

# **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 Global Small-Cap Fund (referred to as the *Fund*) seeks to achieve long-term growth through capital appreciation, consistent with preservation of capital, through investment primarily in the common shares of smaller, less-established companies in developed markets around the world. The Fund may also invest in smaller, less-established companies in less-developed markets around the world, and may invest in companies that are suppliers or clients of smaller companies.

Investment Strategies: The Fund invests based on a bottom-up approach, with an emphasis on growth. The portfolio sub-advisor looks for companies with well-articulated business plans, experienced management, a sustainable competitive advantage, and strong financial characteristics when selecting investments for the Fund. The portfolio sub-advisor will also apply valuation analysis to identify those companies with attractive fundamental, growth, and valuation characteristics.

#### Risk

The Fund is a global small/mid cap equity fund that is suitable for long term investors who can tolerate medium to high investment risk.

During the period ended August 31, 2023, the Fund's risk classification was changed from 'medium' to 'medium to high' to better reflect the Fund's overall level of risk. The risks associated with investing in the Fund otherwise remained as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

## **Results of Operations**

The Fund's portfolio sub-advisor is Wasatch Global Investors (formerly known as Wasatch Advisors, Inc.) (referred to as the *Sub-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 increased by 10% during the period, from \$537,182 as at August 31, 2022 to \$588,982 as at August 31, 2023. Positive investment performance was partially offset by net redemptions of \$12,207, resulting in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 11.2% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the MSCI World Small-Cap Index (referred to as the benchmark), returned 12.1% 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.

Early in the period, equities declined based on concerns about the strength of the global economy. However, markets rebounded through 2023, as it appeared many central banks were approaching the end of their interest-rate increases. Economic data from the U.S. was supportive. However, the failures of three regional banks in the U.S., and the government-brokered sale of Swiss firm Credit Suisse Group AG, led to volatility in March and weighed on the financials sector. International equities gained but underperformed other markets. Economic data from China was disappointing, which affected market sentiment.

Stock selection in Japan and exposure to Taiwan detracted from the Fund's performance. On a sector basis, stock selection in information technology (referred to as *IT*) detracted from performance, particularly among software and IT services companies.

The Fund's most significant individual detractor from performance was Endava PLC, a U.K. IT services company. The company lowered its earnings guidance in anticipation of a temporary slowdown in IT spending globally. JMDC Inc., a Japanese medicaldata provider, also detracted from performance. Like many Japanese growth stocks, JMDC Inc. declined after the Bank of Japan announced it would tweak its bondyield control, which could allow longterm interest rates to rise more.

Another individual detractor was Silergy Corp., a manufacturer of integrated circuit chips used in a wide array of electronic devices. The company struggled amid competitive pressures and a weak demand environment, which the Sub-Advisor believes is temporary.

Stock selection in the U.S. contributed to the Fund's performance. In terms of sectors, stock selection in the industrials sector contributed to performance, as did stock selection in consumer discretionary, particularly among specialty retail companies.

The most significant individual contributor to performance was Saia Inc. The U.S. transport company combines goods from multiple shippers that alone would fill "less than a full truckload." After a period in which many companies were destocking inventory, demand for trucking appeared likely to rebound, which supported the stock during the first quarter of 2023.

Trex Co. Inc. also contributed to performance. The company manufactures highperformance composite decking and accessories. Signs that the U.S. homebuilding market is rebounding supported the stock in the second half of 2023. Medpace Holdings Inc. was another contributor. The company provides clinical research services for biotechnology companies. The stock rose considerably after management announced quarterly earnings growth well ahead of consensus estimates and raised yearly revenue and earnings guidance.

The Sub-Advisor added a new holding in Fox Factory Holding Corp., a producer of highperformance shock absorbers and suspension components for mountain bikes and other vehicles. The Sub-Advisor believes the company has built a premium brand, backed by extensive research and development and performance capability. A new holding was added in YETI Holdings Inc., which designs outdoor recreational gear. The company is expected to benefit from consumer appreciation of its products' durability.

Netwealth Group Ltd., an Australian company offering portfolio administration services, was also added. The Sub-Advisor believes the company is poised to benefit from the widespread shift in assets from legacy banks to specialist investment platforms after the Australian government highlighted misconduct in the vertically integrated wealth business of some large banks.

The Fund's holding in Balchem Corp., a specialty animalfeed supplier, was increased. The company has historically redeployed free cash flow into attractive merger-and-acquisition opportunities. Endava PLC was increased as the Sub-Advisor expects digital transformation to be a long-term business imperative for most firms. HealthEquity Inc., a U.S.based health savings account provider, was also increased. In the Sub-Advisor's view, the market underestimated how much higher interest rates benefit the company.

The Fund's holding in Abcam PLC, a U.K. health care company, was eliminated in response to executional missteps. Focus Financial Partners Inc. was eliminated after an announcement that it would be acquired by a private-equity firm. Japanese drug store operator Ain Holdings Inc. was eliminated after a change in government policy that could impact its growth potential.

The holding in Euronet Worldwide Inc. was decreased as the Sub-Advisor expects it to deploy capital towards digital capabilities, which are expensive assets with a wide range of possible outcomes. Novanta Inc. was decreased on valuation concerns. The holding in Trex Co. Inc. was trimmed after substantial gains, as the Sub-Advisor aimed to bring it closer to its desired weighting in the portfolio.

## **Recent Developments**

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

Effective April 3, 2023, Class SM units of the Fund were created.

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

Class SM units of the Fund are available for purchase by mutual funds, asset allocation services or discretionary managed accounts offered by the Manager or its affiliates. Other classes of units of the Fund may be purchased through dealers and other firms, including 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 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 the dealers 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 (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 Unit1 - Class	A Units	;						Inc	eption (	date: February 2,	1998
		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	30.93	\$	43.03	\$	30.68	\$	25.77	\$	26.41	
Increase (decrease) from operations:											
Total revenue	\$	0.19	\$	0.20	\$	0.16	\$	0.22	\$	0.16	
Total expenses		(0.77)		(0.91)		(0.99)		(0.73)		(0.67)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period		(0.68)		1.13		1.55		0.41		1.59	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	¢	4.67	\$	(13.03)	\$	10.59 11.31	\$	4.27	\$	(2.68)	
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup> Distributions:	\$	3.41	Ф	(12.61)	ф	11.31	ф	4.17	Ф	(1.60)	
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	_	\$	_	\$		\$	_	\$		
From dividends	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	
From capital gains		_		_		_		_		_	
Return of capital		_		_		_		_		_	
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	
Net Assets, end of period	\$	34.39	\$	30.93	\$	43.03	\$	30.68	\$	25.77	
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A	Units										
		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019	
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	65,116	\$	56,017	\$	62,387	\$	22,058	\$	17,654	
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		1,893,505		1,811,146		1,449,848		719,049		685,063	
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		2.21%		2.29%		2.42%		2.48%		2.50%	
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or											
absorptions <sup>6</sup>		2.21%		2.29%		2.43%		2.60%		2.86%	
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.07%		0.06%		0.14%		0.13%		0.14%	
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		44.62%		36.54%		31.60%		31.55%		43.82%	
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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Class	O Units	6			In	ception	date: January 2, 20
		2023	2022	2021	2020	-	2019
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	57.53	\$ 78.24	\$ 54.44	\$ 44.62	\$	44.59
Increase (decrease) from operations:							
Total revenue	\$	0.36	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.32	\$	0.31
Total expenses		(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.13)	(80.0)		(0.09)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		(1.43)	2.43	2.57	1.07		2.76
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		8.53	(23.51)	20.55	10.41		(0.89)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	7.32	\$ (20.86)	\$ 23.28	\$ 11.72	\$	2.09
Distributions:							
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.06	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$	_
From dividends		_	_	_	_		_
From capital gains		_	_	_	_		_
Return of capital		_	_	_	_		_
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	0.06	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$	_
Net Assets, end of period	\$	65.33	\$ 57.53	\$ 78.24	\$ 54.44	\$	44.62
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O	Units						
• •		2023	2022	2021	2020		2019
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	428,637	\$ 400,123	\$ 538,707	\$ 110,533	\$	29,354
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		6,561,409	6,955,006	6,885,322	2,030,292		657,924
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%	0.01%	0.04%		0.07%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.07%	0.06%	0.14%	0.13%		0.14%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		44.62%	36.54%	31.60%	31.55%		43.82%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	65.33	\$ 57.53	\$ 78.24	\$ 54.44	\$	44.62

- <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.
- <sup>4</sup> 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	43.85%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	56.15%	100.00%

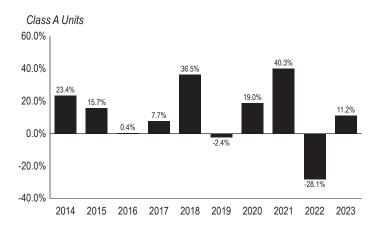
## **Past Performance**

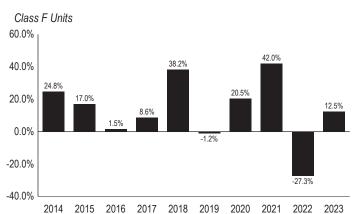
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

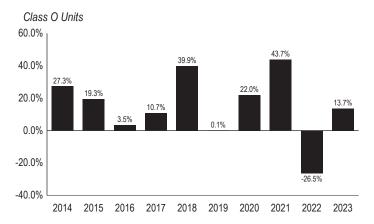
The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

### 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 benchmark is the MSCI World Small-Cap Index.

	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years* (%)	or Since Inception* (%)	Inception Date
Class A units	11.2	3.9	5.4	10.6		February 2, 1998
MSCI World Small-Cap Index	12.1	9.2	5.2	10.8		
Class F units	12.5	5.1	6.7	11.9		January 31, 2001
MSCI World Small-Cap Index	12.1	9.2	5.2	10.8		
Class O units	13.7	6.3	8.0	13.6		January 2, 2001
MSCI World Small-Cap Index	12.1	9.2	5.2	10.8		

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

MSCI World Small-Cap Index captures small-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries. DM countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

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.

	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
United States	63.7
Japan	10.7
Israel	4.9
India	4.2
Luxembourg	3.7
Other Equities	3.5
United Kingdom	3.3
Cash	1.9
Taiwan	1.9
Australia	1.3
Belgium	1.3
Other Assets, less Liabilities	(0.4)

	% of Net Asset
Top Positions	Value
HealthEquity Inc.	3.8
Ensign Group Inc. (The)	3.7
Globant SA	3.7
Trex Co. Inc.	3.3
Saia Inc.	3.3
Balchem Corp.	3.1
Baycurrent Consulting Inc.	3.1
RBC Bearings Inc.	3.0
Nova Ltd.	2.9
Medpace Holdings Inc.	2.6
Bank OZK	2.5
Hamilton Lane Inc., Class 'A'	2.5
Five Below Inc.	2.5
Five9 Inc.	2.3
Valvoline Inc.	2.3
Paylocity Holding Corp.	2.0
Q2 Holdings Inc.	2.0
Freshpet Inc.	2.0
YETI Holdings Inc.	2.0
CyberArk Software Ltd.	1.9
Guidewire Software Inc.	1.9
Neogen Corp.	1.9
Cash	1.9
Fox Factory Holding Corp.	1.9
Diploma PLC	1.8

## 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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