



Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended August 31, 2024

All figures are reported in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted.

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objective and Strategies

Investment Objective: CIBC Private Wealth U.S. Core Equity Pool (the *Pool*) aims to generate long-term capital growth by investing primarily in U.S. equity securities.

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 U.S. equity fund that is suitable for long term investors who can tolerate 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 \$12,670 as at August 31, 2024.

U.S. inflation declined during the period, raising expectations for an interest-rate cut from the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (the *Fed*). There was a broad adoption of artificial intelligence (*AI*) by corporations and enthusiasm from equity investors. Information technology stocks significantly outperformed, particularly semiconductor stocks.

The Sub-Advisor added a new holding in Ulta Beauty, a leading specialty beauty retailer in the U.S., to the Pool. It was added based on several factors, including its broad store footprint and strong e-commerce business. The U.S. beauty market is large and fragmented, which gives Ulta Beauty a strong runway for growth. A decline in its share price created an attractive buying opportunity.

Existing holdings in Broadcom Inc. and Albemarle were increased. The Sub-Advisor believes Broadcom is positioned to benefit from AI-related demand and has made progress on building out future revenue streams

in AI-related end markets. Albemarle announced several measures to reduce operating expenses, optimize cash flow and conserve its balance sheet as it navigates the lower lithium price environment and focuses on high-return projects already underway.

The Sub-Advisor eliminated the Pool's holdings in Nike Inc. and CF Industries Holdings Inc. Nike was sold given the uncertainty in the near-term growth outlook and weakness in consumer discretionary spending. The company's fiscal fourth-quarter outlook was slightly lower than expected, with management citing foreign exchange challenges and weakness in certain regions. CF Industries Holdings was sold as the nitrogen market is expected to remain under pressure through the remainder of the year due to less favourable supply-demand dynamics.

UnitedHealth Group Inc. was trimmed after a period of strong performance. The company has performed well, expanding its business and maintaining strong cost controls. However, following the pandemic shutdown, pent-up demand for surgeries due to a significant increase in previously postponed knee and hip replacements led to an increase in expenses. This has caused the company's medical loss ratio (the percentage of health insurance premiums received paid out to cover the cost of claims) to increase. With competitors speculating that higher medical loss ratios could be permanent industry-wide, the shares of managed care providers, including UnitedHealth Group, have come under pressure.

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 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.

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 Unit¹ (in US\$) - Series F Units

Inception date: March 5, 2024

| | | 2024 ^a |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Net Assets, beginning of period | \$ | 10.01 ^b |
| Increase (decrease) from operations: | | |
| Total revenue | \$ | 0.06 |
| Total expenses | | (0.02) |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period | | 0.01 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period | | 0.80 |
| Total increase (decrease) from operations² | \$ | 0.85 |
| Distributions: | | |
| From income (excluding dividends) | \$ | – |
| From dividends | | – |
| From capital gains | | – |
| Return of capital | | – |
| Total Distributions³ | \$ | – |
| Net Assets, end of period | \$ | 10.72 |

Ratios and Supplemental Data (in US\$) - Series F Units

| | | 2024 ^a |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| Total Net Asset Value (000s) (in US\$)⁴ | \$ | 6,743 |
| Number of Units Outstanding⁴ | | 628,890 |
| Management Expense Ratio⁵ | | 0.28%* |
| Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions⁶ | | 0.28%* |
| Trading Expense Ratio⁷ | | 0.02%* |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate⁸ | | 5.04% |
| Net Asset Value per Unit (in US\$) | \$ | 10.72 |

The Pool's Net Assets per Unit¹ (in US\$) - Series O Units

Inception date: March 25, 2024

| | | 2024 ^a |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Net Assets, beginning of period | \$ | 10.00 ^b |
| Increase (decrease) from operations: | | |
| Total revenue | \$ | 0.06 |
| Total expenses | | (0.01) |
| Realized gains (losses) for the period | | 0.01 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) for the period | | 0.75 |
| Total increase (decrease) from operations² | \$ | 0.81 |
| Distributions: | | |
| From income (excluding dividends) | \$ | – |
| From dividends | | – |
| From capital gains | | – |
| Return of capital | | – |
| Total Distributions³ | \$ | – |
| Net Assets, end of period | \$ | 10.73 |

Ratios and Supplemental Data (in US\$) - Series O Units

| | | 2024 ^a |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| Total Net Asset Value (000s) (in US\$)⁴ | \$ | 5,927 |
| Number of Units Outstanding⁴ | | 552,565 |
| Management Expense Ratio⁵ | | 0.00%* |
| Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions⁶ | | 0.00%* |
| Trading Expense Ratio⁷ | | 0.02%* |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate⁸ | | 5.04% |
| Net Asset Value per Unit (in US\$) | \$ | 10.73 |

^a Information presented is for the period from the inception date to August 31.

^b Initial offering price.

* Ratio has been annualized.

- ¹ This information is derived from the Pool's audited annual financial statements.
- ² 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.
- ³ Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Pool, or both.
- ⁴ This information is presented as at August 31 of the period(s) shown.
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ 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.
- ⁸ 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

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

Past Performance

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. 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> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Information Technology | 27.5 | Apple Inc. | 7.9 |
| Health Care | 13.4 | Microsoft Corp. | 7.8 |
| Communication Services | 12.5 | Alphabet Inc., Class 'A' | 6.7 |
| Financials | 12.4 | Amazon.com Inc. | 5.6 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 12.1 | JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 5.1 |
| Industrials | 7.5 | ServiceNow Inc. | 4.2 |
| Consumer Staples | 5.2 | Exxon Mobil Corp. | 3.8 |
| Energy | 4.8 | Walmart Inc. | 3.8 |
| Utilities | 2.0 | Eli Lilly and Co. | 3.6 |
| Cash | 1.2 | Broadcom Inc. | 3.3 |
| Other Assets, less Liabilities | 1.1 | Stryker Corp. | 3.0 |
| Materials | 0.3 | Meta Platforms Inc., Class 'A' | 2.9 |
| | | Bank of America Corp. | 2.8 |
| | | Merck & Co. Inc. | 2.7 |
| | | McDonald's Corp. | 2.7 |
| | | Honeywell International Inc. | 2.6 |
| | | BlackRock Inc. | 2.4 |
| | | International Business Machines Corp. | 2.3 |
| | | Caterpillar Inc. | 2.2 |
| | | Mastercard Inc., Class 'A' | 2.1 |
| | | Synopsys Inc. | 2.1 |
| | | General Motors Co. | 2.1 |
| | | NextEra Energy Inc. | 2.0 |
| | | Verizon Communications Inc. | 1.7 |
| | | UnitedHealth Group Inc. | 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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