

# **Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the financial year ended August 31, 2024

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 High Income Fund (the *Fund*) seeks to achieve the highest possible return that is consistent with a conservative fundamental investment philosophy through investment primarily in a balanced and diversified portfolio of Canadian income securities.

Investment Strategies: The Fund intends to invest mainly in Canadian and U.S. fixed income securities and common shares with varying exposures to these areas depending on their relative attractiveness, and to a lesser extent, in convertible debentures and preferred equities.

#### Risk

The Fund is a Canadian dividend and income equity fund that is suitable for medium to long term investors who can tolerate low to medium investment risk.

For the period ended August 31, 2024, the Fund's overall level of risk remained as discussed in the simplified prospectus.

## **Results of Operations**

The Fund's portfolio sub-advisor is Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd. (the *Sub-Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the period ended August 31, 2024. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 13% during the period, from \$378,972 as at August 31, 2023 to \$426,665 as at August 31, 2024. Net sales of \$3,772 and positive investment performance resulted in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 12.9% for the period. The Fund's primary benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index (the *primary benchmark*), returned 19.4% 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.

Throughout 2023, inflation, interest rates and central bank rhetoric were key drivers of equity investor sentiment. Investors alternated between

pricing in an economic "soft landing" (a sustainable easing of inflation without triggering a material economic slowdown) and a recession scenario.

During the fourth quarter of 2023, investor optimism improved in response to expectations for lower interest rates, softening inflation metrics and more accommodative communication from central banks. In the U.S., expectations increased that inflation would continue decelerating, without a material economic slowdown. Global equities responded positively, including Canadian equities.

In the first quarter of 2024, Canadian and U.S. economic growth and inflation data diverged. U.S. economic growth appeared to reaccelerate, while growth in Canada was relatively low, but still positive. During the second quarter, U.S. economic releases showed a resilient pace of activity overall, but there was evidence of slowing momentum. However, inflation releases were reassuring and helped alleviate concerns of a more sustained reacceleration in inflation. In Canada, economic releases continued to highlight broad disinflationary pressures, sluggish economic growth and softening employment.

August 2024 was a volatile month for financial markets. Triggered by a disappointing U.S. jobs report and increased recession concerns, the CBOE Volatility Index reached levels not seen since March 2020. Later in August, global equity markets stabilized following better economic data. At the Jackson Hole symposium, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board reassured investors of the lower inflation outlook and upcoming interest-rate cuts. As a result, despite the initial turbulence, equities ended August on a positive note.

Security selection within the health care and information technology sectors detracted from the Fund's performance. An overweight allocation to the industrials sector also detracted from performance. An underweight holding in Constellation Software Inc. detracted from performance. The stock outperformed the broader information technology sector as the company deployed capital on strong acquisitions. An underweight holding in Waste Connections Inc. detracted from the Fund's performance as the stock significantly outperformed the broader industrials sector.

Security selection within the real estate and industrials sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. Overweight exposure to the health care and information technology sectors also contributed to performance. In information technology, an underweight holding in Open Text Corp. contributed to performance as its stock declined on lower revenues and a weaker-than-expected earnings forecast. An overweight holding in George Weston Ltd., the parent company of Loblaw Cos. Ltd. and Choice Properties REIT, contributed to the Fund's performance. The stock outperformed, driven by strong financial results.

A new holding in Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce was added to the Fund for its lower risk profile. The Sub-Advisor viewed the Fund's previous value-oriented bank holding, the Bank of Nova Scotia, as higher risk as the outlook for its Latin America division was uncertain amid structural issues and management turnover.

An existing holding in Royal Bank of Canada was increased as the Sub-Advisor believes it is a quality growth company. This large, diversified, well-capitalized bank should also benefit from the integration of its HSBC Bank Canada acquisition.

BCE Inc.'s projected dividend payout ratio was weakened by restructuring charges that reduced operating cash flows. Its earnings growth is expected to be lower relative to peers as it has a higher proportion of revenues tied to industries in structural decline. As a result, the Sub-Advisor eliminated the holding. Boardwalk REIT was trimmed as its valuation increased and its target return appeared lower relative to peers.

The Fund's higher portfolio turnover rate during the period can be attributed to Sub-Advisor's optimism regarding their macroeconomic outlook, as they moved into quality growth companies and reduced exposure to more defensive companies.

#### **Recent Developments**

The level of geopolitical risk 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. 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 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 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 paid brokerage commissions and other fees of \$32,153 to CIBC WM; the Fund did not pay any brokerage commissions or other fees 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 (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. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

#### Service Provider

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company Inc. (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 Unit	S						Ince	ption	date: February 13, 1997
		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	8.59	\$	9.19	\$	10.00	\$	8.79	\$	9.60
Increase (decrease) from operations:										
Total revenue	\$	0.31	\$	0.32	\$	0.29	\$	0.29	\$	0.33
Total expenses		(0.18)		(0.20)		(0.23)		(0.22)		(0.22)
Realized gains (losses) for the period Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		0.40 0.57		0.27 (0.27)		0.29 (0.43)		0.43 1.44		0.37 (0.56)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	1.10	\$	0.12	\$	(0.43)	\$	1.44	\$	(0.08)
Distributions:	φ	1.10	φ	0.12	φ	(0.06)	φ	1.94	φ	(0.00)
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.48	\$	0.48	\$	0.48	\$	0.48	\$	0.48
From dividends	Ψ	0.03	Ψ	0.01	Ψ	-	Ψ	0.03	Ψ	0.02
From capital gains		_		_		_		_		_
Return of capital		0.21		0.23		0.24		0.21		0.22
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	0.72	\$	0.72	\$	0.72	\$	0.72	\$	0.72
Net Assets, end of period	\$	8.92	\$	8.59	\$	9.19	\$	10.00	\$	8.79
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A	A Units									
		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	346,562	\$	311,789	\$	247,718	\$	243,658	\$	208,331
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		38,838,712		36,285,557		26,969,863		24,356,756		23,702,575
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>		2.32%		2.31%		2.30%		2.29%		2.34%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or										
absorptions <sup>6</sup>		2.32%		2.31%		2.30%		2.31%		2.34%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.11%		0.07%		0.04%		0.04%		0.05%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		93.29%		52.26%		37.97%		33.47%		53.08%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	8.92	\$	8.59	\$	9.19	\$	10.00	\$	8.79
The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Class	F Units							Incer	tion d	late: September 6, 2001
				2023		2022		2021		2020
		2024	\$	2023	\$	2022	\$	2021		2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$		\$	2023 14.38	\$	2022 15.14	\$	-	\$	•
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Net Assets, beginning of period Increase (decrease) from operations: Total revenue		2024 13.97 0.51	\$	14.38 0.51	\$	15.14 0.46	\$	2021 12.87 0.44		2020
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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>1</sup> - Class	O Units	5				Inception	on date: April 18, 200
		2024	2023	2022	2021	-	2020
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$	19.92	\$ 19.97	\$ 20.49	\$ 16.99	\$	17.52
Increase (decrease) from operations:							
Total revenue	\$	0.73	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.59	\$	0.62
Total expenses		(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)		(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period		0.95	0.58	0.64	0.86		0.73
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period		1.38	(0.63)	(1.18)	2.84		(1.45)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$	3.03	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.06	\$ 4.27	\$	(0.12)
Distributions:							
From income (excluding dividends)	\$	0.52	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.52	\$	0.52
From dividends		0.23	0.16	0.13	0.19		0.16
From capital gains		_	_	_	_		_
Return of capital		0.03	0.10	0.13	0.07		0.10
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$	0.78	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.78	\$	0.78
Net Assets, end of period	\$	22.17	\$ 19.92	\$ 19.97	\$ 20.49	\$	16.99
Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O	Units						
		2024	2023	2022	2021		2020
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$	35,149	\$ 29,184	\$ 17,442	\$ 11,834	\$	11,008
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>		1,585,470	1,464,749	873,588	577,429		647,972
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%	0.07%		0.07%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>		0.11%	0.07%	0.04%	0.04%		0.05%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>		93.29%	52.26%	37.97%	33.47%		53.08%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	22.17	\$ 19.92	\$ 19.97	\$ 20.49	\$	16.99

- <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.
- 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.
- 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, 2024. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	49.45%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	50.55%	100.00%

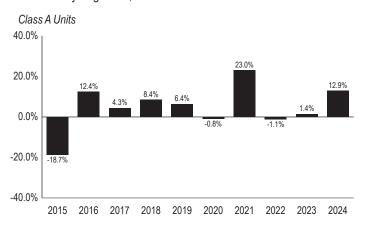
#### **Past Performance**

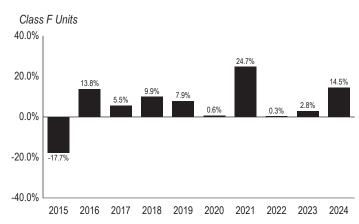
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

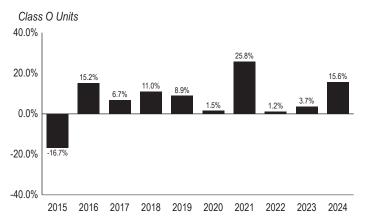
The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

## 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, 2024. The annual compound return is compared to the Fund's benchmark(s).

The Fund's primary benchmark is the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index.

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

- 85% S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index
- 10% S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index

- 1.5% Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB US High Yield Index
- 1.5% Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB US High Yield Index (Hedged to CAD)
- 1.5% FTSE Canada Corporate BBB Bond Index
- 0.5% Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB-B Canada High Yield Index

Class and Benchmark(s)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years* (%)	or Since Inception* (%)	Inception Date
Class A units	12.9	4.2	6.7	4.3		February 13, 1997
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	19.4	10.1	11.2	7.9		·
Blended Benchmark	18.2	8.6	9.9	7.6		
Class F units	14.5	5.7	8.1	5.7		September 6, 2001
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	19.4	10.1	11.2	7.9		•
Blended Benchmark	18.2	8.6	9.9	7.6		
Class O units	15.6	6.7	9.2	6.7		April 18, 2002
S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Index	19.4	10.1	11.2	7.9		•
Blended Benchmark	18.2	8.6	9.9	7.6		

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

Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB US High Yield Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, and is a subset of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB U.S. High Yield Index, which includes all securities rated BB1 through BB3 inclusive.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch BB US High Yield Index (Hedged to CAD) tracks the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, and is a subset of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Index, which includes all securities rated BB1 through BB3 inclusive. The benchmark is hedged to the Canadian \dollar to offset the impact of currency fluctuations.

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

FTSE Canada Corporate BBB Bond Index is a corporate sub-index of the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, which is comprised of marketable Canadian bonds intended to reflect the performance of the broad Canadian investment-grade bond market, which includes all securities rated BBB.

**S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index** is intended to represent the Canadian real estate sector and includes companies listed on the TSX that are engaged in real estate management and development. Any constituent's relative weight is capped at 25%.

**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, 2024)

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.

	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
Financials	28.2
Energy	14.6
Industrials	13.9
Other Equities	7.9
Real Estate	7.1
Information Technology	6.7
Other Bonds	6.2
Utilities	4.9
Materials	4.2
Consumer Staples	3.8
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.2
Other Assets, less Liabilities	0.3

Top Positions	% of Net Asset Value
Royal Bank of Canada	8.6
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	5.1
Microsoft Corp.	3.4
Constellation Software Inc.	2.8
Manulife Financial Corp.	2.7
Thomson Reuters Corp.	2.6
Canadian Apartment Properties REIT	2.6
Element Fleet Management Corp.	2.4
George Weston Ltd.	2.3
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	2.3
Enbridge Inc.	2.3
ARC Resources Ltd.	2.3
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	2.2
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.2
TELUS Corp.	2.1
Canadian National Railway Co.	1.9
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	1.9
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1.9
TC Energy Corp.	1.8
National Bank of Canada	1.8
Intact Financial Corp.	1.8
Tourmaline Oil Corp.	1.8
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	1.7
Restaurant Brands International Inc.	1.6
Capital Power Corp.	1.6

## 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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