

## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended August 31, 2024

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 Private Wealth Canadian Core Pool (the *Pool*) aims to generate long-term capital growth and income by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of Canadian equity securities, fixed income securities, and mutual funds.

Investment Strategies: The Pool is guided by a model portfolio that uses a multi-disciplined, active investment process that leverages the strengths of fundamental, quantitative and technical analysis.

#### Risk

The Pool is a Canadian neutral balanced fund that is suitable for medium to long term investors who can tolerate low to medium investment risk.

For the period ended August 31, 2024, the Pool's overall level of risk remained as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

#### Results of Operations

The Pool's portfolio sub-advisor is CIBC Wood Gundy, a division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (the *Sub-Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended August 31, 2024. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

Since the Pool's inception on March 5, 2024 the net asset value increased to \$5,776 as at August 31, 2024.

The Bank of Canada (the *BoC*) lowered its policy rate by 0.25% at each of its June and July meetings. Interest rates were volatile during the period. The Canadian economy weakened, and the unemployment rate trended upward. Amid a more challenging macroeconomic environment, consumers remained cautious about spending, with a shift away from discretionary categories. Inflation in Canada eased toward the BoC's target level.

Commodity prices were mixed, with gold prices ending the period near record highs. In contrast, oil prices declined later in the period amid concerns around slowing demand.

The Sub-Advisor added a new holding in Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. given an attractive outlook for gold prices. The company is the third-largest

gold producer globally, has a well-diversified portfolio of low-cost mines and is focused on operations in jurisdictions with low geopolitical risk.

The Pool's holding in TC Energy Corp. was increased for its attractive valuation and as the Sub-Advisor's confidence in the company's strategy increased. An existing holding in BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF was increased as part of a shift from equities toward fixed income. The Sub-Advisor also increased the Pool's duration (sensitivity to interest-rate changes).

The Pool's holding in Nutrien Ltd. was eliminated as the agriculture market is expected to remain range-bound in the near term. A holding in Magna International Inc. was sold based on continued challenges in the auto industry.

AltaGas Ltd. was reduced to manage its weighting within the portfolio and to take profit after a period of strong performance. The Sub-Advisor trimmed The Toronto-Dominion Bank amid increased risk and negative sentiment surrounding the company as a result of its regulatory issues in the U.S.

A holding in BMO Short Corporate Bond Index ETF was reduced as part of repositioning the Pool's fixed income allocation and increasing its duration.

#### 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. These factors may adversely affect the Pool'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 Pool, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

*Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor of the Pool*

CAMI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Pool's Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor. As Manager, CAMI receives management fees with respect to the Pool's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the net asset value of units of the Pool as described in *Management Fees*.

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

*Portfolio Sub-Advisor*

CAMI, in its capacity as Portfolio Advisor, has retained CIBC Wood Gundy, a division of CIBC World Markets Inc., to provide investment advice and portfolio management services to the Pool. As compensation for their services, CIBC Wood Gundy receives a fee from CAMI. CIBC World Markets Inc. is wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC.

*Distributor*

Units of the Pool may be purchased only through CIBC Wood Gundy, a division of CIBC World Markets Inc. CAMI does not pay sales commissions and trailing commissions to CIBC Wood Gundy in connection with the sale of units of the Pool. At its discretion, CAMI may make units of the Pool available through other dealers.

*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 Pool. 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 Pool, or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Pool. As per the terms of the portfolio advisory agreement and portfolio sub-advisory agreements, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws.

During the period, the Pool paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$269 to CIBC WM; the Pool 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.

*Pool Transactions*

The Pool may enter into one or more of the following transactions (the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the Independent Review Committee (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 (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 (*inter-fund trades* or *cross-trades*); 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 of the Pool, 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 Pool (the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds cash and securities for the Pool 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 Pool including record-keeping and processing 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. (*CIBC GSS*) provides certain services to the Pool, 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 Pool and are intended to help you understand the Pool's financial performance for the period ended August 31.

### The Pool's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Series F Units

Inception date: March 5, 2024

		2024 <sup>a</sup>
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	10.01 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	\$	0.13
Total expenses		(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.01
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.48
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$	0.60
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.04
From dividends		–
From capital gains		–
Return of capital		–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$	0.04
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$	10.55

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F Units

		2024 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$	3,457
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>		327,632
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>		0.35%*
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>		0.35%*
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>		0.10%*
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>		5.98%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$	10.55

### The Pool's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Series FT4 Units

Inception date: March 25, 2024

		2024 <sup>a</sup>
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	10.00 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	\$	0.08
Total expenses		(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.01
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.46
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$	0.54
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.20
From dividends		–
From capital gains		–
Return of capital		–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$	0.20
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$	10.35

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series FT4 Units

		2024 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$	–
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>		1
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>		0.36%*
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>		0.36%*
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>7</sup></b>		0.10%*
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>8</sup></b>		5.98%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$	10.35

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Series O Units

Inception date: March 25, 2024

		2024 <sup>a</sup>
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	10.00 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	\$	0.11
Total expenses		–
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.01
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.52
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$	0.64
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.02
From dividends		–
From capital gains		–
Return of capital		–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$	0.02
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$	10.59

## Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series O Units

		2024 <sup>a</sup>
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	2,319
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		218,918
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		0.07%*
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>		0.07%*
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.10%*
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		5.98%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	10.59

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Series OT4 Units

Inception date: March 25, 2024

		2024 <sup>a</sup>
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	10.00 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	\$	0.08
Total expenses		–
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.01
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.46
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$	0.55
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.20
From dividends		–
From capital gains		–
Return of capital		–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$	0.20
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$	10.36

## Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series OT4 Units

		2024 <sup>a</sup>
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	–
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		1
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		0.07%*
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>		0.07%*
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.10%*
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		5.98%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	10.36

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

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

\* Ratio has been annualized.

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Pool'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 Pool, or both.

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

- <sup>5</sup> Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the Pool (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.
- <sup>6</sup> The decision to waive management fees and/or Fixed Administration Fees is at the discretion of the Manager, as applicable. The practice of waiving management fees and/or Fixed Administration 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.
- <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 manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a pool 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 pool 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 pool.

## Management Fees

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The Pool, either directly or indirectly, pays CAMI an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Pool. Management fees are based on the Pool'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 Pool. The Pool 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 and Series OT4 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 management fee for Series O and Series OT4 units will not exceed the annual management fee rate for Series F and Series FT4 units respectively.

For the period ended August 31, 2024, 100% of the management fees collected from the Pool was attributable to general administration and investment advice.

## Past Performance

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Past performance is not presented because, as at August 31, 2024, the Pool had not yet completed its first full financial year.

**Summary of Investment Portfolio** (as at August 31, 2024)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting [www.woodgundy.cibc.com/en/investing/private-wealth-pools.html](http://www.woodgundy.cibc.com/en/investing/private-wealth-pools.html). The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. For funds with fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown.

<i>Portfolio Breakdown</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>	<i>Top Positions</i>	<i>% of Net Asset Value</i>
Canadian Bond Investment Funds	33.3	BMO Mid Federal Bond Index ETF	10.6
Financials	17.9	BMO Short Federal Bond Index ETF	8.3
Energy	12.8	BMO Long Federal Bond Index ETF	5.6
Industrials	9.4	BMO Short Corporate Bond Index ETF	5.4
Materials	5.8	Royal Bank of Canada	5.2
Consumer Staples	4.0	Cash	4.0
Cash	4.0	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	3.8
Other Equities	3.6	Waste Connections Inc.	2.9
Information Technology	3.5	Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	2.5
Utilities	2.4	Enbridge Inc.	2.5
Communication Services	2.1	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	2.3
Other Assets, less Liabilities	1.2	Suncor Energy Inc.	2.3
		Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	2.3
		Intact Financial Corp.	2.3
		Teck Resources Ltd., Class 'B'	2.0
		Canadian National Railway Co.	2.0
		Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	2.0
		TC Energy Corp.	1.9
		BMO Long Corporate Bond Index ETF	1.9
		Constellation Software Inc.	1.8
		Sun Life Financial Inc.	1.8
		Brookfield Corp., Class 'A'	1.8
		Bank of Montreal	1.8
		Manulife Financial Corp.	1.7
		Shopify Inc., Class 'A'	1.6

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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 pool, 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 pool 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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