

# **Interim Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the period ended June 30, 2024

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

## **Results of Operations**

CIBC Sustainable Canadian Equity Fund's (the *Fund*) portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (*CAMI* or the *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 10% during the period, from \$11,580 as at December 31, 2023 to \$12,707 as at June 30, 2024. Net sales of \$920 and positive investment performance resulted in an overall increase in net asset value.

Series A units of the Fund posted a return of 1.0% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Index (the *benchmark*), returned 6.1% 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.

During the reporting period, the Fund adhered to its ESG strategy of divestment through negative screening from the industries outlined in the prospectus through a process of evaluating the revenue exposure of issuers to the disclosed business involvement criteria. During the period, there were no changes made to the portfolio as a result of the ESG characteristics or screening criteria.

Canadian equity markets rose over the period, supported by a more resilient economy than expected and strong commodity prices.

Canada's economy grew at a relatively slow pace, with restrictive financial conditions weighing on business activity and consumer spending. However, the Canadian economy avoided a recession, which had been a concern as inflationary pressures persisted and the Bank of Canada (the *BoC*) raised interest rates.

Within the labour market, job additions slowed and even declined in some months. Canada's inflation rate fell but remained elevated, staying above the BoC's 2% target. Energy and food price inflation slowed.

Amid moderating inflation and slower economic growth, the BoC lowered interest rates for the first time since 2020, the first G7 central

bank to do so. In June, the BoC lowered its benchmark overnight interest rate by 25 basis points to 4.75% from 5.00%. BoC officials indicated that the pace of interest-rate reductions could be gradual as inflationary pressures remained a risk.

The US Federal Reserve Board (the *Fed*) held the target range of its federal funds rate steady at 5.25%–5.50%. However, markets continued to expect the Fed to lower interest rates at least once in 2024.

Seven of the 11 sectors within the Canadian equity market generated positive returns, with industrials and energy being the best-performing sectors. The communication services and real estate sectors underperformed.

Overweight exposure to the communication services sector and underweight exposure to materials detracted from the Fund's performance. Individual detractors included an overweight holding in Magna International Inc. The company underperformed in response to ongoing operational and macroeconomic issues, including disappointing results from its power and vision segment.

Underweight exposure to the information technology sector and overweight exposure to industrials contributed to the Fund's performance. Individual contributors included overweight holdings in George Weston Ltd. and Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. George Weston's share price benefited from improved gross margins and stronger-than-expected same-store sales growth at Loblaw Cos. Ltd. Agnico Eagle outperformed as gold prices reached all-time highs and the company delivered solid operational performance.

Several new holdings were added to the Fund. The Portfolio Advisor believes Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. has a strong balance sheet and is not subject to the inflationary pressures faced by gold producers. The Portfolio Advisor expects The Descartes Systems Group Inc. to grow in response to investments in delivery and e-commerce.

Canadian Tire Corp. Ltd. was added as the Portfolio Advisor believed its stock price had corrected to reflect weaker consumer spending trends, and because of the potential sale of its credit card portfolio, which could benefit shareholders. The Portfolio Advisor added Boyd Group Services Inc. based on its organic growth, potential for mergers and acquisitions, and free cash flow generation.

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The Portfolio Advisor increased some of the Fund's existing holdings. Kinaxis Inc. continues to grow while generating strong margins. The Portfolio Advisor believes Saputo Inc. can accelerate its earnings growth from operational efficiencies with new and upgraded plants. Holdings in Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and The Bank of Nova Scotia were increased as other financial holdings were trimmed, based on their relative risk-reward profiles.

Several holdings were eliminated from the Fund. The Portfolio Advisor believes B2Gold Corp. faces risks of lower production, higher costs and lingering uncertainty around the new mining code in Mali. CGI Inc. was sold based on its slowdown in growth and management commentary regarding the company's challenges. Canadian National Railway Co. was sold to reduce the Fund's overweight defensive exposure to railways.

Several holdings were trimmed to raise cash for higher-conviction investments, including Sun Life Financial Inc., Shopify Inc., Waste Connections Inc., Restaurant Brands International Inc., Wheaton Precious Metals and George Weston.

TELUS Corp. was trimmed as the Portfolio Advisor believes the company faces risks related to its non-core assets, slower growth in subscriber additions and flat average revenue per user. Magna International was trimmed as the Portfolio Advisor believes production cuts could be possible given continued high interest rates and building inventory.

## **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 (*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 (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 *Management Fees* section. 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 series of units of the Fund (except series 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 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 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 (*CIBC Trust*), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Fund's trustee (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. (CIBC SI), the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (CIBC ISI), the CIBC Imperial Investor Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (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, Designated Broker Arrangement 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.

CIBC has entered into an agreement with CIBC WM to act as designated broker to perform certain duties for the Fund. The designated broker arrangements entered into with CIBC WM are consistent with market terms and conditions.

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 \$763 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 (*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 (the Related Dealer or 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 (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 Custodian may hire sub-custodians for the

Fund. The fees and spreads for 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, in return for receiving a fixed administration fee from the Fund. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

#### Service Provider

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company Inc. (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, in return for receiving a fixed administration fee from the Fund. 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 June 30, 2024 and December 31 of any other period(s) shown.

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Series	A Units				,	,			Inception date: July 5, 2021
		2024		2023		2022		2021a	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	9.99	\$	9.33	\$	10.63	\$	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:	<u> </u>								
Total revenue	\$	0.16	\$	0.30	\$	0.28	\$	0.13	
Total expenses		(0.10)		(0.20)		(0.20)		(0.11)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.01		(0.01)		(0.20)		(0.03)	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.05		0.77		(1.16)		0.64	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.12	\$	0.86	\$	(1.28)	\$	0.63	
Distributions: From income (excluding dividends)	\$		\$	_	\$	_	\$		
From dividends	φ	_	φ	_	φ	0.01	φ	_	
From capital gains		_		_		0.01		_	
Return of capital		_		_		_		_	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	-	\$	_	\$	0.01	\$	_	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	10.09	\$	9.99	\$	9.33	\$	10.63	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series A	Units								
		2024		2023		2022		2021 <sup>a</sup>	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	2,453	\$	2,599	\$	6,611	\$	6,681	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		243,106		260,081		708,871		628,639	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		2.02%*		2.03%		2.03%		2.03%*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or		0.000/*		0.000/		0.000/		0.000/*	
absorptions <sup>6</sup>		2.03%*		2.03%		2.03%		2.03%*	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.05%*		0.06%		0.04%		0.11%*	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		17.90%	•	37.94%		32.93%		3.02%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	10.09	\$	9.99	\$	9.33	\$	10.63	
The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Series	F Units								Inception date: July 5, 2021
·		2024		2023		2022		2021 <sup>a</sup>	, , ,
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	9.89	\$	9.36	\$	10.67	\$	10.00b	
Increase (decrease) from operations:			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
Total revenue	\$	0.16	\$	0.31	\$	0.29	\$	0.07	
Total expenses		(0.04)		(80.0)		(80.0)		(0.03)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.01		(0.02)		(0.25)		(0.02)	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.05		1.07		(1.30)		0.53	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.18	\$	1.28	\$	(1.34)	\$	0.55	
Distributions:	Φ.		•		Φ.		Φ.		
From income (excluding dividends) From dividends	\$	-	\$	0.27	\$	0.13	\$	0.02	
From capital gains		_		0.27		0.13		0.02	
Return of capital		_		_		_		_	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	-	\$	0.27	\$	0.13	\$	0.02	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	10.05	\$	9.89	\$	9.36	\$	10.67	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F	Units								
		2024		2023		2022		2021 <sup>a</sup>	
			Φ.	187	\$	131	\$	85	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	300	\$	107	Ψ_				
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	\$	300 29,921	Ф	18,950	Ψ	14,008		7,985	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup> Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	\$		<b>\$</b>					7,985 0.85% <sup>*</sup>	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	\$	29,921	\$	18,950	<b>*</b>	14,008			
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup> Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> Management Expense Ratio before waivers or	\$	29,921 0.83% <sup>*</sup>	<b>\$</b>	18,950 0.82%		14,008 0.78%		0.85%*	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup> Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	\$	29,921 0.83%* 0.83%*	\$	18,950 0.82% 0.82%	<b>.</b>	14,008 0.78% 0.78%		0.85%*	

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - ETF S	eries Ur	nits							Inception date: July 19, 2021
		2024		2023		2022		2021 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	19.72	\$	18.56	\$	21.21	\$	19.69 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:	· ·	-	•		<u>'</u>		<u> </u>		
Total revenue	\$	0.31	\$	0.60	\$	0.58	\$	0.24	
Total expenses		(80.0)		(0.15)		(0.15)		(0.08)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.02 0.07		(0.07) 0.93		(0.36) (2.76)		(0.05) 1.22	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.07	\$	1.31	\$	(2.76)	\$	1.33	
Distributions:	Ψ	0.32	Ψ	1.31	φ	(2.09)	φ	1.33	
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	
From dividends	•	_	Ψ	0.39	*	0.32	Ψ	0.04	
From capital gains		-		<del>.</del>		_		- <del>-</del>	
Return of capital		-		0.04				0.08	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	-	\$	0.43	\$	0.32	\$	0.12	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	20.04	\$	19.72	\$	18.56	\$	21.21	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - ETF Se	ries Unit	s							
		2024		2023		2022		2021 <sup>a</sup>	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	1,203	\$	1,183	\$	2,042	\$	1,273	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		60,000		60,000		110,000		60,000	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		0.73%*		0.74%		0.73%		0.73%*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or									
absorptions <sup>6</sup>		0.73%*		0.74%		0.73%		0.73%*	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.05%*		0.06%		0.04%		0.11%*	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	· ·	17.90% 20.04	•	37.94% 19.72	Φ.	32.93%	•	3.02% 21.21	
Net Asset Value per Unit Closing Market Price	<u>\$</u> \$	20.04	\$ \$	19.72	\$ \$	18.56 18.56	<u>\$</u> \$	21.23	
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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Series	S Units								Inception date: July 5, 2021
		2024		2023		2022		2021 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	9.90	\$	9.35	\$	10.65	\$	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:	•	0.40	•	0.04	•	0.00	•	0.00	
Total revenue Total expenses	\$	0.16 (0.01)	\$	0.31 (0.02)	\$	0.29 (0.02)	\$	0.03	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.01)		(0.02)		(0.02)		(0.02)	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.04		0.60		(1.13)		0.23	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.20	\$	0.83	\$	(1.11)	\$	0.24	
Distributions:									
From income (excluding dividends) From dividends	\$	-	\$	- 0.24	\$	0.40	\$	- 0.00	
From capital gains		_		0.31		0.19		0.03	
Return of capital		_		_		_		_	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	-	\$	0.31	\$	0.19	\$	0.03	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	10.09	\$	9.90	\$	9.35	\$	10.65	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series	2 Unite								
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Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	2,304	\$	2,337	\$	1,323	\$	455	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		228,371	,	236,105	,	141,426		42,698	
Management Expense Ratio⁵		0.17%*		0.18%		0.17%		0.19%*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or									
		0.68%*		0.68%		0.51%		0.51%*	
absorptions <sup>6</sup>									
absorptions <sup>6</sup> Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.05%*		0.06%		0.04%		0.11%*	
absorptions <sup>6</sup>	\$		\$	0.06% 37.94% 9.90	\$	0.04% 32.93% 9.35	\$	0.11% <sup>*</sup> 3.02% 10.65	

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Series	O Units	3				Inception date: July 5, 2021
		2024	2023	2022	2021 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	9.95	\$ 9.40	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$	0.16	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.14	
Total expenses		_	(0.01)	_	(0.01)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.01	(0.05)	(0.26)	(0.04)	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.02	0.69	(0.97)	0.67	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.19	\$ 0.94	\$ (0.94)	\$ 0.76	
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	_	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	
From dividends		_	0.33	0.20	0.04	
From capital gains		_	_	_	_	
Return of capital		_	_	_	_	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	_	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.04	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	10.15	\$ 9.95	\$ 9.40	\$ 10.70	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series (	O Units					
		2024	2023	2022	2021 <sup>a</sup>	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	6,447	\$ 5,274	\$ 3,481	\$ 1,969	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		635,069	530,092	370,255	184,024	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		0.00%*	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or		0.000/*	0.040/	0.000/	0.000/*	
absorptions <sup>6</sup>		0.00%*	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%*	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.05%*	0.06%	0.04%	0.11%*	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		17.90%	37.94%	32.93%	3.02%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	10.15	\$ 9.95	\$ 9.40	\$ 10.70	

- 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 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.
- <sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at June 30, 2024 and 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 series of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that series during the period. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds, where applicable.
- 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 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.

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 June 30, 2024. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

58.40%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
41.60%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

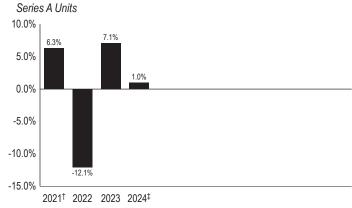
#### **Past Performance**

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 series of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See the *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

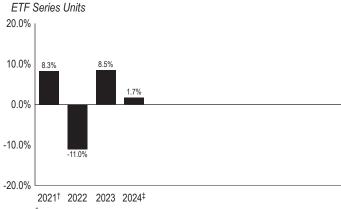
## Year-by-Year Returns

These bar charts show the annual performance of each series 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.

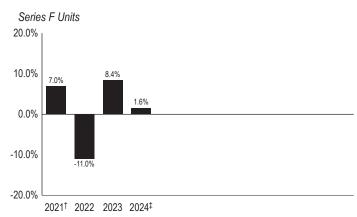




<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> 2024 return is for the period from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

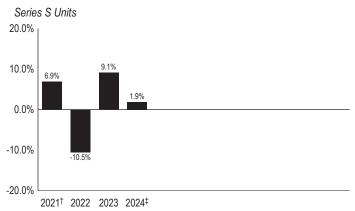


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> 2021 return is for the period from July 19, 2021 to December 31, 2021.



<sup>†</sup> 2021 return is for the period from July 5, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

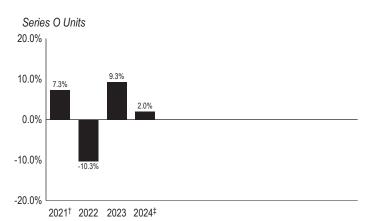
 $<sup>^{\</sup>sharp}$  2024 return is for the period from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.



<sup>†</sup> 2021 return is for the period from July 5, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

 $<sup>^{\,\</sup>sharp}$  2024 return is for the period from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> 2024 return is for the period from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.



 $^\dagger$  2021 return is for the period from July 5, 2021 to December 31, 2021.  $^\ddagger$  2024 return is for the period from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at June 30, 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="https://www.cibc.com/mutualfunds">www.cibc.com/mutualfunds</a>. 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.

	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
Financials	38.7
Industrials	15.1
Materials	11.3
Information Technology	10.6
Consumer Staples	7.4
Consumer Discretionary	4.9
Cash	4.1
Communication Services	3.9
Real Estate	2.1
Utilities	1.9

Top Positions	% of Net Asset Value
Royal Bank of Canada	9.1
Shopify Inc., Class 'A'	6.8
Bank of Montreal	5.9
Bank of Nova Scotia	5.9
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	5.9
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	5.4
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	4.4
Cash	4.1
WSP Global Inc.	4.0
George Weston Ltd.	3.8
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	3.3
Nutrien Ltd.	3.2
Waste Connections Inc.	2.6
Quebecor Inc., Class 'B', Subordinate Voting Shares	2.5
Saputo Inc.	2.5
Kinaxis Inc.	2.3
Intact Financial Corp.	2.1
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2.1
Canadian Apartment Properties REIT	2.1
Canadian Tire Corp. Ltd., Class 'A'	2.1
National Bank of Canada	2.0
Boyd Group Services Inc.	1.9
Alamos Gold Inc., Class 'A'	1.9
Brookfield Renewable Corp.	1.9
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	1.8

## 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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