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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Amendment No.   3  )

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Samsonite Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

79604V105

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(CUSIP Number)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

October 5, 2004

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(Date of Events Which Require Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of ss. 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box / /

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Canadian  
Imperial Bank of Commerce

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION CIBC is a bank organized under the  
Bank Act (Canada).

Canadian Imperial Holdings Inc. is a Delaware Corporation.

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF	37,888,430
SHARES	

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BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8 SHARED VOTING POWER	0
9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	37,888,430
10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
37,888,430

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
[ ]

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.9%

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 1: Security and Issuer.

This Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D relates to the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock") and the 2003 Convertible Preferred Stock, par value of \$0.01 per share ("Preferred Stock"), of Samsonite Corporation, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Issuer"). The Preferred Stock is convertible on demand into shares of Common Stock and holders of Preferred Stock may vote their Preferred Stock on an as-converted basis. This Amendment supplements and amends the initial statement on Schedule 13D, dated August 19, 2003 (the "Initial Statement"), Amendment No. 1, dated August 28, 2003 and Amendment No. 2, dated September 25, 2003, filed by the Reporting Person and is being filed by the Reporting Person to report that, as a result of a sale of Preferred Stock by Canadian Imperial Holdings Inc. ("CIHI") to: (i) Crestview Capital Master LLC ("Crestview") pursuant to a Purchase Agreement dated September 27, 2004 (effective date of such sale was October 5, 2004) between the Reporting Person and Crestview; (ii) Bain Capital (Europe) LLC ("Bain") pursuant to a Purchase Agreement dated October 1, 2004 (effective date of such sale was October 14, 2004) between the Reporting Person and Bain; and (iii) Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board ("Teachers") pursuant to a Purchase Agreement dated October 1, 2004 (effective date of such sale was October 14, 2004) between the Reporting Person and Teachers. As a result of the above referenced transactions, the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person has decreased by more than four percent. The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at 11200 East 45th Avenue, Denver, CO 80239.

Item 3: Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The Reporting Person sold 26,000,000 shares of Common Stock to Crestview, Bain and Teachers for an aggregate consideration amount of \$13,400,000.

Item 4: Purpose of Transaction.

On October 1, 2004, Canadian Imperial Holdings Inc. ("CIHI"), an indirectly-owned subsidiary of the Reporting Person, entered into two Purchase

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Agreements with each of Bain and Teachers' for the sale by CIHI of 21,000,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock (10,500,000 shares sold to each of Bain and Teachers') for an aggregate consideration amount of \$10,500,000. The effective date of such sale was October 14, 2004.

On September 27, 2004, CIHI entered into a Purchase Agreement with Crestview for the sale by CIHI of 5,000,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock for an aggregate consideration amount of \$2,900,000. The effective date of such sale was October 5, 2004.

Item 5: Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

CIHI beneficially owns and has sole power to vote and sole power of disposition over 37,888,430 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer, or approximately 5.9% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock.

Item 6: Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

CIHI has entered into a definitive agreement with a third party for the sale by CIHI of a specified amount of the Issuer's Common Stock. The execution date of such sale has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

Item 7: Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

N/A

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

October 15, 2004

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(Date)

/s/ Antonio Molestina

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(Signature)

Antonio Molestina  
Senior Vice President,  
Deputy General Counsel

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(Name/Title)

