# World Growth Fund



# **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- The Fund gained 3.3% in the second quarter and is up 7.7% over the past year.
- Global equities strengthened on hopes for an economic soft landing and an end to rate hikes. Shares in Japan posted some of the largest gains.

The Fund gained 3.3% in the second quarter and is up 7.7% over the past year. The net asset value (NAV) per share as of June 30 was US \$1.0577. Net assets of the Fund were US \$7.9 million, up from \$6.6 million this time last year. The Fund's annual compound rate of return since inception in January 2021 is 2.3% per year. The portfolio is invested in high-quality, well-valued shares in U.S., international and emerging markets.

Global equities gained during the quarter as inflation continued to moderate and central bank rate hikes slowed. The quarter started on a cautious note as concerns over U.S. debt ceiling negotiations and regional banking stress lingered, but equities eventually rallied on signs the U.S Federal Reserve (Fed) may be able to beat inflation without causing a recession. In May, U.S. consumer inflation was up 4% year over year, the slowest pace since March 2021. At the same time, measures of U.S. economic activity and employment continued to be robust. Other parts of the world saw slower inflation, too, but less economic strength. European growth dropped into negative territory and China disappointed after an initial post-pandemic recovery. U.S. equities had strong performance, especially in the technology sector. Europe and Asia also gained despite the weaker economic reports. Japanese stocks were among the strongest in the world this quarter, gaining more than 10% in U.S. dollar terms, while emerging market stocks were little changed due to weakness in China. The Fund's core allocations to U.S., international and emerging markets stocks gained between 2% and 4% during the quarter.

We continue to see risks developing in the more speculative, highly valued areas of the U.S. stock market, especially as the economy inevitably moderates in the months ahead. As companies refinance debt at higher interest rates, we are also likely to see more downward pressure on profits. There are still high-quality shares trading at reasonable valuations in the U.S., but we are finding many more of them in international and emerging markets, where cheaper currencies present an additional source of value. On a look-through basis the Fund's global equity investments now have an average price/earnings ratio of 12.5x and dividend yield of 2.8%, levels consistent with healthy future returns.

The Fund is open to all new subscriptions in U.S. dollars.

# TOP ALLOCATIONS

Holding	Weight
Fortress US Equity Fund	46.6%
Fortress International Equity Fund	37.5%
Fortress Emerging Markets Fund	13.7%
Cash reserves	2.3%
Total	100.0%

## **TOP 10 UNDERLYING HOLDINGS**

Holding	Weight
US DOLLAR CASH	6.2%
VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC	2.1%
SNAP-ON INC	1.8%
META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A	1.8%
SMITH (A.O.) CORP	1.7%
TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	1.7%
INTEL CORP	1.6%
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP	1.6%
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC-CL B	1.6%
DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES	1.6%

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

Long-term growth from diversified investment in global equities.

Currency
Dealing
Minimum Investment
Net Asset Value Per Share
Fund Net Assets
Fund Inception

US\$
Weekly on Fridays
US \$1,000
US \$1.0577
US \$7,878,870
Jan 29, 2021

## **INVESTMENT RETURNS**

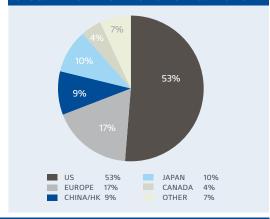
	3 Мо	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	Incept.
Fortress	3.3%	7.7%	n/a	n/a	2.3%
Index	6.2%	13.6%	11.0%	8.1%	4.3%

Periods longer than one year are annual compound returns. Fund returns are net of fees.

#### **NAV SINCE INCEPTION TO JUNE 30TH, 2023**



## **GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF PORTFOLIO**



## **EXPENSES**

Manager: 1.25% of net assets per annum Custodian:

Administrator:

0.075% of net assets per annum Redemption charge: 2% on redemptions made within 3 months of

purchase. All other times, none.

Where allocations are made to other Fortress funds, management fees are rebated to the Fund to avoid double charging.

## **MANAGER & ADMINISTRATOR**

Fortress Fund Managers Ltd.

## **CUSTODIAN**

SigniaGlobe Financial Group

#### **AUDITORS** EY Barbados

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Clarke Gittens Farmer

## DIRECTORS

Roger Cave, Chairman Ruth Henry John Howard Greg McConnie Maria Nicholls Tracey Shuffler John Williams

Please see the Offering Memorandum for further important information.

# World Fixed Income Fund



# HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Fund declined 1.0% in the second quarter and is up 1.1% over the past year.
- Corporate and emerging market bonds advanced while Treasuries declined as economic data remained resilient.

The Fund declined 1.0% in the second quarter and is up 1.1% over the past year. The net asset value (NAV) per share as of June 30 was US \$0.9089. Net assets of the Fund were US \$5.6 million, up from \$4.8 million this time last year. The Fund's annual compound rate of return since inception in January 2021 is -3.9% per year. The portfolio is invested in a diversified portfolio of primarily high-quality US\$ bonds.

After a sharp move lower in March on fears surrounding the U.S. regional bank failures, bond yields rose again in the second quarter and prices fell. Most major central banks raised their target rates further, but the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) paused in June to leave its rate unchanged at 5% to 5.25%. The economic data in the U.S. showed some favourable signs of a "soft landing", as inflation moderated to 4% in May while consumer spending and the jobs market remained strong. As it became clear the March banking stress hadn't completely undermined the economy, U.S. Treasury yields moved back up towards previous levels. The 10-year yield rose from 3.47% to 3.84% and the two-year moved from 4.03% to 4.90%. Credit spreads narrowed, and this helped investment grade and high yield corporates outperform Treasuries, along with emerging markets bonds. The Fund's small allocations to high yield and emerging gained approximately 1% against this generally negative backdrop for bonds.

Over the quarter, we reduced some of the Fund's medium-term holdings and continued to add incrementally to long-dated U.S. Treasury exposure. This nudged up the portfolio's average yield and term to maturity. It is increasingly likely the large and rapid tightening cycle that began at the end of 2021 is nearing its end. However, the path of rates remains uncertain, and the effects of higher rates are likely to be lagged. As more companies absorb higher funding costs on refinanced debt and the economy eventually cools, stress on creditworthiness could develop. We continue to focus the Fund's holdings on the highest quality corporate credits while also extending the portfolio's duration to benefit appropriately when yields eventually stabilise and fall. The average term to maturity of the Fund's portfolio is now 7.3 years and the average yield is 4.8%, a good estimate of its medium-term return potential.

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## TOP ALLOCATIONS

Holding	Weight
Fortress Fixed Income Fund	99.7%
Cash reserves	0.3%

# TOP 10 UNDERLYING HOLDINGS

US TREASURY N/B 2.875 8/15/2028 US TREASURY N/B 2.25 8/15/2049 TSY INFL IX N/B 0.125 2/15/2052 US DOLLAR CASH US TREASURY N/B 0.625 5/15/2030 US TREASURY N/B 2.25 2/15/2027 ISHARES J/PM USD EM BOND GOVT OF BERMUDA 3.717 1/25/2027 MITSUBISHI UFJ FIN GRP FLOATING 2/20/20	
ABBVIE INC 2.95 11/21/2026	2.6% 2.6%

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

Steady returns over the medium-term from diversified investment in high-quality bonds.

Currency Dealing Weekly on Fridays Minimum Investment Net Asset Value Per Share Fund Net Assets

US \$1,000 US \$0.9089 US \$5,615,959 Jan 29, 2021

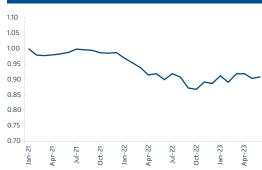
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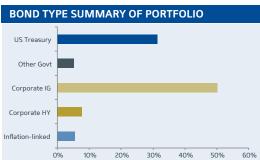
Fund Inception

	3 Mo	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	Incept.	
Fortress	-1.0%	1.1%	n/a	n/a	-3.9%	
Index	-0.8%	-0.3%	-4.0%	0.8%	-5.1%	

Periods longer than one year are annual compound returns. Fund returns are net of fees.

# **NAV SINCE INCEPTION TO JUNE 30TH, 2023**





## **CURRENCY EXPOSURE**

USD 100%

## **EXPENSES**

purchase. All other times, none.

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