

## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

for the financial year ended August 31, 2008

*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 U.S. Index Fund (the *Fund*) seeks to achieve a return similar to the performance of a broad cross-section of common stocks traded on major U.S. markets, principally through the use of derivatives that mirror a combination of stock indices.

Investment Strategies: The Fund intends to mirror a combination of stock indices, such as the S&P 500 Index, the S&P MidCap 400 Index, and the NASDAQ-100 Index, principally through the combined use of equity-based futures contracts and other derivatives and, for cash cover, Canadian government treasury-bills and other fixed income instruments.

#### Risk

The Fund is an equity fund suitable for long-term investors who can tolerate moderate investment risk.

The U.S. sub-prime mortgage market deteriorated over the period as many of the underlying sub-prime mortgages went into default. The decline of the U.S. sub-prime market had implications throughout domestic and global equity and fixed income markets. This deterioration helped to undermine the value of the asset-backed commercial paper (*ABCP*) market as the payments supporting several *ABCP* products went into default. *ABCP* is short-term debt issued by financial institutions and supported by the expected payments on assets such as trade receivables or mortgage payments. As many of the world's largest companies and financial institutions were directly or indirectly exposed to the U.S. sub-prime credit market and to the *ABCP* market, the effects of the deterioration of these markets were felt throughout the financial markets. As the Fund had exposure to *ABCP* products, the potential general market risk to the Fund was increased over the period.

Over the 12-month period ending August 31, 2008, the above mentioned risk factor did not significantly impact the overall risk level of the Fund. The risks of investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

#### Results of Operations

The portfolio sub-advisor of the Fund is CIBC Global Asset Management Inc. (*CIBC Global*). The commentary that follows reflects the views of CIBC Global and provides a summary of the results of operations for the 12-month period ended August 31, 2008. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

- The Fund's net asset value decreased by 33% during the period, from \$26,363 on August 31, 2007 to \$17,672 on August 31, 2008. Net redemptions of \$5,782 and negative investment performance contributed to this decrease.
- During the period, the U.S. market was extremely volatile, with the S&P 500 Index down 10.6%.
- Investors were faced with a weakened banking system as the U.S. sub-prime mortgage issue developed into a broader credit problem, leaving banks hesitant to lend in support of economic growth. A weaker dollar helped the export sector remain strong, offsetting domestic weakness.
- Commodity prices also remained strong, fuelling inflation and creating a dilemma for central banks in setting interest rate policy.
- Strong sectors were generally those tied to commodities, such as energy and materials. The consumer staples sector was also a strong performer because of its stable sales outlook and large international presence.
- The financial services sector was weak, as the credit crunch weakened balance sheets, forcing companies to raise additional capital. The consumer discretionary sector also suffered, as concerned consumers trimmed their spending habits.

### Recent Developments

On July 25, 2008, unitholders approved a change to the investment objective of the Fund from a passive to active management strategy. This change to the investment objective will take effect on December 1, 2008, at which time the investment strategies of the Fund will be revised to reflect the new investment objective, and the name of the Fund will be changed to Renaissance U.S. Equity Fund.

#### *Adoption of New Accounting Standards*

The requirements of CICA Handbook Section 3855, Financial Instruments — Recognition and Measurement (“CICA 3855”), became effective for fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2006. CICA 3855 prescribes specific guidance for establishing fair values under GAAP, including the use of bid prices for long positions and ask prices for short positions for investments quoted in active markets. Where active markets do not exist, fair values are established using a fair valuation technique. Prior to the adoption of CICA 3855, fair values were based on last traded or closing prices or based on management’s best estimate where market quotations were not reliable or available.

CICA 3855 also requires that transaction costs (such as brokerage commissions) incurred on portfolio transactions be recognized immediately in net income and presented as a separate expense item in the financial statements. Prior to CICA 3855, transaction costs were included in the average cost of investments or as a reduction in the proceeds on the disposition of investments. Transaction costs were recognized immediately in net assets and results of operations, but were not presented as a separate line item.

In accordance with the transitional provisions, CICA 3855 has been adopted by the Fund retroactively on September 1, 2007, without restatement of prior period financial statements. As a result of the change in accounting policy for the valuation of investments, Net Assets at Beginning of Period for each class has been adjusted to reflect the use of bid-ask pricing and is disclosed on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets. The impact as at August 31, 2008 is presented in the reconciliation of net assets per unit to net asset value per unit in note 12 to the financial statements. There is no impact to the net assets or results of operations as a result of the change in accounting policy for transaction costs.

#### *Future Adoption of New Accounting Standards*

##### *CICA Handbook Section 3862 and 3863, Financial Instruments — Disclosures*

The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) issued CICA Handbook Section 3862, Financial Instruments — Disclosures, and Section 3863, Financial Instruments — Presentation, effective for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2007. These standards provide comprehensive disclosure and presentation requirements for financial instruments. Section 3862 replaces the disclosure portion of Section 3861, Financial Instruments —

Disclosure and Presentation, and introduces new requirements for specific qualitative and quantitative disclosure about risks. This includes the requirements to quantify exposures for certain risks and provide sensitivity analysis for some risks. The main objective of this new standard is to enable investors to evaluate the significance of financial instruments, the nature and extent of risks involved, and how these risks are managed. Section 3863 carries forward the presentation requirements from Section 3861, unchanged.

On September 1, 2008, the Fund will adopt these standards retroactively without restatement of prior period financial statements in accordance with their transitional provisions. The adoption of these standards will not have an impact to net assets, increase (decrease) in net assets from operations or increase(decrease) in net assets from operations per unit of the Fund.

### 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*

CIBC Asset Management Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the manager, trustee, and portfolio advisor of the Fund (CAMI or the *Manager*). CAMI will receive management fees with respect to the day-to-day business and operations of the Fund, calculated based on the net asset value of each respective class of units of the Fund, as described in the section entitled *Management Fees*. As portfolio advisor, CAMI provides, or arranges to provide, investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund. CAMI will also compensate its wholesalers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Fund. From time to time, CAMI may provide seed capital to the Fund.

#### *Portfolio Sub-Advisor*

CAMI has retained CIBC Global, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, as the portfolio sub-advisor of the Fund, to provide investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund. A portion of the management fees CAMI receives from the Fund will be paid to CIBC Global.

#### *Distributor*

Dealers and other firms will sell the units of the Fund to investors. These dealers and other firms will include CIBC’s related dealers such as 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 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*

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 and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by portfolio sub-advisors, including CIBC Global, 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 and other securities 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 also furnish research, statistical, and other services to portfolio sub-advisors, including CIBC Global, that process trades through them (referred to in the industry as “soft-dollar” arrangements). These services assist portfolio sub-advisors with investment decision making services to the Fund. As per the terms of the sub-advisory agreements, such soft dollar arrangements are in compliance with applicable laws. In addition, CAMI may enter into commission recapture arrangements with certain dealers with respect to the Fund. Any commission recaptured will be paid to the Fund.

During the period, no brokerage commissions or other fees were paid by the Fund 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 purchase and sell securities of CIBC. The Fund may also, from time to time, purchase securities underwritten by a related dealer, such as CIBC WM or CIBC World Markets Corp., each an affiliate of the Manager. Such transactions are currently made pursuant to standing instructions rendered by the Independent Review Committee.

#### *Custodian*

The custodian holds all cash and securities for the Fund and ensures that those assets are kept separate from any other cash or securities that the custodian may be holding. CIBC is the custodian of the Fund (the *Custodian*). The Custodian may hire sub-custodians for the Fund. The fees for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis.

#### *Service Provider*

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (*CIBC GSS*) provides certain services to the Fund, including fund accounting and reporting, securities lending, and portfolio valuation. Such servicing fees are paid by the manager, and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. CIBC indirectly owns a fifty percent 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 periods ended August 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 and December 31 of any other periods shown.

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> – Class A Units

	2008	2007	2006 <sup>a</sup>	2005	2004
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 8.88	\$ 8.17	\$ 8.37	\$ 8.27	\$ 8.10
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$(0.98)	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.17
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.17)	(0.10)	(0.15)	(0.15)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.01	–	–	–	–
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.02)	0.19	(0.17)	(0.06)	0.17
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$(1.14)	\$ 0.94	\$(0.17)	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.19
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	\$ 7.87	\$ 8.88	\$ 8.17	\$ 8.37	\$ 8.27
Adjustment from bid to last traded market prices	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
<b>Net Asset Value, end of period (at last traded market prices, "pricing NAV")</b>	\$ 7.87	\$ 8.88	\$ 8.17	\$ 8.37	\$ 8.27

<sup>a</sup>Information presented is for the period from January 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006.

<sup>1</sup>This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. CICA Handbook Section 3855, *Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement*, the new accounting policy adopted for valuation of securities in accordance with Canadian GAAP as of September 1, 2007, may result in a different valuation of securities held by the Fund for financial reporting purposes than the valuation of securities used to determine the pricing net asset value (*pricing NAV*). As a result, the net assets per unit presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value per unit as of August 31, 2008, and the reconciliation between them is provided in this table. The Net Assets, beginning of the period for 2008 is the closing Net Asset Value, end of period from 2007, adjusted for adoption of the new accounting policy. This adjustment can be found in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

<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.

### Ratios and Supplemental Data – Class A Units

	2008	2007	2006 <sup>a</sup>	2005	2004
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$17,672	\$26,363	\$34,187	\$47,725	\$77,272
<b>Number of Units Outstanding<sup>4</sup></b>	2,244,689	2,967,461	4,183,826	5,701,941	9,341,388
<b>Management Expense Ratio<sup>5</sup></b>	1.83%	1.81%	1.82%*	1.76%	1.76%
<b>Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>6</sup></b>	2.67%	2.47%	2.72%*	2.34%	2.10%
<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate<sup>7</sup></b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Trading Expense Ratio<sup>8</sup></b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

<sup>a</sup>Information presented is for the period from January 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006.

\*Ratio has been annualized.

<sup>4</sup>This information is presented as at August 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 and December 31 of any other periods 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 that 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.

<sup>6</sup>The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

<sup>7</sup>The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the 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.

<sup>8</sup>The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs 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.

## Management Fees

The Fund, either directly or indirectly, pays one or more annual management fees to CAMI in consideration for the provision of, or arranging for the provision of, management, distribution, and portfolio advisory services. These fees are calculated as a percentage of the Fund's class level net assets and are calculated and credited daily, and paid monthly. The Fund is required to pay Goods and Services Tax (GST) on the management fees.

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, 2008. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	28.98%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	71.02%

## 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. Past performance for Class F and Class O units has not been shown because as at August 31, 2008, there were no Class F or Class O units outstanding.

The Fund's primary benchmark, the S&P 500 Index (the *primary benchmark*), is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks, designed to measure performance of the broad U.S. economy representing all major industries.

The Fund's secondary benchmark is a blended index consisting of a 70% weighting in the S&P 500 Index, a 20% weighting in the S&P MidCap 400 Index, and a 10% weighting in the NASDAQ-100 Index (*blended benchmark*). The S&P MidCap 400 Index consists of 400 domestic stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation. It is also a market-value weighted index and was the first benchmark of midcap stock price movement. The NASDAQ-100 index is an index comprised of stocks of 100 of the largest non-financial U.S. and non-U.S. companies listed on the NASDAQ stock market.

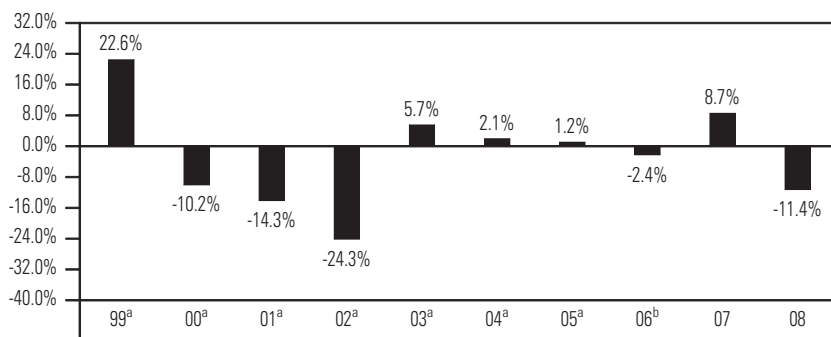
For the period, Class A units returned -11.4%, underperforming both the primary benchmark return of -11.0% and the blended benchmark return of -9.0% for the same period.

The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses. See the section entitled *Financial Highlights* 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 illustrates 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.

### Class A Units



<sup>a</sup>Return is for the period from January 1 to December 31 of the year shown.

<sup>b</sup>2006 return is for the period from January 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006.

### Annual Compound Returns

These tables show the annual compound total return of each class of units of the Fund for each indicated period ended on August 31, 2008. The annual compound total return is also compared to the Fund's applicable benchmark(s).

#### Class A Units

	Class A Units	S&P 500 Index	Blended Benchmark
Past Year	-11.4%	-11.0%	-9.0%
3 Year	-1.7%	-0.2%	0.5%
5 Year	-0.1%	1.3%	2.1%
10 Year	-0.2%	0.7%	2.5%

### Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at August 31, 2008)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by calling us toll-free at 1-888-888-FUND (3863), by writing to us at Renaissance Investments, 1500 University Street, Suite 800, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 3S6, or by visiting [www.renaissanceinvestments.ca](http://www.renaissanceinvestments.ca). The Top Positions table includes 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.

Portfolio Breakdown	% of Net Asset Value
Futures Contracts	100.20%
Forward & Spot Contracts	1.48%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	-0.32%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-1.36%

Top Positions	% of Net Asset Value
United States S&P 500 Index Future, September 2008	61.54%
United States S&P 400 MidCap Index Future, September 2008	22.02%
United States S&P 500 Index Future, December 2008	11.55%
United States NASDAQ-100 Index Future, September 2008	11.25%
Forward & Spot Contracts	1.48%
Other Assets, Less Liabilities	-0.32%
United States NASDAQ-100 E-Mini Index Future, September 2008	-1.13%
Cash	-1.36%
United States S&P 400 MidCap E-Mini Index Future, September 2008	-1.96%
United States S&P 500 Mini Index Future, September 2008	-3.07%

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