

# Information Statement

Dated October 5, 2006



## **CIBC CI M.A.X. DEPOSIT NOTES™, PORTFOLIO SERIES GROWTH NOTE, SERIES 5**

**Due December 1, 2014**

Principal Protected Deposit Notes

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**Price: \$100.00 per Deposit Note**

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## SUMMARY

The following is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Information Statement. Capitalized terms that are used but not defined in this summary are defined elsewhere in this Information Statement. See page 21 for an index of defined terms.

CIBC CI M.A.X. Deposit Notes™, Portfolio Series Growth Note, Series 5 (each a "Deposit Note"), are linked to the performance of a notional portfolio (the "Portfolio") of assets allocated dynamically over the term of the Deposit Notes between a fund account (the "Fund Account") and a bond account (the "Bond Account") in accordance with pre-defined portfolio allocation rules (the "Portfolio Allocation Rules"). The Fund Account will be allocated entirely to notional Class A units (the "Units") of **Portfolio Series Growth Fund** (the "Fund"), a "fund-of-funds" portfolio managed by CI Investments Inc. strategically designed to provide long-term capital growth by investing directly in other CI mutual funds. The Bond Account will be comprised of notional zero-coupon bonds (described further below and referred to as the "Bonds"). The purchase of Units in the Fund Account may be partially funded through a notional revolving loan (the "Loan") that will vary depending on the value of the Portfolio. The Loan will provide leverage in the Fund Account. The Deposit Notes represent a series of Maximized Asset Exposure Deposit Notes or "M.A.X. Deposit Notes™".

At maturity, a holder of a Deposit Note will be entitled to receive (i) the \$100.00 principal amount per Deposit Note, plus (ii) a final variable payment equal to the amount, if any, by which the NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> of the Portfolio exceeds the principal amount (\$100.00) of the Deposit Note. Any distributions that may be payable by the Fund will be reinvested in additional Units for the Fund Account.

Generally, the Portfolio Allocation Rules are designed to increase exposure to Units of the Fund during periods of strong Fund performance and decrease exposure to Units of the Fund during periods of weak Fund performance. Initially, the Portfolio will have 135% exposure to Units of the Fund. Thereafter, the Portfolio will be re-balanced between Units in the Fund Account and Bonds in the Bond Account in accordance with the Portfolio Allocation Rules administered by the Calculation Agent. Generally stated, the Portfolio will be "re-balanced" and the Loan re-adjusted, as necessary, to bring the Actual Exposure approximately in line with the Target Exposure. A re-balancing will occur whenever the Target Exposure differs from the Actual Exposure by more than 25%. If the Distance falls to less than 1.5% (referred to as a Protection Event), then the remaining Units in the Portfolio will be sold and the net proceeds will be invested in Bonds to be held until maturity of the Deposit Notes. The full principal amount of a Deposit Note will be repaid at maturity, regardless of the performance of the Portfolio.

The Calculation Agent will be paid a portfolio fee that will be dependent upon the allocation of assets in the Portfolio between the Fund Account and the Bond Account at the relevant time. The portfolio fee will equal 2.40% per annum of the aggregate value of the Units in the Fund Account. No fee is payable in respect of any assets that have been reallocated from the Fund Account to the Bond Account. The portfolio fee will be calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears. A portion of the portfolio fee will be paid to CI Investments Inc. in respect of any management expenses of the Fund.

Prospective investors should carefully consider with their advisors the suitability of the Deposit Notes in light of their investment objectives and the information in this Information Statement, and should carefully consider certain risk factors associated with an investment in the Deposit Notes, including those set out below under "CERTAIN RISK FACTORS" on page 17.

<b>Issuer:</b>	The Deposit Notes will be issued by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC").		
<b>Principal Amount:</b>	The Deposit Notes will be sold in a denomination of \$100.00 per Deposit Note (the "Principal Amount") with a minimum subscription of fifty (50) Deposit Notes per investor (each an "Investor").		
<b>Subscription Price:</b>	<u>Price to an Investor</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Selling Agent's Fees</u>	<u>Net Proceeds to CIBC</u> <sup>(2)</sup>
	\$100.00 (par) per Deposit Note	\$5.00	\$95.00
	(1) The price to be paid by each Investor upon issuance (the "Subscription Price") has been set by CIBC and CIBC World Markets Inc. (the "Selling Agent").		
	(2) The Selling Agent's fee of 5.00% will be paid by CIBC to the Selling Agent for further payment by the Selling Agent to an Investor's broker or other investment advisor in connection with the sale of the Deposit Notes. CIBC will pay out of its general funds the expenses of issue. The expenses of issue include trailing commissions payable to the Selling Agent for further payment to an Investor's broker or other investment advisor of 0.25% per annum calculated and payable quarterly on the average Fund Account Value during the previous quarter.		
<b>Issue Date:</b>	The Deposit Notes will be issued on or about November 29, 2006 (the actual date of issuance being the "Issue Date").		
<b>Maturity Date/Term:</b>	The Deposit Notes will mature on December 1, 2014 (the "Maturity Date"), resulting in a term to maturity of approximately 8 years.		
<b>Portfolio:</b>	A Deposit Note's return will be reflected in the Final Variable Payment. The Final Variable Payment is linked to the performance of the Portfolio. The Portfolio will consist of assets allocated dynamically over the term of the Deposit Notes between the Fund Account, comprised of Units of the Fund, and the Bond Account, comprised of Bonds. Holdings in the Fund Account will be leveraged through the Loan. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES - Portfolio and Portfolio Allocation Rules" starting on page 5 below for further details.		

The Portfolio is a notional portfolio only. An Investor will not have, and the Deposit Notes will not represent, any direct or indirect ownership or other interest in the Units or Bonds in the Portfolio. Investors will not have any direct or indirect recourse to the Portfolio or to the Fund, and will only have a right against CIBC to be paid the Principal Amount at maturity together with any Final Variable Payment at maturity. All actions (e.g., purchases, sales, liquidations, loan draw downs and repayments, etc.) taken in connection with the Portfolio are notional actions only.

**Final Variable Payment:**

The Final Variable Payment is linked to the NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> of the Portfolio. The Final Variable Payment, if any, per Deposit Note will be payable in Canadian dollars on the Maturity Date and will equal the amount, if any, by which the NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> exceeds the Principal Amount. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES - *Final Variable Payment*" starting on page 5 below for further details.

**Principal Amount Repayment:**

In addition to any Final Variable Payment payable to Investors, the full Principal Amount of \$100.00 per Deposit Note will be paid on the Maturity Date (regardless of the performance of the Portfolio and even if the NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> is less than \$100.00 for any reason). The Deposit Notes cannot be redeemed or retracted prior to the Maturity Date, but they can be sold in any available secondary market as described under "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES – *Secondary Trading*" starting on page 9 below.

**Fund Account:**

The Fund Account will be fully allocated to Units of **Portfolio Series Growth Fund**, a "fund-of-funds" portfolio managed by CI Investments Inc. strategically designed to provide long-term capital growth by investing directly in other CI mutual funds. Assets initially allocated to the Fund Account may be re-balanced from time to time between the Fund Account and the Bond Account in accordance with the Portfolio Allocation Rules. Any distributions that may be payable by the Fund will be reinvested in additional Units for the Fund Account. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES - *Portfolio and Portfolio Allocation Rules*" starting on page 5 below for further details.

All references to Units are to Class A units of the Fund that are generally available to all investors. The value of a Unit in the Fund Account at any time will be equal to the net asset value of a Class A unit of the Fund grossed-up (i.e., increased) by an amount that reflects the management expense ratio ("MER") applicable to the Class A units of the Fund. Accordingly, the value of the Units in the Fund Account at any time will be higher than the value of the Class A units of the Fund by an amount that reflects the MER applicable to Class A units of the Fund. However, the Calculation Agent will be paid the portfolio fee referred to below from the assets of the Portfolio.

A brief description of the Fund is provided below under "PORTFOLIO SERIES GROWTH FUND" starting on page 14. An Investor may obtain further information in respect of the Fund from the current public filings of this Fund at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

**Loan:**

The holdings of Units may be leveraged from time to time through a revolving loan (the "Loan"). The Loan Amount that may be outstanding from time to time is dependent upon the Portfolio Allocation Rules and may increase (i.e., be drawn down) or decrease (i.e., be repaid) upon the occurrence of an Allocation Event. The Portfolio Allocation Rules will effectively limit the Loan Amount by imposing a maximum Target Exposure (as defined below) of 200%. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES - *Portfolio and Portfolio Allocation Rules*" starting on page 5 below for further details.

**Bond Account:**

The Bond Account will hold notional zero-coupon bonds (each a "Bond") of CIBC that mature on the Maturity Date. Bonds will be purchased and sold at yields equal to the prevailing Canadian dollar inter-bank swap rate (using the bid swap rate for purchases and offer swap rate for sales) for a term equivalent to the remaining term of the Deposit Notes. Bonds will be purchased or sold in accordance with the Portfolio Allocation Rules. No Bonds will be purchased on the Issue Date. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES - *Portfolio and Portfolio Allocation Rules*" starting on page 5 below for further details.

**Portfolio Allocation Rules:**

The Portfolio Allocation Rules will dictate the allocation of the Portfolio from time to time between Units and Bonds, and the Loan, if any. The Calculation Agent will be responsible for administering the Portfolio Allocation Rules, including facilitating any sale or purchase of Units and Bonds and draw down or repayment of the Loan.

Initially, Units will be purchased using an amount equal to the net proceeds (namely, \$95.00 per Deposit Note), together with a draw down of the Loan of \$40.00 per Deposit Note, so that the total initial investment in Units is \$135.00 per Deposit Note. Depending on market conditions on the Issue Date, it is possible that the Actual Exposure (see definition below) will not initially equal the Target Exposure (see definition below).

Thereafter, the Portfolio will be "re-balanced" as between Units and Bonds and the Loan re-adjusted from time to time to bring the Actual Exposure approximately in line with the Target Exposure, provided that Target Exposure may not exceed 200%. A re-balancing will occur whenever the Target Exposure differs from the Actual Exposure by more than 25% (referred to as an "Allocation Event").

If the Distance falls to less than 1.5% (referred to as a Protection Event), then the remaining Units in the Portfolio will be sold and the net proceeds will be invested in Bonds to be held until maturity of the Deposit Notes.

See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES—*Portfolio and Portfolio Allocation Rules*" starting on page 5 below for further details.

**Special Events:**

If, as a consequence of a Market Disruption Event, any of the Units cannot be liquidated by the third Exchange Day prior to the Maturity Date, the calculation of the Final Variable Payment will be postponed until the first Exchange Day on which there is no longer a Market Disruption Event, provided that if the Market Disruption Event continues for eight successive Exchange Days, then the Final Variable Payment will be determined on that eighth day by the Calculation Agent using its good faith estimate of the value of any assets that have not yet been sold as a consequence of the continuation of the Market Disruption Event. An "Exchange Day" is any day on which the net asset value of the Fund is scheduled to be reported and redemptions of Units have not been suspended.

If the Calculation Agent determines, acting reasonably and in good faith, that an event has occurred, or will occur within 60 Exchange Days of such determination, that adversely and materially affects the ability or cost of CIBC to hedge its obligations under the Deposit Notes, then CIBC may, after consultation with the Calculation Agent and CI Investments Inc. (or its successor), replace the affected Fund with another fund managed by CI Investments Inc. (or its successor) that has investment objectives and strategies similar to those of the Fund that is being replaced. If no such other fund can be identified by CIBC, then CIBC will, in lieu of paying a Final Variable Payment at maturity, make a final payment based on NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> determined at that time (on an adjusted basis). Payment of the Principal Amount will not be accelerated and will be made on the Maturity Date.

See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES—*Special Events*" starting on page 10 below for further details.

**Eligibility for Investment:**

The Deposit Notes, if issued on the date of this Information Statement, would be qualified investments under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) for trusts governed by registered retirement savings plans, registered retirement income funds, registered education savings plans and deferred profit sharing plans (other than a trust governed by a deferred profit sharing plan to which contributions are made by CIBC or a person or partnership with which CIBC does not deal at arm's length within the meaning of such Act).

Certain dealers and other firms that place and clear orders for Deposit Notes through FundSERV Inc. ("FundSERV") may not be able to accommodate a purchase of Deposit Notes through certain registered plans. Investors should consult their financial advisors as to any limitations on their ability to purchase Deposit Notes through registered plans.

**Secondary Market:**

The Selling Agent will maintain a secondary market for the Deposit Notes, but reserves the right not to do so in the future in its sole discretion, without providing prior notice to Investors. The Deposit Notes will not be listed on any stock exchange. An Investor who sells a Deposit Note to the Selling Agent prior to the Maturity Date will receive sales proceeds equal to the Selling Agent's bid price for the Deposit Note (which may be less than \$100.00 per Deposit Note) minus any applicable Early Trading Charge. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES—*Secondary Trading*" starting on page 9 below. A sale of Deposit Notes will be subject to certain additional procedures and limitations established by FundSERV. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES—*FundSERV*" starting on page 12 below.

**Calculation Agent:**

CIBC World Markets Inc. will act as the Calculation Agent, provided that CIBC may appoint a successor calculation agent.

**Expenses of Offering:**

Expenses of this offering of \$5.00 (5.00%) per Deposit Note will be paid as an upfront expense from the net proceeds of offering on or about the Issue Date to the Selling Agent for its services as selling agent. The Selling Agent will pay all or a portion of this amount to sub-agency groups including an Investor's broker or other investment advisor in connection with the sale of the Deposit Notes. Accordingly, the initial purchase of Units for the Fund Account will be made using an amount equal to the net proceeds (namely, \$95.00 per Deposit Note), together with a draw down of the Loan. The initial NAV of the Portfolio will be \$95.00.

**Fees and Expenses:**

**The following fees and expenses will be paid prior to payment to Investors of the Final Variable Payment on the Maturity Date:**

**Portfolio Fee**

A portfolio fee (the "Portfolio Fee") will be payable to the Calculation Agent in an amount that will be dependent upon the allocation of assets between the Fund Account and the Bond Account at the relevant time. The Portfolio Fee will equal 2.40% per annum of the aggregate value of the Units in the Fund Account. No fee will be payable in relation to any assets that have been reallocated from the Fund Account to the Bond Account. The Portfolio Fee will be calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears. The Portfolio Fee

applicable to the Fund Account will be satisfied through a sale of the requisite number of Units from the Fund Account. A portion of the Portfolio Fee will be paid to CI Investments Inc. on account of any management fees and other expenses associated with the Fund. Accordingly, there will be no duplication of fees as between the MER of the Fund and the Portfolio Fee payable on the Deposit Notes.

For each quarterly period during the eight-year term of the Deposit Notes, a portion of the Portfolio Fee equal to 0.25% per annum of the Fund Account Value for the immediately preceding quarter will be payable to qualified selling members in respect of Deposit Notes held by their clients.

#### **Leverage Costs**

In consideration for providing leverage in the Fund Account, interest on any Loan Amounts will be calculated daily and paid monthly at a rate equal to the one-month Bankers' Acceptance Rate (being the average bid rate of interest for Canadian dollar bankers' acceptances with a maturity of one month appearing on the Reuters Data Service page "CDOR" as of 10:00 a.m., Toronto time) plus 0.25% per annum. Interest owing on a Loan will be satisfied through a sale of the requisite number of Units from the Fund Account.

#### **Early Trading Charge**

A sale of Deposit Notes to the Selling Agent prior to the Maturity Date may be subject to an Early Trading Charge. The proceeds of sale of the Deposit Notes will be reduced by an amount up to 6.95% initially reducing to 0% after three years, which may result in sale proceeds being less than \$100.00 per Deposit Note. An Investor wishing to sell Deposit Notes prior to the Maturity Date should consult with his or her investment advisor regarding any applicable Early Trading Charge. Please see "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES – *Secondary Trading*" starting on page 9.

**While Investors will be repaid the full Principal Amount if the Deposit Notes are held until maturity, it will be necessary for the return generated by the Portfolio during the term of the Deposit Notes to exceed the aggregate fees and expenses (including interest on notional borrowings) paid on the Deposit Notes in order for Investors to receive a Final Variable Payment on the Maturity Date.**

#### **Book-Entry Registration:**

The Deposit Notes will be evidenced by a single global Deposit Note held by a depository (initially being CDS, or its nominee on its behalf), as registered holder of the Deposit Notes. Registration of interests in and transfers of the Deposit Notes will be made only through the depository's book-entry registration and transfer system. Subject to certain limited exceptions, no Investor will be entitled to any certificate or other instrument from CIBC or the depository evidencing the ownership thereof and no Investor will be shown on the records maintained by the depository except through an agent who is a participant of the depository. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES – *Forms of the Deposit Notes*" below.

#### **Status:**

The Deposit Notes will constitute direct, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of CIBC ranking *pari passu* among themselves and with all other direct, unsubordinated and unsecured indebtedness of CIBC outstanding from time to time. The Deposit Notes are not insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other entity.

#### **Canadian Investor Protection Fund:**

There is no assurance that your investment in the Deposit Notes will be eligible for protection under the Canadian Investor Protection Fund. You should consult your investment advisor on whether your investment in the Deposit Notes is eligible for protection in light of your particular circumstances.

#### **Credit Rating:**

The Deposit Notes have not been and will not be specifically rated by any rating agency. However, the deposit liabilities of CIBC with a term to maturity of more than one year (which would include CIBC's obligations under the Deposit Notes) are rated AA (low) by Dominion Bond Rating Service, Aa3 by Moody's Rating Service, AA- by Fitch Ratings and A+ (negative outlook) by Standard & Poor's. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold investments, and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the relevant rating agency.

#### **Income Tax Considerations:**

An Investor should consider the income tax consequences to the Investor of an investment in the Deposit Notes, including the tax treatment of any Final Variable Payment received by the Investor. An Investor should also consider the income tax consequences of a disposition of the Deposit Notes by an Investor prior to maturity. See "CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS" below on page 16 for a summary of certain Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to a Canadian resident individual who invests in the Deposit Notes.

**Certain Risk Factors:**

Before reaching a decision to purchase any Deposit Notes, a person should carefully consider a variety of risk factors, including among other things: (i) the suitability of such an investment, (ii) the possibility that no Final Variable Payment may be payable at maturity, (iii) the lack of ownership of any Units or Bonds, (iv) the reliance on the Calculation Agent, (v) the potential lack of a secondary market, (vi) the risks associated with the valuation of the Units and Bonds comprising the Portfolio, (vii) the occurrence of special events, and (viii) risk factors relating to the Fund. The foregoing risk factors and others are further described or contemplated in "CERTAIN RISK FACTORS" starting on page 17 below.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES

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**Issue**

CIBC CI M.A.X. Deposit Notes™, Portfolio Series Growth Note, Series 5 will be issued by CIBC on the Issue Date. CIBC reserves the right to issue the Deposit Notes in an aggregate number as CIBC may determine in its absolute discretion.

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**Amount and Minimum Subscription**

Each Deposit Note will be issued in a face amount of \$100.00. The price to be paid by each Investor upon issuance has been set by CIBC and the Selling Agent. The minimum subscription per Investor will be fifty (50) Deposit Notes (i.e., \$5,000.00).

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**Maturity and Repayment of Principal Amount**

Each Deposit Note matures on the Maturity Date, on which date the Investor will receive the Principal Amount (i.e., \$100.00 per Deposit Note). If the Maturity Date is not a Business Day, then the Maturity Date will be deemed to occur on the next following Business Day and no interest or other compensation will be paid in respect of such postponement. A "Business Day" is any day, other than a Saturday, Sunday or any day on which CIBC or the Toronto Stock Exchange is closed in Toronto, Ontario.

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**Final Variable Payment**

The Final Variable Payment, if any, on a Deposit Note will be payable in Canadian dollars on the Maturity Date in the amount, if any, by which the  $NAV_{FINAL}$  exceeds the Principal Amount. The Final Variable Payment may be expressed as follows:

$$\text{Final Variable Payment} = NAV_{FINAL} - \$100.00$$

" $NAV_{FINAL}$ " means the Net Asset Value determined on the third Exchange Day prior to the Maturity Date.

No Final Variable Payment will be made unless the  $NAV_{FINAL}$  exceeds \$100.00. Payment and calculation of the Final Variable Payment is subject to the provisions outlined under "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES—*Special Events*" starting on page 10 below.

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**Portfolio and Portfolio Allocation Rules****General**

The Portfolio is a notional portfolio of assets allocated dynamically over the term of the Deposit Notes in accordance with the Portfolio Allocation Rules between the Fund Account, which is a notional account comprised of Units of the Fund, and the Bond Account, which is a notional account comprised of Bonds. Since the Portfolio is notional only, an Investor will have no ownership or other interest in the Units or Bonds comprising the Portfolio, and will only have a right against CIBC to be paid the Principal Amount together with the Final Variable Payment, if any, based on the performance of the Portfolio. For the avoidance of doubt, all actions (e.g., purchases, sales, liquidations, loan drawdowns and repayments, etc.) taken in connection with the Portfolio are notional actions only.

The Fund Account is a notional account that will hold Units of the Fund. Holdings in the Fund Account may be leveraged through the Loan, which is a notional revolving loan facility. The Loan Amount outstanding at any time will vary and will be increased or decreased in accordance with the Portfolio Allocation Rules. Interest on the Loan Amount will accrue daily at an annual rate equal to the one-month Bankers' Acceptance Rate plus 0.25%, reset daily and paid monthly. The portion of the Portfolio Fee applicable to the Fund Account and interest charges owing on the Loan will be satisfied through a sale of the requisite number of Units from the Fund Account.

The Bond Account is a notional account that will hold notional zero-coupon bonds of CIBC that mature on the Maturity Date. Bonds will be purchased or sold in accordance with the Portfolio Allocation Rules. No Bonds will be purchased on the Issue Date. Bonds will be purchased and sold at yields equal to the prevailing Canadian dollar inter-bank swap rate as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent (using the bid swap rate for purchases and offer swap rate for sales), for a term equivalent to the remaining term of the Deposit Notes.

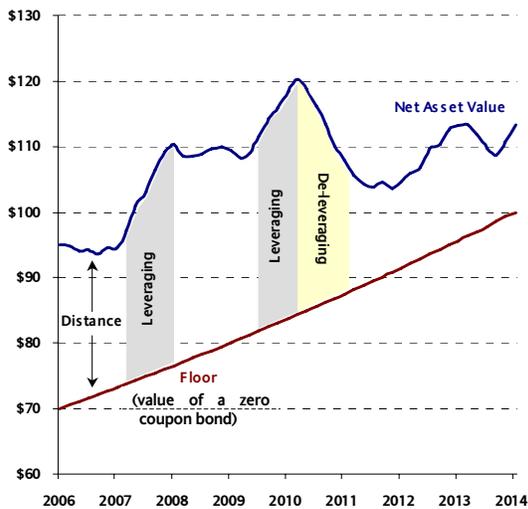
Units of the Fund held in the Fund Account may be affected by certain Special Events. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES—*Special Events*" starting on page 10 below.

**Application of the Portfolio Allocation Rules**

The Portfolio Allocation Rules will dictate the allocation of the Portfolio from time to time between Units and Bonds, and the amount of the Loan, if any, to be drawn down or repaid. The Calculation Agent will be responsible for applying the Portfolio Allocation Rules, including facilitating any sale or purchase of Units and Bonds and draw down or repayment of the Loan. All capitalized terms used in describing the application of the Portfolio Allocation Rules are defined at the end of this section.

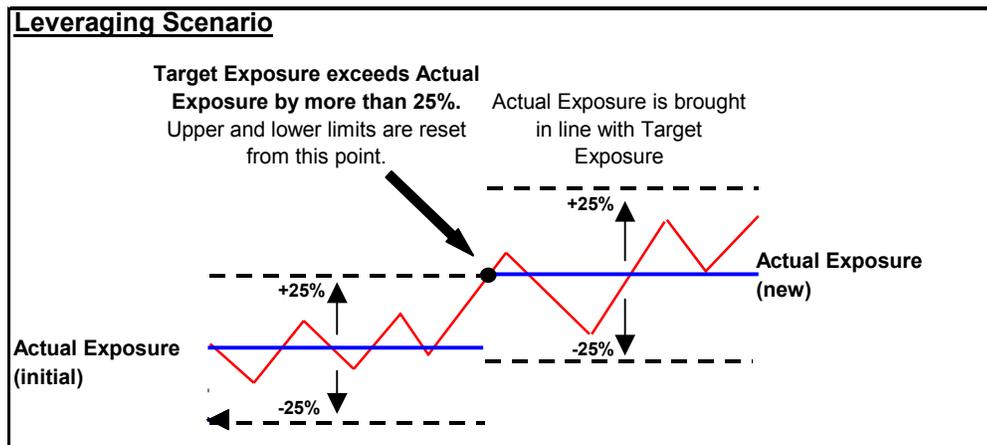
On the Issue Date, Units of the Fund will be purchased within ten Exchange Days following the Issue Date using an amount equal to the net proceeds (namely, \$95.00 per Deposit Note), together with a draw down of the Loan of \$40.00 per Deposit Note, so that the total initial investment in Units is \$135.00 per Deposit Note. Depending on market conditions on the Issue Date, it is possible that the Actual Exposure will not initially equal the Target Exposure. No Bonds will be purchased initially. Thereafter, the Portfolio will be "re-balanced" and the Loan re-adjusted from time to time to bring the Actual Exposure approximately in line with the Target Exposure.

The diagram below demonstrates how the "Distance" between the NAV of the Deposit Notes and the Floor will determine the amount of exposure to Units in the Portfolio. The Target Exposure at any time will be 5.5 times the Distance, provided that Target Exposure may not exceed 200%. A re-balancing of the Portfolio will occur whenever the Target Exposure differs from the Actual Exposure by more than 25% (an "Allocation Event").



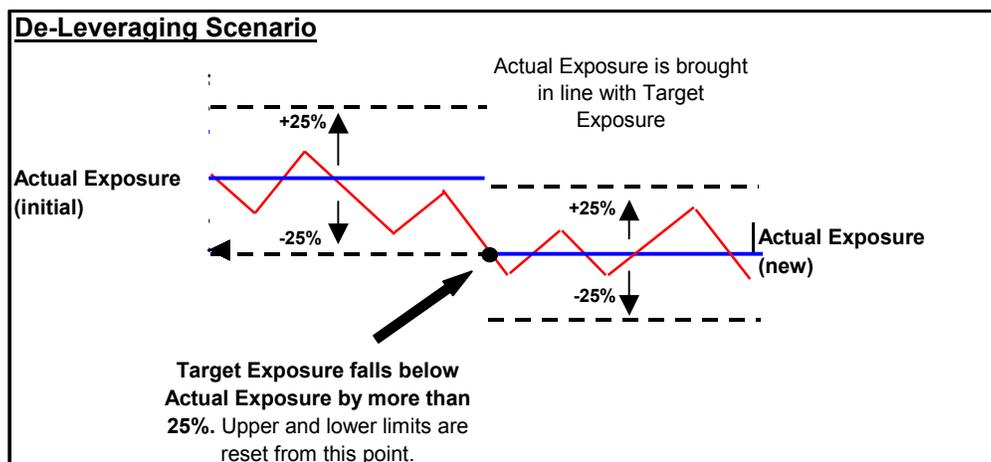
Distance	Target Exposure
<1.5%	0%
1.8%	10%
3.6%	20%
7.3%	40%
10.9%	60%
14.5%	80%
18.2%	100%
21.8%	120%
25.5%	140%
29.1%	160%
32.7%	180%
36.4%	200%

An Allocation Event will occur if the Target Exposure exceeds the Actual Exposure by more than 25% (which may occur for a number of reasons including, without limitation, an increase in the market value of the Units or a rise in the applicable inter-bank swap rate). In this event, the Portfolio Allocation Rules will require a greater exposure to Units of the Fund. Accordingly, additional Units will be purchased, funded first by the sale of any Bonds in the Bond Account, and second by drawing down the Loan, so that the Actual Exposure is approximately equal to the Target Exposure. This increases the Units of the Fund in the Fund Account and decreases any Bonds held in the Bond Account and/or increases the amount of the Loan.



An Allocation Event will also occur if the Target Exposure falls below the Actual Exposure by more than 25% (which may occur for a number of reasons including, without limitation, a decrease in the market value of the Units or a fall in the applicable inter-bank swap rate). In this event, the Portfolio Allocation Rules will require a reduced exposure to the Fund. Accordingly, Units will be sold and the proceeds used first to reduce any Loan outstanding, and second to purchase Bonds so that the Actual Exposure is

approximately equal to the Target Exposure. This reduces the Units in the Fund Account and reduces the amount of the Loan and/or increases the Bonds held in the Bond Account.



If the Distance falls to less than 1.5% (referred to as a Protection Event), then the remaining Units in the Portfolio will be sold and the net proceeds will be invested in Bonds to be held until maturity of the Deposit Notes. Thereafter, no Units will be purchased with the result that the Portfolio will comprise only Bonds until the Maturity Date.

Related definitions are as follows:

- "Actual Exposure" means, at any time, a number (expressed as a percentage, rounded to two decimal places) calculated as follows:

$$\text{Actual Exposure} = \frac{\text{Fund Account Value}}{\text{NAV}}$$

- "Target Exposure" means, at any time, the product of 5.5 and the Distance, provided that Target Exposure will not exceed 200%.
- "Distance" means, at any time, a number (expressed as a percentage, rounded to two decimal places) calculated as follows:

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{\text{NAV} - \text{Floor}}{\text{NAV}}$$

- "Floor" means, at any time, the offer price at that time for a Bond with a \$100.00 face amount, as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent.
- "Protection Event" will occur when the Distance falls to less than 1.5%.
- "Net Asset Value" or "NAV" means at any time the total (expressed as an amount per Deposit Note) of (i) the Fund Account Value, plus (ii) the Bond Account Value, minus (iii) the Loan Amount, all as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent at such time.
- "Fund Account Value" or "FAV" means, at any time, an amount (expressed as an amount per Deposit Note) equal to the aggregate value of the Units in the Fund Account, minus the portion of any accrued and unpaid Portfolio Fee applicable to the Fund Account. The value of a Unit in the Fund Account at any time will be equal to the net asset value of a Class A unit of the Fund grossed-up (i.e., increased) by an amount that reflects the MER applicable to such Class A units of the Fund.
- "Bond Account Value" means, at any time, an amount (expressed as an amount per Deposit Note) equal to the realizable value of the Bonds in the Bond Account at that time.
- "Bond" means a notional zero-coupon bond of CIBC that matures on the Maturity Date.
- "Loan Amount" means, at any time, an amount (expressed as an amount per Deposit Note) equal to the total of the outstanding principal amount of the Loan, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon at that time.

The Calculation Agent will be required to monitor both the Actual Exposure and Target Exposure and administer the allocation of the Portfolio in accordance with the Portfolio Allocation Rules. Whenever the Calculation Agent determines that a purchase or sale of Units or Bonds is required to be made by the Calculation Agent, such purchase or sale will be made at such times and at such prices as the Calculation Agent determines, in its discretion, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

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## ***Key Considerations of the Dynamic Allocation Strategy***

Investors should note that, although the Final Variable Payment is linked to the performance of the Portfolio, the amount (if any) of the Final Variable Payment will depend upon the timing and extent of the rises and falls in the prices of the Fund over the term to maturity and other factors. Specifically:

- The performance of the Portfolio (and thus the amount of the Final Variable Payment) is dependent upon the application of the Portfolio Allocation Rules.
- Generally speaking, the Portfolio Allocation Rules are designed to increase exposure to Units of the Fund during periods of strong Fund performance and decrease exposure to Units of the Fund during periods of weak Fund performance. The point in time at which a Protection Event will be triggered (i.e., when the Portfolio becomes fully invested in Bonds until maturity) ensures full repayment of the Principal Amount on the Maturity Date.
- No coupons will be payable on the Deposit Notes. Any distributions that may be paid by the Fund from time to time will be reinvested in additional Units for the Fund Account.
- The Final Variable Payment will only be payable if the NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> of the Portfolio exceeds the Principal Amount (\$100.00) on the Maturity Date. The initial NAV of the Portfolio will be \$95.00.
- The Principal Amount will be payable on the Maturity Date regardless of the performance of the Fund and even if the NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> is less than \$100.00 for any reason.
- The Portfolio Allocation Rules provide for the occurrence of an Allocation Event (e.g., a re-balancing of the Portfolio and possible re-adjusting of the Loan Amount) if the Target Exposure differs from the Actual Exposure by more than 25%.
- When an Allocation Event occurs due to the Target Exposure exceeding the Actual Exposure by more than 25%, the Portfolio Allocation Rules dictate a greater exposure to the Fund. In that case, the Portfolio will be re-balanced by the purchase of additional Units funded by drawing down the Loan and/or selling any Bonds in the Bond Account.
- When an Allocation Event occurs due to the Target Exposure being less than the Actual Exposure by more than 25%, the Portfolio Allocation Rules dictate a reduced exposure to the Fund. In that case, the Portfolio will be re-balanced by paying down a portion of any outstanding Loan and/or purchasing Bonds with the proceeds from the sale of Units in the Fund.
- When a Protection Event occurs, the Portfolio will be fully invested in Bonds until the Maturity Date. In this event, the Investor will not participate in any subsequent performance (positive or negative) of the Fund and it is possible that no Final Variable Payment will be made on the Deposit Notes.
- The purchase of Units in the Fund may be leveraged through a draw down of the Loan. Initially, the Portfolio will have 135% exposure to Units of the Fund (being net proceeds of \$95.00 per Deposit Note, together with a drawdown of the Loan of \$40.00 per Deposit Note, so that the total initial investment in Units is \$135.00 per Deposit Note). The Portfolio Allocation Rules will effectively limit the Loan Amount by imposing a maximum Target Exposure of 200%. Interest on the Loan accrues daily at a rate equal to the one-month Bankers' Acceptance Rate plus 0.25% per annum, reset daily and paid monthly. Interest owing on the Loan will be satisfied through a sale of the requisite number of Units from the Fund Account.
- The return on the Deposit Notes will most likely be different than the return on a direct investment in the Fund for a number of reasons, including the fact that additional exposure to the Fund may be achieved through the Loan, the fact that during the term of the Deposit Notes the Portfolio Allocation Rules may require exposure to Units to be reduced and exposure to Bonds to be increased, and the fact that a Protection Event may result in the entire Portfolio being fully invested in Bonds until maturity.
- The Calculation Agent's calculations and determinations in respect of the Deposit Notes will be final and binding on Investors. Investors will not be entitled to any compensation from CIBC or the Calculation Agent for any loss suffered as a result of any of the Calculation Agent's calculations and determinations.
- Investing in the Deposit Notes is subject to various risks. See "CERTAIN RISK FACTORS" starting on page 17.

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## ***Fees and Expenses***

### ***Expenses of Offering***

Expenses of this offering of \$5.00 (5.00%) per Deposit Note will be paid as an upfront expense from the net proceeds of offering on or about the Issue Date to the Selling Agent for its services as selling agent. The Selling Agent will pay all or a portion of this amount to sub-agency groups including an Investor's broker or other investment advisor in connection with the sale of the Deposit Notes. Accordingly, the initial purchase of Units for the Fund Account will be made using an amount equal to the net proceeds (namely, \$95.00 per Deposit Note), together with a draw down of the Loan. The initial NAV of the Portfolio will be \$95.00.

### ***Fees and Expenses***

The following fees and expenses will be paid prior to payment to Investors of the Final Variable Payment on the Maturity Date:

#### **Portfolio Fee**

A portfolio fee (the "Portfolio Fee") will be payable to the Calculation Agent in an amount that will be dependent upon the allocation of assets between the Fund Account and the Bond Account at the relevant time. The Portfolio Fee will equal 2.40% per annum of the aggregate value of the Units in the Fund Account. No fee will be payable in relation to any assets that have been reallocated from the Fund Account to the Bond Account. The Portfolio Fee will be calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears. The Portfolio Fee applicable to the Fund Account will be satisfied through a sale of the requisite number of Units from the Fund Account. A portion of the Portfolio Fee will be paid to CI Investments Inc. on account of any management fees and other expenses associated

with the Fund. Accordingly, there will be no duplication of fees as between the MER of the Fund and the Portfolio Fee payable on the Deposit Notes.

For each quarterly period during the eight-year term of the Deposit Notes, a portion of the Portfolio Fee equal to 0.25% per annum of the Fund Account Value for the immediately preceding quarter will be payable to qualified selling members in respect of Deposit Notes held by their clients.

### **Leverage Costs**

In consideration for providing leverage in the Fund Account, interest on any Loan Amounts will be calculated daily and paid monthly at a rate equal to the one-month Bankers' Acceptance Rate (being the average bid rate of interest for Canadian dollar bankers' acceptances with a maturity of one month appearing on the Reuters Data Service page "CDOR" as of 10:00 a.m., Toronto time) plus 0.25% per annum. Interest owing on a Loan will be satisfied through a sale of the requisite number of Units from the Fund Account.

### **Early Trading Charge**

A sale of Deposit Notes to the Selling Agent prior to the Maturity Date may be subject to an Early Trading Charge. The proceeds of sale of the Deposit Notes will be reduced by an amount up to 6.95% initially reducing to 0% after three years, which may result in sale proceeds being less than \$100.00 per Deposit Note. An Investor wishing to sell Deposit Notes prior to the Maturity Date should consult with his or her investment advisor regarding any applicable Early Trading Charge. Please see "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES – *Secondary Trading*" below for complete details.

***While Investors will be repaid the full Principal Amount if the Deposit Notes are held until maturity, it will be necessary for the return generated by the Portfolio during the term of the Deposit Notes to exceed the aggregate fees and expenses (including interest on notional borrowings) paid on the Deposit Notes in order for Investors to receive a Final Variable Payment on the Maturity Date.***

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### **Secondary Trading**

An Investor cannot elect to receive the Final Variable Payment, if any, or the Principal Amount prior to the Maturity Date. The Deposit Notes will not be listed on any exchange. However, Investors may be able to sell Deposit Notes prior to the Maturity Date in any available secondary market. The Selling Agent will maintain a secondary market for the Deposit Notes, but reserves the right, in its sole discretion, not to do so in the future, without providing any prior notice to Investors. The sale of a Deposit Note to the Selling Agent will be effected at a price equal to (i) the Selling Agent's bid price for the Deposit Note (which may be less than \$100.00 per Deposit Note), minus (ii) any applicable Early Trading Charge. See "DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSIT NOTES — FundSERV" for additional details in respect of secondary market trading through FundSERV.

The bid price for a Deposit Note at any time will be dependent upon, among other things, (i) the NAV of the Portfolio at such time, (ii) how much the Portfolio has risen or fallen since the Issue Date and the performance of the Portfolio concluded up to such time, (iii) the fact that \$100.00 per Deposit Note is payable at maturity regardless of the performance of the Portfolio up to such time, and (iv) a number of other inter-related factors, including, without limitation, volatility in the prices of the Units, prevailing interest rates, the time remaining to maturity, and the market demand for the Deposit Notes. The relationship among these factors is complex and may also be influenced by various political, economic, regulatory and other factors that can affect the bid price for a Deposit Note. In particular, Investors should understand that the bid price (a) might have a non-linear sensitivity to rises and falls in the performance of the Portfolio (i.e., the trading price of a Deposit Note might increase and decrease at a different rate compared to the respective percentage increases and decreases in the trading price of the Units and Bonds in the Portfolio), and (b) may be substantially affected by changes in the level of interest rates independent of the performance of the Portfolio.

A sale of a Deposit Note to the Selling Agent prior to the Maturity Date may be subject to an early trading charge ("Early Trading Charge"). If a Deposit Note is sold within the first three years following purchase upon issuance, the proceeds from the sale of the Deposit Note will be reduced by an Early Trading Charge equal to a percentage of the Principal Amount of the Deposit Note as follows:

If Sold Within	Early Trading Charge
1st year	6.95%
2nd year	4.65%
3rd year	2.30%
Thereafter	Nil

These Early Trading Charges are payable to the Selling Agent and are specifically applicable only with respect to sales of the Deposit Notes to the Selling Agent in the secondary market. Sales to other parties may or may not be subject to early trading charges that, if applicable, are not determined or maintained by the Selling Agent.

An Investor should understand that any valuation price for the Deposit Notes appearing in the Investor's investment account statement, as well as any bid price quoted to the Investor to sell Deposit Notes prior to the Maturity Date, will be before the application of any applicable Early Trading Charge. An Investor wishing to sell Deposit Notes prior to the Maturity Date should consult with an investment advisor about whether the Investor will bear an Early Trading Charge and, if so, how much it will be.

An Investor should consult with an investment advisor about whether it would be more favourable in the circumstances at any time to sell the Deposit Notes (assuming the availability of a secondary market) or to hold the Deposit Notes until the Maturity Date. An Investor should also consult with a tax advisor about the income tax consequences arising from a sale prior to the Maturity Date as compared to holding the Deposit Note until the Maturity Date (see "CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS" starting on page 16 below).

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## **Special Events**

### **Market Disruption Event**

In determining the Final Variable Payment, if any, payable to an Investor, the Calculation Agent will liquidate the assets in the Fund Account and any assets in the Bond Account and repay any outstanding Loan from the proceeds of the Fund Account. It is expected that the Calculation Agent will have fully liquidated the Portfolio's assets by the third Exchange Day prior to the Maturity Date. In this manner, the Calculation Agent will be able to calculate the NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> and the Final Variable Payment on the third Exchange Day prior to the Maturity Date and payment of any Final Variable Payment can be made on the Maturity Date. Subject to the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, payment of the Principal Amount and the Final Variable Payment, if any, is expected to occur on the Maturity Date or, if the Maturity Date is not a Business Day, the Business Day immediately following the Maturity Date. If, as a consequence of the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, any of the Portfolio's assets cannot be sold by the third Exchange Day prior to the Maturity Date, the calculation of the Final Variable Payment will be postponed until the first Exchange Day on which there is no longer a Market Disruption Event. If the Market Disruption Event continues for eight successive Exchange Days, then the NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> and the Final Variable Payment will be determined on that eighth day by the Calculation Agent using its good faith estimate of the value of any assets that have not yet been sold as a consequence of the continuation of the Market Disruption Event. If there is a Market Disruption Event, payment of the Principal Amount and the Final Variable Payment (if any) will be made on the day that is three Business Days after the NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> and the Final Variable Payment have been determined.

A "Market Disruption Event" is an event that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent, acting reasonably and in good faith) the ability of a holder of any Units on any day (i) to effect redemptions of such Units, (ii) to obtain the net asset value of such Units, or (iii) to settle and receive payment for Units that have been redeemed in the manner and within the period of time that settlement and payment for such Units customarily occurs.

### **Extraordinary Events**

If the Calculation Agent determines, acting reasonably and in good faith, that an event (an "Extraordinary Event") has occurred or will occur, within 60 Exchange Days of such determination, that adversely and materially affects the ability or cost of CIBC to hedge its obligation to pay the Final Variable Payment or the Principal Amount under the Deposit Notes, which event may include, but is not limited to, any of the following events:

- (i) a fundamental change in the investment strategy, objectives or policies of the Fund;
- (ii) the failure by the Fund to comply with, or a material change to, the provisions of the Fund's constitutive and governing documents;
- (iii) CI Investments Inc. ceases to be the manager of the Fund;
- (iv) the Fund announces that it will be discontinued or otherwise wound-up or that it will be merged, consolidated or combined with any other fund;
- (v) the commencement or continuation of material litigation or regulatory action involving the Fund or the Fund's manager; or
- (vi) the failure by the Fund or the Fund's manager to fulfill any of its obligations under any agreement with CIBC in relation to CIBC's hedge of its obligations under the Deposit Notes,

then CIBC may, after consultation with the Calculation Agent and CI Investments Inc. (or its successor), upon notice to the Investors providing brief details to Investors of the Extraordinary Event to be given effective on a Business Day (the effective date of such notification being the "Substitution Date"), replace the affected Fund (the "Deleted Fund") with another mutual fund managed or sponsored by CI Investments Inc. (or its successor) that has investment objectives and strategies similar to those of the Deleted Fund that were in effect immediately prior to the occurrence of the Extraordinary Event (the "Replacement Fund"), provided that such replacement will, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, have the effect of eliminating the Extraordinary Event. The Replacement Fund will be substituted for the Deleted Fund on the Substitution Date by redeeming all of the Units of the Deleted Fund in the Portfolio on the Substitution Date and, on the following Exchange Day, with the redemption proceeds from the Units of the Deleted Fund, purchasing units of the Replacement Fund. Upon any such replacement (a "Substitution Event"), the Replacement Fund shall be deemed to be the Deleted Fund for purposes of applying the Portfolio Allocation Rules and calculating the Final Variable Payment.

If CIBC, after consultation with the Calculation Agent and CI Investments Inc. (or its successor), is unable to identify another mutual fund managed or sponsored by CI Investments Inc. (or its successor) that has investment objectives and strategies similar to those of the Deleted Fund that were in effect immediately prior to the occurrence of the Extraordinary Event, then CIBC will, upon notice to the Investors to be given effective on a Business Day (the date of such notification being the "Extraordinary Event Notification Date"), elect to discharge its obligations in respect of the Final Variable Payment by determining on the Extraordinary Event Notification Date the amount of a final payment (the "Final Payment Amount") per Deposit Note equal to  $(NAV_{FINAL} - \$100.00_B)$ , provided that for this purpose "NAV<sub>FINAL</sub>" shall mean the Net Asset Value determined at the close of business of the Calculation Agent in Toronto on the third Exchange Day prior to the Extraordinary Event Notification Date, and "\$100.00<sub>B</sub>" shall mean the purchase price on the Extraordinary Event Notification Date of a Bond with a face amount of \$100.00. Payment of the Final Payment Amount, if any, per Deposit Note will be made on the tenth Business Day after the Extraordinary Event Notification Date. In these circumstances, payment of the Principal Amount per Deposit Note will not be accelerated and will remain due and payable on the Maturity Date.

The Calculation Agent's calculations and determinations in respect of the Deposit Notes will, absent manifest error, be final and binding on Investors. Investors will not be entitled to any compensation from CIBC or the Calculation Agent for any loss suffered as a result of any of the Calculation Agent's calculations and determinations.

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## **Forms of the Deposit Notes**

Each Deposit Note will be generally represented by a global deposit note (a "Global Deposit Note") representing the entire issuance of all Deposit Notes purchased by Investors. CIBC will issue Deposit Notes evidenced by certificates in definitive form to a particular Investor only in limited circumstances. Certificated Deposit Notes in definitive form and Global Deposit Notes will be issued in registered form, whereby CIBC's obligation will run to the holder of the security named on the face of such security. Definitive Deposit Notes, if issued, will name Investors or nominees as the owners of the Deposit Notes and, in order to transfer or exchange these definitive Deposit Notes or receive payments, the Investors or nominees (as the case may be) must physically deliver the Deposit Notes to CIBC. A Global Deposit Note will name a depository or its nominee as the owner of the Deposit Notes, which will initially be CDS or its nominee. Each Investor's beneficial ownership of Deposit Notes will be shown on the records maintained by the Investor's broker/dealer, bank, trust company or other representative that is a participant in the relevant depository, as explained more fully below. Interests of participants will be shown on the records maintained by the relevant depository. Neither CIBC nor any depository will be bound to see to the execution of any trust affecting the ownership of any Deposit Note or be affected by notice of any equity that may be subsisting with respect to any Deposit Note.

### **Global Deposit Note**

CIBC will issue the registered Deposit Notes in the form of the fully registered Global Deposit Note that will be deposited with a depository (initially being CDS) and registered in the name of such depository or its nominee in a denomination equal to the aggregate Principal Amount of all Deposit Notes (i.e., \$100.00 per Deposit Note purchased by Investors). Unless and until it is exchanged in whole for Deposit Notes in definitive registered form, the registered Global Deposit Note may not be transferred except as a whole by and among the depository, its nominee or any successors of such depository or nominee.

CIBC expects that the following provisions will apply to all arrangements in respect of a depository.

An Investor's ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Deposit Note will be through persons (called participants, which will typically be an Investor's broker, bank, trust company, or other investment entity) that have accounts with the relevant depository or persons that may hold interests through participants. Upon the issuance of a registered Global Deposit Note, the depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the participants' accounts with the respective principal amounts of the Deposit Notes beneficially owned by the participants. Any dealers, underwriters or agents participating in the distribution of the Deposit Notes will designate the accounts to be credited. Ownership of beneficial interests in a registered Global Deposit Note will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depository, with respect to interests of participants, and on the records of participants, with respect to interests of persons holding through participants.

So long as the depository, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a registered Global Deposit Note, that depository or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Deposit Notes represented by the registered Global Deposit Note for all purposes. Except as described below, owners of beneficial interests in a registered Global Deposit Note will not be entitled to have the Deposit Notes represented by the registered Global Deposit Note registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the Deposit Notes in definitive form, and will not be considered the registered owners or registered holders of Deposit Notes. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a registered Global Deposit Note must rely on the procedures of the depository for that registered Global Deposit Note and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which the person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder. CIBC understands that under existing industry practices, if CIBC requests any action of holders or if an owner of a beneficial interest in a registered Global Deposit Note desires to give or take any action that a holder is entitled to give or take in respect of the Deposit Notes, the depository for the registered Global Deposit Note would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take that action, and the participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through them to give or take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners holding through them.

Payments on the Deposit Notes represented by a registered Global Deposit Note registered in the name of a depository or its nominee will be made to the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the registered Global Deposit Note. CIBC will not have any responsibility or liability whatsoever for any aspect of the records relating to payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the registered Global Deposit Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to those beneficial ownership interests.

CIBC expects that the depository for any of the Deposit Notes represented by a registered Global Deposit Note, upon receipt of any payment on the Deposit Notes, will immediately credit participants' accounts in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in that registered Global Deposit Note as shown on the records of the depository. CIBC also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a registered Global Deposit Note held through participants will be governed by standing customer instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with the securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of those participants.

### **Definitive Deposit Notes**

If the depository for any of the Deposit Notes represented by a registered Global Deposit Note is at any time unwilling or unable to continue to properly discharge its responsibilities as depository, and a successor depository is not appointed by CIBC within 90 days, CIBC will issue Deposit Notes in definitive form in exchange for the registered Global Deposit Note that had been held by the depository.

In addition, CIBC may at any time and in its sole discretion decide not to have any of the Deposit Notes represented by one or more registered Global Deposit Notes. If CIBC makes such decision, CIBC will issue Deposit Notes in definitive form in exchange for all of the registered Global Deposit Notes representing the Deposit Notes.

Except in the circumstances described above, beneficial owners of the Deposit Notes will not be entitled to have any portions of such Deposit Notes registered in their name, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the Deposit Notes in certificated, definitive form and will not be considered the registered owners or registered holders of a Global Deposit Note.

Any Deposit Notes issued in definitive form in exchange for a registered Global Deposit Note will be registered in the name or names that the depositary gives to CIBC or its agent, as the case may be. It is expected that the depositary's instructions will be based upon directions received by the depositary from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the registered Global Deposit Note that had been held by the depositary.

The text of any Deposit Notes issued in definitive form will contain such provisions as CIBC may deem necessary or advisable. CIBC will keep or cause to be kept a register in which will be recorded registrations and transfers of Deposit Notes in definitive form, if issued. Such register will be kept at the offices of CIBC, or at such other offices notified by CIBC to Investors.

No transfer of a definitive Deposit Note will be valid unless made at such offices upon surrender of the certificate in definitive form for cancellation with a written instrument of transfer in form and as to execution satisfactory to CIBC or its agent in their sole discretion, and upon compliance with such reasonable conditions as may be required by CIBC or its agent and with any requirement imposed by law and entered on the register.

Payments on a definitive Deposit Note will be made by cheque and mailed to a registered Investor at the address of the Investor appearing in the aforementioned register in which registrations and transfers of Deposit Notes are to be recorded or, if requested in writing by the Investor at least five Business Days before the date of the payment and agreed to by CIBC in its sole discretion, by electronic funds transfer to a bank account nominated by the Investor with a bank in Canada. Payment under any definitive Deposit Note is conditional upon the Investor first delivering the Deposit Note to CIBC who reserves the right to mark on the Deposit Note that the Final Variable Payment has been paid in full, or, in the case of payment of the Final Variable Payment and the Principal Amount under the Deposit Note (i.e., \$100.00 per Deposit Note) in full when due, to retain the Deposit Note and mark the Deposit Note as cancelled.

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### **Status and Credit Rating**

The Deposit Notes will constitute direct, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of CIBC ranking *pari passu* among themselves with all other direct, unsubordinated and unsecured indebtedness of CIBC outstanding from time to time. The Deposit Notes are not insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other entity.

The Deposit Notes have not been and will not be specifically rated by any rating agency. However, the deposit liabilities of CIBC with a term to maturity of more than one year (which would include CIBC's obligations under the Deposit Notes) are rated AA (low) by DBRS, Aa3 by Moody's Rating Service, AA- by Fitch and A+ (negative outlook) by S&P. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold investments, and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the relevant rating agency.

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### **Plan of Distribution**

Under an agreement (the "Agency Agreement") between CIBC and the Selling Agent, the Selling Agent has agreed to offer the Deposit Notes for sale in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. The continuing obligations of the Selling Agent under the Agency Agreement may be terminated and, during the selling period and before the Issue Date, the Selling Agent may withdraw all subscriptions for Deposit Notes on behalf of the subscribers at its sole discretion on the basis of its assessment of the state of the financial markets and may also be terminated upon the occurrence of other stated events.

Subscriptions will be received subject to rejection or allotment in whole or in part and the right is reserved to close the subscription books at any time without notice. Upon acceptance of a subscription, the Selling Agent will send out, or cause to be sent out, a confirmation of acceptance by prepaid mail or other means of delivery to the subscriber. No interest will be paid on subscription proceeds received by the Selling Agent prior to the Issue Date.

CIBC reserves the right to issue additional Deposit Notes of this series, and other debt securities which may have terms substantially similar to the terms of the Deposit Notes offered hereby, which may be offered by CIBC concurrently with the offering of Deposit Notes. CIBC further reserves the right to purchase for cancellation at its sole discretion any amount of Deposit Notes in a secondary market, without notice to the Investors in general.

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### **FundSERV**

#### **General**

Some Investors may purchase Deposit Notes through dealers and other firms that facilitate purchase and related settlement through a clearing and settlement service operated by FundSERV Inc. ("FundSERV"). The following FundSERV information is pertinent for such Investors. Investors should consult with their financial advisors as to whether their Deposit Notes have been purchased through FundSERV and to obtain further information on FundSERV procedures applicable to those Investors.

Where an Investor's purchase order for Deposit Notes is effected by a dealer or other firm through FundSERV, such dealer or other firm may not be able to accommodate a purchase of Deposit Notes through certain registered plans for purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). Investors should consult their financial advisors as to whether their orders for Deposit Notes will be made through FundSERV and any limitations on their ability to purchase Deposit Notes through certain registered plans.

FundSERV is owned and operated by both fund sponsors and distributors and provides distributors of funds and certain other financial products (including brokers and dealers who sell investment funds, companies who administer registered plans that include investment funds and companies who sponsor and sell financial products) with online order access to such financial products. FundSERV was originally designed and is operated as a mutual fund communications network facilitating members in electronically placing, clearing and settling mutual fund orders. In addition, FundSERV is currently used in respect of other financial products that may be sold by financial planners, such as the Deposit Notes. FundSERV enables its participants to clear certain financial product transactions between participants, to settle the payment obligations arising from such transactions, and to make other payments between themselves.

### ***FundSERV Notes Held Through a Participant***

All Deposit Notes will be initially issued in the form of a fully registered Global Note that will be deposited with CDS. Deposit Notes purchased through FundSERV ("FundSERV Notes") will also be evidenced by that Global Note, as are all other Deposit Notes. See "Forms of the Deposit Notes" for further details on CDS as a depository and related matters with respect to the Global Note. Investors holding FundSERV Notes will therefore have an indirect beneficial interest in the Global Note. That beneficial interest will be recorded in CDS as being owned a direct participant in CDS. CIBC will record in its records respective beneficial interests in the FundSERV Notes. An Investor should understand that CIBC will make such recordings as instructed through FundSERV by the Investor's financial advisor.

### ***Purchase Through FundSERV***

In order to complete the purchase of FundSERV Notes, the Issue Price representing all Deposit Notes sold to Investors (i.e., \$100 times the aggregate number of Deposit Notes distributed) must be delivered to CIBC in immediately available funds at least three Business Days prior to the Issue Date. Despite delivery of such funds, CIBC reserves the right not to accept any offer to purchase FundSERV Notes. If FundSERV Notes are not issued to the Investor for any reason, such funds will be returned to the Investor. Investors should be aware that no interest or other compensation will be paid on settlement funds delivered to CIBC prior to issuance of the Deposit Notes or, if the Deposit Notes are not issued for any reason, prior to the return of such funds to the Investor.

A dealer or other firm that places and clears its purchase orders through FundSERV may not accommodate a purchase of Deposit Notes through certain registered plans. Generally, a dealer or firm may effect a purchase of Deposit Notes through (i) a client account (a "client-name" purchase) or (ii) a nominee or trust account held by the dealer or firm on behalf of the Investor (a "nominee" purchase). CIBC offers a self-directed RRSP only for client-name purchases through FundSERV. A dealer or other firm may, at its discretion, accommodate nominee purchases through FundSERV using other registered plans, such as RRIFs, RESPs, DPSPs or LIRAs. Investors should consult their financial advisors as to whether their orders for Deposit Notes will be made through FundSERV and any limitations on their ability to purchase Deposit Notes through registered plans.

### ***Sale Through FundSERV***

An Investor wishing to sell FundSERV Notes prior to the Maturity Date will be subject to certain procedures and limitations to which an Investor holding Deposit Notes through a full service broker with direct connections to CDS may not be subject. Any Investor wishing to sell a FundSERV Note should consult with a financial advisor in advance in order to understand the timing and other procedural requirements and limitations of selling. An Investor must sell FundSERV Notes by using FundSERV's redemption procedures and any other sale or redemption is not possible. An Investor will not be able to negotiate a sale price for FundSERV Notes. Instead, the financial advisor for the Investor will need to initiate an irrevocable request to redeem the FundSERV Note in accordance with then established FundSERV procedures. This will generally mean the financial advisor will need to initiate such request by 1:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on a Business Day (or such other time as may be established by FundSERV). Any request received after such time will be deemed to be a request sent and received on the next following Business Day. Sale of the FundSERV Note will be effected at a sale price equal to (i) the FundSERV net asset value of a Deposit Note as of the close of business on the applicable Business Day as posted to FundSERV by the Selling Agent, minus (ii) any applicable Early Trading Charge (as described under "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES - *Secondary Trading*" starting on page 9 above). The Investor should understand that although FundSERV's redemption would be utilized, the FundSERV Notes of the Investor will not be redeemed by CIBC, but rather will be sold in the secondary market to the Selling Agent.

Investors should also understand that from time to time such redemption mechanism to sell FundSERV Notes may be suspended for any reason without notice, thus effectively preventing Investors from selling their FundSERV Notes. Potential Investors requiring liquidity should carefully consider this possibility before purchasing FundSERV Notes.

The Selling Agent is the fund sponsor for the Deposit Notes within FundSERV. The Selling Agent will post a net asset value for the Deposit Notes on a daily basis, which value may also be used for valuation purposes in any statement sent to Investors. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES - *Secondary Trading*" starting on page 9 above for some of the factors that are expected to determine the net asset value or bid price of the Deposit Notes at any time. The sale price will represent the Selling Agent's bid price for the Deposit Notes as of the close of business for the applicable Business Day less any applicable Early Trading Charge. There is no guarantee that the sale price for any day is the highest bid price possible in any secondary market for the Deposit Notes, but is expected to represent the Selling Agent's bid price generally available to all Investors as at the relevant close of business, including clients of the Selling Agent.

An Investor holding FundSERV Notes should understand that such FundSERV Notes may not be transferable to another dealer if the Investor were to decide to transfer its investment account to such other dealer. In such event, the Investor would have to sell the FundSERV Notes pursuant to the procedures outlined above, as applicable, or seek to maintain their account at such dealer.

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### ***Dealings with the Fund and Issuers of Securities, etc.***

CIBC may from time to time, in the course of its normal business operations, hold interests linked to the Fund or the issuers of securities held by the Fund, extend credit to or enter into other business dealings with the Fund or the issuers of securities held by the Fund (and/or the management, insiders, associates or affiliates of such Funds or issuers of securities held by the Fund), whose securities comprise the Fund Account. All such actions by CIBC will be taken based on commercial criteria in the particular circumstances and CIBC will not be required to take into account the effect, if any, of such actions on the value of any Units or securities held by the Fund or the amount of any Final Variable Payment that may be payable on the Deposit Notes.

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**Notification**

All notices to Investors regarding the Deposit Notes will be valid and effective (i) if such notices are given (which notice may be given by facsimile, e-mail or other electronic means) to the applicable depository and its participants, or (ii) in the case where the Deposit Notes are directly registered in the Investors' names and issued in definitive form, if such notices are mailed or otherwise delivered to the registered addresses of the Investors as recorded on CIBC's records. All notices to CIBC regarding the Deposit Notes will be valid and effective if such notices are delivered to Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 161 Bay Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2S8 – Attention: Equity & Commodity Structured Products.

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**Right of Rescission**

An Investor may rescind any order to buy a Deposit Note (or its purchase if issued) within 48 hours of the earlier of actual receipt or deemed receipt of this Information Statement. Upon rescission, the Investor is entitled to a refund of \$100.00 per Deposit Note purchased and any fees relating to the purchase that were paid by the Investor. This rescission right does not extend to Investors buying a Deposit Note in the secondary market. An Investor will be deemed to have received this Information Statement: (i) on the day recorded by CIBC as the time of transmission by facsimile or e-mail, if provided by such means; (ii) two days after the post-marked date, if provided by first class mail; or (iii) in any other case, at the time it is made available or provided to the Investor.

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**Calculation Agent**

"Calculation Agent" means the calculation agent for the Deposit Notes appointed by CIBC from time to time. The Calculation Agent initially will be CIBC World Markets Inc., whose address is BCE Place, P.O. Box 500, 161 Bay Street, 5th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 1S8 – Attention: Equity & Commodity Structured Products.

The Calculation Agent will make all necessary calculations and determinations required in respect of the Deposit Notes, including the application of the Portfolio Allocation Rules. Whenever the Calculation Agent determines that a purchase or sale of Units or Bonds is required to be made by the Calculation Agent, such purchase or sale will be made at such times and at such prices as the Calculation Agent determines, in its discretion, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. The Calculation Agent's calculations and determinations in respect of the Deposit Notes will be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, and will, absent manifest error, be final and binding on Investors. Investors will not be entitled to any compensation from CIBC or the Calculation Agent for any loss suffered as a result of any of the Calculation Agent's calculations and determinations.

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## PORTFOLIO SERIES GROWTH FUND

All information in this Information Statement relating to the Fund is derived from publicly available sources and is presented in this Information Statement in summary form. As such, neither CIBC nor any investment dealer, broker or agent selling the Deposit Notes assumes any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of such information, or accepts responsibility for the calculation of the net asset value of the Fund or the provision of any future information in respect of the Fund. The current simplified prospectus and other information about the Fund may be obtained at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). The following information is taken from the current simplified prospectus of the Fund, as amended to the date of this Information Statement, and from other publicly available sources.

All references to Units are to Class A units of the Fund, which are the class of units that are generally available to all investors. The daily net asset value of the Class A units of the Fund can be found at [www.ci.com](http://www.ci.com).

***Who Manages the Fund?***

The Fund is managed by CI Investments Inc., a leading Canadian-owned investment management company. CI Investments Inc. is a company controlled by CI Financial Income Fund, an independent, Canadian-owned wealth management firm with approximately \$75.8 billion in fee-earning assets as of September 30, 2006. CI Financial Income Fund is a publicly traded income trust listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol CIX.UN.

***What are "Portfolio Series" mutual funds?***

The Portfolio Series is a unique asset allocation program offered by CI Investments to investors. The Portfolio Series is a family of seven asset allocation funds that provide diversified, style-neutral portfolios to meet a range of distinct investor profiles. It's a sophisticated program that combines Modern Portfolio Theory - to provide the maximum return possible for a given level of risk - with the simplicity of just one fund. The portfolios achieve this by investing in a mix of underlying CI mutual funds that are diversified by asset class, geographic region, economic sector and investment style.

## *What does the Portfolio Series Growth Fund invest in?*

### **Investment objectives -**

This Fund's objective is to provide long-term capital growth by investing directly in other mutual funds managed by CI Investments Inc. Any change to the investment objective of the Fund must be approved by a majority of votes cast at a meeting of unitholders held for that reason.

### **Investment strategies -**

The Fund's portfolio advisor uses strategic asset allocation as the principal investment strategy to create a portfolio diversified by investment style, asset class and geographic region. This generally includes Canadian equity, U.S. equity, international equity, Canadian fixed income and global fixed income securities.

In determining the Fund's target asset allocations, the portfolio advisor considers, among other factors, each underlying fund's investment objective and strategies, past performance and historical volatility in the context of a diversified holding of underlying funds suitable for the investment objective of the Fund.

The portfolio advisor:

- invests the assets of the Fund in units or shares of the underlying funds
- rebalances the Fund's assets among the underlying funds based on the Fund's target asset allocations
- monitors the underlying funds on an ongoing basis and may make changes to the underlying funds, or allocated percentages of the underlying funds without notice to unitholders.

The Fund became an actively managed portfolio on or about September 15, 2004. In an actively managed portfolio, the underlying funds in which the portfolio invests its assets and the percentage of assets of the portfolio allocated to each underlying fund may be changed without notice to unitholders.

For further information regarding the underlying funds in which the Fund invests, please see [www.ci.com](http://www.ci.com).

### **Distribution Policy –**

The Fund expects to distribute any net income and net capital gains each December.

### **Management Expense Ratio -**

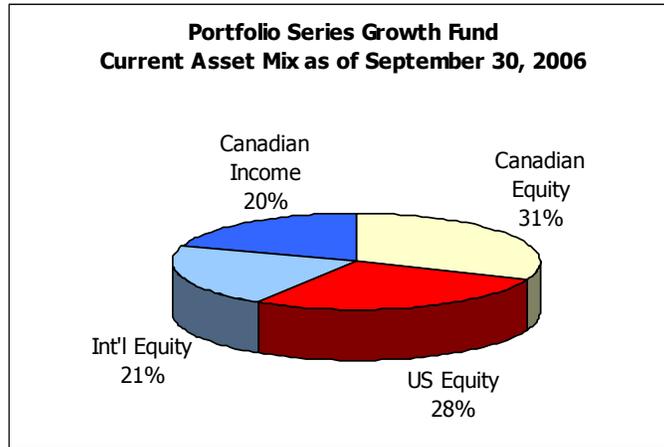
The Fund has certain expenses from time to time including management fees and administration fees paid to CI Investments Inc., the manager of the Fund, for the management and administrative services provided by it. The ratio of these expenses to the net asset value of the Fund is called the management expense ratio (or MER). CI Investments Inc. anticipates the Fund's MER will be 2.36% for the 2006 fiscal year. The MER may go up or down over the term of the Deposit Notes.

### **Holdings of the Fund -**

The following table shows the weighted exposure to the 15 mutual funds comprising the Portfolio Series Growth Fund as at September 30, 2006:

<b>Investment Holdings</b>	<b>% of Assets</b>
CI International Value Fund	11.0%
CI Canadian Investment Fund	11.0%
Signature Select Canadian Fund	10.0%
CI Canadian Bond Fund	10.0%
CI International Fund	8.0%
CI American Value Corporate Class	6.0%
Signature High Income Fund	6.0%
Harbour Fund	6.0%
CI American Managers <sup>®</sup> Corporate Class	5.0%
CI American Small Companies Fund	5.0%
Synergy Canadian Corporate Class	5.0%
Synergy American Fund	5.0%
CI American Equity Fund	4.0%
Signature Corporate Bond Fund	4.0%
CI Canadian Small/Mid Cap Fund	4.0%

<b>Asset Class Allocation</b> (as at September 30, 2006)	
Canadian Equities	31.0%
U.S. Equities	28.0%
International Equities	21.0%
Canadian Income	20.0%



**Historical Performance –**

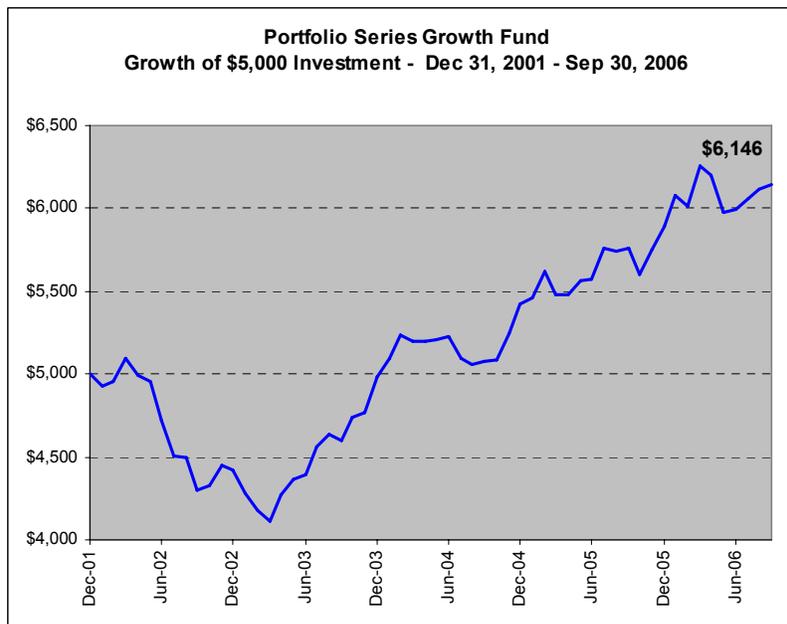
Historical performance of the Class A units of the Fund is shown below. The historical performance will not necessarily predict future performance of the Fund or the Final Variable Payment that may be payable under the Deposit Notes. The tables show historical performance as a percentage per annum as at September 30, 2006 and calendar year performance for the Fund. The chart shows the total return of a \$5,000 investment in the Portfolio Series Growth Fund between December 31, 2001 and September 30, 2006. At the end of this period, the initial investment would have grown to \$6,146.

**Performance as of September 30, 2006**  
(as a percentage per annum)

YTD	6 mth	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	5 yr	Life
4.3%	-1.8%	6.6%	10.0%	10.1%	n/a	4.8%

**Calendar Year Performance**  
(as a percentage per annum)

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
n/a	-11.6%	12.8%	8.7%	8.8%



Source: Globe Hysales, CI Investments

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## CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following summary describes the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to an Investor who purchases a Deposit Note at the time of its issuance and who, for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), is an individual resident in Canada, who deals at arm's length with CIBC and holds a Deposit Note as capital property. This summary does not apply to an Investor that is a corporation, partnership, unit trust or trust of which a corporation or partnership is beneficiary, including a "financial institution" within the meaning of section 142.2 of the Act. This summary is based on the Act and the regulations made under the Act (the "Regulations") as in force on the date of this Information Statement, all specific proposals (the "Proposals") to amend the Act or Regulations publicly announced by the Minister of Finance prior to the date of this Information Statement and the administrative policies and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") as made publicly available by it prior to the date of this Information Statement. Except for the Proposals, this summary does not take into account or anticipate any changes to the law or the CRA's administrative policies and assessing practices whether by legislative, governmental or judicial action. Provincial, territorial and foreign income tax considerations are not addressed. This summary is not intended to constitute, nor should it be relied upon as, tax advice to any particular Investor. All Investors should consult their own tax advisors with respect to their tax positions. In particular, Investors should consult their tax advisors as to whether they will hold the Deposit Notes as capital property for purposes of the Act, which determination should take into account, among other factors, whether the Deposit Notes are acquired with the intention or secondary intention of selling them prior to the Maturity Date, and as to whether the Investor is eligible for and should file an election under subsection 39(4) of the Act to treat every "Canadian security" owned by the Investor, including the Deposit Notes, as capital property.

### ***Final Variable Payment***

In the event that an Investor holds a Deposit Note until the Maturity Date, the full amount of the Final Variable Payment generally will be included in the Investor's income in the Investor's taxation year that includes the Maturity Date except to the extent that some part or all of the Final Variable Payment has already been included in the Investor's income for that or a preceding taxation year.

In certain circumstances, provisions of the Act can deem interest to accrue on a "prescribed debt obligation" (as defined for purposes of the Act). Based in part on an understanding of the CRA's administrative practice, there will be no deemed accrual of interest on the Deposit Notes under these provisions until the Investor's taxation year that includes the Maturity Date.

### ***Disposition of Deposit Notes***

On any disposition or deemed disposition of a Deposit Note by an Investor (other than a purchase by CIBC) prior to the date on which the amount of the Final Variable Payment becomes calculable, while the matter is not free from doubt, the Investor should realize a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the proceeds of disposition, net of any amount required to be included in the income of the Investor as described above and net of any reasonable costs of disposition, exceed (or are exceeded by) the adjusted cost base of the Deposit Note to the Investor.

### ***Eligibility for Investment by Registered Plans***

The Deposit Notes, if issued on the date hereof, would be qualified investments under the Act for trusts governed by registered retirement savings plans ("RRSPs"), registered retirement income funds ("RRIFs"), registered education savings plans ("RESPs") and deferred profit sharing plans ("DPSPs") (other than a trust governed by a DPSP to which contributions are made by CIBC or a person or partnership with which CIBC does not deal at arm's length within the meaning of the Act).

### ***Non-Resident Withholding Tax***

Any Final Variable Payment paid to non-residents of Canada may be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding taxes. Non-resident Investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of an investment in the Deposit Notes.

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## CERTAIN RISK FACTORS

Investing in the Deposit Notes is subject to various risks. Before reaching a decision to purchase any Deposit Notes, a person should carefully consider a variety of risk factors, including but not limited to the following:

### ***Suitability for Investment***

A person should reach a decision to invest in the Deposit Notes after carefully considering with their advisors the suitability of the Deposit Notes in light of that person's investment objectives and the information in this Information Statement. An investment in Deposit Notes is suitable only for Investors prepared to assume risks with respect to a return linked to the performance of the Units and Bonds in the Portfolio. An investment in a Deposit Note is not suitable for a person looking for a guaranteed return. The Deposit Notes are designed for Investors with a long-term investment horizon who are prepared to hold the Deposit Notes to maturity. CIBC makes no recommendation as to the suitability of the Deposit Notes for investment.

It is possible that at maturity an Investor will only receive the Principal Amount (\$100.00 per Deposit Note) and that no Final Variable Payment will be made. An Investor's Principal Amount is only repaid if the Deposit Notes are held to the Maturity Date. If a Protection Event occurs during the term of the Deposit Note, the yield at maturity will be limited to the amount (if any) by which the aggregate value of the Bonds per Deposit Note exceeds \$100.00.

### ***Non-Conventional Investment***

The Deposit Notes have certain investment characteristics that differ from conventional fixed income investments. The Deposit Notes do not provide Investors with a return or income stream prior to or at maturity that is calculated or determined by reference to a fixed or floating rate of interest. A Deposit Note's return is reflected in the Final Variable Payment, which will depend on the performance of the Portfolio. At maturity, the Deposit Notes entitle the Investor to be paid a single payment of \$100.00 per Deposit Note held by such Investor, plus any Final Variable Payment as described in this Information Statement. The Deposit Notes cannot be redeemed or retracted prior to the Maturity Date.

### ***No Final Variable Payment may be Payable***

There is a possibility that no Final Variable Payment will be payable at maturity. No Final Variable Payment will be payable at maturity if the value of the Portfolio, expressed as an amount per Deposit Note, does not exceed \$100.00. In this event, an Investor would only receive \$100.00 per Deposit Note at maturity.

### ***Final Variable Payment Uncertain until Maturity***

The NAV of the Portfolio and, therefore, the amount of any Final Variable Payment, will be uncertain until the Maturity Date. Whether a Final Variable Payment will be made will depend upon the performance of the Portfolio. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio will generate a positive return. Depending on the performance of the Portfolio during the term of the Deposit Notes, Investors may receive only the Principal Amount of their Deposit Notes at maturity. Investors will not have any influence over the determinations made by the Calculation Agent under the Portfolio Allocation Rules.

### ***Forward Looking Statements***

Certain statements in this Information Statement may constitute "forward-looking statements" which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause actual results or performance of the Deposit Notes to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Actual performance may vary depending on a number of factors, many of which are beyond the control of CIBC or CIBC World Markets Inc., as Calculation Agent. For example, there is no guarantee that the Deposit Notes will realize 200% exposure to Units of the Fund.

### ***No Ownership of, or Recourse to, Assets Comprising the Portfolio***

The Deposit Notes will not reflect the return an Investor would realize if the Investor actually owned the Units and Bonds in the Portfolio. Investors will not have, and the Deposit Notes will not represent, any direct or indirect ownership interest in the Units or Bonds in the Portfolio. Investors will have no recourse to any Units in the Fund Account or Bonds in the Bond Account. The tax treatment of the Final Variable Payment payable to Investors may be different than the tax treatment of distributions payable to direct holders of Units of the Fund.

### ***Calculation Agent***

The Calculation Agent will be responsible for administering the Portfolio in accordance with the Portfolio Allocation Rules. The administration by the Calculation Agent of the Portfolio Allocation Rules may not result in any Final Variable Payment being made at maturity to Investors. The Calculation Agent's calculations and determinations in administering the Portfolio Allocation Rules are final and binding on Investors, absent manifest error, without any liability on CIBC or the Calculation Agent. There can be no assurance that the Calculation Agent's administration of the Portfolio will result in a Final Variable Payment being made at maturity to Investors.

### ***Secondary Market***

The Principal Amount invested by an Investor (i.e., \$100.00 per Deposit Note) and the Final Variable Payment, if any, per Deposit Note are only payable at maturity (subject to any restrictions contained in this Information Statement). The Investor cannot elect to receive the Final Variable Payment prior to the Maturity Date. The Deposit Notes will not be listed on any stock exchange. There can be no assurance that a secondary market through which the Deposit Notes may be sold will be available. Investors may sell the Deposit Notes in any such secondary market prior to the Maturity Date. Any secondary trading price will be dependent primarily on the NAV of the Portfolio at the relevant time along with a number of other factors and may be less than \$100.00 per Deposit Note. A sale of Deposit Notes originally purchased through FundSERV will be subject to certain additional procedures and limitations established by FundSERV. An Investor who sells a Deposit Note prior to the Maturity Date may have to pay an Early Trading Charge to the Selling Agent of up to 6.95% of the aggregate value of all Deposit Notes sold by such Investor.

### ***Special Events***

CIBC may, in consultation with the Calculation Agent and CI Investments Inc. (or its successor), replace the Fund with another fund managed or sponsored by CI Investments Inc. (or its successor) that has investment objectives and strategies similar to those of the Fund that is being replaced if the Calculation Agent determines that an event has occurred or will occur, within 60 Exchange Days of such determination, that adversely and materially affects the ability or costs of CIBC to hedge its obligations under the Deposit Notes. The replacement or substitution of the Fund may adversely affect the performance of the Portfolio. If no other qualifying fund can be identified by CIBC, then CIBC will, in lieu of paying a Final Variable Payment at maturity, make a final payment based on NAV<sub>FINAL</sub> determined at that time (on an adjusted basis). Payment of the Principal Amount will not be accelerated and will only be made on the Maturity Date.

### ***Fund Risk***

The investment decisions of the portfolio advisor of the Fund or its underlying funds may prove to be unsuccessful, in which case the Fund Account Value will be adversely affected.

CIBC's ability to pay the Final Variable Payment will be influenced by the actual distributions paid by the Fund and the performance of the Fund. The performance of the Fund will depend on the value of the securities and other assets in the investment portfolio of the Fund. The value of the securities in the investment portfolio of the Fund rises and falls based on a number of complex and inter-related political, economic, financial and other factors. There can be no assurance that (a) the Fund's investment objectives will be realized, (b) the Fund's investment strategy will prove successful, (c) the Fund's distribution policy can be maintained, or (d) the Fund can avoid losses. In short, there can be no assurance that the Fund will generate positive returns or pay any distributions. Past performance of the Fund is not indicative of future returns. The investment decisions of CI Investments Inc., the portfolio advisor of the Fund, in relation to the Fund may prove to be unsuccessful, in which case the value of the Fund, and the Deposit Notes, will be adversely affected. If CI Investments Inc. ceases to be the portfolio advisor, or the individual or individuals employed by CI Investments Inc. involved in making investment decisions for the Fund cease to perform those responsibilities, the ability of CI Investments Inc. to carry out its portfolio advisory role for the Fund may be impaired.

### ***Risk Factors Relating to the Fund***

Certain risk factors applicable to investors who invest directly in units of the Fund are also applicable to an investment in Deposit Notes to the extent that such risk factors could adversely affect the performance of the Fund and, thereby, the performance of the Portfolio. Such risk factors may include, among others, equity risk (in the case of equity investments, factors which may cause the price of a stock to rise or fall), foreign investment risk (in the case of investments in foreign companies, factors relating to the country or countries in which a foreign company operates), interest rate risk (in the case of investments in fixed income instruments, factors which might cause interest rates to rise or fall, since the value of fixed income instruments varies inversely with interest rates), liquidity risk (the risk that an investment may not be widely traded or subject to restrictions on the exchange where trading takes place possibly resulting in dramatic changes in value), credit risk (the risk that an issuer of a fixed income security will fail to pay amounts required to be paid by it under the terms of the fixed income security), and income trust risk (the remote risk that a Fund may be responsible for certain obligations and claims of the investment trusts in which they invest). A description of those risks and others as they apply to the Fund is contained in the current simplified prospectus of the Fund that may be obtained at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### ***Leverage***

The Loan provides an opportunity for leverage in the Fund Account. As a result, the Loan creates additional risks. Although the amount drawn under the Loan remains a fixed liability repayable from the Portfolio, the value of the Units may change during the time that the Loan is outstanding. Accordingly, a decline in the value of the Units will result in a proportionately greater decline in the NAV of the Deposit Notes. This could increase the likelihood of allocation to Bonds within the Portfolio, and could reduce the Final Variable Payment. There are also interest expenses associated with the Loan. To the extent that the value of the Units purchased with the Loan increases by an amount that exceeds the interest on the Loan, the Loan will provide a net increase in the value of the Portfolio. Conversely, to the extent that the value of the Units purchased with the Loan does not increase by an amount that exceeds the interest on the Loan, the Loan will result in a net decrease in the value of the Portfolio.

### ***Income Tax Considerations***

An Investor should consider the income tax consequences of an investment in the Deposit Notes, including the tax treatment of any Final Variable Payment received by the Investor. An Investor should also consider the income tax consequences of a disposition of the Deposit Notes prior to maturity. See "CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS" above on page 17 for a summary of certain Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to a Canadian resident individual who invests in the Deposit Notes.

### ***Potential Conflicts of Interest***

CIBC is the issuer of the Deposit Notes. CIBC World Markets Inc., the Calculation Agent and an affiliate of CIBC, will calculate the amount of the Final Variable Payment paid to Investors at maturity and may exercise certain judgment in relation to the Deposit Notes from time to time. For example, CIBC World Markets Inc., as Calculation Agent, may have to determine whether an Extraordinary Event has occurred, and may, as a consequence, have to determine, in consultation with CI Investments Inc., whether the Fund should be replaced by another fund or whether, in lieu of making a Final Variable Payment at maturity, the determination and payment of any final payment amount should be accelerated by virtue of the Extraordinary Event. All of the Calculation Agent's calculations and determinations will be final and binding on Investors, absent manifest error, without any liability on CIBC or the Calculation Agent, and Investors will not be entitled to any compensation from CIBC or the Calculation Agent for any loss suffered as a result of any of the Calculation Agent's calculations and determinations. The Calculation Agent will have sole responsibility for determining the Final Variable Payment. No independent calculation agent will be retained to confirm these determinations.

CIBC World Markets Inc. will receive the Portfolio Fee in connection with its services as Calculation Agent. The amount of the Portfolio Fee will be dependent upon the allocation of assets between the Fund Account and the Bond Account at the relevant time. CIBC World Markets Inc. will also receive an up-front sales fee and trailing commissions in connection with its services as Selling Agent, which will be used to pay the sales commissions to the dealers and other firms who sell the Deposit Notes to Investors. These dealers and other firms may pay a portion of these commissions and trailing commissions to their advisers who sell the Notes to Investors.

### ***Business Activities may Create Conflicts of Interest between an Investor and CIBC***

CIBC or one or more of its affiliates may, at present or in the future, publish research reports with respect to the Units or Bonds. This research is modified from time to time without notice and may express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding the Deposit Notes. Any of these activities may affect the market value of the Portfolio or the Deposit Notes.

### ***Fees and Transaction Costs***

The fees and expenses associated with the Portfolio (specifically, interest expenses on the Loan and the Portfolio Fee) are satisfied through a sale of the requisite number of Units from the Fund Account, thereby reducing the number of Units in the Fund Account and decreasing any Final Variable Payment. In order for a Final Variable Payment to be paid at maturity, the increase in the value of the assets in the Portfolio will have to exceed the Portfolio Fee and interest expenses paid from the Portfolio.

### ***Credit Rating***

The Deposit Notes have not been and will not be specifically rated by any rating agency. At the date of this Information Statement, the deposit liabilities of CIBC with a term to maturity of more than one year (which would include CIBC's obligations under the Deposit Notes) are rated AA (low) by DBRS, Aa3 by Moody's, AA- by Fitch and A+ (negative outlook) by S&P. There can be no assurance that, if the Deposit Notes were specifically rated by these rating agencies, the Deposit Notes would have the same rating as the conventional deposit liabilities of CIBC. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold investments, and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the relevant rating agency.

### ***Credit Risk***

The obligation to make payments under the Deposit Notes is an obligation of CIBC. The likelihood that Investors will receive the payments owing to them under the Deposit Notes will be dependent on the financial health and creditworthiness of CIBC.

### ***No Benefit of CDIC Insurance***

The Deposit Notes are not insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other entity.

### ***No Control over Management***

Since the Portfolio is a notional one, Investors will have no ownership or other interest in the Fund or securities comprising the Fund other than the right to be paid a return on the Deposit Notes based on the performance of the Portfolio. Neither CIBC nor the Investors in Deposit Notes will have any control over the management of the Fund or any entity whose securities are reflected in the Fund. The success of the Deposit Notes will depend in part on the ability and success of the management of the Fund and the issuers of the securities held by the Fund in addition to general economic and market factors.

### ***Valuation***

In valuing the assets comprising the Portfolio, the Calculation Agent will be dependent on information reported by third parties and the Calculation Agent's determinations as to the fair value of such assets will be unaudited. Readily available market prices or quotations may not be available for certain assets comprising the Portfolio and neither CIBC nor the Calculation Agent may have access to information about such Portfolio assets that could be used to verify the fair value of the Units as reported by third parties.

### ***Bonds***

The market value of the Bonds will change in response to interest rate changes, swap spreads and other factors. During periods of falling interest rates, the values of any outstanding Bonds will generally rise. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the values of the Bonds will generally decline. Bonds with longer maturities are subject to greater fluctuations in value than bonds with shorter maturities.

### ***Economic and Regulatory Issues***

Changes in economic conditions, including, for example, interest rates, inflation rates, industry conditions, competition, technological developments, political and diplomatic events and trends, war, tax laws and innumerable other factors, can affect substantially and adversely the value of the Units within the Portfolio. None of these conditions are within the control of CIBC, the Calculation Agent or CI Investments Inc., as the portfolio advisor of the Fund. The profitability of a significant portion of the Portfolio's investment program depends to a great extent on the future course of price movements of securities and other investments. The securities markets have in recent years been characterized by great volatility and unpredictability.

These Deposit Notes may be distributed by firms other than CIBC or its affiliates. CIBC does not review other firms to ensure that appropriate licensing and registration requirements have been satisfied by them in connection with the sale of the Deposit Notes.

The Deposit Notes are generally not subject to Canadian securities laws. No securities commission or similar authority has reviewed this Information Statement or has in any way passed upon the merits of the Deposit Notes, and the absence of statutory prospectus liability under Canadian securities laws in relation to the disclosure provided in the Information Statement could result in less due diligence being conducted in respect of the Deposit Notes and CIBC, as issuer of the Deposit Notes, than under a prospectus offering.

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