# Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

for the period ended February 28, 2025

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

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# Management Discussion of Fund Performance

# **Results of Operations**

CIBC 2026 U.S. Investment Grade Bond Fund's (the *Fund*) 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 six-month period ended February 28, 2025. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

Since the Fund's inception on July 5, 2024 the net asset value increased to \$89,369 as at February 28, 2025.

The U.S. Treasury yield curve, defined as the difference between twoyear and 30-year bond yields, steepened over the period, reflecting the U.S. Federal Reserve Board's move toward lowering interest rates.

Corporate bonds outperformed government bonds as credit spreads (the difference in yield between corporate and government bonds of similar maturity) narrowed, reflecting strong demand for higher-risk assets and better-than-anticipated corporate profitability.

The Fund's maximum allocation to corporate bonds and minimum cash allocation increased its yield to maturity, contributing to performance.

Individual contributors to performance included Athene Global Funding (1.73%, 2026/10/02), CGI Inc. (1.45%, 2026/09/14) and McKesson Corp. (1.30%, 2026/08/15), which were trading at discounts.

The Portfolio Advisor added new holdings in Blackstone Private Credit Fund (2.63%, 2026/12/15), D.R. Horton Inc. (1.30%, 2026/10/15) and Walmart Inc. (1.05%, 2026/09/17) to the Fund. Existing holdings in Athene Global Funding (1.73%, 2026/10/02), CGI Inc. (1.45%, 2026/09/14) and McKesson Corp. (1.30%, 2026/08/15) were increased. Each of these securities was trading at a discount.

# **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 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;
- 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 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 February 28, 2025 and August 31 of any other period(s) shown.

Inception date: July 5, 2024

	2025	2024 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.17	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.09	0.03	
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.01)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		_	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.15	0.16	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.21	0.18	
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	0.06	0.01	
From dividends	-	-	
From capital gains	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	0.06	0.01	
Net Assets, end of period	10.31	10.17	

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series A Units**

2025	2024 <sup>a</sup>	
76,354	27,603	
7,407,008	2,714,241	
0.50*	0.52*	
0.50*	0.52*	
0.00*	0.00*	
0.64	0.00	
10.31	10.17	
	76,354 7,407,008 0.50* 0.50* 0.00* 0.64	76,354   27,603     7,407,008   2,714,241     0.50*   0.52*     0.50*   0.52*     0.00*   0.00*     0.64   0.00

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> (US\$) - Series F Units

Inception date: July 5, 2024 2025 2024<sup>a</sup> Net Assets, beginning of period 10.17 10.00<sup>b</sup> Increase (decrease) from operations: Total revenue 0.09 0.03 Total expenses (0.01) \_ Realized gains (losses) for the period 0.15 Unrealized gains (losses) for the period 0.18 Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup> 0.23 0.21 Distributions: From income (excluding dividends) 0.07 0.02 From dividends \_ \_ From capital gains \_ \_ Return of capital Total Distributions<sup>3</sup> 0.07 0.02 Net Assets, end of period 10.31 10.17

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F Units**

Number of Units Outstanding4858,748250,218Management Expense Ratio5 (%)0.23*0.23*Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions6 (%)0.23*0.23*Trading Expense Ratio7 (%)0.00*0.00*Portfolio Turnover Rate8 (%)0.640.00				
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Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> (%) 0.23'   Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup> (%) 0.23'   Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> (%) 0.00'   Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%) 0.64	Total Net Asset Value (US\$000s) <sup>4</sup>	8,857	2,546	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup> (%) 0.23*   Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> (%) 0.00*   Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%) 0.64	Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	858,748	250,218	
absorptions <sup>6</sup> (%)   0.23'   0.23'     Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> (%)   0.00'   0.00'     Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%)   0.64   0.00	Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup> (%)		0.23*	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> (%)   0.00*   0.00*     Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%)   0.64   0.00	Management Expense Ratio before waivers or			
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%) 0.64 0.00	absorptions <sup>6</sup> (%)	0.23*	0.23*	
	Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup> (%)	0.00*	0.00*	
Net Asset Value per Unit (US\$)   10.31   10.17	Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup> (%)	0.64	0.00	
	Net Asset Value per Unit (US\$)	10.31	10.17	

# The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> (US\$) - Series S Units

### Inception date: July 5, 2024

	2025	2024 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.16	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.05	-	
Total expenses	-	-	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-	-	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.17	0.16	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.22	0.16	
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	0.04	-	
From dividends	-	-	
From capital gains	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	0.04	-	
Net Assets, end of period	10.28	10.16	

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series S Units

2025	2024 <sup>a</sup>	
1,895	-	
184,361	1	
0.09*	0.09*	
0.22*	0.22*	
0.00*	0.00*	
0.64	0.00	
10.28	10.16	
	1,895 184,361 0.09* 0.22* 0.00* 0.64	1,895   -     184,361   1     0.09*   0.09*     0.22*   0.22*     0.00*   0.00*     0.64   0.00

#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> (US\$) - ETF Series Units Inception date: July 16, 2024 2025 2024<sup>a</sup> Net Assets, beginning of period 20.31 20.04<sup>b</sup> Increase (decrease) from operations: Total revenue 0.18 0.05 Total expenses (0.02) (0.01) Realized gains (losses) for the period Unrealized gains (losses) for the period 0.31 0.29 Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup> 0.33 0.47 Distributions: From income (excluding dividends) 0.16 0.03 From dividends \_ \_ From capital gains \_ \_ Return of capital \_ \_ Total Distributions<sup>3</sup> 0.16 0.03 20.58 20.31 Net Assets, end of period

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - ETF Series Units**

2025	2024 <sup>a</sup>	
2,263	1,219	
110,000	60,000	
0.23*	0.23*	
0.23*	0.23*	
0.00*	0.00*	
0.64	0.00	
20.58	20.31	
20.58	20.32	
	2,263 110,000 0.23* 0.23* 0.00* 0.64 20.58	2,263   1,219     110,000   60,000     0.23*   0.23*     0.23*   0.23*     0.00*   0.00*     0.64   0.00     20.58   20.31

#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> (US\$) - Series O Units

#### Inception date: July 5, 2024

	2025	2024 <sup>a</sup>	
Net Assets, beginning of period	10.16	10.00 <sup>b</sup>	
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	-	-	
Total expenses	-	-	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-	-	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.11	0.16	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.16	
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	
From dividends	-	-	
From capital gains	-	-	
Return of capital	-	-	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	-	-	
Net Assets, end of period	10.27	10.16	

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series O Units

2025	2024 <sup>a</sup>	
-	-	
1	1	
0.00*	0.00*	
0.00*	0.00*	
0.00*	0.00*	
0.64	0.00	
10.27	10.16	
	2025 - 1 0.00 <sup>*</sup> 0.00 <sup>*</sup> 0.00 <sup>*</sup> 0.64	$\begin{array}{c cccc} 2025 & 2024^a \\ \hline & - & - \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0.00^* & 0.00^* \\ \hline 0.64 & 0.00 \\ \hline \end{array}$

<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 Fund's audited annual and unaudited interim 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 Fund, or both.

<sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at February 28, 2025 and August 31 of the period(s) shown.

<sup>5</sup> Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a series of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that series during the period. The management expense ratio includes the fees attributable to exchange traded funds.

<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.

<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 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.

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 February 28, 2025. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Series A Units	Series F Units	Series S Units	ETF Series Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	70.69%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	29.31%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

# **Past Performance**

Past performance is not presented because, as at February 28, 2025, the Fund had not yet completed its first full financial year.

### Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at February 28, 2025)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting <u>www.renaissanceinvestments.ca</u>. The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. For funds with fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown.

Portfolio Breakdown	% of Net Asset Value	Top Positions	% of Net Asset Value
Foreign Currency Bonds	76.9	Athene Global Funding, 1.73%, 2026/10/02	5.1
Corporate Bonds	20.8	General Motors Financial Co. Inc., Callable, 1.50%, 2026/06/10	4.5
Cash	1.2	Hyundai Capital America, Callable, 1.65%, 2026/09/17	4.4
Other Assets, less Liabilities	1.1	Bank of America Corp., Variable Rate, Callable, 1.20%, 2026/10/24	4.4
		Crown Castle Inc., Callable, 1.05%, 2026/07/15	4.1
		Blackstone Private Credit Fund, Callable, 2.63%, 2026/12/15	3.9
		CNH Industrial Capital LLC, Callable, 1.45%, 2026/07/15	3.9
		Bank of Montreal, 1.25%, 2026/09/15	3.8
		American Tower Corp., Callable, 1.45%, 2026/09/15	3.7
		D.R. Horton Inc., Callable, 1.30%, 2026/10/15	3.6
		CGI Inc., Callable, 1.45%, 2026/09/14	3.5
		Walmart Inc., Callable, 1.05%, 2026/09/17	3.2
		Caterpillar Financial Services Corp., 1.15%, 2026/09/14	3.2
		American Express Co., Callable, 1.65%, 2026/11/04	3.2
		John Deere Capital Corp., 1.30%, 2026/10/13	2.9
		Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Callable, 1.75%, 2026/12/02	2.9
		American Honda Finance Corp., 1.30%, 2026/09/09	2.9
		McKesson Corp., Callable, 1.30%, 2026/08/15	2.9
		Enbridge Inc., Callable, 1.60%, 2026/10/04	2.8
		Daimler Trucks Finance North America LLC, 2.00%, 2026/12/14	2.6
		Penske Truck Leasing Co. L.P. / PTL Finance Corp., Callable, 1.70%, 2026/06/15	2.5
		TWDC Enterprises 18 Corp., 1.85%, 2026/07/30	2.4
		NextEra Energy Capital Holdings Inc., Callable, 1.88%, 2027/01/15	2.4
		Kinder Morgan Inc., Callable, 1.75%, 2026/11/15	2.4
		Toronto-Dominion Bank (The), 1.25%, 2026/09/10	2.2

#### 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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