

**Commerce Split Corp** is an Investment Corporation designed to pay monthly cash dividends. The Corporation invests in common shares of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, a Canadian financial institution. Two types of shares are available, a Class A and a Preferred (Priority Equity Share).

## Commentary

Financial markets continued to experience severe volatility through the month of February as most stock markets across the world hit new lows during the month. The theme of unprecedented government intervention continued as governments attempted to use a myriad of fiscal and monetary tools to stabilize the financial system and stimulate their economies. Notwithstanding the massive amounts of capital that have been injected into financial services companies around the world, the credit "freeze" still presents a major problem as lending activity has diminished to record low levels. The lack of available credit to even the most creditworthy corporations is weighing on economic growth. Unemployment levels are rising and even economic growth in China has started to falter. Record levels of redemptions in mutual funds and the continued de-leveraging of hedge funds continues to dominate trading patterns and has resulted in almost indiscriminate broad based selling as these funds are forced to raise cash. On the monetary front, central banks around the world continue to aggressively cut administered interest rates to multi-decade lows. At some point the cumulative impacts from these massive fiscal and monetary stimulus measures will begin to have traction and ignite the economic recovery.

The table below indicates the depth of this market downturn.

	One month to Feb 27, 2009	One year ending Dec 31, 2008
TSX	-6.58%	-35.0%
S&P 500	-10.99%	-38.5%
DJII	-11.72%	-33.8%
NASDAQ	-6.68%	-40.5%

When capital market liquidation slows or ceases and investors return to fundamentals of the underlying companies, we believe the portfolio will be fairly rewarded. Attractive dividend yields, low valuations and significant option premiums available in the market place all bode well for the portfolio. The Manager continues to actively manage the relative weightings of the companies held within the portfolio.

## Distributions (by record date)

	XCM	XCM.PR.A	Total
Total to Date	\$0.6000	\$1.0266	\$1.6266
2009 YTD	\$0.0000	\$0.0438	\$0.0438
2008	\$0.1000	\$0.5250	\$0.6250
2007	\$0.5000	\$0.4578 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.9578

(1) Initial distribution for the period Feb 16/07 to Mar 31/07.

## Details\*

Units Issued:	8,710,000
Inception Date:	Feb 16, 2007
Termination Date:	Dec 1, 2014
Net Asset Value:	\$8.84* (Feb 27/09)

\* Net of accrued Preferred share dividends.

Cash & Fixed Income Weighting:	91%
Canadian Equity Weighting:	9%

<b>XCM.PR.A</b> Trading Price:	\$7.27 (Feb 27/09)
Market Capitalization:	\$60,724,674

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Market Capitalization:	\$5,095,193

\* All numbers are approximate.

## Holding Symbol

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	CM
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## Company News

CIBC % return for February 2009:	-7.5%
CIBC % return year-to-date 2009:	-15.5%
Dividend Yield on CIBC shares:	8.1%

Normal Course Issuer Bid was announced. Please see [Mar 2, 2009](#) press release.