0.33)
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.05)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.42	0.06	(0.07)	0.35
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.23)	(1.97)	0.37	(2.10)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.32	\$ (1.78)	\$ 0.45	\$ (2.09)
<b>Distributions:</b>				
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From dividends	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 9.02	\$ 8.78	\$ 8.80	\$ 9.47

**Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class F Units**

	2023	2022	2021	2020 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 10,943	\$ 11,367	\$ 19	\$ -
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	1,213,251	1,294,476	2,211	1
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	1.03%	1.07%	1.32%	1.07%*
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	1.04%	1.08%	3.35%	1.08%*
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>	0.02%	0.03%	0.06%	0.08%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	6.86%	6.09%	14.20%	20.28%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 9.02	\$ 8.78	\$ 8.80	\$ 9.47

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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Class O Units					Inception date: May 3, 2012					
	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$	10.31	\$	10.22	\$	10.98	\$	8.58	\$	6.23
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>										
Total revenue	\$	0.28	\$	0.22	\$	0.14	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.06
Total expenses		(0.01)		(0.01)		(0.01)		-		(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.49		0.48		0.49		0.84		(0.06)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		(0.18)		(0.68)		(1.41)		1.29		3.66
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$	0.58	\$	0.01	\$	(0.79)	\$	2.11	\$	3.65
<b>Distributions:</b>										
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
From dividends		-		-		-		-		-
From capital gains		-		-		-		-		-
Return of capital		-		-		-		-		-
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$	10.70	\$	10.31	\$	10.22	\$	10.98	\$	8.58

**Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O Units**

	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$	1,126	\$	1,255	\$	1,707	\$	2,629	\$	1,333
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>		105,246		121,708		166,925		239,500		155,386
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>		0.00%		0.09%		0.15%		0.13%		0.15%
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>		0.02%		0.03%		0.06%		0.08%		0.08%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>		6.86%		6.09%		14.20%		20.28%		12.33%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$	10.70	\$	10.31	\$	10.22	\$	10.98	\$	8.58

<sup>a</sup> Information presented is for the period from the inception date to December 31.

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

<sup>\*</sup> Ratio has been annualized.

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual 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, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

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

<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 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<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 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	15.71%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	84.29%	100.00%

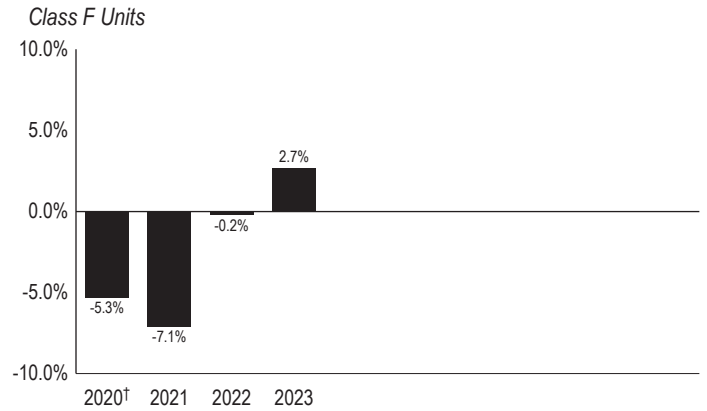
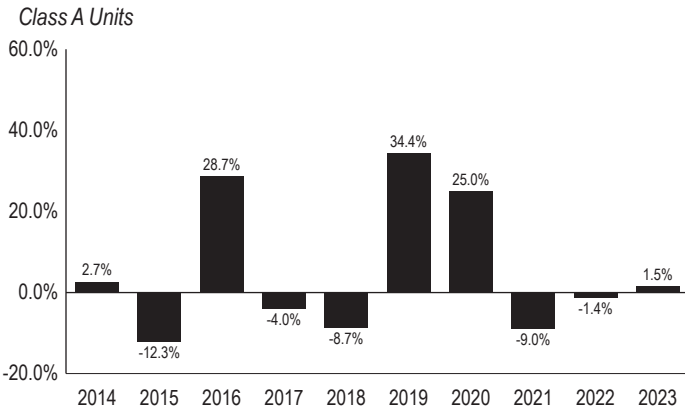
**Past Performance**

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.

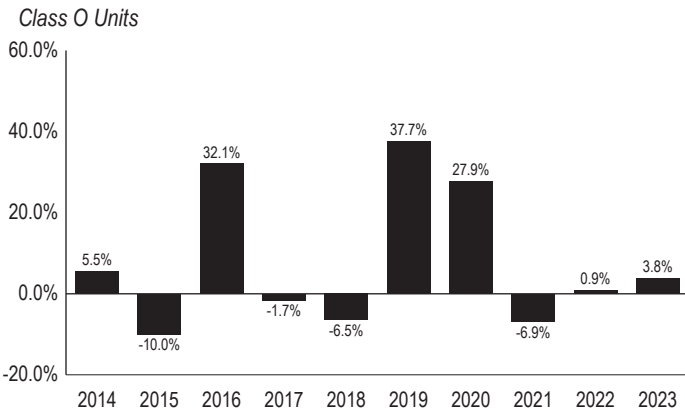
The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See the *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

**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 benchmarks are the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index and the S&P/TSX Composite Index.



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	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years* (%)	or Since Inception* (%)	Inception Date
Class A units	1.5	(3.0)	8.9	4.5		July 25, 1996
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	4.6	(1.1)	10.8	7.6		
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11.8	9.7	11.3	7.6		
Class F units	2.7	(1.6)			(2.9)	July 6, 2020
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	4.6	(1.1)			(4.0)	
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11.8	9.7			12.2	
Class O units	3.8	(0.8)	11.4	7.1		May 3, 2012
S&P/TSX Global Gold Index	4.6	(1.1)	10.8	7.6		
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.

**S&P/TSX Global Gold Index** is designed to provide an investable index of global gold securities. Eligible securities include producers of gold and related products, including companies that mine or process gold and the South African finance houses that primarily invest in, but do not operate, gold mines.

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](http://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.

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>	<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Metals & Mining	98.2	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	9.6
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.9	Barrick Gold Corp.	9.4
Other Assets, less Liabilities	0.8	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	9.4
Materials	0.1	Franco-Nevada Corp.	6.9
		Newmont Corp.	6.0
		Kinross Gold Corp.	5.8
		Gold Fields Ltd., ADR	5.8
		Pan American Silver Corp.	5.8
		Endeavour Mining PLC	5.6
		Alamos Gold Inc., Class 'A'	5.5
		Royal Gold Inc.	4.9
		B2Gold Corp.	3.6
		Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd.	3.5
		AngloGold Ashanti PLC	3.3
		K92 Mining Inc.	2.3
		OceanaGold Corp.	2.3
		SSR Mining Inc.	2.3
		Torex Gold Resources Inc.	1.4
		Major Drilling Group International Inc.	1.2
		Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.9
		Other Assets, less Liabilities	0.8
		SilverCrest Metals Inc.	0.8
		Equinox Gold Corp.	0.8
		Newmont Corp.	0.7
		Probe Gold Inc.	0.6

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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.

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