

# **Interim Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the period ended February 29, 2024

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

### **Results of Operations**

CIBC Alternative Credit Strategy's (referred to as the *Fund*) portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (referred to as *CAMI*, the *Manager* or *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the six-month period ended February 29, 2024. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 26% during the period, from \$12,269 as at August 31, 2023 to \$15,447 as at February 29, 2024. Net sales of \$2,513 and positive investment performance resulted in an overall increase in net asset value.

Series A units of the Fund posted a return of 5.1% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index (referred to as the *benchmark*), returned 5.2% 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 series of units offered by the Fund.

Despite facing significant volatility, longer-term bond yields moved lower over the period. Markets started to gain confidence that the US Federal Reserve Board (referred to as the *Fed*) and the Bank of Canada (referred to as the *BoC*) were at the end of their monetary tightening cycles. This led investors to anticipate interest-rate reductions in 2024.

Both the Fed and the BoC elected to leave their policy rates unchanged at 5.25%–5.50% and 5.0%, respectively, to help support efforts to bring inflation back to their target of 2%.

The Canadian yield curve, defined as the difference between 2-year and 30-year bond yields, steepened as short-term interest rates declined more than 30-year bond yields. Over the period, Canadian bonds outperformed US bonds partially as the result of stronger-than-anticipated US economic data. Inflation continued to cool in both countries, but recent data was higher than expected. At the end of the period, futures markets were pricing in four interest-rate cuts from both the Fed and the BoC over the next 12 months, with the first expected in July

Corporate bonds outperformed as credit spreads (the yield differential between securities of similar maturity but different credit quality)

continued to tighten. This tightening reflected strong demand for riskier assets, lower new-issuance supply, and better-than-anticipated profitability and credit fundamentals. Despite record bond issuance to start the year, demand continued to outpace supply for new issuance.

Security selection contributed to the Fund's performance. Top individual contributors to performance included holdings in West Edmonton Mall Property Inc. (4.309%, 2024/02/13) and Daimler Trucks Finance Canada Inc. (2.14%, 2024/12/13). These holdings benefited from a narrowing of credit spreads.

A new holding in Enbridge Inc. (3.95%, 2024/11/19) was added to the Fund as the Portfolio Advisor considered it to be attractively valued. HSBC Bank Canada (3.403%, 2025/03/24) was eliminated from the Fund as it had become fully valued in the Portfolio Advisor's view. A holding in AltaGas Ltd. (3.84%, 2025/01/15) was trimmed to take profits and help diversify the Fund.

### Leverage

Leverage occurs when the Fund's aggregate exposure to underlying assets is greater than the amount invested, but may not exceed 300% of the Fund's NAV. Aggregate exposure is the sum of the following:

- 1. the aggregate value of the Fund's outstanding indebtedness under any borrowing agreements;
- 2. the aggregate market value of all securities sold short by the Fund; and
- 3. the aggregate notional amount of the Fund's specified derivatives positions excluding any specified derivatives used for hedging purposes.

During the six-month period ending February 29, 2024, the Fund's leverage position ranged from 19.3% to 125.5% of the Fund's NAV. The low end of the range occurred in September 14, 2023 when the Fund's strategy dictated that less leverage was required to achieve the Fund's target risk-return objectives. The high end of the range was reached in December 15, 2023 when the Fund deployed a greater use of leverage to achieve its target risk-return objectives. The Fund's short selling, use of repurchase agreements and derivatives usage provided sources of leverage during the six-month period ended February 29, 2024. For the

6-months ended February 29, 2024, the Fund did not utilize specified derivatives for hedging purposes.

### **Recent Developments**

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

### **Related Party Transactions**

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (referred to as *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, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor of the Fund
CAMI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Fund's Manager,
Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor. As Manager, CAMI 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 series of
units of the Fund as described in Management Fees.

The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain Fund costs) in respect of Series A, Series F and Series S units, 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 series of units. For Series O units, no fixed administration fee will be charged. The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain Fund costs) allocated to Series 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.

As Trustee, CAMI holds title to the Fund's property (cash and securities) on behalf of its unitholders. As Portfolio Advisor, CAMI provides, or arranges to provide for, investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund. CAMI also compensates dealers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Fund. From time to time, CAMI as Portfolio Advisor may invest in units of the Fund on behalf of other investment funds.

### Distributor

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

CAMI may pay sales commissions and 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 sales commissions and trailing commissions to their advisors who sell units of the Fund to investors.

### Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars

The Portfolio Advisor or any portfolio sub-advisors make decisions, including the selection of markets and dealers and the negotiation of commissions, with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, certain derivative products and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by the Portfolio Advisor or any portfolio sub-advisor(s) 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, 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 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 or any portfolio sub-advisor(s) when they process trades through them. These types of goods and services for which the Portfolio Advisor or a portfolio sub-advisor may direct brokerage commissions are research goods and services and order execution goods and services, and are referred to in the industry as "soft-dollar" arrangements. These goods and services received through soft dollar arrangements assist the Portfolio Advisor or any portfolio sub-advisor(s) with investment decision-making services for the Fund, or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund. As per the terms of the portfolio advisory agreement and portfolio sub-advisory 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 Fund. Any commission recaptured will be paid to the Fund.

During the period, the Fund 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.

### **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 Independent Review Committee (referred to as the *IRC*):

- invest in or hold equity securities of CIBC or issuers related to the Portfolio 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 Private Placement Relief Order and 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 party is the counterparty;
- purchase securities from or sell securities to another investment fund or a managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate (referred to as inter-fund trades or cross-trades);
- 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 of 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 to or reported to it by the Manager, if it determines that an investment decision was not made in accordance with conditions imposed by securities legislation or the IRC in any Related Party Transactions requiring its approval.

### Custodian

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund (referred to as the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds 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 are paid by the Manager. 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. 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 February 29, 2024 and August 31 of any other period(s) shown.

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Series	A Units						Inception date: November 21, 2022
		2024		2023		2022 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	10.17	\$	10.00	\$	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:							
Total revenue	\$	0.35	\$	0.53	\$	-	
Total expenses		(0.21)		(0.36)		-	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.29		0.25		-	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.07		0.13		_	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.50	\$	0.55	\$	-	
Distributions:							
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.19	\$	0.36	\$	-	
From dividends		-		_		-	
From capital gains		0.42		0.02		-	
Return of capital		_		_		_	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	0.61	\$	0.38	\$	_	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	10.07	\$	10.17	\$	10.00	
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Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	10,595	\$	10,920	\$	150	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	φ	1,052,479	ф	1,073,280	φ	15,000	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		1.61%*		1.58%*		0.00%*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>		1.61%*		1.59%*		0.00%*	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.00%*		0.00%*		0.00%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	•	315.06%	•	352.00%	•	0.00%	
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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Series	U Units				Inception date: November 21, 2022
		2024		2023 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	10.38	\$	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	\$	0.19	\$	0.04	
Total expenses		(0.09)		(0.03)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.18		0.20	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		(0.03)		0.17	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.25	\$	0.38	
Distributions:	•	0.40	•		
From income (excluding dividends) From dividends	\$	0.13	\$	-	
From capital gains		0.44		-	
Return of capital		0.44		-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	0.57	\$	_	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	10.33	\$	10.38	
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		2024		2023 <sup>a</sup>	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	388	\$	-	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		37,548		1	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		0.09%*		0.07%*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or					
absorptions <sup>6</sup>		0.09%*		0.07%*	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.00%*		0.00%*	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		315.06%		352.00%	
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Net Assets, beginning of period Increase (decrease) from operations: Total revenue Total expenses Realized gains (losses) for the period Unrealized gains (losses) for the period Total increase (decrease) from operations² Distributions:	\$ \$	0.38 (0.16) 0.32 0.06 0.60	\$	0.02 (0.01) 0.01 0.04 0.06	Inception date: November 21, 202
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- Information presented is for the period from the inception date to August 31.
- Initial offering price.
- Ratio has been annualized.
- This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual and unaudited interim 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.

  This information is presented as at February 29, 2024 and August 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 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.
- 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 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**

The Fund pays CAMI 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 CAMI 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 CAMI out of the management fees received from the Fund. The Fund is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees paid to CAMI. Refer to the simplified prospectus for the annual management fee rate for each series of units.

For Series 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 Series O management fee will not exceed the Series F unit management fee rate.

For the period ended February 29, 2024, 100% of the management fees collected from the Fund was attributable to general administration and investment advice.

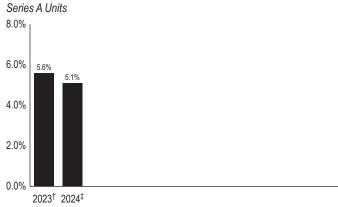
### **Past Performance**

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

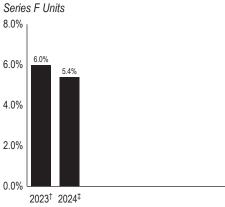
The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between series of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

### Year-by-Year Returns

The bar charts show the annual performance of each series of units of the Fund for each of the periods shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from period to period. The bar charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on September 1 would have increased or decreased by August 31, unless otherwise indicated

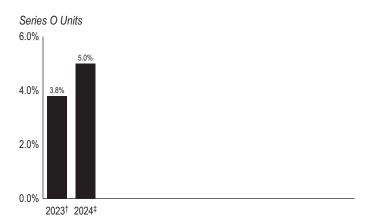


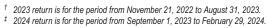
- † 2023 return is for the period from November 21, 2022 to August 31, 2023.
- <sup>‡</sup> 2024 return is for the period from September 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024.



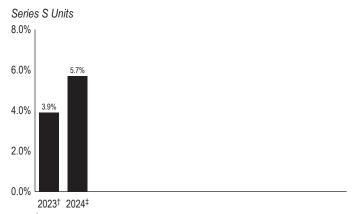
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- <sup>‡</sup> 2024 return is for the period from September 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024.

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- <sup>†</sup> 2023 return is for the period from November 21, 2022 to August 31, 2023.
   <sup>‡</sup> 2024 return is for the period from September 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at February 29, 2024)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting <a href="www.renaissanceinvestments.ca">www.renaissanceinvestments.ca</a>. The Top Positions - Long Holdings table shows the Fund's 25 largest long positions. The Top Positions - Short Holdings table shows the Fund's 25 largest short positions. If the Fund holds fewer than 25 long positions or 25 short positions in total, all positions are shown.

	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
Corporate Bonds Long	112.1
Reverse Repurchase Agreement	58.2
Foreign Currency Bonds Long	19.5
Government of Canada & Guaranteed Bonds Long	12.2
Futures Contracts - Fixed Income Long	1.1
Other Assets, less Liabilities	0.1
Cash	(0.4)
Futures Contracts - Fixed Income Short	(1.1)
Government of Canada & Guaranteed Bonds Short	(42.6)
Repurchase Agreement	(59.1)

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	% of Net Asset Value of the
Top Positions - Long Holdings	Underlying Fund
Government of Canada, 1.50%, 2026/06/01, Reverse Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/05	13.6
Government of Canada, 2.00%, 2028/06/01, Reverse Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/05	12.8
Government of Canada, 2.75%, 2024/08/01	12.2
Government of Canada, 4.00%, 2041/06/01, Reverse Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/05	11.8
Central 1 Credit Union, 5.88%, 2026/11/10	8.7
Saputo Inc., Callable, 2.88%, 2024/11/19	8.3
Royal Bank of Canada, 5.34%, 2026/06/23	7.9
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), 5.42%, 2026/07/10	7.9
Enbridge Inc., Callable, 3.95%, 2024/11/19	7.8
AltaGas Ltd., Callable, 3.84%, 2025/01/15	7.1
Original Wempi Inc., 7.79%, 2027/10/04	7.1 7.0
Daimler Truck Finance Canada Inc., 2.14%, 2024/12/13 Wells Fargo & Co., Variable Rate, Callable, 2.57%, 2026/05/01	7.0
Chartwell Retirement Residences, 6.00%, 2026/12/08	6.6
TransCanada PipeLines Ltd., Callable, 6.52%, 2026/03/10	6.6
Government of Canada, 1.00%, 2027/06/01, Reverse Repurchase	6.6
Agreement dated 2024/03/26	0.0
Gibson Energy Inc., Callable, 5.80%, 2026/07/12	6.5
Athene Global Funding, 1.25%, 2024/04/09	6.5
Inter Pipeline Ltd., Callable, 3.17%, 2025/03/24	6.4
Choice Properties REIT, Series 'J', Callable, 3.55%, 2025/01/10	6.4
Retained Vantage Data Centers Issuer LLC, Class 'A2B', Series '23-1A', Callable, 5.25%, 2048/09/15	6.1
North West Redwater Partnership / NWR Financing Co. Ltd., Series 'A', Callable, 3.20%, 2024/07/22	5.5
Government of Canada, 1.00%, 2027/06/01, Reverse Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/12	5.2
BINOM Securitization Trust, Class 'A', Series '23-CDN1', Callable, 4.56%, 2063/08/15	5.0
Government of Canada, 1.00%, 2027/06/01, Reverse Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/05	4.5
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	% of Net Asset Value of the
Top Positions - Short Holdings	Underlying Fund
Government of Canada, 1.00%, 2027/06/01	(16.3)
Government of Canada, 5.00%, 2037/06/01, Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/05	(15.1)
Government of Canada, 1.50%, 2026/06/01	(13.5)
Government of Canada, 2.00%, 2028/06/01	(12.8)
Government of Canada, 2.75%, 2024/08/01, Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/05	(10.9)
Central 1 Credit Union, 5.88%, 2026/11/10, Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/26	(8.3)
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), 5.42%, 2026/07/10, Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/05	(7.5)
Royal Bank of Canada, 5.34%, 2026/06/23, Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/05	(7.5)
Chartwell Retirement Residences, 6.00%, 2026/12/08, Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/12	(6.6)
Primaris REIT, Callable, 5.93%, 2028/03/29, Repurchase Agreement dated 2024/03/05	(3.2)
Canada 30 Year Bond Future, March 2024	(1.1)

# 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", "inclinends", "pelieves", "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 Asset Management Inc. 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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