



CIBC Atlantic Trust Receives “Private Client Investment Platform” Award from *Family Wealth Report*

ATLANTA, March 17, 2017—CIBC Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management, the U.S. private wealth management division of CIBC (NYSE: CM) (TSX: CM), today announced that it has received the **Private Client Investment Platform** award at the 2017 *Family Wealth Report (FWR)* awards ceremony held on March 2 in New York.

“I was honored to accept this award on behalf of CIBC Atlantic Trust and our investment team,” says Eric B. Propper, CFA, president of CIBC Atlantic Trust. “David Donabedian deserves a great deal of credit for this award due to his strong leadership of our investment program, and I couldn’t agree more with this hard earned recognition.”

Family Wealth Report is a leading trade publication covering news and other developing stories in North American wealth management, family office and high net worth/ultra-high net worth sectors. *FWR*’s awards program recognizes companies, teams and individuals within the banking and wealth management industries that the publication deems best-in-class and that “demonstrate innovation and excellence” in their respective fields.

“This is the third consecutive year that CIBC Atlantic Trust has been recognized by *FWR*, and in 2016, the firm was highly commended for the same award we won this year,” states Propper. “This is a testament to the team’s ongoing commitment to investment excellence on behalf of our clients, and we congratulate our professionals on their multiple achievements over the past few years.”

The publication launched its awards program in 2014 and CIBC Atlantic Trust has been recognized since 2015. In addition to being highly commended for **Private Client Investment Platform** in 2016, CIBC Atlantic Trust has received awards from *Family Wealth Report* for **Leading Individual (Multi-Family Office)—David L. Donabedian, CFA**, and **Multi-Family Office (Client Initiative)** in 2016, and **Best Multi-Family Office** in 2015.

This is the second time CIBC Atlantic Trust has been recognized this year. In February, the firm received the *Private Asset Management (PAM)* award for **Best Investment Platform—Performance**. The publication also recognized the firm’s Wealth Strategies and Fiduciary Services Groups as **Best Trusts and Estates Division**.

About Family Wealth Report Awards

In 2016 and 2017, CIBC Atlantic Trust was one of five firms shortlisted for the “Private Client Investment Platform” award. It was the only firm to receive the award in 2017 and the only firm to be highly commended in this category in 2016. The award recognizes investment platforms specializing in servicing the investment needs of the high net worth community. In 2016, CIBC Atlantic Trust was one of five firms shortlisted for the “Multi-

Family Office (Client Initiative)" award and the only award recipient. The award recognizes new initiatives for clients from multi-family offices of any size or reach. In 2016, David Donabedian was one of three candidates shortlisted for the "Leading Individual (Multi-Family Office)" award and the only award recipient. The award recognizes an individual working in the private client world. In 2015, CIBC Atlantic Trust was one of seven firms shortlisted for the "Best Multi-Family Office" award and the only award recipient. This award recognizes multi-family offices with a genuinely national reach. All of these awards are determined by a panel of judges' review of questionnaires.

About *Private Asset Management Awards*

In 2017, CIBC Atlantic Trust was one of six firms shortlisted for the "Best Trusts and Estates Division" award and the only award recipient. The detailed information provided by CIBC Atlantic Trust for the "Best Investment Platform – Performance" award included information on both internal and external strategies. Three firms were shortlisted for this award, and CIBC Atlantic Trust was the only award recipient.

PAM annually invites firms to compete for awards in several categories that are reviewed by a panel of independent industry experts. PAM considers the following criteria when selecting the winners of these awards:

- Financial progress: Candidates must be able to demonstrate performance track records over the course of the last 12 months.
- Growth: Client numbers, internal hires and geographic expansion
- Client satisfaction: Provide evidence of client satisfaction
- Product innovation: Details of new services and products launched over the course of the year prior to the year the award is given

About CIBC Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management

CIBC Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management is one of the nation's leading private wealth management firms, offering integrated wealth management for high net worth individuals, families, foundations and endowments. The firm considers clients' financial, trust, estate planning and philanthropic needs in developing customized asset allocation and investment management strategies. Experienced professionals deliver a broad range of solutions, including proprietary investment offerings and a robust open architecture platform of traditional and alternative managers. The firm has achieved 39 straight quarters of growth coming from clients adding assets to their existing accounts and from new business. CIBC Atlantic Trust operates in 14 full-service locations throughout the U.S., with \$29.1 billion in assets under management as of Dec. 31, 2016. For more information, visit www.cibcatlantictrust.com.

About CIBC

CIBC is a leading Canadian-based global financial institution. Through our Retail and Business Banking, Wealth Management and Capital Markets businesses, CIBC provides a full range of financial products to individual, small business, commercial, corporate and institutional clients in Canada and around the world. CIBC acquired CIBC Atlantic Trust, a premier U.S. private wealth management firm, in January 2014. You can find other news releases and information about CIBC in our Media Centre on our corporate website at www.cibc.com.

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Disclosure

These awards and recognitions may name Atlantic Trust, which is now called CIBC Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management.

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