



# **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the financial year ended August 31, 2023

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 Canadian Monthly Income Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to generate a high level of current cash flow by investing primarily in income-producing securities including income trusts, preferred shares, common shares, and fixed income securities.

Investment Strategies: The Fund invests to add value through prudent security selection based on fundamental, bottom-up analysis and through the allocation of assets between cash, fixed income instruments, and equities.

#### Risk

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

For the period ended August 31, 2023, the Fund's overall level of risk remained as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

#### **Results of Operations**

The Fund's portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (referred to as *CAMI*, the *Manager*, or *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended August 31, 2023. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value decreased by 8% during the period, from \$48,474 as at August 31, 2022 to \$44,373 as at August 31, 2023. Net redemptions of \$5,122 were partially offset by positive investment performance, resulting in an overall decrease in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 3.7% for the period. The Fund's primary benchmarks, the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index and the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index (referred to as the *primary benchmarks*), returned 0.8% and 6.0%, respectively, for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the primary benchmark's return. See the section *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

The pace of inflation continued to abate during the period. However, rapidly rising interest rates and concerns about a policy-induced recession remained elevated. Despite interest-rate and inflation concerns, corporate operating results remained strong, and consumption of goods and services was healthy.

Bank runs occurred at several regional U.S. banks, raising systemic concerns about the health of the economy and global financial system. This, in part, led to the collapse of Credit Suisse Group AG in Europe.

The reopening of China from COVID-19-related lockdowns was expected to provide an economic boost. However, it did not provide the recovery that was expected, with the exception of elevated activity in travel.

There were significant inflows into countries like Japan and South Korea, where low interest rates weakened the currencies. Multinationals that export from these countries benefited the most.

Stock selection in and a moderate overweight allocation to the consumer staples sector detracted from the Fund's performance, as did stock selection in and moderate underweight exposure to the industrials sector. A significant underweight allocation to the information technology sector detracted from performance as valuations for information technology and growth stocks rebounded substantially.

In terms of individual holdings, a significant underweight allocation to Constellation Software Inc. detracted from performance as the sector rebounded strongly. A holding in Dollar General Corp. was a significant detractor as it was affected by the deteriorating spending ability of low-income consumers, leading to slowing same-store sales. A moderate overweight holding in Nutrien Ltd. detracted from performance as fertilizer prices continued to fall amid unfavourable supply-and-demand dynamics.

Stock selection in and slight underweight exposure to the communication services sector contributed to performance. A slight overweight allocation to the energy sector contributed to performance as commodity prices rose. Stock selection in and slight overweight exposure to the consumer discretionary sector also contributed to performance.

A moderate overweight holding in Boardwalk Equities Inc. contributed to the Fund's performance as the company continued to report strong operating results with rising rents and occupancies. Individual holdings in NVIDIA Corp., LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE, Restaurant Brands International Inc. and Sun Life Financial Inc. also contributed to performance. NVIDIA benefited from elevated demand for graphics processing units with the proliferation of artificial intelligence. LVMH benefited from strong demand for its leather goods and luxury items. Restaurant Brands International experienced improved same-store sales and franchise growth. Sun Life Financial's stock rose on stronger operating results and positive exposure to rising interest rates.

The Portfolio Advisor added several new holdings to the Fund. Abbott Laboratories was added for its leading diagnostics and nutrition businesses as well as its established pharmaceuticals business. Intact Financial Corp. was added based on its strong track record in underwriting. The company is well positioned to offset inflation with its integrated business model and interest-rate increases. Safran SA, an aircraft engine manufacturer, was added to the Fund as it should benefit from a recovery in global travel.

The Portfolio Advisor used market volatility to add to existing holdings in Gibson Energy Inc., Bank of Montreal and The Toronto Dominion Bank for their strong businesses and improving valuations. Alphabet Inc. was increased based on a pricing opportunity as unfounded concerns about the company's artificial intelligence capabilities put pressure on the stock.

A holding in Medtronic PLC was sold based on continued operational challenges. Colgate-Palmolive Co. was eliminated in favour of Nestlé SA. Zebra Technologies Corp. was eliminated given its deteriorating outlook and continued execution challenges.

Manulife Financial Corp., George Weston Ltd. and Restaurant Brands International were trimmed on strong share price performance. NVIDIA was reduced as its valuation reached the Portfolio Advisor's target amid high expectations for growth. A holding in Prologis Inc. was trimmed to reduce the Fund's real estate exposure.

# **Recent Developments**

Effective April 27, 2023, Bryan Houston was appointed Chair of the Independent Review Committee.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war have 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. Inflation has increased in many markets across the globe, leading central banks to raise interest rates in order to counter rapidly rising prices. These factors may adversely affect the performance of the Fund. The Manager continues to monitor ongoing developments and the impact to investment strategies.

# **Related Party Transactions**

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (referred to as *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 for, 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 Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (referred to as *CIBC ISI*), the CIBC Imperial Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (referred to as *CIBC WM*). 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 paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$509 to CIBC WM and \$29 to CIBC World Markets Corp. Spreads associated with fixed income and other securities are not ascertainable and, for that reason, cannot be included when determining these amounts.

#### **Fund Transactions**

The Fund may enter into one or more of the following transactions (referred to as the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the Independent Review Committee (referred to as 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 (referred to as 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 (referred to as 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 (referred to as 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 (referred to as *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 Unit <sup>1</sup> - Class	A Units							Inco	eption	date: October 30,	1997
		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	5.73	\$	6.64	\$	6.18	\$	6.35	\$	6.36	
Increase (decrease) from operations:											
Total revenue	\$	0.18	\$	0.18	\$	0.22	\$	0.20	\$	0.20	
Total expenses		(0.11)		(0.12)		(0.12)		(0.12)		(0.12)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		(0.02)		0.07		0.22		0.48		0.23 0.02	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	Φ.	0.15	Φ.	(0.66)	r.	0.50	r.	(0.38)	r.		
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.20	\$	(0.53)	\$	0.82	\$	0.18	\$	0.33	
Distributions: From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.24	\$	0.25	\$	0.24	\$	0.25	\$	0.25	
From dividends	φ	0.24	φ	0.23	φ	0.24	φ	0.25	φ	0.23	
From capital gains		0.02		0.02		0.02		0.02		0.02	
Return of capital		0.10		0.05		0.01		0.03		0.06	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	0.36	\$	0.36	\$	0.36	\$	0.36	\$	0.36	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	5.57	\$	5.73	\$	6.64	\$	6.18	\$	6.35	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A	Units										
		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	37,441	\$	40,761	\$	53,716	\$	53,102	\$	58,131	
Number of Units Outstanding⁴		6,716,627		7,118,992		8,089,892		8,597,525		9,151,670	
Management Expense Ratio⁵		1.81%		1.81%		1.86%		1.91%		1.91%	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>		1.81%		1.81%		1.97%		2.02%		2.03%	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.03%		0.04%		0.03%		0.03%		0.02%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		58.15%		51.62%		48.13%		52.35%		32.53%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	5.57	\$	51.02%	\$	6.64	\$	6.18	\$	6.35	
The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Class	F Units			0000		0004			Incepti	on date: June 13,	2007
		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	2007
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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit1 - Class	O Units	;					Inco	eption	date: October 30,	2015
		2023		2022		2021	2020		2019	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	8.55	\$	9.91	\$	9.17	\$ 9.49	\$	9.57	
Increase (decrease) from operations:										
Total revenue	\$	_	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.08	\$ 0.03	\$	0.02	
Total expenses		_		_		_	_		-	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.07		0.11		0.28	0.68		0.29	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.15		(0.96)		0.80	(0.56)		0.11	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.22	\$	(0.86)	\$	1.16	\$ 0.15	\$	0.42	
Distributions:										
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.32	\$	0.32	\$	0.32	\$ 0.32	\$	0.33	
From dividends		_		_		_	_		0.07	
From capital gains		_		_		_	_		_	
Return of capital		0.16		0.16		0.16	0.16		0.08	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	0.48	\$	0.48	\$	0.48	\$ 0.48	\$	0.48	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	8.29	\$	8.55	\$	9.91	\$ 9.17	\$	9.49	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class C	Units	2023		2022		2021	2020		2019	
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Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 	\$		
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		2		1		1	1		1	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%	0.00%		0.00%	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%	0.00%		0.00%	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.03%		0.04%		0.03%	0.03%		0.02%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		58.15%		51.62%		48.13%	52.35%		32.53%	
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	8.29	\$	8.55	\$	9.91	\$ 9.17	\$	9.49	

- <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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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 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 is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving management 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, 2023. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	38.17%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	61.83%	100.00%

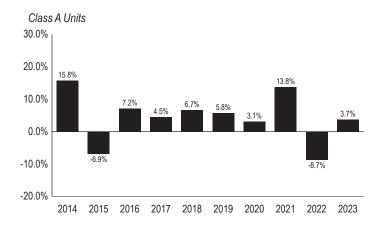
### **Past Performance**

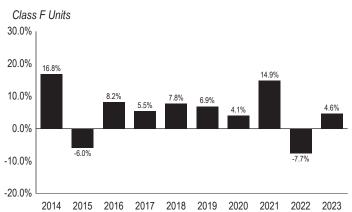
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

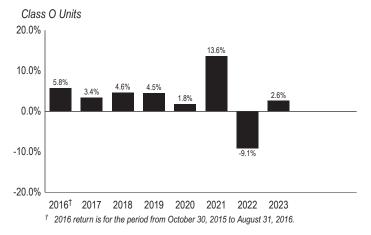
The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

#### 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, 2023. The annual compound return is compared to the Fund's benchmark(s).

The Fund's primary benchmarks are the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index and the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index.

The Fund's blended benchmark (referred to as Blended Benchmark) is comprised of the following:

• 50% S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index

- 34% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index
- 10% MSCI World Index
- 5.4% ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB-B U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Index (100% Hedged in CAD)
- 0.6% ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB-B Canada High Yield Index

	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years* (%)	or Since Inception* (%)	Inception Date
Class A units	3.7	2.5	3.3	4.2	(1.7)	October 30, 1997
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	0.8	(4.2)	0.4	2.0		
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	6.0	12.6	8.1	8.6		
Blended Benchmark	5.7	5.9	5.5	6.6		
Class F units	4.6	3.5	4.3	5.3		June 13, 2007
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	0.8	(4.2)	0.4	2.0		
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	6.0	12.6	8.1	8.6		
Blended Benchmark	5.7	5.9	5.5	6.6		
Class O units	2.6	1.9	2.4		3.3	October 30, 2015
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	0.8	(4.2)	0.4		1.0	
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	6.0	12.6	8.1		9.0	
Blended Benchmark	5.7	5.9	5.5		6.3	

<sup>\*</sup> If a class of units has been outstanding for less than 10 years, the annual compound return since inception is shown.

**FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index** is comprised of marketable Canadian bonds intended to reflect the performance of the broad Canadian investment-grade bond market. Returns are calculated daily and are weighted by market capitalization.

ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB-B Canada High Yield Index is a subset of ICE BofA Canada High Yield Index including all securities rated BB1 through B3, inclusive. ICE BofA Canada High Yield Index tracks the performance of CAD denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the Canadian domestic market.

ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB-B U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Index (100% Hedged in CAD) is a subset of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Index including all securities rated BB1 through B3, inclusive. The Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt, currently in a coupon paying period, that are publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

**MSCI World Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index composed of companies representative of the market structure of developed market countries in North America, Europe and the Asia/Pacific region.

**S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index** aims to provide a broad-based benchmark of Canadian dividend-paying stocks. It includes all stocks in the S&P/TSX Composite Index with positive annual dividend yields as of the latest rebalancing of the S&P/TSX Composite Index.

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, 2023)

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. Cash and cash equivalents are shown in total as one position.

Double lie Dougladerum	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
Other Equities	17.8
Financials	17.5
Corporate Bonds	14.5
Provincial Government & Guaranteed Bonds	9.9
Government of Canada & Guaranteed Bonds	9.4
Energy	8.2
Industrials	6.0
Foreign Currency Bonds	5.1
Consumer Discretionary	5.0
Information Technology	4.8
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.2
Other Bonds	0.6

Top Positions	% of Net Asset Value
Royal Bank of Canada	2.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The)	2.5
Enbridge Inc.	1.7
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	1.7
Government of Canada, 3.50%, 2028/03/01	1.6
Bank of Montreal	1.6
Canadian National Railway Co.	1.6
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	1.5
Government of Canada, 1.75%, 2053/12/01	1.4
Province of Ontario, 3.60%, 2028/03/08	1.4
Government of Canada, 2.75%, 2033/06/01	1.3
Brookfield Corp., Class 'A'	1.3
Government of Canada, 2.50%, 2032/12/01	1.2
TC Energy Corp.	1.2
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.2
Apple Inc.	1.1
Microsoft Corp.	1.1
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	1.1
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1.0
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.0
TELUS Corp.	0.9
Suncor Energy Inc.	0.9
Nutrien Ltd.	0.9
Province of Ontario, 2.90%, 2046/12/02	0.8
Intact Financial Corp.	0.8

### 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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