CIBC PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

CIBC Announces New Private Wealth Leader in Newport Beach – Kimberly Dwan Bernatz

CHICAGO and NEWPORT BEACH, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 - **CIBC** (TSX: CM) (NYSE: CM) announced today that **Kimberly Dwan Bernatz, CFP®, AEP®**, has joined CIBC Private Wealth Management as managing director and head of the Newport Beach office. **Andrew Lang, CFA**, who has more than 20 years of tenure through legacy firms, will continue serving his existing clients as a senior relationship manager and will partner with Kimberly in continuing to expand the firm's presence in Southern California and Arizona.

"Kimberly brings a wealth of industry experience to our firm, and since she grew up in Orange County, she will be instrumental in building our business in the Pacific Southwest," says Jack Markwalter, CEO, CIBC Private Wealth Management, U.S. "We are also deeply appreciative of Andrew's strong leadership in Newport Beach, as well as his long-standing dedication and commitment to his clients and our firm. We congratulate Andrew on the next step in his career focusing on the clients that he serves, and we appreciate his efforts in introducing Kimberly to CIBC Private Wealth."

Bernatz brings more than 20 years of experience in financial services to her role. Prior to joining the firm, Bernatz was a senior vice president and director of wealth management advisory services for First American Trust, FSB, where she led a team of professionals in Southern California and Nevada who worked with high net worth individuals, families and non-profit organizations to craft customized plans for clients in the areas of wealth and estate planning, personal trust and investment management. She was also responsible for setting and implementing strategies for the sales and marketing activities of the firm as well as for fiduciary and new business risk assessment. Previously, Bernatz was a vice president and business development officer at Northern Trust, where she was responsible for fostering new business relationships with high net worth individuals, families, foundations and endowments.

Bernatz received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Southern California and holds the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and Accredited Estate Planner (AEP®) certifications. She is also a member of the Orange County Estate Planning Council, the Financial Planning Association of Orange County and the Hoag Hospital Foundation Planned Giving Advisor Council. Additionally, Bernatz serves as immediate-past chairman of the board of directors for the Philharmonic Society of Orange County, is a past chairman of the Pacific Chorale board of directors and is a founding member of the Center for Investment and Wealth Management at the University of California, Irvine's Paul Merage School of Business. Bernatz has been quoted and published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Orange County Register*, MoneyRates.com and *Nonprofit Business Advisor*, and received the WomanSage Family Matters Business Award in 2011.

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