

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

Most major equity market indices around the world staged impressive rallies after reaching new lows during the first week of March. The month of March was marked by a key reversal in trend as equity market participants appeared to signal that equities had become too oversold. After several very poor months, most broad based equity markets finished the month of March 15 to 20% higher than the early March lows.

Although economic conditions continue to remain difficult, it appears the cumulative efforts of governments around the world to stabilize the financial system have gained some traction. Confidence in the ability of the financial system to improve increased during the month as more details of the government stabilization efforts were released. In many cases, the probabilities of the worst case scenarios which had been built into the markets appear to have diminished.

Since equity markets are leading indicators, the recovery in equity markets may be signaling that the prospects for economic recovery in 6 to 12 months have increased materially. Unprecedented financial and monetary stimulus continues and is expected to have a meaningful impact on economic growth as these efforts filter through the economy in the coming months.

The worst of the deleveraging and capital market liquidation may have already occurred and if so, this will be positive for investors focusing on fundamentals of the underlying companies.

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.

The table below shows the recovery of the markets from the March lows to March 31.

	One Month to Mar 31, 2009	Year to Date Mar 31, 2009	One Year Ending Dec 31, 2008
TSX	7.35%	-2.97%	-35.0%
S&P 500	8.54%	-11.67%	-38.5%
DJII	7.73%	-13.30%	-33.8%
NASDAQ	10.94%	-3.07%	-40.5%

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 ⁽¹⁾	\$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:	\$8.98* (Mar 31/09)

* Net of accrued Preferred share dividends.

Cash & Fixed Income Weighting:	89%
Canadian Equity Weighting:	11%

XCM.PR.A Trading Price:	\$7.26 (Mar 31/09)
Market Capitalization:	\$60,021,143

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Market Capitalization:	\$7,440,637

* All numbers are approximate.

Holding

Symbol

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce CM



Company News

CIBC % return for Mach 2009:	6.3%
CIBC % return year-to-date 2009:	-10.2%
Dividend Yield on CIBC shares:	7.59%

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