

# **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: Renaissance China Plus Fund (the *Fund*) seeks to achieve long-term growth through capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of companies based in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. The Fund may also invest in companies not based in China, Hong Kong, or Taiwan, but that conduct a majority of their commercial activities in either one or all of these countries.

Investment Strategies: The Fund generally seeks companies with accelerated earnings outlooks and whose share prices appear to be reasonably valued relative to their growth potential. A significant amount of the Fund's total assets may be invested in securities listed on one of the two stock exchanges in the People's Republic of China (the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges) and/or securities listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, as well as stocks listed in Taiwan. The Fund may also invest in securities of Chinese companies that are listed on stock exchanges in countries other than China, including the United States.

#### Risk

The Fund is a Greater China equity fund that is suitable for long term investors who can tolerate high investment risk.

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

# **Results of Operations**

The Fund's portfolio sub-advisor is Amundi Canada 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.

The Fund's net asset value decreased by 23% during the period, from \$29,861 as at August 31, 2023 to \$22,971 as at August 31, 2024. Net redemptions of \$6,098 and negative investment performance resulted in an overall decrease in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of -3.2% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the MSCI AC Golden Dragon Index (the *benchmark*), returned 10.9% 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 classes of units offered by the Fund.

Chinese equities experienced a volatile fourth quarter of 2023, with weak October performance in particular heralding a largely lacklustre finish to the calendar year. Nonetheless, continued political rapprochement between China and the U.S., coupled with the surprise announcement of a central government bond issuance program in the quarter, boosted investor sentiment.

The start of 2024 saw a resumption of volatility, with Greater China equities experiencing their largest monthly decline in January dating back to October 2022. While equities rebounded toward the end of January, it was mostly offset by a gradual decline in index performance over February and March.

Chinese equities posted positive performance over the course of the second quarter of 2024, largely supported by strong underlying performance within the Taiwanese market on the back of artificial intelligence (*AI*) momentum, strong results across domestic financials and a surge in container shipping rates lifting shipping stocks across the board. While Mainland China- and Hong Kong-listed stocks enjoyed a rebound up until May 2024, the markets gave up much of their gains in subsequent weeks and months.

Greater China equity performance ended the period with lacklustre returns, with China's second-quarter gross domestic product (*GDP*) moderating to 4.7% year over year, a significant slowdown relative to the 7.4% quarter-over-quarter rate in the first quarter of the year. This prompted a series of consensus downgrades for China's full-year GDP growth expectations.

An underweight allocation to the Chinese financials sector detracted from the Fund's performance as the sector outperformed as a result of Chinese government stimulus. The Fund's mandated underweight holding to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (the Fund is capped at 10% while the benchmark's weighting is significantly higher) detracted from performance as the company's stock outperformed.

An overweight holding in Nanya Technology Corp. detracted from the Fund's performance. The company's lower relative contribution from high-bandwidth memory needed for Al applications weighed on

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performance. An underweight holding in China Construction Bank Corp. also detracted from performance. The company's shares rebounded amid continued government buying, despite weakening fundamentals.

The Fund's underweight exposure to the materials sector and overweight allocation to the communication services sector contributed to performance. An underweight holding in electric vehicle manufacturer Li Auto Inc. contributed to the Fund's performance, with increased price competition in the sector, rising domestic supply and a number of global tariff announcements targeting Chinese vehicles weighing on the company's performance. An overweight holding in Tencent Holdings Ltd. was another contributor to the Fund's performance. The company reported strong results and continued its return of capital to shareholders through share buybacks.

The Sub-Advisor added a new holding in Accton Technology Corp. It acts as a proxy on increased Al adoption as well as ongoing upgrades of data centres and networking access technology, given performance had thus far lagged its fellow Al-linked peers. An existing holding in Nanya Technology Corp., Taiwan's largest memory chip manufacturer, was increased to capitalize on a cyclical upturn within the industry.

A holding in Haitian International Holdings Ltd. was eliminated from the Fund after the stock enjoyed a steep run-up in April 2024 following the announcement of the equipment renewal policy in China. The holding in Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. was trimmed after strong performance in order to maintain the Fund's 10% weight limit. A holding in Alchip Technologies Ltd. was reduced to take profits following strong share price performance.

#### **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 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, 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 class 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 the classes of units of the Fund (except Class O unit), which may include but are not limited to, operating and administrative costs; regulatory fees; audit, and legal fees and expenses; trustee, safekeeping, custodial, and any agency fees; and investor servicing costs and costs of unitholder reports, prospectuses,

Fund Facts, and other reports, in exchange for the Fund paying a fixed rate administration fee (plus applicable GST/HST) to the Manager with respect to those classes of units. For Class O units, no fixed administration fee will be charged. The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain Fund costs) allocated to Class O units of the Fund. The fixed administration fee payable by the Fund, may, in any particular period, exceed or be lower than the expenses we incur in providing such services to the Fund.

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 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 may invest in units of the Fund.

#### 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 Securities Inc. (CIBC SI), the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (CIBC ISI), the CIBC Imperial 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.

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.

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 (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 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 (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 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 (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. (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 August 31.

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit1 - Class	A Units							Inc	eption	date: February 2, 199
		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	26.97	\$	27.69	\$	37.18	\$	35.42	\$	26.52
Increase (decrease) from operations:										
Total revenue	\$	0.74	\$	0.80	\$	0.81	\$	0.61	\$	0.60
Total expenses		(0.83)		(0.87)		(0.98)		(1.21)		(0.98)
Realized gains (losses) for the period Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		(0.70) (0.20)		(0.36) (0.29)		2.66 (12.88)		2.87 (0.49)		2.69 6.34
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	(0.20)	\$	(0.29)	\$	(10.39)	\$	1.78	\$	8.65
Distributions:	Ψ	(0.33)	Ψ	(0.72)	Ψ	(10.53)	Ψ	1.70	Ψ	0.03
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
From dividends	•	_	*	_	*	_	*	_	*	-
From capital gains		_		_		_		_		-
Return of capital		-		_		_		_		-
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_
Net Assets, end of period	\$	26.11	\$	26.97	\$	27.69	\$	37.18	\$	35.42
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Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	14,688	\$	19,501	\$	22,974	\$	46,870	\$	45,724
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	Ψ	562,497	Ψ	723,072	Ψ	829,676	Ψ	1,260,549	Ψ	1,290,936
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		2.83%		2.82%		2.83%		2.87%		2.95%
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absorptions <sup>6</sup>		2.83%		2.82%		2.83%		2.91%		3.03%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.11%		0.08%		0.10%		0.09%		0.17%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		28.58%		21.36%		12.76%		26.29%		41.16%
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			\$	29.56	\$	39.22	\$	-		2020
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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Class	O Units						In	ception	date: January 2, 20
		2024		2023	2022		2021	-	2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	37.40	\$	37.92	\$ 49.50	\$	45.82	\$	33.30
Increase (decrease) from operations:									
Total revenue	\$	0.93	\$	1.10	\$ 1.20	\$	0.81	\$	0.89
Total expenses		(0.11)		(0.11)	(0.12)		(0.12)		(0.16)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		(0.99)		(0.53)	3.14		3.69		3.13
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.72		0.33	(15.78)		0.10		10.92
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.55	\$	0.79	\$ (11.56)	\$	4.48	\$	14.78
Distributions:									
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	1.02	\$	0.61	\$ _	\$	_	\$	_
From dividends		_		_	_		_		_
From capital gains		_		_	_		_		_
Return of capital		_		_	_		_		_
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	1.02	\$	0.61	\$ _	\$	_	\$	_
Net Assets, end of period	\$	36.15	\$	37.40	\$ 37.92	\$	49.50	\$	45.82
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class C	Units	2024		2023	2022		2021		2020
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	781	\$	1.234	\$ 1.294	\$	1.953	\$	2.286
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		21,608	· ·	32,985	34,117	<u> </u>	39,452	•	49,895
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		0.01%		0.00%	0.01%		0.00%		0.00%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or									
absorptions <sup>6</sup>		0.01%		0.00%	0.01%		0.14%		0.14%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.11%		0.08%	0.10%		0.09%		0.17%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		28.58%		21.36%	12.76%		26.29%		41.16%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	36.15	\$	37.40	\$ 37.92	\$	49.50	\$	45.82

- <sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual 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.
- 4 This information is presented as at 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 class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds.
- <sup>6</sup> The decision to waive management fees and/or fixed administration fees is at the discretion of the Manager. 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, 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. Previously, the trading expense ratio included the fees attributable to exchange traded funds which are now no longer included in the TER. Prior year fees attributable to exchange traded funds have been reclassified to the management expense ratio and management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions.
- 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, trailing commissions, and the fees of the portfolio sub-advisor 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 class of units.

For Class O units, the management fee is negotiated with and paid by, or as directed by, unitholders or dealers and discretionary managers on behalf of unitholders. Such Class O management fee will not exceed the Class F unit management fee rate.

The following table shows a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees collected from the Fund for the period ended August 31, 2024. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	32.75%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	67.25%	100.00%

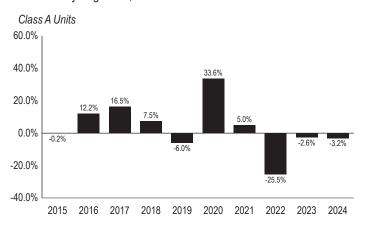
#### **Past Performance**

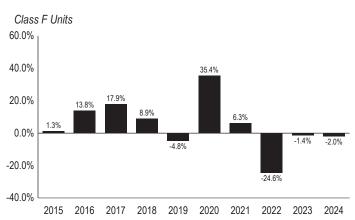
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

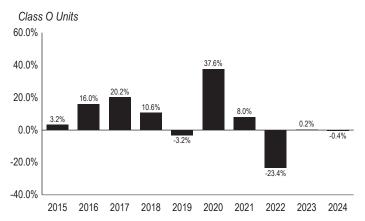
The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

## Year-by-Year Returns

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







## **Annual Compound Returns**

This table shows the annual compound return of each class of units of the Fund for each indicated period ended on August 31, 2024. The annual compound return is compared to the Fund's benchmark(s).

The Fund's benchmark is the MSCI AC Golden Dragon Index.

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Class and Benchmark(s)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years* (%)	or Since Inception* (%)	Inception Date
Class A units MSCI AC Golden Dragon Index	(3.2) 10.9	(11.1) (4.8)	(0.3) 3.3	2.6 6.3		February 2, 1998
Class F units MSCI AC Golden Dragon Index	(2.0) 10.9	(10.0) (4.8)	1.0 3.3	4.0 6.3		May 10, 2001
Class O units MSCI AC Golden Dragon Index	(0.4) 10.9	(8.6) (4.8)	2.6 3.3	5.8 6.3		January 2, 2001

If a class of units has been outstanding for less than 10 years, the annual compound return since inception is shown.

**MSCI AC Golden Dragon Index** captures the equity market performance of large- and mid-cap China stocks and non-domestic China stocks listed on the Hong Kong and Taiwan Stock Exchange.

A discussion of the Fund's relative performance compared to its benchmark(s) can be found in Results of Operations.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at 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 <a href="www.renaissanceinvestments.ca">www.renaissanceinvestments.ca</a>. The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. For funds with fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown.

	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
China	40.1
Taiwan	39.6
Hong Kong	16.1
United States	2.0
Cash	1.7
Macau	0.5

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Top Positions	Value
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	10.1
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	10.0
AIA Group Ltd.	4.7
MediaTek Inc.	3.9
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	3.8
Delta Electronics Inc.	2.9
PDD Holdings Inc., ADR	2.5
Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	2.2
NetEase Inc., ADR	2.0
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Class 'H'	2.0
Meituan, Class 'B'	1.7
Uni-President Enterprises Corp.	1.7
Cash	1.7
Giant Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	1.7
ASMedia Technology Inc.	1.6
PetroChina Co. Ltd., Class 'H'	1.6
Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd.	1.6
Trip.com Group Ltd., ADR	1.5
CTBC Financial Holding Co. Ltd.	1.5
Accton Technology Corp.	1.5
Alchip Technologies Ltd.	1.5
Elite Material Co. Ltd.	1.5
LOTES Co. Ltd.	1.4
HKT Trust and HKT Ltd.	1.4
E Ink Holdings Inc.	1.4

## 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 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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