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**FORM 6-K**
**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**
**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under**
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of December, 2010 Commission File Number: 1-14678

**CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE**
(Translation of registrant s name into English)
Commerce Court
Toronto, Ontario
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

Date: December 2, 2010

By: /s/ Stephen Forbes
Name: Stephen Forbes
Title: Executive Vice-President

***NEWS RELEASE***

**CIBC Announces Fourth Quarter And Fiscal 2010 Results**

*CIBC s 2010 audited annual consolidated financial statements and accompanying management s discussion & analysis (MD&A) will be available today at www.cibc.com, along with the supplementary financial information report which includes fourth quarter financial information.*

(Toronto, ON December 2, 2010) **CIBC** announced net income of $500 million for the fourth quarter ended October 31, 2010, down from $644 million for the fourth quarter of 2009. Diluted earnings per share (EPS) of $1.17 and cash diluted EPS of $1.19(1) for the fourth quarter of 2010 compared with diluted EPS of $1.56 and cash diluted EPS of $1.59(1), respectively, for the same period last year.

CIBC s results for the fourth quarter of 2010 were affected by the following items of note aggregating to a negative impact of $0.49 per share:

- $122 million after-tax, or $0.31 per share, loss from the structured credit run-off business;
- $117 million after-tax, or $0.30 per share, loss on capital repatriation activities. These activities had no impact on CIBC s shareholders equity or on CIBC s Tier 1 capital ratio; and
- $45 million after-tax, or $0.12 per share, reversal of the provision for credit losses in the general allowance.

CIBC s results for the fourth quarter of 2009 included items of note aggregating to a positive impact of $0.18 per share.

CIBC s net income of $500 million for the fourth quarter of 2010 compared with net income of $640 million for the third quarter ended July 31, 2010. Diluted EPS of $1.17 and cash diluted EPS of $1.19(1) for the fourth quarter of 2010 compared with diluted EPS of $1.53 and cash diluted EPS of $1.55(1) for the prior quarter, which included items of note aggregating to a negative impact of $0.11 per share.

For the year ended October 31, 2010, CIBC reported net income of $2.5 billion, diluted EPS of $5.87 and cash diluted EPS of $5.95(1), which included items of note aggregating to a negative impact of $0.50 per share. These results compared with net income of $1.2 billion, diluted EPS of $2.65 and cash diluted EPS of $2.73(1) for 2009, which included items of note aggregating to a negative impact of $3.15 per share.

CIBC reported a strong return on equity of 19.4% for the year ended October 31, 2010 and a strong Tier 1 capital ratio of 13.9% at October 31, 2010.

2010 was a good year for CIBC and our stakeholders, says Gerry McCaughey, CIBC President and Chief Executive Officer. Against the backdrop of economic and industry conditions that improved from 2009 but remained challenging, CIBC reported solid financial results including delivering the highest total shareholder return of the Canadian banks while furthering progress against our strategic priorities.

Our improved financial performance in 2010 and strong position heading into 2011 reflect CIBC s focus on achieving and maintaining market leadership in core businesses, growing in select areas where we have proven capabilities and market opportunities, and supporting our growth with strong fundamentals, added McCaughey.

**Performance Against Objectives**

| | **Medium-term objectives** | **2010 results** |
|---|---|---|
| **Earnings per share (EPS) growth** | Diluted EPS growth of 5% 10% per annum, on average, over the next 3-5 years | 2010 EPS of $5.87 compared with 2009 EPS of $2.65 |
| **Return on equity (ROE)** | Return on average common equity of 20% through the cycle (calculated as net income less preferred share dividends and premium on redemptions expressed as a percentage of average common shareholders equity) | ROE: 19.4% |
| **Capital strength** | Tier 1 capital ratio target of 8.5%<br>Total capital ratio target of 11.5% | Tier 1 capital ratio: 13.9%<br>Total capital ratio: 17.8% |
| **Business mix** | At least 75% retail (as measured by economic capital[(1)]) | 74%/26% retail/wholesale (as measured by economic capital[(1)]) |
| **Risk** | Maintain provision for credit losses as a percentage of loans and bankers acceptances (loan loss ratio) on a managed basis[(1)] between 50 and 65 basis points through the business cycle | Loan loss ratio on a managed basis[(1)]: 56 basis points |
| **Productivity** | Achieve a median ranking within our industry group, in terms of our non-interest expense to total revenue (cash efficiency ratio, taxable equivalent basis (TEB)[(1)]) | Cash efficiency ratio, TEB[(1)]: 57.6% |
| **Dividend payout ratio** | 40% 50% (common share dividends paid as a percentage of net income after preferred share dividends and premium on redemptions) | Dividend payout ratio: 59.1% |
| **Total shareholder return** | Outperform the S&P/TSX Composite Banks index (dividends reinvested) on a rolling five-year basis | Five years ended October 31, 2010: CIBC 36.6%<br>Index 50.2% |

(1) For additional information, see the Non-GAAP measures section.

## Progress Against Priorities

### *Market leadership in our core businesses*

CIBC Retail Markets reported net income in 2010 of $2.2 billion, up from $1.9 billion in 2009. Growth in profitability of 16% was driven by higher revenue in all three of CIBC Retail Markets Canadian business segments personal banking, business banking and wealth management and lower loan losses.

CIBC Retail Markets strengthened its business on many fronts in 2010 in support of its strategic priorities of providing its clients with strong advisory solutions, an excellent client experience and competitive products. Key highlights included:

- Opening, relocating or expanding 35 branches, completing CIBC s largest branch investment program on record a full year ahead of schedule, while continuing a targeted approach to extending evening, Saturday and Sunday hours for clients;
- Launching the first mobile banking App in Canada that enabled CIBC s clients to perform many of their day-to-day banking transactions anywhere, anytime;

- Acquiring a MasterCard portfolio from Citi Cards Canada Inc. (the MasterCard portfolio), enhancing CIBC s market leadership in credit cards and making CIBC the largest dual issuer of Visa and MasterCard in Canada;
- Acquiring full ownership of CIT Business Credit Canada Inc., giving CIBC a market leadership position in asset-based lending in Canada and, combined with other initiatives, positioning CIBC for growth in business banking;
- Launching several new products for clients, including the CIBC eAdvantage Savings Account, the first Visa debit card in Canada with the CIBC Advantage Card, and announcing lower trading fees for CIBC s discount brokerage clients who have $100,000 in business with CIBC;
- Investing in new technology and tools to help CIBC s network of more than 3,000 advisors across Canada better service client needs; and
- Continuing to invest in CIBC s national television brand advertising campaign throughout 2010 that featured CIBC employees and their commitment to providing value to CIBC s clients every day.

As we head into 2011, we are well positioned to offer our clients strong financial advice and an excellent client experience with greater access and choice in how and when they bank with CIBC and with exciting innovations such as the introduction of mobile banking for clients on the go, says Sonia Baxendale, President of CIBC Retail Markets. Across all of Retail Markets, we have made significant investments that provide added value and strengthen the relationships we have with our 11 million clients.

Wholesale Banking reported net income of $342 million in 2010, compared to a loss of $472 million in 2009. These results include losses from the structured credit run-off portfolio, which declined from $684 million in 2009 to $161 million in 2010.

Wholesale Banking s objective is to be the premier client-focused wholesale bank based in Canada by bringing Canadian capital markets products to Canada and the rest of the world and by also bringing the world to Canada. During 2010, Wholesale Banking s highlights included:

- Maintaining market leadership positions in Canada in key areas such as equity trading, equity underwriting, corporate and government bond underwriting and M&A;
- Leading or co-leading several key investment banking deals, particularly in mining and oil & gas where CIBC has a long history of expertise and strong client relationships;
- Strengthening and expanding its lending capability, adding several new clients and expanding existing relationships that have contributed to revenue growth and market share gains. Corporate Credit Products is partnering closely with Business Banking to grow CIBC s small business, commercial and corporate client relationships in support of CIBC s priority to achieve a market leadership position in these segments over the next 3-5 years; and
- Making significant investments in its trading and other technology platforms, enabling better execution on behalf of CIBC s wholesale banking clients and enhancing risk management capabilities.

Wholesale Banking s results have continued to exhibit the greater consistency and risk control that we saw emerge in 2009 following the refocusing of our strategy, says Richard Nesbitt, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Wholesale Banking. With the investments we are making and the strong client relationships we continue to expand, our business is well positioned for industry conditions that we expect will improve over the course of 2011.

During 2010, CIBC continued to actively manage and reduce its structured credit run-off portfolio. In 2010, notional exposures declined by $17 billion as a result of sales and terminations of positions, as well as settlements with financial guarantors. The remaining portfolio of primarily collateralized loan obligations and corporate debt has experienced minimal defaults in the underlying collateral and continues to benefit from significant levels of subordination.

As at October 31, 2010, the fair value, net of valuation adjustments, of purchased protection from financial guarantor counterparties was $0.7 billion (US$0.7 billion), down from $1.5 billion (US$1.4 billion) a year ago. Further significant losses could result, depending on the performance of both the underlying assets and the financial guarantors.

***Strong fundamentals***

While investing in its core businesses, CIBC has continued to strengthen key fundamentals. In 2010, CIBC enhanced its capital and funding strength, while maintaining competitive productivity and sound risk management:

- CIBC s capital ratios are strong, including Tier 1 and Tangible Common Equity[(1)] ratios of 13.9% and 9.9% at October 31, 2010 that have increased from 12.1% and 7.6% a year ago;
- In 2010, CIBC continued to strengthen and diversify its funding profile by term, product and market;
- CIBC s non-interest expense to revenue ratio improved from 67.1% in 2009 to 58.1% in 2010 (66.4%[(1)] and 57.6%[(1)], respectively, on a cash, taxable equivalent basis);
- Credit quality has improved significantly, with CIBC s loan loss ratio on a managed basis declining from 70 basis points[(1)] in 2009 to 56 basis points[(1)] in 2010; and
- Market risk, as measured by Value at Risk (VaR), decreased from $6.3 million in 2009 to $4.2 million in 2010;

In September, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) announced new regulatory capital and liquidity standards for global banks. Canada s regulator, the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), will be confirming the specific application of these standards for Canadian banks. CIBC is well positioned to exceed the new standards ahead of the implementation timelines that have been proposed by the BCBS, while continuing to invest for future growth.

**Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights**

| | | As at or for the three months ended | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unaudited | | **2010 Oct. 31** | 2010 Jul. 31 | 2009 Oct. 31 |
| **Financial results** ($ millions) | | | | |
| Net interest income | | **$ 1,645** | $ 1,548 | $ 1,419 |
| Non-interest income | | **1,609** | 1,301 | 1,469 |
| Total revenue | | **3,254** | 2,849 | 2,888 |
| Provision for credit losses | | **150** | 221 | 424 |
| Non-interest expenses | | **1,860** | 1,741 | 1,669 |
| Income before taxes and non-controlling interests | | **1,244** | 887 | 795 |
| Income tax expense | | **742** | 244 | 145 |
| Non-controlling interests | | **2** | 3 | 6 |
| Net income | | **$ 500** | $ 640 | $ 644 |
| **Financial measures** | | | | |
| Efficiency ratio | | **57.2%** | 61.1% | 57.8% |
| Cash efficiency ratio, taxable equivalent basis (TEB) (1) | | **56.4%** | 60.6% | 57.3% |
| Return on equity | | **14.6%** | 19.8% | 22.2% |
| Net interest margin | | **1.83%** | 1.74% | 1.66% |
| Net interest margin on average interest-earning assets | | **2.15%** | 2.03% | 1.99% |
| Return on average assets | | **0.56%** | 0.72% | 0.75% |
| Return on average interest-earning assets | | **0.66%** | 0.84% | 0.90% |
| Total shareholder return | | **12.12%** | (4.17)% | (5.25)% |
| **Common share information** | | | | |
| Per share | - basic earnings | **$ 1.17** | $ 1.54 | $ 1.57 |
| | - cash basic earnings (1) | **1.19** | 1.55 | 1.59 |
| | - diluted earnings | **1.17** | 1.53 | 1.56 |
| | - cash diluted earnings (1) | **1.19** | 1.55 | 1.59 |
| | - dividends | **0.87** | 0.87 | 0.87 |
| | - book value | **32.17** | 31.36 | 28.96 |
| Share price | - high | **79.50** | 75.40 | 69.30 |
| | - low | **66.81** | 65.91 | 60.22 |
| | - closing | **78.23** | 70.60 | 62.00 |
| Shares outstanding (thousands) | | | | |
| | - average basic | **391,055** | 388,815 | 382,793 |
| | - average diluted | **392,063** | 389,672 | 383,987 |
| | - end of period | **392,739** | 390,781 | 383,982 |
| Market capitalization ($ millions) | | **$ 30,724** | $ 27,589 | $ 23,807 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Value measures** | | | |
| Dividend yield (based on closing share price) | **4.4%** | 4.9% | 5.6% |
| Dividend payout ratio | **74.3%** | 56.7% | 55.4% |
| Market value to book value ratio | **2.43** | 2.25 | 2.14 |
| **On- and off-balance sheet information** ($ millions) | | | |
| Cash, deposits with banks and securities | **$ 89,660** | $ 92,049 | $ 84,583 |
| Loans and acceptances, net of allowance | **184,576** | 184,987 | 175,609 |
| Total assets | **352,040** | 349,600 | 335,944 |
| Deposits | **246,671** | 238,102 | 223,117 |
| Common shareholders equity | **12,634** | 12,256 | 11,119 |
| Average assets | **355,868** | 353,092 | 339,197 |
| Average interest-earning assets | **302,907** | 302,288 | 282,678 |
| Average common shareholders equity | **12,400** | 11,994 | 10,718 |
| Assets under administration | **1,260,989** | 1,216,719 | 1,135,539 |
| **Balance sheet quality measures** | | | |
| Risk-weighted assets ($ billions) | **$ 106.7** | $ 107.2 | $ 117.3 |
| Tangible common equity ratio (1) | **9.9%** | 9.5% | 7.6% |
| Tier 1 capital ratio | **13.9%** | 14.2% | 12.1% |
| Total capital ratio | **17.8%** | 18.1% | 16.1% |
| **Other information** | | | |
| Retail / wholesale ratio | **74% / 26%** | 74% / 26% | 69% / 31% |
| Full-time equivalent employees | **42,354** | 42,642 | 41,941 |

(1) For additional information, see the Non-GAAP measures section.
n/m Not meaningful.

**Review of CIBC Fourth Quarter Results**

Net income was $500 million, down $144 million from the fourth quarter of 2009 and down $140 million from the prior quarter.

Net interest income of $1,645 million was up $226 million from the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily due to higher treasury revenue, volume growth in most retail products including the impact of the MasterCard portfolio, and higher trading-related net interest income, partially offset by lower spreads in retail products.

Net interest income was up $97 million from the prior quarter, primarily due to volume growth in most retail products including the impact of the MasterCard portfolio, and higher trading-related net interest income.

Non-interest income of $1,609 million was up $140 million from the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily due to foreign exchange gains on capital repatriation activities, higher net realized gains on sale of AFS securities and lower write-downs, higher income from securitization activities, and higher mutual fund fees. These factors were partially offset by higher losses in the structured credit run-off business and lower underwriting and advisory fees.

Non-interest income was up $308 million from the prior quarter, primarily due to foreign exchange gains on capital repatriation activities, higher income from securitization activities, and higher commissions on securities transactions. These factors were partially offset by higher losses in the structured credit run-off business and lower underwriting and advisory fees.

Provision for credit losses of $150 million was down $274 million from the fourth quarter of 2009. The specific provision for credit losses was down $193 million, attributable to lower provisions in the consumer and business and government portfolios. The general provision for credit losses was down $81 million, driven by improvements in cards and personal lending, as well as a refinement in how we calculate our general allowance for small business, partially offset by changes in the provision for large corporate loans and the establishment of an allowance for the MasterCard portfolio.

Provision for credit losses was down $71 million from the prior quarter. The specific provision for credit losses was down $82 million, attributable to lower provisions in the consumer and business and government portfolios. The general provision for credit losses was up $11 million, driven by the establishment of an allowance for the MasterCard portfolio and changes in the provision for large corporate loans, largely offset by a refinement in how we calculate our general allowance for small business.

Non-interest expenses of $1,860 million were up $191 million from the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily due to higher performance-related compensation, pension expenses, computer-related costs, advertising and business development expenses, and the impact of the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on these and other items.

Non-interest expenses were up $119 million from the prior quarter, primarily due to higher computer-related costs, advertising and business development expenses, professional fees, occupancy costs, and the impact of HST on these and other items.

Income tax expense of $742 million in the fourth quarter of 2010 was up from $145 million a year ago and $244 million in the prior quarter, primarily due to tax expense on the capital repatriation activities during the fourth quarter of 2010.

**Review of CIBC Retail Markets Fourth Quarter Results**

| | For the three months ended | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $ millions | **2010 Oct. 31** | 2010 Jul. 31 | 2009 Oct. 31 [1] |
| Revenue | | | |
| Personal banking | **$ 1,653** | $ 1,605 | $ 1,562 |
| Business banking | **355** | 350 | 334 |
| Wealth management | **355** | 336 | 337 |
| FirstCaribbean | **127** | 141 | 160 |
| Other | **(10)** | 40 | (37) |
| Total revenue (a) | **2,480** | 2,472 | 2,356 |
| Provision for credit losses | **249** | 304 | 362 |
| Non-interest expenses (b) | **1,425** | 1,352 | 1,338 |
| Income before taxes and non-controlling interests | **806** | 816 | 656 |
| Income tax expense | **228** | 214 | 182 |
| Non-controlling interests | **2** | 3 | 6 |
| Net income (c) | **$ 576** | $ 599 | $ 468 |
| Efficiency ratio (b/a) | **57.5%** | 54.7% | 56.8% |
| Amortization of other intangible assets (d) | **$ 8** | $ 7 | $ 7 |
| Cash efficiency ratio [2] ((b-d)/a) | **57.1%** | 54.4% | 56.5% |
| Return on equity [2] | **44.4%** | 45.9% | 37.8% |
| Charge for economic capital [2] (e) | **$ (176)** | $ (179) | $ (169) |
| Economic profit [2] (c+e) | **$ 400** | $ 420 | $ 299 |
| Full-time equivalent employees | **29,106** | 29,174 | 28,921 |

(1) Certain prior period information has been restated to conform to the presentation of the current period.

(2) For additional information, see the Non-GAAP measures section.

Net income was $576 million, up $108 million from the fourth quarter of 2009.

Revenue of $2,480 million was up $124 million from the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily due to volume growth across most lines of business, the acquisition of the MasterCard portfolio, stronger equity markets and higher treasury revenue allocations, partially offset by lower spreads and the negative impact of a stronger Canadian dollar on FirstCaribbean revenue.

Provision for credit losses of $249 million was down $113 million from the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily driven by lower bankruptcies, write-offs, and delinquencies in the cards and personal lending portfolios.

Non-interest expenses of $1,425 million were up $87 million from the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily as a result of higher pension expense, the introduction of HST and higher advertising and business development expenses.

Income tax expense of $228 million was up $46 million from the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily due to higher pre-tax income.

**Review of Wholesale Banking Fourth Quarter Results**

| | For the three months ended | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $ millions | **2010 Oct. 31** | 2010 Jul. 31 | 2009 Oct. 31[1] |
| Revenue (TEB) [2] | | | |
| Capital markets | **$ 218** | $ 241 | $ 261 |
| Corporate and investment banking | **136** | 146 | 161 |
| Other | **(90)** | (61) | 88 |
| Total revenue (TEB) [2] (a) | **264** | 326 | 510 |
| TEB adjustment | **26** | 11 | 7 |
| Total revenue (b) | **238** | 315 | 503 |
| Provision for credit losses | **8** | 29 | 82 |
| Non-interest expenses (c) | **327** | 258 | 245 |
| (Loss) income before taxes | **(97)** | 28 | 176 |
| Income taxes | **(41)** | 3 | 16 |
| Net (loss) income (d) | **$ (56)** | $ 25 | $ 160 |
| Efficiency ratio (c/b) | **n/m** | 81.4% | 48.7% |
| Amortization of other intangible assets (e) | **$** | $ | $ 1 |
| Cash efficiency ratio (TEB) [2] ((c-e)/a) | **n/m** | 78.9% | 47.9% |
| Return on equity [2] | **(14.1)%** | 4.4% | 28.2% |
| Charge for economic capital [2] (f) | **$ (61)** | $ (61) | $ (76) |
| Economic (loss) profit [2] (d+f) | **$ (117)** | $ (36) | $ 84 |
| Full-time equivalent employees | **1,159** | 1,134 | 1,077 |

(1) Certain prior period information has been restated to conform to the presentation of the current period.

(2) For additional information, see the Non-GAAP measures section.

n/m Not meaningful.

Net loss for the quarter was $56 million, compared to net income of $25 million for the third quarter of 2010.

Revenue of $238 million was down $77 million from the third quarter of 2010, primarily due to a higher loss from the structured credit run-off business, lower revenue from equity new issues, lower revenue from fixed income and foreign exchange trading, and higher mark-to-market losses on corporate loan hedges. These items were partially offset by higher interest income on tax reassessments.

Non-interest expenses of $327 million were up $69 million from the third quarter of 2010, primarily due to higher performance-related compensation, professional fees and severance costs.

Provision for credit losses of $8 million was down $21 million from the third quarter of 2010, primarily due to lower losses in the U.S. real estate finance and European run-off portfolios.

An income tax recovery of $41 million compared to an income tax expense of $3 million for the third quarter of 2010, primarily due to a pre-tax loss for the fourth quarter compared with pre-tax income for the third quarter.

**Review of Corporate and Other Fourth Quarter Results**

| | For the three months ended | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $ millions | **2010 Oct. 31** | 2010 Jul. 31 | 2009 Oct. 31 |
| Total revenue | **$ 536** | $ 62 | $ 29 |
| (Reversal of) provision for credit losses | **(107)** | (112) | (20) |
| Non-interest expenses | **108** | 131 | 86 |
| Income (loss) before taxes | **535** | 43 | (37) |
| Income taxes | **555** | 27 | (53) |
| Net (loss) income | **$ (20)** | $ 16 | $ 16 |
| Full-time equivalent employees (1) | **12,089** | 12,334 | 11,943 |

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Net loss for the quarter was $20 million, compared to net income of $16 million for the fourth quarter of 2009.

Revenue of $536 million was up $507 million from the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily due to foreign exchange gains on capital repatriation activities.

Reversal of credit losses of $107 million compared with a reversal of credit losses of $20 million for the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily due to higher reversals of credit losses in the general allowance for the cards and business and government portfolios.

Non-interest expenses of $108 million were up $22 million from the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily due to higher unallocated corporate support costs.

Income tax expense of $555 million for the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to an income tax benefit of $53 million for the fourth quarter of 2009, primarily due to the tax impact of capital repatriation activities during the quarter. In addition, the tax benefit in 2009 included a revaluation of future tax assets.

The capital repatriation activities during the fourth quarter of 2010 had no impact on CIBC s shareholders equity or on CIBC s Tier 1 capital ratio.

**Making a Difference in Our Communities**

As a leader in community investment, CIBC is committed to supporting causes that matter to its clients, employees and communities. During the fourth quarter of 2010:

- The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure raised more than $33 million, an increase of $6.3 million from the previous year. More than 170,000 people in 60 communities across Canada participated in the event. Team CIBC raised more than $3 million, including pledges from employees, their families and friends and proceeds from the 2010 CIBC Pink Collection , bringing the total amount of money raised by Team CIBC since 1992 to more than $26 million;
- Together, 70 CIBC employees in Ottawa, Calgary and Toronto helped raise more than $180,000 to fund research, treatment and care for women s cancers through participation in The Weekend to End Women s Cancers;
- Following the success of its 2010 FIFA World Cup broadcast sponsorship, CIBC announced that it has entered into a sponsorship agreement with Visa in the retail banking category for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil ;
- CIBC donated $15,000 to the Canadian Red Cross to provide assistance to those in Newfoundland and Labrador affected by Hurricane Igor in September;
- CIBC provided a $100,000 donation to the Canadian Red Cross to support its work in helping the victims of flooding in Pakistan. In addition to this contribution, CIBC s branches across the country joined in the relief effort by collecting donations from the public; and
- CIBC made a $500,000 donation to Memorial University to support undergraduate bursaries for business students. For each of the next 10 years, the CIBC Bursary Program in Business Administration will provide 15 $2,000 bursaries and 20 $1,000 bursaries, to undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need, are active in community or university life and display academic merit.

I want to thank all CIBC employees for their contributions over the past year, says McCaughey. The leadership, professionalism and dedication they show every day in serving our clients, shareholders and communities is the key to CIBC s ongoing progress.

(1) For additional information, see the Non-GAAP measures section.

**Non-GAAP measures**

We use a number of financial measures to assess the performance of our business lines. Some measures are calculated in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), while other measures do not have a standardized meaning under GAAP, and accordingly, these measures may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies. Investors may find these non-GAAP financial measures useful in analyzing financial performance. For a more detailed discussion on our non-GAAP measures, see page 42 of CIBC s 2010 Annual Report.

The following table provides a reconciliation of non-GAAP to GAAP measures related to CIBC on a consolidated basis. The reconciliations of the non-GAAP measures of our strategic business units are provided in their respective sections.

| | | For the three months ended | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **2010** | 2010 | 2009 |
| $ millions, except per share amounts | | **Oct. 31** | Jul. 31 | Oct. 31 |
| Net interest income | | **$ 1,645** | $ 1,548 | $ 1,419 |
| Non-interest income | | **1,609** | 1,301 | 1,469 |
| Total revenue per interim financial statements | A | **3,254** | 2,849 | 2,888 |
| TEB adjustment | B | **26** | 11 | 7 |
| Total revenue (TEB) (1) | C | **$ 3,280** | $ 2,860 | $ 2,895 |
| Non-interest expenses per interim financial statements | D | **1,860** | 1,741 | 1,669 |
| Less: amortization of other intangible assets | | **11** | 9 | 10 |
| Cash non-interest expenses (1) | E | **$ 1,849** | $ 1,732 | $ 1,659 |
| Net income applicable to common shares | F | **$ 458** | $ 598 | $ 601 |
| Add: after-tax effect of amortization of other intangible assets | | **8** | 7 | 8 |
| Cash net income applicable to common shares (1) | G | **$ 466** | $ 605 | $ 609 |
| Basic weighted-average common shares (thousands) | H | **391,055** | 388,815 | 382,793 |
| Diluted weighted-average common shares (thousands) | I | **392,063** | 389,672 | 383,987 |
| Cash efficiency ratio (TEB) (1) | E/C | **56.4%** | 60.6% | 57.3% |
| Cash basic earnings per share (1) | G/H | **$ 1.19** | $ 1.55 | $ 1.59 |
| Cash diluted earnings per share (1) | G/I | **$ 1.19** | $ 1.55 | $ 1.59 |

(1) Non-GAAP measure.

**Basis of Presentation**

The interim consolidated financial statements presented in this news release have been prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP. The interim financial results for the quarters, as presented in these financial statements, are unaudited, whereas the annual financial results as at or for the year ended October 31 are derived from audited financial statements. These interim financial statements follow the same accounting policies and methods of application as CIBC s consolidated financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2010.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

| Unaudited, $ millions, as at | **2010 Oct. 31** | 2009 Oct. 31 |
|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | |
| Cash and non-interest-bearing deposits with banks | **$ 2,190** | $ 1,812 |
| Interest-bearing deposits with banks | **9,862** | 5,195 |
| **Securities** | | |
| Trading | **28,557** | 15,110 |
| Available-for-sale (AFS) | **26,621** | 40,160 |
| Designated at fair value (FVO) | **22,430** | 22,306 |
| | **77,608** | 77,576 |
| **Securities borrowed or purchased under resale agreements** | **37,342** | 32,751 |
| **Loans** | | |
| Residential mortgages | **93,568** | 86,152 |
| Personal | **34,335** | 33,869 |
| Credit card | **12,127** | 11,808 |
| Business and government | **38,582** | 37,343 |
| Allowance for credit losses | **(1,720)** | (1,960) |
| | **176,892** | 167,212 |
| **Other** | | |
| Derivative instruments | **24,682** | 24,696 |
| Customers liability under acceptances | **7,684** | 8,397 |
| Land, buildings and equipment | **1,660** | 1,618 |
| Goodwill | **1,913** | 1,997 |
| Software and other intangible assets | **609** | 669 |
| Other assets | **11,598** | 14,021 |
| | **48,146** | 51,398 |
| | **$ 352,040** | $ 335,944 |
| **LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY** | | |
| **Deposits** | | |
| Personal | **$ 113,294** | $ 108,324 |
| Business and government | **127,759** | 107,209 |
| Bank | **5,618** | 7,584 |
| | **246,671** | 223,117 |
| **Other** | | |

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|---|---|---|
| Derivative instruments | **26,489** | 27,162 |
| Acceptances | **7,684** | 8,397 |
| Obligations related to securities sold short | **9,673** | 5,916 |
| Obligations related to securities lent or sold under repurchase agreements | **28,220** | 37,453 |
| Other liabilities | **12,572** | 13,693 |
| | **84,638** | 92,621 |
| **Subordinated indebtedness** | **4,773** | 5,157 |
| **Preferred share liabilities** | | 600 |
| **Non-controlling interests** | **168** | 174 |
| **Shareholders equity** | | |
| Preferred shares | **3,156** | 3,156 |
| Common shares | **6,803** | 6,240 |
| Treasury shares | **1** | 1 |
| Contributed surplus | **96** | 92 |
| Retained earnings | **6,095** | 5,156 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) | **(361)** | (370) |
| | **15,790** | 14,275 |
| | **$ 352,040** | $ 335,944 |

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

| Unaudited, $ millions, except as noted | For the three months ended **2010 Oct. 31** | 2010 Jul. 31 | 2009 Oct. 31 | For the twelve months ended **2010 Oct. 31** | 2009 Oct. 31 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Interest income** | | | | | |
| Loans | **$ 1,939** | $ 1,868 | $ 1,703 | **$ 7,288** | $ 7,183 |
| Securities borrowed or purchased under resale agreements | **82** | 49 | 31 | **193** | 324 |
| Securities | **457** | 381 | 367 | **1,562** | 1,705 |
| Deposits with banks | **18** | 14 | 8 | **52** | 85 |
| | **2,496** | 2,312 | 2,109 | **9,095** | 9,297 |
| **Interest expense** | | | | | |
| Deposits | **636** | 558 | 527 | **2,192** | 2,879 |
| Other liabilities | **155** | 145 | 110 | **476** | 785 |
| Subordinated indebtedness | **48** | 54 | 45 | **188** | 208 |
| Preferred share liabilities | **12** | 7 | 8 | **35** | 31 |
| | **851** | 764 | 690 | **2,891** | 3,903 |
| **Net interest income** | **1,645** | 1,548 | 1,419 | **6,204** | 5,394 |
| **Non-interest income** | | | | | |
| Underwriting and advisory fees | **87** | 108 | 132 | **426** | 478 |
| Deposit and payment fees | **188** | 194 | 193 | **756** | 773 |
| Credit fees | **90** | 87 | 85 | **341** | 304 |
| Card fees | **62** | 72 | 68 | **304** | 328 |
| Investment management and custodial fees | **115** | 117 | 112 | **459** | 419 |
| Mutual fund fees | **195** | 188 | 175 | **751** | 658 |
| Insurance fees, net of claims | **72** | 72 | 63 | **277** | 258 |
| Commissions on securities transactions | **125** | 108 | 124 | **474** | 472 |
| Trading income (loss) | **8** | 84 | 301 | **603** | (531) |
| AFS securities gains, net | **119** | 123 | 42 | **400** | 275 |
| FVO income (loss) | **(184)** | (146) | (155) | **(623)** | (33) |
| Income from securitized assets | **210** | 150 | 149 | **631** | 518 |
| Foreign exchange other than trading | **452** | 88 | 63 | **683** | 496 |
| Other | **70** | 56 | 117 | **399** | 119 |
| | **1,609** | 1,301 | 1,469 | **5,881** | 4,534 |
| **Total revenue** | **3,254** | 2,849 | 2,888 | **12,085** | 9,928 |
| **Provision for credit losses** | **150** | 221 | 424 | **1,046** | 1,649 |
| **Non-interest expenses** | | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Employee compensation and benefits | **994** | 973 | 886 | **3,871** | 3,610 |
| Occupancy costs | **173** | 161 | 157 | **648** | 597 |
| Computer, software and office equipment | **274** | 246 | 251 | **1,003** | 1,010 |
| Communications | **72** | 73 | 70 | **290** | 288 |
| Advertising and business development | **65** | 43 | 46 | **197** | 173 |
| Professional fees | **66** | 53 | 54 | **210** | 189 |
| Business and capital taxes | **22** | 22 | 28 | **88** | 117 |
| Other | **194** | 170 | 177 | **720** | 676 |
| | **1,860** | 1,741 | 1,669 | **7,027** | 6,660 |
| **Income before income taxes and non-controlling interests** | **1,244** | 887 | 795 | **4,012** | 1,619 |
| **Income tax expense** | **742** | 244 | 145 | **1,533** | 424 |
| | **502** | 643 | 650 | **2,479** | 1,195 |
| **Non-controlling interests** | **2** | 3 | 6 | **27** | 21 |
| **Net income** | **$ 500** | $ 640 | $ 644 | **$ 2,452** | $ 1,174 |
| **Weighted-average common shares outstanding** (thousands) | **391,055** | 388,815 | 382,793 | **387,802** | 381,677 |
| **Weighted-average diluted common shares outstanding** (thousands) | **392,063** | 389,672 | 383,987 | **388,807** | 382,442 |
| **Earnings per share** (in dollars) | | | | | |
| - Basic | **$ 1.17** | $ 1.54 | $ 1.57 | **$ 5.89** | $ 2.65 |
| - Diluted | **$ 1.17** | $ 1.53 | $ 1.56 | **$ 5.87** | $ 2.65 |
| **Dividends per common share** (in dollars) | **$ 0.87** | $ 0.87 | $ 0.87 | **$ 3.48** | $ 3.48 |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| Unaudited, $ millions | For the three months ended **2010 Oct. 31** | 2010 Jul. 31 | 2009 Oct. 31 | For the twelve months ended **2010 Oct. 31** | 2009 Oct. 31 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Net income | **$ 500** | $ 640 | $ 644 | **$ 2,452** | $ 1,174 |
| Other comprehensive income (OCI), net of tax | | | | | |
| **Net foreign currency translation adjustments** | | | | | |
| Net gains (losses) on investment in self-sustaining foreign operations | **1,022** | 81 | (10) | **789** | (388) |
| Net gains (losses) on hedges of investment in self-sustaining foreign operations | **(930)** | (33) | (8) | **(869)** | 250 |
| | **92** | 48 | (18) | **(80)** | (138) |
| **Net change in AFS securities** | | | | | |
| Net unrealized gains (losses) on AFS securities | **94** | 255 | 179 | **303** | 462 |
| Transfer of net (gains) losses to net income | **(79)** | (109) | (37) | **(230)** | (236) |
| | **15** | 146 | 142 | **73** | 226 |
| **Net change in cash flow hedges** | | | | | |
| Net gains (losses) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges | **2** | (9) | (13) | **(9)** | (26) |
| Net (gains) losses on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges transferred to net income | **4** | 3 | 4 | **25** | 10 |
| | **6** | (6) | (9) | **16** | (16) |
| Total OCI | **$ 113** | $ 188 | $ 115 | **$ 9**(1) | $ 72(1) |

(1) Includes non-controlling interest of $1 million for the year ended October 31, 2010 (2009: $1 million).

The income tax benefit (expense) allocated to each component of OCI is presented in the table below:

| Unaudited, $ millions | For the three months ended **2010** | 2010 Jul. 31 | 2009 Oct. 31 | For the twelve months ended **2010 Oct. 31** | 2009 Oct. 31 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|

| | **Oct. 31** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Net foreign currency translation adjustments** | | | | | |
| Changes on investment in self-sustaining foreign operations | **$ (1)** | $ (5) | $ (3) | **$ (1)** | $ 34 |
| Changes on hedges of investment in self-sustaining foreign operations | **528** | 12 | 1 | **518** | (16) |
| **Net change in AFS securities** | | | | | |
| Net unrealized gains (losses) on AFS securities | **(23)** | (96) | (34) | **(100)** | (151) |
| Transfer of net (gains) losses to net income | **27** | 21 | 18 | **68** | 111 |
| **Net change in cash flow hedges** | | | | | |
| Changes on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges | **(1)** | 4 | 6 | **3** | 13 |
| Changes on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges transferred to net income | **(1)** | | (5) | **(3)** | (9) |
| | **$ 529** | $ (64) | $ (17) | **$ 485** | $ (18) |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

| | For the three months ended | | | For the twelve months ended | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **2010** | 2010 | 2009 | **2010** | 2009 |
| Unaudited, $ millions | **Oct. 31** | Jul. 31 | Oct. 31 | **Oct. 31** | Oct. 31 |
| **Preferred shares** | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | **$ 3,156** | $ 3,156 | $ 3,156 | **$ 3,156** | $ 2,631 |
| Issue of preferred shares | | | | | 525 |
| Balance at end of period | **$ 3,156** | $ 3,156 | $ 3,156 | **$ 3,156** | $ 3,156 |
| **Common shares** | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | **$ 6,658** | $ 6,508 | $ 6,161 | **$ 6,240** | $ 6,062 |
| Issue of common shares | **145** | 150 | 79 | **563** | 178 |
| Balance at end of period | **$ 6,803** | $ 6,658 | $ 6,240 | **$ 6,803** | $ 6,240 |
| **Treasury shares** | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | **$ 4** | $ 1 | $ 1 | **$ 1** | $ 1 |
| Net (purchases) sales | **(3)** | 3 | | | |
| Balance at end of period | **$ 1** | $ 4 | 1 | **$ 1** | $ 1 |
| **Contributed surplus** | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | **$ 96** | $ 94 | $ 101 | **$ 92** | $ 96 |
| Stock option expense | **3** | 2 | 2 | **11** | 12 |
| Stock options exercised | **(2)** | | | **(4)** | (1) |
| Net (discount) premium on treasury shares and other | **(1)** | | (11) | **(3)** | (15) |
| Balance at end of period | **$ 96** | $ 96 | $ 92 | **$ 96** | $ 92 |
| **Retained earnings** | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period, as previously reported | **$ 5,972** | $ 5,713 | $ 4,886 | **$ 5,156** | $ 5,483 |
| Adjustment for change in accounting policies | | | | | (6)(1) |
| Balance at beginning of period, as restated | **5,972** | 5,713 | 4,886 | **5,156** | 5,477 |
| Net income | **500** | 640 | 644 | **2,452** | 1,174 |
| Dividends | | | | | |
| Common | **(341)** | (338) | (333) | **(1,350)** | (1,328) |
| Preferred | **(42)** | (42) | (43) | **(169)** | (162) |
| Other | **6** | (1) | 2 | **6** | (5) |
| Balance at end of period | **$ 6,095** | $ 5,972 | $ 5,156 | **$ 6,095** | $ 5,156 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AOCI, net of tax** | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | **$ (474)** | $ (662) | $ (485) | **$ (370)** | $ (442) |
| OCI | **113** | 188 | 115 | **9** | 72 |
| Balance at end of period | **$ (361)** | $ (474) | $ (370) | **$ (361)** | $ (370) |
| **Retained earnings and AOCI** | **$ 5,734** | $ 5,498 | $ 4,786 | **$ 5,734** | $ 4,786 |
| **Shareholders equity at end of period** | **$15,790** | $15,412 | $14,275 | **$15,790** | $14,275 |

(1) Represents the impact of changing the measurement date for employee future benefits.

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

| | For the three months ended | | | For the twelve months ended | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unaudited, $ millions | **2010 Oct. 31** | 2010 Jul. 31 | 2009 Oct. 31 | **2010 Oct. 31** | 2009 Oct. 31 |
| **Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities** | | | | | |
| Net income | **$ 500** | $ 640 | $ 644 | **$ 2,452** | $ 1,174 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | | | |
| Provision for credit losses | **150** | 221 | 424 | **1,046** | 1,649 |
| Amortization[1] | **96** | 91 | 102 | **375** | 403 |
| Stock option expense | **3** | 2 | 2 | **11** | 12 |
| Future income taxes | **179** | 186 | 188 | **800** | 38 |
| AFS securities gains, net | **(119)** | (123) | (42) | **(400)** | (275) |
| (Gains) losses on disposal of land, buildings and equipment | | (1) | (1) | **1** | 2 |
| Other non-cash items, net | **(1,043)** | 760 | (122) | **(520)** | (297) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities | | | | | |
| Accrued interest receivable | **(185)** | (7) | (72) | **(108)** | 266 |
| Accrued interest payable | **71** | 49 | (160) | **42** | (339) |
| Amounts receivable on derivative contracts | **(839)** | (2,209) | 3,736 | **(292)** | 4,270 |
| Amounts payable on derivative contracts | **(34)** | 2,203 | (4,095) | **(574)** | (6,063) |
| Net change in trading securities | **(7,719)** | (2,999) | (719) | **(13,447)** | 22,278[2] |
| Net change in FVO securities | **(3,669)** | (22) | 1,203 | **(124)** | (445) |
| Net change in other FVO assets and liabilities | **1,885** | (813) | (2,648) | **118** | 100 |
| Current income taxes | **622** | 73 | (129) | **466** | 2,162 |
| Other, net | **1,138** | (709) | 1,181 | **2,178** | |
| | **(8,964)** | (2,658) | (508) | **(7,976)** | 24,935 |
| **Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities** | | | | | |
| Deposits, net of withdrawals | **6,931** | 12,690 | 11,428 | **24,588** | (7,569)[3] |
| Obligations related to securities sold short | **802** | (1,304) | (259) | **3,094** | (2,082) |
| repurchase agreements | **(6,602)** | (1,587) | (3,562) | **(9,233)** | (570) |
| Issue of subordinated indebtedness | | | | **1,100** | |
| Redemption/repurchase of subordinated indebtedness | **(1,300)** | | (524) | **(1,395)** | (1,419) |
| Issue of preferred shares | | | | | 525 |
| Issue of common shares, net | **145** | 150 | 79 | **563** | 178 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Net proceeds from treasury shares (purchased) sold | **(3)** | 3 | | | |
| Dividends | **(383)** | (380) | (376) | **(1,519)** | (1,490) |
| Other, net | **(659)** | 1,232 | 25 | **(2,051)** | 596 |
| | **(1,069)** | 10,804 | 6,811 | **15,147** | (11,831) |
| **Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities** | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing deposits with banks | **2,528** | (6,017) | (152) | **(4,667)** | 2,206 |
| Loans, net of repayments | **(2,885)** | (5,488) | (6,803) | **(24,509)** | (12,496) |
| Proceeds from securitizations | **4,725** | 3,883 | 2,775 | **14,192** | 20,744 |
| Purchase of AFS securities | **(9,248)** | (18,531) | (19,574) | **(55,392)** | (91,663) |
| Proceeds from sale of AFS securities | **11,986** | 6,637 | 9,040 | **41,144** | 30,205 |
| Proceeds from maturity of AFS securities | **8,428** | 4,520 | 10,179 | **27,585** | 35,628 |
| Net securities borrowed or purchased under resale agreements | **(5,258)** | 7,382 | (1,722) | **(4,591)** | 2,845 |
| Net cash used in acquisitions | | | | **(297)** | |
| Purchase of land, buildings and equipment | **(71)** | (81) | (89) | **(220)** | (272) |
| | **10,205** | (7,695) | (6,346) | **(6,755)** | (12,803) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and non-interest-bearing deposits with banks | **(5)** | 9 | 3 | **(38)** | (47) |
| **Net increase (decrease) in cash and non-interest-bearing deposits with banks during period** | **167** | 460 | (40) | **378** | 254 |
| Cash and non-interest-bearing deposits with banks at beginning of period | **2,023** | 1,563 | 1,852 | **1,812** | 1,558 |
| **Cash and non-interest-bearing deposits with banks at end of period**[4] | **$ 2,190**[5] | $ 2,023 | $ 1,812 | **$ 2,190** | $ 1,812 |
| Cash interest paid | **$ 780** | $ 715 | $ 850 | **$ 2,849** | $ 4,242 |
| Cash income taxes paid (recovered) | **$ (60)** | $ (15) | $ 87 | **$ 267** | $ (1,775) |

(1) Includes amortization of buildings, furniture, equipment, leasehold improvements, software and other intangible assets.

(2) Includes securities initially bought as trading securities and subsequently reclassified to loans and AFS securities.

(3) Includes $1.6 billion of Notes purchased by CIBC Capital Trust.

(4) Includes restricted cash balance of $246 million (July 31, 2010: $255 million; October 31, 2009: $268 million).

(5) Includes cash reserved for payment on redemption of non-cumulative preferred shares.

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(The board of directors of CIBC reviewed this press release prior to it being issued.)
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