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As at February 28, 2011

COMMERCE Split

Monthly Update

New Commerce Split Corp is an Investment Corporation that invests in common shares of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, a Canadian financial institution. Three types of shares are available, a Capital share, a Class I Preferred and a Class II Preferred.

Capital Share (YCM)

The Capital Shares participate in any net asset value growth over \$10 per unit. These shares are highly leveraged to any change in the value of the CIBC common shares. In addition, dividends would be paid if and when the net asset value exceeds \$15.00.

Class I Preferred Share (YCM.PR.A)

Class I Preferred Shares receive cumulative monthly dividends to yield 7.5% of its \$5 par value. These shares have excellent asset coverage and their dividends are covered by dividends received on the underlying portfolio.

Class II Preferred Share (YCM.PR.B)

The Class II Preferred Shares have a par value of \$5 and are entitled to the assets of the company above \$5 per unit to a maximum of \$5. In addition, the Class II Preferred Shares are entitled to receive dividends at a rate of 7.5% once the net asset value of the company exceeds \$12.50.

Note: On March 26, 2010 a Capital Reorganization of Commerce Split was completed. Two funds were created, Original Commerce Split and New Commerce Split. For complete details, please [click here](#) to view the Information Circular dated December 23, 2009.

Commentary

The North American financial markets continue to show signs of improvement in the first two months of 2011. The US housing market and unemployment market continue to exert a drag on the US economy. Other measures of economic activity including manufacturing activity and retail sales seemed to suggest that the economy continues to improve, albeit at a fairly modest pace. The question of whether this economic growth can become sustainable without the continued record levels of fiscal and monetary stimulus remains to be answered in the coming months and years. Geopolitical concerns have also come into play with certain aspects of investments and will need to be continually monitored for their impact going forward.

The valuations of the companies in the portfolio generally remain at very reasonable levels when measured by price to earnings ratios and current dividend yields and this should continue to act as a major support at these current market prices. Many Canadian companies held in the portfolios are expected to raise their dividends over the next 6 months. During the bank earnings release this month two banks increased their annual dividends; Bank of Nova Scotia by 6% and TD Bank by 8%. The dividend income continues to be supplemented by income generated from the covered call writing program.

	One Month to Feb 28, 2011	Year to Date Feb 28, 2011
TSX	4.31%	5.16%
S&P 500	3.20%	5.53%
DJII	2.81%	5.60%
NASDAQ	3.04%	4.88%

Distributions (by record date)

	YCM	YCM.PR.A	YCM.PR.B	Total
Total to Date	\$0.0000	\$0.3750	\$0.0000	\$0.3750
2011 YTD	\$0.0000	\$0.0625	\$0.0000	\$0.0625
2010	\$0.0000	\$0.3125	\$0.0000	\$0.3125

Details

Units Outstanding:	3,367,663
Inception Date:	February 16, 2007
Capital Reorganization Date:	March 26, 2010
Termination Date:	December 1, 2014
Net Asset Value:	\$10.53*
<i>*Reflects actual amount of warrants exercised on February 28, 2011</i>	
Cash Weighting:	7%
Canadian Equity Weighting:	93%
YCM.PR.A Trading Price:	\$5.42
Current Yield*:	6.9%
Market Capitalization:	\$18,252,733
<i>*Last distribution annualized.</i>	
YCM.PR.B Trading Price:	\$3.35
Market Capitalization:	\$11,281,671
YCM Trading Price:	\$1.30
Market Capitalization:	\$4,377,962

Holding Symbol

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce CM



CIBC Company News

CIBC % return for Feb 2011:	7.8%
CIBC % return year-to-date 2011:	4.9%
Dividend Yield on CIBC shares:	4.23%