

# **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the financial year ended August 31, 2025

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 U.S. Dollar Income Advantage Fund (the *Fund*) seeks to provide a high level of current income while preserving capital by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of AAA rated U.S. floating rate collateralized loan obligations (CLOs).

Investment Strategies: The Fund seeks to provide exposure to a diversified portfolio of U.S. CLOs, which are primarily floating rate in nature and, at the time of purchase, will predominantly be AAA rated by one or more approved credit rating organizations.

#### Risk

The Fund is a global fixed income that is suitable for short to medium term investors who can tolerate low investment risk.

### **Results of Operations**

The Fund's portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (*CAMI*, the *Manager*, or *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended August 31, 2025. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

Since the Fund's inception on May 9, 2025 the net asset value increased to \$52,640 as at August 31, 2025.

The key macroeconomic event of the past year was the resurgence of global trade tensions, leading to volatile equity markets. The tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration in early April triggered new trade negotiations worldwide. Overall, the uncertainty surrounding tariff policies dampened consumer and corporate confidence, contributing to sluggish global growth.

The U.S. Federal Reserve Board (the *Fed*) had not reduced its policy rate so far in 2025. However, market pricing suggests two interest-rate cuts are expected by the end of the year. The Fed was more cautious about lowering its policy rate, citing steady growth, employment gains and the potential inflationary impact of U.S. tariff policies.

Corporate bonds outperformed, despite significant volatility in April and May, which coincided with disruptions in U.S. trade policy. Recent credit spread tightening was driven by strong demand for riskier assets,

resilient corporate profitability and balance sheet strength, and lower net corporate bond issuance during the first half of 2025.

### **Recent Developments**

The level of geopolitical risk disrupted the global economy and financial markets in unprecedented and unpredictable ways. Threatened and actual impositions of tariffs and other trade-related actions by the U.S., China and other global actors, and any counter-tariff and non-tariff retaliatory measures by Canada, Europe and others, may have further negative impacts on the Canadian and global economy, and on financial markets. These events could exacerbate other preexisting political, social and economic risks and cause substantial market 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 series of units of the Fund as described in Management Fees.

The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain fund costs) in respect of 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

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respect to those series of units. For Series O units, no fixed administration fee will be charged. The Manager pays the Fund's operating expenses (other than certain Fund costs) allocated to Series O units of the Fund. The fixed administration fee payable by the Fund, may, in any particular period, exceed or be lower than the expenses we incur in providing such services to the Fund.

As Trustee, CAMI holds title to the Fund's property (cash and securities) on behalf of its unitholders. As Portfolio Advisor, CAMI provides, or arranges to provide 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;
- purchase debt securities issued by an issuer that is not a reporting issuer in any of the provinces and territories of Canada (Non-RI Debt Securities) for which CIBC World Markets Inc., 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 Non-RI Debt Securities, or at any time during the 60-day period following the completion of the offering of such securities in accordance with certain conditions;
- 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 in exchange for the Fund charging a Fixed Administration Fee. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

## Service Provider

The Custodian also provides certain services to the Fund, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. The Manager receives fixed administration fee from the Fund, in return, the Manager pays certain operating expenses which includes custodial fees (including all applicable taxes) and the fees for fund accounting, reporting, and fund valuation (including all applicable taxes) to the Custodian. Where applicable, securities lending fees are applied against the revenue received by the Fund.

# **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 Unit <sup>1</sup> (US\$) - Ser	es A Units	Inception date: May 21, 2025
	2025 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.16	
Total expenses	(0.02)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	-	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.14	
Distributions:	2.42	
From income (excluding dividends) From dividends	0.12	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	0.12	
Net Assets, end of period	10.01	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series A Ur	its	
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Total Net Asset Value (US\$000s) <sup>4</sup>	7,802	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	779,559	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> (%)	0.68*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or		
absorptions <sup>6</sup> (%)	0.68*	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> (%)	0.00 <sup>*</sup>	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%)	0.00	
Net Asset Value per Unit (US\$)	10.01	
The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> (US\$) - Ser	es F Units	Inception date: May 21, 2025
	2025ª	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.12	
Total expenses	(0.01)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.44	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.11	
Distributions: From income (excluding dividends)	0.13	
From lividends	0.13	
From capital gains	_	
Return of capital	_	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	0.13	
Net Assets, end of period	10.00	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F Un	its	
	2025 <sup>a</sup>	
Total Net Asset Value (US\$000s) <sup>4</sup>	1,248	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	124,781	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> (%)	0.40*	
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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit1 (US\$) - Se	ries O Units	Inception date: May 15, 2025
	2025 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.15	
Total expenses	-	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	-	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.15	
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	0.14	
From dividends	-	
From capital gains Return of capital	-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	0.14	
	0.14	
Net Assets, end of period	10.01	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series O L	nits	
	2025 <sup>a</sup>	
Total Net Asset Value (US\$000s) <sup>4</sup>	40,468	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	4,042,296	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> (%)	0.00*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or		
absorptions <sup>6</sup> (%)	$0.00^{\star}$	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> (%)	0.00*	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%)	0.00	
Net Asset Value per Unit (US\$)	10.01	
The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> (US\$) - Se	ries S Units	Inception date: May 21, 202
	2025 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:		
Total revenue	0.11	
Total expenses	_	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	_	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	_	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.11	
Distributions:		
From income (excluding dividends)	0.13	
From dividends	-	
From capital gains	-	
Return of capital	-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	0.13	
Net Assets, end of period	9.98	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series S U	nits	
.,	2025 <sup>a</sup>	
Total Net Asset Value (US\$000s) <sup>4</sup>	3,122	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	312,707	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> (%)	0.08*	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or		
absorptions <sup>6</sup> (%)	0.08*	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> (%)	0.00*	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%)	0 00	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%) Net Asset Value per Unit (US\$)	9.98	

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

b Initial offering price.

Ratio has been annualized.

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.

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 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 investments in investment funds, where applicable.
- 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 investments in investment 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 trading expense ratio includes the fees attributable to investment funds, where applicable.
- 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 related to the Manager's activities, and trailing commissions are paid by CAMI out of the management fees received from the Fund. The Fund is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees paid to CAMI. Refer to the simplified prospectus for the annual management fee rate for each series of units.

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

For the period ended August 31, 2025, 100% of the management fees collected from the Fund was attributable to general administration and investment advice.

#### **Past Performance**

Past performance is not presented because, as at August 31, 2025, the Fund had not yet completed its first full financial year.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at August 31, 2025)

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
Fixed Income Securities	91.1
Cash	9.4
Other Assets, less Liabilities	(0.5)

Top Positions	% of Net Asset Value
Cash	9.4
AIMCo, Class 'AR', Series '18-AX', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.63%, 2037/10/17	3.5
Neuberger Berman CLO Ltd., Class 'AR3', Series '14-17X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.73%, 2038/07/22	3.1
Elmwood CLO VIII Ltd., Class 'AR', Series '21-1X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.88%, 2037/04/20	3.1
Elmwood CLO 38 Ltd., Class 'A', Series '25-1X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.43%, 2038/04/22	3.1
Wellman Park CLO Ltd., Class 'AR', Series '21-1X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.67%, 2037/07/15	3.0
Dryden Senior Loan Fund, Class 'AR', Series '20-83X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.86%, 2037/04/18	3.0
Benefit Street Partners CLO Ltd., Class 'A1R', Series '18-15X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.71%, 2037/07/15	3.0
ARES CLO Ltd., Class 'A1R2', Series '19-51X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.68%, 2037/10/15	3.0
Magnetite CLO Ltd., Class 'A', Series '24-41X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.61%, 2038/01/25	3.0
Ballyrock Ltd., Class 'A1AR', Series '23-25X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.50%, 2038/01/25	3.0
Carlyle Global Market Strategies, Class 'A1R', Series '21-6X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.61%, 2038/01/15	3.0
Aimco, Class 'AR2', Series '17-AX', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.47%, 2038/01/20	3.0
ARES CLO Ltd., Class 'A1R', Series '22-67X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.51%, 2038/01/25	3.0
Madison Park Funding Ltd., Class 'A1RR', Series '19-34X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.69%, 2037/10/16	2.8
KKR Financial CLO Ltd., Class 'A', Series '24-47X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.69%, 2038/01/15	2.4
KKR Financial CLO Ltd., Class 'A', Series '24-54X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.64%, 2038/01/15	2.4
Regatta XXIV Funding Ltd., Class 'AR', Series '21-5X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.65%, 2038/01/20	2.4
CIFC Funding 2014-II-R Ltd., Class 'AR', Series '14-2RX', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.68%, 2037/10/24	2.4
Octagon Investment Partners 48 Ltd., Class 'A1R2', Series '20-3X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.68%, 2038/01/15	2.4
KKR Financial CLO Ltd., Class 'AR', Series '35X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.53%, 2038/01/20	2.4
Regatta XVIII Funding Ltd., Class 'A1R', Series '21-1X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.48%, 2038/04/15	2.4
Gollub Capital Partners CLO Ltd, Class 'A1', Series '24-77X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.57%, 2038/01/25	2.4
Magnetite CLO Ltd., Class 'A1R'. Series '23-34X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.46%, 2038/01/15	2.4
OCP CLO Ltd., Class 'AR', Series '21-22X', Floating Rate, Callable, 5.68%, 2037/10/20	2.3

### 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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