

FIXED INCOME -SPECIALIZED VALUE-ADDED APPROACH

With over \$195 billion in assets under management (as of September 30, 2023), CIBC AM is one of Canada's largest asset management firms and provides a broad range of high-quality global investment management solutions to retail and institutional clients.

Fixed income capabilities

(AUM \$70.8B as at September 30, 2023)

Money Market: Active

Canadian

U.S.

Bonds: Active

- Universe
- Inflation linked
- Short term
- Core plus
- Long term
- · Private debt
- High yield
- Corporate investment grade

Bonds: Index

- Universe
- Long term
- Universe Plus All government
- Short term
- · Inflation linked

Specialty: Active

- Duration pools
- · Long duration strategy
- Preferred shares
- · Liability driven investing
- Income generation

Specialty: Index

• Global government bonds

Research: Dedicated credit analysis and specialist teams conduct rigorous proprietary research.

Philosophy, process and security:

Structured approach using duration, term structure, sector allocation, and security selection.

Scale: Informational advantage and depth of knowledge in the Canadian marketplace.

Experience: The entire team has an average of 20 years of industry experience.

CIBC Asset Management Inc. (CIBC AM) offers a comprehensive approach to managing fixed income assets, using multiple strategies to diversify sources of added value in portfolios.

The team consists of 30 investment professionals, and each applies their unique market knowledge and experience, of both passive and active management, through a collaborative team approach.

Investment philosophy

The team believes that a core fixed income portfolio combining multiple sources of added value - tactical sector rotation, prudent duration management, security selection, and optimal yield curve positioning - should lead to superior performance.

Investment process and analysis

The team employs a top-down and bottom-up approach using a combination of fundamental factors and technical analysis.

- Specialist research teams dealing with duration, term structure, sector allocation, real return bonds, high-yield bonds, and foreign bonds.
- Dedicated credit analysis team for investment grade, private debt, high-yield bonds, money market and preferred shares; overseen by the Credit Committee.
- Collaboration with other asset class teams. Leverage expertise of the Asset Allocation team's capital market research on interest rates and foreign bond markets as well as the equity team's company and industry analysis.

Macroeconomic assessment

Economic outlook

- Develop interest rate outlook in collaboration with our Asset Allocation team
- Formal team meetings: daily, monthly and quarterly

and controls

Top-down strategies

- Sector allocation
- Duration targeting
- · Yield curve positioning

Risk management

Portfolio construction

Construct portfolios according to:

- Volatility targets
- Diversification
- Policy guidelines

Risk management and controls

Bottom-Up Strategies

- Corporate analysis: Analyze and evaluate financial risk of companies
- Government analysis: Assess fiscal and political conditions
- Security selection: Identify cheap and expensive securities
- · Out of benchmark selection

Portfolio management team



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Jacques Prévost, CFA Senior Portfolio Manager Corporate and Liability-Driven Investing



Steven Dubrovsky, CFA Senior Portfolio Manager Money Market and Short Bonds



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Dave Dayaratne, CFA Portfolio Manager Short Bonds



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