



# 2024 annual report

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Fortress Caribbean  
**PENSION FUND**



Fortress Fund Managers is a Barbados-based investment manager. We have been providing top-ranked returns, open communication and accessible service to our clients since 1996.

We offer a range of funds and investment products to meet the needs of individuals and institutions. In each case, our main goal is to achieve consistent long-term returns for our clients. We do this by applying sound, disciplined processes to our investments in equities, fixed income and real estate. We offer products with global reach, as well as those that focus primarily on the Caribbean region.

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**Pension Fund**

# Investment Objectives & Fund Details

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The Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund offers three classes of shares to defined contribution and defined benefit pension plans and their participants. These three classes of shares are the Redeemable Aggressive Accumulator (AA), Redeemable Conservative Consolidator (CC) and the Redeemable Capital Secure (CS), each with its own investment objective. The investment objective of the AA class of share is to achieve growth and capital appreciation of the assets over the long term. The objective of the CC class of share is to achieve growth and capital appreciation over the medium term, while that of the CS class of share is to achieve capital security in the short term.

<b>FUND NAME:</b>	Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund Limited		
<b>LAUNCH DATE:</b>	October 9, 2002		
<b>LAUNCH PRICE:</b>	\$10.00 per share		
	<b>AA</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE</b> 9/30/2024	\$33.4365	\$31.5137	\$20.4591
<b>NET ASSETS</b> 9/30/2024	\$235,776,908	\$178,169,380	\$20,161,705
<b>MANAGEMENT EXPENSES:</b> <i>Management fees:</i>	0.50% per annum of net assets at the Fund level. Fees from the underlying Fortress funds in which the Fund invests are capped at between 0.25% and 0.50% per annum of net assets, depending on the Fund.		
<i>Administration fees:</i>	0.03% per annum on the net asset value of the Fund		
<i>Custodian fees:</i>	\$7,500 per annum on net assets at the Fund level > \$50M		
<b>INITIAL CHARGES:</b>	Nil		
<b>REDEMPTION CHARGES:</b>	Nil		
<b>INVESTMENT MANAGER &amp; ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	Fortress Fund Managers Limited		
<b>CUSTODIAN:</b>	SigniaGlobe Financial Group Inc.		
<b>FUND VALUATIONS:</b>	Monthly		
<b>NAV QUOTATIONS:</b>	<a href="http://www.fortressfund.com">www.fortressfund.com</a>		

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Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund Limited ("the Fund") is an open-ended mutual fund company and was incorporated on October 9, 2002 under the provisions of the Mutual Funds Act of Barbados. The Fund maintains its registered office at Radley Court, Upper Collymore Rock, St. Michael, BB14004, Barbados.

Important information about this Fund is contained in its prospectus, which we encourage you to read before making an investment. The indicated returns in this document are net of all fees and expenses. Returns are historical and are not necessarily indicative of future performance. Investors should be aware that there are risks involved where the value of the Fund's shares may go down as well as up. A copy of the prospectus may be obtained from the offices of Fortress Fund Managers, or downloaded at [www.fortressfund.com](http://www.fortressfund.com).

# Background

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Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund Limited ("Pension Fund") is a mutual fund company incorporated in Barbados and licensed under the Mutual Funds Act 2002-22.

Fortress Fund Managers Limited has been manager of the Fund since its inception.

The Pension Fund was established in 2002 in response to the growing trend of companies favouring Defined Contribution (DC) pension plans over Defined Benefit (DB) pension plans. In DC plans, contribution rates are fixed by employer and employee, and members bear 100% of the investment and longevity risks as there are no guarantees to the level of pension that can be provided at retirement with the member's funds.

Recognising that members at different ages have different investment risks and objectives, the Pension Fund has been structured to allow members to direct their own funds as they see fit into one of three investment shares – Aggressive Accumulator (AA) Share,

Conservative Consolidator (CC) Share and Capital Secure (CS) Share. Each share has a different asset allocation make-up, from being "aggressive" to "conservative," thus catering to members who have changing risk/reward objectives as they progress towards retirement.

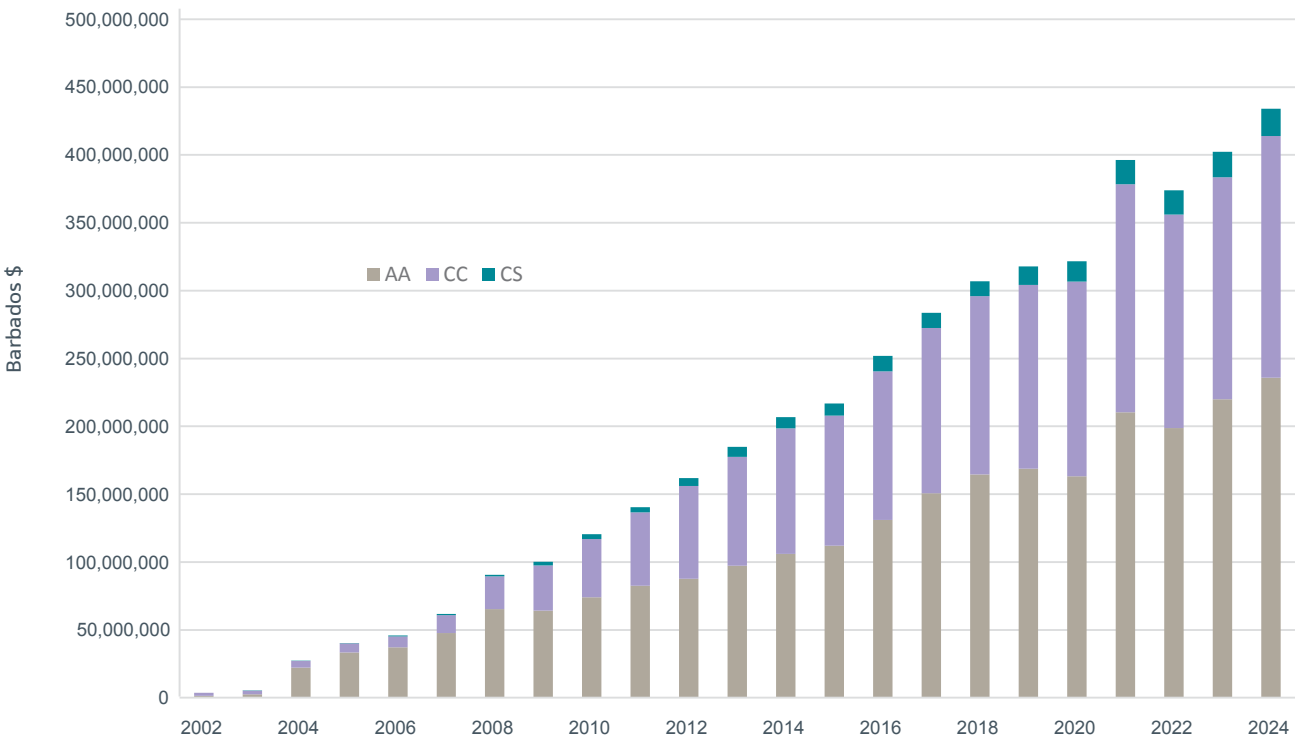
Where the Pension Fund invests in other funds managed by Fortress, there is a rebate system in place for the Pension Fund to avoid double charging of management fees.

Fortress Fund Managers Limited provides both record keeping and investment services to DC plans that invest in the Pension Fund, and investment only services to DB pension plans.

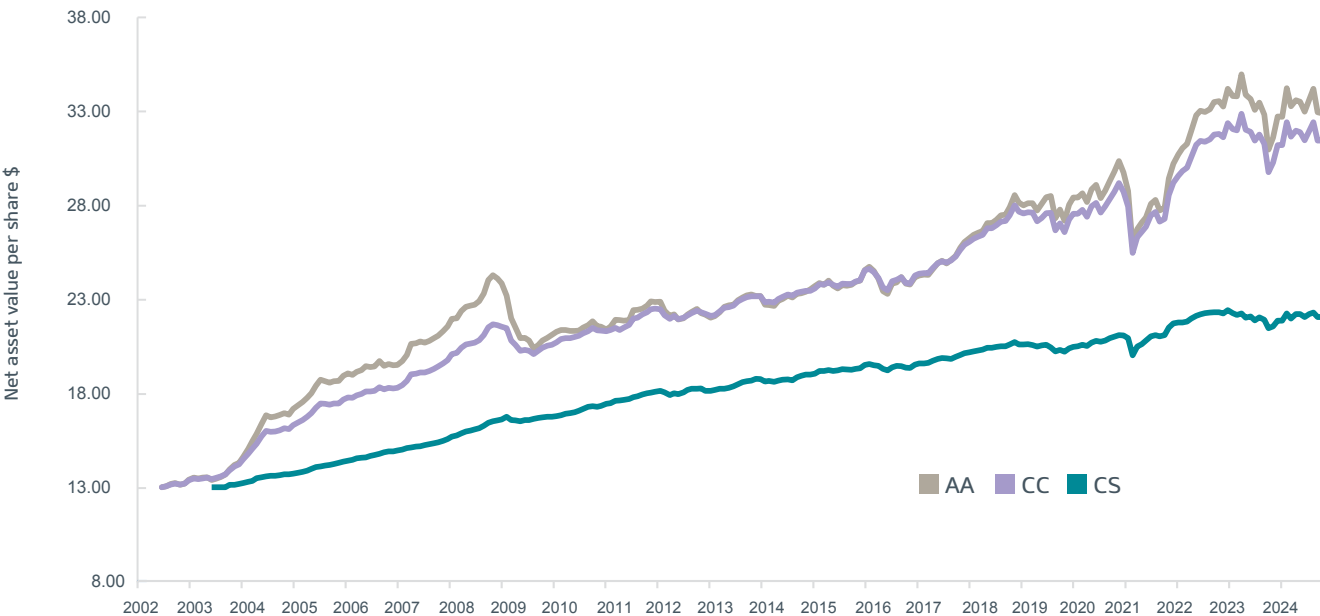
As of September 30, 2024 approximately 80 companies are investing in the Pension Fund and record keeping services are being provided for over 4,500 employees.

# Asset Growth & Investment Performance

## Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund - Asset Growth



## Net Asset Value Performance Since Inception



# Asset Growth & Investment Performance

## Historical One Year Investment Returns\* (net of all fees and expenses)

Year Ending	AA Share Return	CC Share Return	CS Share Return
9/30/2014	4.0%	3.8%	3.3%
9/30/2015	-2.1%	-1.4%	0.3%
9/30/2016	8.7%	7.5%	4.0%
9/30/2017	9.9%	8.7%	3.5%
9/30/2018	5.2%	2.8%	-0.2%
9/30/2019	1.1%	1.4%	2.2%
9/30/2020	-4.2%	-3.2%	1.2%
9/30/2021	23.4%	19.4%	7.2%
9/30/2022	-8.3%	-7.1%	-4.4%
9/30/2023	6.9%	6.3%	3.2%
9/30/2024	11.9%	10.8%	7.4%

*\*returns shown for the last 10 year period*

## Performance Summary as of September 30, 2024\*

	1 year	3 year	5 year	Inception
<b>AA Share</b>	11.9%	3.1%	5.3%	<b>5.6%</b>
<b>CC Share</b>	10.8%	3.0%	4.8%	<b>5.3%</b>
<b>CS Share</b>	7.4%	1.9%	2.8%	<b>3.4%</b>

*\*periods longer than one year are annual compound returns*



# Portfolio Positioning

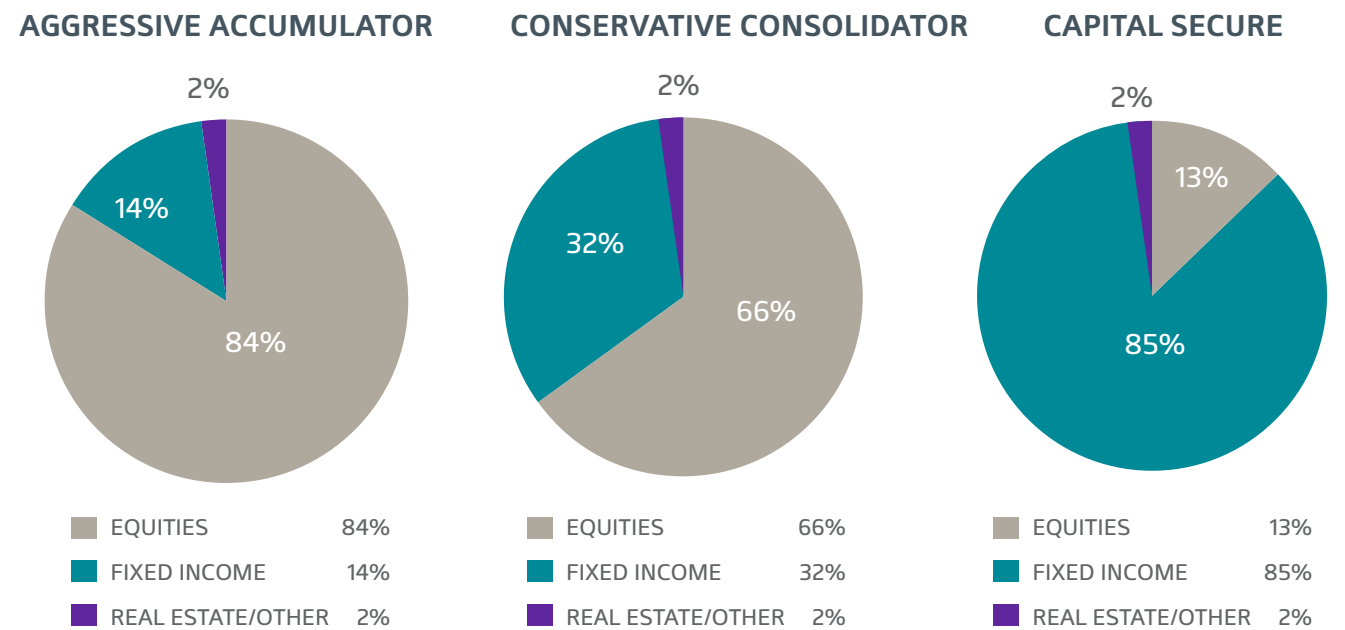
The three classes of shares of the Pension Fund invest in combinations of equities, fixed income and real estate consistent with the time horizons, risk tolerance and objectives for each class of share.

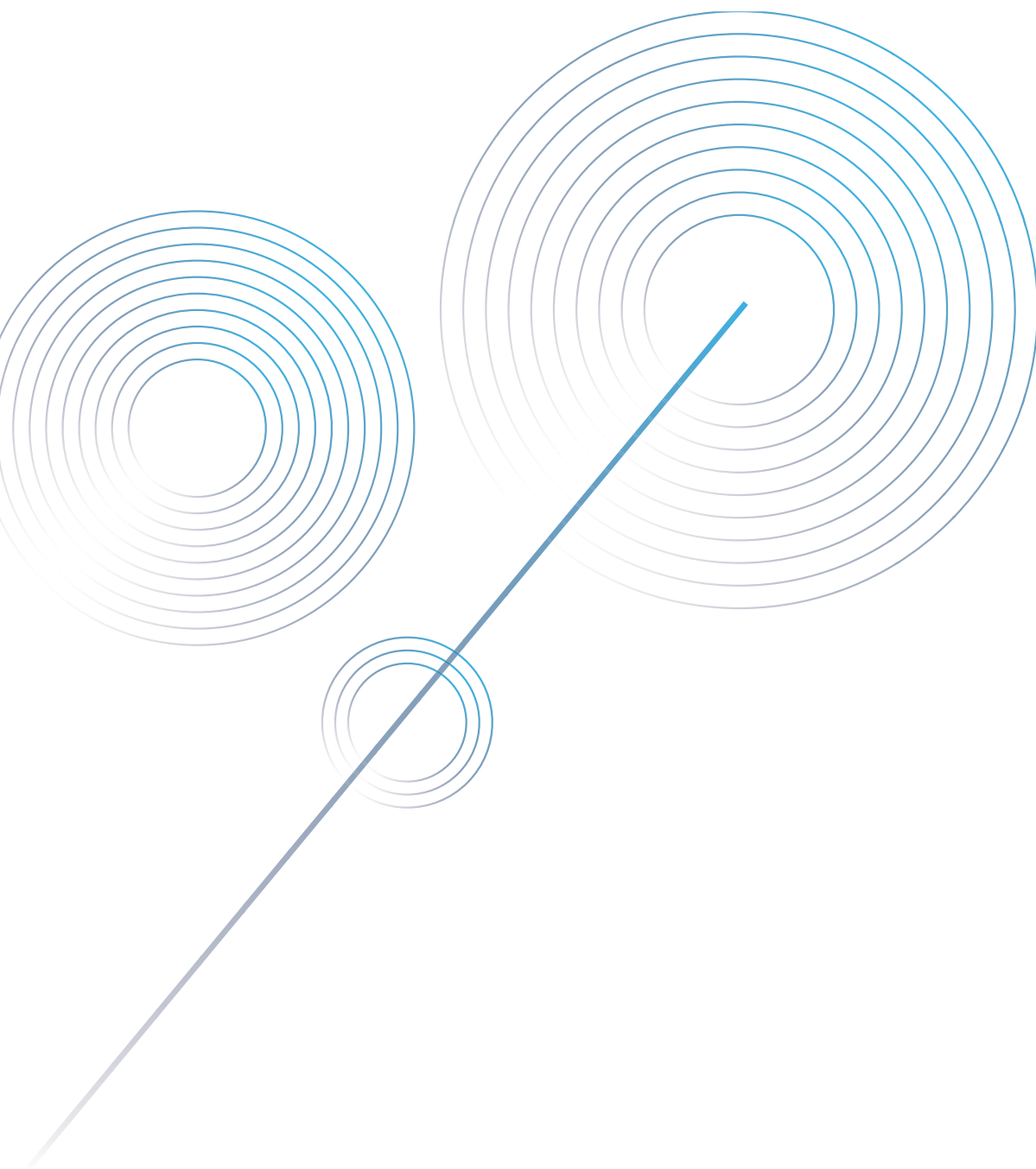
The Fund’s largest holding of equities is in the **Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund**, while for fixed income it is in

the **Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund**. Where the Fund invests in other funds managed by Fortress, a rebate system is in place to avoid double charging of management fees.

The asset allocation of the three shares as at 30th September 2024 is as follows:

## Asset Allocation of Funds





## Directors' Report

# Directors' Report

"The Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund had a strong year, with gains in all three classes of shares for the year ended September 30, 2024 and new highs being set for all."

The Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund (the Fund) had a strong year, with gains in all three classes of shares for the year ended September 30, 2024 and new highs being set for all. The AA share returned 11.9%, the CC share rose by 10.8% and the CS share advanced by 7.4%. These returns reflect the differing asset allocations of the classes of share. Stocks and bonds both rallied as global interest rates began to fall and post-pandemic inflation subsided.

Since inception in 2002, the annual compound returns for the Fund's AA, CC and CS shares have been 5.6%, 5.3% and 3.4% per year respectively. Total net assets of the Fund increased from \$402 million to \$434 million during the year, a new high.

The equity allocations of the three classes of shares of the Fund are primarily made up of investments in the **Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund**, the fixed income allocations are primarily made up of investments in the **Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund**, and the small allocations to real estate are typically made through the Eppley Caribbean Property Fund SCC (formerly Fortress Caribbean Property Fund SCC). The returns of the three shares in the Pension Fund are therefore a blend of the performance returns of these underlying holdings.

## Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund

The Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund (Growth Fund) gained 12.4% for the year ended September 30, 2024. Throughout the year, global stocks posted steady, modest gains, and a rally in September added

meaningfully to the year's performance. U.S., developed international and emerging market stocks saw double digit returns while Caribbean stocks slumped. The global index, tracking securities all over the world, was up 33% while in the Caribbean, Trinidad and Jamaica indices fell 13% and 5% respectively. The Barbados index posted a 9% gain, largely due to movement in shares of CIBC Caribbean on thin trading volumes.

Monetary policy was a focus for investors all year. In December, the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) began hinting at the possibility of lower rates and bond yields fell to reflect an outlook for steep cuts. Both bond and equity prices rose in response, but this proved short-lived. The Fed soon shifted to a "wait and see" approach, which depended on how data depicted the health of the U.S. economy and yields rose to reflect the Fed's less friendly leaning. The wait and see stance kept rates unchanged for most of the year but in the background the data gradually showed signs of a softer economy. Importantly, the U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) on an annual basis, moved down from 3.7% at the end of September 2023 to 2.4% at the end of September 2024, much closer to the Fed's 2% target. This measure had peaked at 9.1% in June 2022. Signs of cooling also appeared in the labour market as the unemployment rate rose. The U.S economy remained generally healthy, but as the months passed it became clearer that keeping rates high could be problematic for the economy. The question on investors' minds shifted from "when will the Fed cut rates?" to "by how much?", and "how quickly?"

In other parts of the world, inflation subsided too, but this came with weaker economies. Economic slowdowns in much of Europe and in Canada prompted their central banks to cut rates ahead of the Fed. The Fed only joined other central banks in easing monetary policy in September, lowering its target rate by 0.5%. This move by the Fed pushed equity and bond prices higher.

Against this backdrop, corporate earnings remained strong and developments in artificial intelligence supported investor optimism. This dynamic caused large cap growth stocks to outperform value by a wide margin, but value gained momentum late in the year on the Fed's rate cut. Japanese equities gained again this year but experienced a steep, temporary dip in June following a surprise rate hike by the Bank of Japan. Japanese stocks gained almost 27% over the year in U.S. dollar terms. In emerging markets, Chinese equities rose by just over 20% in September, from very depressed levels, after the government announced a series of economic stimulus measures.

The Growth Fund's core allocations to the Fortress US Equity, International Equity and Emerging Markets funds performed well, returning 27%, 23% and 21% respectively over the year. Individual global investments also posted strong gains, including Berkshire Hathaway (+31%), U.S. biotechnology sector ETF (+19%) and Johnson & Johnson (+7%). Allocations to specialist managers also performed well. The OAM Europe and Asia funds were up 25% and 18% respectively, and the Templeton Asian Smaller Companies Fund added 28%. Overall, the Fund's diversified, value-oriented global investments had strong performance this year.

Unfortunately, this global strength did not extend to the Caribbean region. In the Caribbean, share prices were markedly lower this year, except for a few securities. The Growth Fund's holdings in Trinidad came under significant pressure, including Massy Holdings (-25%), Guardian Holdings (-20%), and Agostini's (-4%). These three holdings together account for approximately 7% of the Growth Fund. In Barbados, Goddard Enterprises declined by 4%, while in Jamaica NCB Financial Group weakened by 21%. Shares in Guyana, which were a

source of weakness in the prior year following huge gains in 2020-2022, were mostly unchanged this year.

The Growth Fund's portfolio continues to be diversified within the Caribbean region and globally, across a range of industries, countries and individual holdings. Approximately one third of the portfolio is invested in the Caribbean region and two thirds is invested in U.S., international and emerging markets, offering Barbados-based investors access to exceptional global diversification. It is worth noting, however, that our ability to invest additional assets in local, regional and global equities continues to be constrained by exchange controls in Barbados and by relatively small, illiquid stock markets in the region.

### **Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund**

The Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund (High Interest Fund) returned 6.7% for the year due to a combination of higher bond prices and healthy levels of coupon income locked in at higher rates. Globally, central banks eased monetary policy and bond yields fell during the year. Corporate spreads also narrowed to reflect the perception of lower recession risk. The main index of U.S. high-quality bonds, which includes both corporates and governments, was up 12% for the year. The High Interest Fund's core allocation to U.S. bonds via the US\$ Fortress Fixed Income Fund gained 10%, and our allocation to emerging market bonds returned 19%. The High Interest Fund's domestic Barbados holdings performed as expected, with returns in the 3-6% range in line with their coupons.

Major central banks around the world lowered their target rates in the latter part of the year, but rates spent much of the year unchanged. The Bank of Canada cut rates by 0.25% in June and the European Central Bank followed with a cut of the same size. The Fed finally started easing in September and lowered its target rate range from 5.25-5.5%, to 4.75-5%. In the U.S., even prior to the rate cut, bond yields declined and prices rose as investors predicted the Fed's decision, after seeing weaker economic data on the job market and lower inflation. The U.S. Consumer Price Index, a

measure of inflation, fell from 3.7% to 2.4% during the year, closer to the Fed's 2% target. The unemployment rate ticked up from 3.7% to 4.2% over the year and other measures of labour market tightness also moderated. This softer data helped push bond yields lower. The U.S. 5-year treasury yield fell from 4.6% to 3.6% during the year, while the 10-year yield fell from 4.56% to 3.81%. Bigger movements were seen in the middle of the curve as investors priced in their expectations for steep rate cuts. Corporate bond spreads were tighter this year owing to higher conviction that inflation will come down without the economy and corporate creditworthiness deteriorating.

In Barbados, routine issuance of Government of Barbados (GOB) treasury bills and bonds resumed. The High Interest Fund participated in a few of the issues and added incrementally to medium-term GOB notes, to replace maturing GOB Series B strips and keep overall GOB exposure steady throughout the year at 11% of total assets. Some of the High Interest Fund's GOB holdings also saw better pricing during the year as final maturities naturally drew closer. Otherwise, domestic Barbados holdings performed as expected. A few new corporate issues were in progress this year but did not materialise and the opportunities for bond investment remained limited.

As of September 30, 2024, the average term to maturity of the High Interest Fund's diversified holdings was just above six years and the average gross yield was 4.0%. Approximately 51% of the portfolio is invested outside the Caribbean region.

## Outlook

Globally, inflation has subsided from the worrying levels of a few years ago and financial markets have adjusted to the likely expectation of further Fed rate cuts to bring interest rates down. Even with the recent declines in yields, though, global bonds are still priced to generate healthy returns from here, and this is an important consideration for balanced pension portfolios. The Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund portfolio now has an average gross yield of just over 4%, a good estimate of its medium-term return potential. This return next year

could be higher if we are able to deploy more Barbados dollar cash in appropriately priced and structured bonds in the local market. It could also be higher, and look a lot like last year's result, if economic weakness develops in the global economy and bond yields decline further, pushing prices up again.

We also see good return prospects for the Fund's equity investments, but it will be important to invest selectively. During the last year, U.S. stock indices such as the S&P 500 reached all-time highs. While we see opportunities among certain U.S. stocks, we believe that the more expensive segments of the U.S. market are vulnerable to price corrections. Furthermore, the U.S. stock market's relative outperformance compared to the rest of the world continued this year, and we consider this trend to be unsustainable.

Attractive valuations can be found in other parts of the world, among emerging markets and developed international stocks. However, it is a balancing act. Chinese equities, despite their appealing valuations, carry significant risks. The economic moderation in Europe has buoyed shares' prices as investors welcome cuts from the central banks but a softer economy can quickly transition into recession, which can be bad for stocks. The crosswinds argue more than ever for wide diversification and to look for tomorrow's returns where valuations are most compelling, and not necessarily where yesterday's returns were strongest. In all, we remain constructive on the Fund's high-quality, value-oriented global and Caribbean holdings and see good return prospects for balanced portfolios of stocks and bonds.

If you would like to learn more about the performance and positioning of the main underlying funds in which the Pension Fund invests, please see the annual and quarterly reports of the Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund and the Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund, available to view or download at [www.fortressfund.com](http://www.fortressfund.com).

Governance and complying with regulatory oversight are key aspects of the Fund's operations. The Fund's Board and that of the Manager were active and engaged

throughout the year, and we would like to thank all members of our boards for their efforts on behalf of investors. SigniaGlobe Financial, the Fund's custodian, as well as EY the external auditor and Ravi Whitehead the internal auditor, worked diligently with us to oversee the safekeeping of assets and monitor the integrity of important processes and financial reporting. We would like to thank them, and the other excellent counterparties and service providers who make operating a fund like this possible and secure.

In April this year, our Pension Director, Mr. René Delmas, reached an important milestone in his own preparation for retirement. He retired. Over the last 22 years, René and the Pension team built one of the top pension administration and investment businesses in Barbados. René continues as a consultant to Fortress and as a director of the Fund. We will be forever grateful for the time working with René and wish him great things in the "decumulation" phase of life.

Our new Senior Manager – Pensions, Mr. Shomari Simpson-Sealy, joined during the year and he brings 15

years' experience in pension administration, software development and a love for investing and pensions. Together with the team he will continue the work of building and improving the Fortress pension offering, of which this Fund is a key part, and helping our thousands of clients achieve financial security. We want everyone to be able to follow in René's footsteps to a happy retirement.

Sincere thanks to you, our shareholders, for your trust and support since the Fund began in 2002. We look forward to reporting on further progress in the year ahead.



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CEO & Chief Investment  
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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FORTRESS CARIBBEAN PENSION FUND LIMITED**

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

##### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund Limited (“the Fund”), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2024, and the statement of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares, statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at 30 September 2024 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

##### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (“ISAs”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ (IESBA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (“IESBA Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### **Other information included in the 2024 Annual Report**

Management is responsible for the other information. Other information consists of the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FORTRESS CARIBBEAN PENSION FUND LIMITED**

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)**

##### **Responsibilities of Management and the Board of Directors for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

##### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FORTRESS CARIBBEAN PENSION FUND LIMITED**

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)**

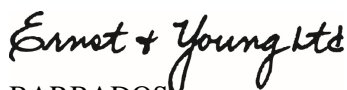
#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)**

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Fund to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### **Other Matter**

This report is made solely to the Fund's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Section 147 of the Companies Act of Barbados. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law and subject to any enactment or rule of law to the contrary, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed



BARBADOS

December 16, 2024

# Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund Limited

## Statement of Financial Position

As at September 30, 2024

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2024			2023		
	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
<b>Assets</b>						
Financial assets (note 5)	234,394,001	176,588,475	19,676,106	218,629,854	161,230,470	18,808,545
Cash and cash equivalents (note 6)	1,878,805	2,815,989	486,150	1,713,382	3,225,730	117,142
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>236,272,806</b>	<b>179,404,464</b>	<b>20,162,256</b>	<b>220,343,236</b>	<b>164,456,200</b>	<b>18,925,687</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Redemptions payable	491,439	1,232,242	200	472,988	744,798	142,582
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,680	2,645	327	11,936	9,220	1,052
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holder of redeemable mutual fund shares)</b>	<b>495,119</b>	<b>1,234,887</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>484,924</b>	<b>754,018</b>	<b>143,634</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares (note 8)</b>	<b>235,776,908</b>	<b>178,169,380</b>	<b>20,161,705</b>	<b>219,857,533</b>	<b>163,701,985</b>	<b>18,782,029</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>236,272,027</b>	<b>179,404,267</b>	<b>20,162,232</b>	<b>220,342,457</b>	<b>164,456,003</b>	<b>18,925,663</b>
<b>Share capital (note 9)</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholder funds</b>	<b>236,272,806</b>	<b>179,404,464</b>	<b>20,162,256</b>	<b>220,343,236</b>	<b>164,456,200</b>	<b>18,925,687</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>33.4365</b>	<b>31.5137</b>	<b>20.4591</b>	<b>29.8768</b>	<b>28.4418</b>	<b>19.0459</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors on December 13, 2024

Roger Cowl Director

Maia Niddals Director

# Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund Limited

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Mutual Fund Shares

For the year ended September 30, 2024

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	Number of shares			Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares		
	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
<b>Balance as at September 30, 2022</b>	<b>7,104,416</b>	<b>5,880,264</b>	<b>976,503</b>	<b>198,625,369</b>	<b>157,338,843</b>	<b>18,027,091</b>
Issue of shares	513,530	439,904	96,887	15,546,221	12,523,707	1,833,323
Redemption of shares	(259,148)	(564,488)	(87,246)	(7,841,736)	(16,112,280)	(1,659,630)
Total comprehensive income for the year	—	—	—	13,527,679	9,951,715	581,245
<b>Balance as at September 30, 2023</b>	<b>7,358,798</b>	<b>5,755,680</b>	<b>986,144</b>	<b>219,857,533</b>	<b>163,701,985</b>	<b>18,782,029</b>
Issue of shares	436,547	362,309	75,749	13,787,369	10,801,008	1,487,743
Redemption of shares	(743,871)	(464,268)	(76,427)	(23,805,872)	(13,868,032)	(1,508,865)
Total comprehensive income for the year	—	—	—	25,937,878	17,534,419	1,400,798
<b>Balance as at September 30, 2024</b>	<b>7,051,474</b>	<b>5,653,721</b>	<b>985,466</b>	<b>235,776,908</b>	<b>178,169,380</b>	<b>20,161,705</b>

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## Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended September 30, 2024

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2024			2023		
	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
<b>Revenue</b>						
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (note 5)	24,604,147	16,708,006	1,397,561	12,287,080	9,217,684	579,343
Other income (note 7)	1,285,775	765,045	15,462	1,215,512	740,472	14,053
Interest and other investment income	4	106,098	–	4	45,428	–
Dividend income	190,540	59,985	421	162,725	53,567	383
<b>Total investment gain</b>	<b>26,080,466</b>	<b>17,639,134</b>	<b>1,413,444</b>	<b>13,665,321</b>	<b>10,057,151</b>	<b>593,779</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Administrator and custodian fees (note 7)	72,111	53,998	6,226	68,339	52,758	6,023
Director fees	49,180	36,619	4,201	49,138	36,623	4,239
Professional and audit fees	12,291	8,881	1,036	11,837	9,303	1,068
Office and administrative expenses	9,006	5,217	1,183	8,328	6,752	1,204
<b>Operating expenditure</b>	<b>142,588</b>	<b>104,715</b>	<b>12,646</b>	<b>137,642</b>	<b>105,436</b>	<b>12,534</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>25,937,878</b>	<b>17,534,419</b>	<b>1,400,798</b>	<b>13,527,679</b>	<b>9,951,715</b>	<b>581,245</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund Limited

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended September 30, 2024

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2024			2023		
	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>						
Total comprehensive income for the year	25,937,878	17,534,419	1,400,798	13,527,679	9,951,715	581,245
Adjustment for:						
Interest income	(4)	(106,098)	–	(4)	(45,428)	–
Dividend income	(190,540)	(59,985)	(421)	(162,725)	(53,567)	(383)
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(24,604,147)	(16,708,006)	(1,397,561)	(12,287,080)	(9,217,684)	(579,343)
<b>Operating income before working capital changes</b>	1,143,187	660,330	2,816	1,077,870	635,036	1,519
Decrease in accounts payable	(8,256)	(6,575)	(725)	(284)	(303)	(31)
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(7,250,000)	(2,600,000)	(640,000)	(11,320,000)	(5,650,000)	(1,450,000)
Proceeds on sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	16,090,000	3,950,000	1,170,000	3,200,000	8,150,000	1,070,000
Cash generated from/(used in) operations	9,974,931	2,003,755	532,091	(7,042,414)	3,134,733	(378,512)
Interest received	4	106,099	–	4	39,582	–
Dividend received	190,540	59,985	421	162,725	53,567	383
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities</b>	10,165,475	2,169,839	532,512	(6,879,685)	3,227,882	(378,129)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>						
Issue of redeemable mutual fund shares	13,787,369	10,801,008	1,487,743	15,546,221	12,523,707	1,833,323
Redemption of redeemable mutual fund shares	(23,787,421)	(13,380,588)	(1,651,247)	(8,602,267)	(15,649,434)	(1,537,195)
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities</b>	(10,000,052)	(2,579,580)	(163,504)	6,943,954	(3,125,727)	296,128

# Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund Limited

Statement of Cash Flows ...*continued*

For the year ended September 30, 2024

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(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2024			2023		
	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	165,423	(409,741)	369,008	64,269	102,155	(82,001)
Cash and cash equivalents- beginning of year	1,713,382	3,225,730	117,142	1,649,113	3,123,575	199,143
Cash and cash equivalents- end of year	1,878,805	2,815,989	486,150	1,713,382	3,225,730	117,142

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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### 1 Incorporation and principal activity

The Fund was incorporated in Barbados on October 9, 2002, under the Companies Act of Barbados and is licensed under the Mutual Funds Act 2002-22 of Barbados as an authorised mutual fund. The Fund maintains its registered office at Radley Court, Upper Collymore Rock, St. Michael, Bridgetown, Barbados.

The primary objective of each class of share is stated below:

The investment objective of the Aggressive Accumulator (AA) class of shares is to achieve growth and capital appreciation of the assets over the long term.

The investment objective of the Conservative Consolidator (CC) class of shares is to achieve growth and capital appreciation of the assets over the medium term.

The investment objective of the Capital Secure (CS) class of shares is to achieve the highest possible return compatible with the preservation of capital in the short term.

The Fund's investment and administration activities are managed by Fortress Fund Managers Limited ("the Investment Manager").

### 2 Accounting policies

The material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

#### a) Basis of presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC) promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), applicable to entities reporting under IFRS. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates are based on management's knowledge of current events and conditions, actual results could differ from these estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement on complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial assets are disclosed in note 3.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.



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## 2 Accounting policies ...continued

### a) Basis of presentation ...continued

#### *New and amended standards and interpretations*

The Fund has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for its annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2023.

- Disclosure of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2
- Definition of Accounting Estimates - Amendments to IAS 8

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and the current period. These amendments are not expected to significantly affect the future periods.

### b) Foreign currency translation

#### *Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the Fund's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates ("the functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Barbados dollars which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

#### *Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as part of net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

### c) Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

#### *i) Classification*

##### *Assets*

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective.

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## 2 Accounting policies ...continued

### c) Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss...continued

#### i) Classification...continued

##### *Assets...continued*

Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets in the category at fair value through profit or loss have been so designated by management at inception since the assets form part of the managed portfolio whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented investment strategy.

##### *Liabilities*

A financial liability is measured at fair value through profit or loss if it meets the definition of held for trading. The Fund includes in this category derivative contracts in a liability position and equity and debt instruments sold short. The Fund may make short sales in which a borrowed security is sold in anticipation of a decline in the market value of that security, or it may use short sales for various arbitrage transactions. Short sales are held for trading and are consequently classified as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Derivative contracts that have a negative fair value are presented as liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

As such, the Fund classifies all of its investment portfolio as financial assets or liabilities as fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund's policy requires the Investment Manager and the Board of Directors to evaluate the information about these financial assets and liabilities on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

#### ii) Recognition, derecognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date, which is the date the Fund commits to purchase or sell the investments. Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred in the statement of comprehensive income which include the bid-ask spread, fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from these assets have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

When the Fund purchases an option, an amount equal to fair value which is based on the premium paid is recorded as an asset. When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to fair value which is based on the premium received by the Fund is recorded as a liability. When options are closed, the difference between the premium and the amount paid or received, net of brokerage commissions or the full amount of the premium, if the option expires worthless, is recognised as a gain or loss and is presented in the statement of comprehensive income within other net changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

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### 2 Accounting policies ...continued

#### c) Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ...continued

##### ii) *Recognition, derecognition and measurement ...continued*

Investments in other investment funds are valued on the basis of the net asset value per share as determined by the administrators of those investment vehicles in accordance with industry practice.

All other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently carried at fair value.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within other net changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

##### iii) *Fair value estimation*

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the current exit price; the quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current exit price. If a significant movement in fair value occurs subsequent to the close of trading on the year end date, valuation techniques will be applied to determine the fair value. A significant event is any event that occurs after the last market price for a security, close of market or close of the foreign exchange, but before the Fund's valuation time that materially affects the integrity of the closing prices for any security, instrument, currency or securities affected by that event so that they cannot be considered 'readily available' market quotations.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques or from other sources. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs. Investments in other funds are measured on the net asset value per share as determined by the administrator of the fund.

##### iv) *Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy*

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the beginning of the reporting period.

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### 2 Accounting policies ...continued

#### d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash which are subject to insignificant changes in fair value.

#### e) Investment income

##### Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income for all interest-bearing instruments on an accrual basis using the effective interest method. Interest income relates to coupons earned on fixed income investments and short-term deposits.

##### Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the Fund's right to receive payment is established.

#### f) Expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis. Expenses are charged to the statement of comprehensive income. In addition to the management fees and administration expenses, the Fund is responsible for the payment of all direct expenses relating to its operations such as audit, legal and professional fees.

#### g) Redeemable mutual fund shares/net asset value

The Fund issues redeemable mutual fund shares which are redeemable at the holder's option and are classified as financial liabilities. The Fund's net asset value per redeemable mutual fund share is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to those shares by the number of outstanding redeemable shares. In accordance with the provisions of the Fund's regulations, investment positions are valued based on the procedures described in note 2c for the purpose of determining the net asset value per share for subscriptions and redemptions.

#### h) Distributions payable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares

The Fund does not pay dividends or distributions to the holders of redeemable mutual fund shares. All income, including interest, dividends and capital gains earned by the Fund, is automatically reinvested and this income is reflected in the net asset value of the shares.

#### i) Taxation

The Fund is licensed as an authorized mutual fund under the Mutual Funds Act, 2002-22 of Barbados. The Directors have resolved that all of the net income of the Fund is attributable to the Fund's redeemable mutual fund shareholders. In calculating the assessable income of the Fund for tax purposes, the Act provides for a deduction of up to 100% of the income that is designated to be the income of the Fund shareholders.

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## 3 Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

Management makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities are outlined below.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying value of assets and liabilities within the next financial year relate to the valuation of unquoted investments and the determination of impairment provisions. The fair value of such securities not quoted in an active market may be determined by the Fund using reputable pricing sources (such as pricing agencies) or indicative prices.

The Fund exercises judgement and estimates on the quantity and quality of pricing sources used. The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. Management policies surrounding these estimates and assumptions are disclosed in note 4.

## 4 Financial risk management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (which includes price risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Fund's overall risk management programme seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed and seeks to minimise the potential adverse effect on the Fund's financial performance. The Fund's policy allows it to use derivative financial instruments to moderate certain risk exposures.

The risk management policies employed by the Fund to manage these risks are discussed below. There are no changes in the risk management policies from the prior year.

The management of these risks is carried out by the investment manager under policies approved by the Board of Directors ("the Board"). The Board provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, the use of derivative financial instruments and non-derivative financial instruments and the investment of excess liquidity.

### Market risk

#### i) Price risk

Equity price risk is the risk of unfavourable changes in the fair values of equity instruments or equity-linked derivatives as the result of changes in the levels of equity indices and the value of individual shares.

The equity price risk exposure arises from the Fund's investments in equity securities and units in managed equity funds. To manage this risk the Fund holds a diversified portfolio of investments in accordance with its investment policy. A summary of the overall statement of financial position market exposures at September 30, 2024 is disclosed in note 5.

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### 4 Financial risk management...continued

#### Market risk

##### i) Price risk ...continued

##### Sensitivity

Management's best estimate of the effect on profit or loss for a year due to a reasonably possible change in equity indices, with all other variables held constant is indicated in the table below. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the MSCI All Country World Index increased by 15% (2023 - 15%) and the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index increased by 5% (2023- 4%), with all other variables held constant, and that the fair value of the Fund's portfolio of equity securities and equity-based investments moved according to their historical correlation with the indices. In practice, the actual trading results may differ from the sensitivity analysis below and the difference could be material. An equivalent decrease in each of the indices shown below would have resulted in an equivalent, but opposite, impact.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Effect on net assets attributable to redeemable shares of an increase in the indices</b>		
Aggressive Accumulator	16,008,539	12,479,114
Conservative Consolidator	10,290,319	7,926,057
Capital Secure	482,913	387,090

The Investment Manager uses the MSCI All Country World Index as a reference point in evaluating portfolio risk and performance. However, the Investment Manager does not manage the Fund's investment strategy to track the MSCI All Country World Index or any other index or external benchmark.

##### ii) Cash flows and fair value interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and future cash flow. The Fund holds fixed interest securities that expose the Fund to fair value interest rate risk. The Fund's significant interest-bearing financial assets earn interest at fixed rates and therefore the cash flows of the Fund are not affected by fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. The Fund therefore has no significant interest rate risk on its cash flows.

The majority of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities of the Fund are non-interest bearing. The Fund would be impacted by movement in the market interest rates on the maturity of short-term fixed rate instruments which would have to be reinvested at different rates of return.

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## 4 Financial risk management ...continued

### Market risk ...continued

#### ii) Cash flows and fair value interest rate risk...continued

The following table indicates the sensitivity to the fair value of the Fund's long term fixed rate financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, to a reasonable possible change in interest rates with all other variables being constant.

	2024 Effect on net income \$	2023 Effect on net income \$
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>		
<b>Change in interest rate:</b>		
-2%	718,951	765,462
2%	(461,912)	(485,151)

The Fund has direct exposure to interest rate changes on the valuation and cash flows of its interest bearing assets and liabilities. However, it may also be indirectly affected by the impact of interest rate changes on the earnings of certain companies in which the Fund invests and impact on the valuation of certain over-the-counter derivative products that use interest rates as an input in their valuation model.

Therefore, the above sensitivity analysis may not fully indicate the total effect on the Fund's net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares of future movements in interest rates.

#### iii) Foreign currency risk

The Fund holds financial assets denominated in currencies other than Barbados dollars, the functional currency of the Fund. Consequently, except where assets and liabilities are denominated in currencies fixed to the Barbados dollar, the Fund is exposed to currency risk. The Fund's policy is not to enter into any hedging transactions to mitigate currency risk. The Fund has no significant exposure to currency risk at year end as the foreign currencies within the Fund do not fluctuate noticeably against the Barbados dollar.

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## 4 Financial risk management ...continued

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment entered into with the Fund.

The maximum direct exposure of the Fund to the credit risk is set out in the following table:

	<b>Aggressive Accumulator \$</b>	<b>Conservative Consolidator \$</b>	<b>Capital Secure \$</b>
<b>September 30, 2024</b>			
Government backed securities	—	1,935,221	—
Cash and cash equivalents	1,878,805	2,815,989	486,150
	<b>1,878,805</b>	<b>4,751,210</b>	<b>486,150</b>
<b>September 30, 2023</b>			
Government backed securities	—	1,987,994	—
Cash and cash equivalents	1,713,382	3,225,730	117,142
	<b>1,713,382</b>	<b>5,213,724</b>	<b>117,142</b>

The Fund holds government bonds issued by the Government of Barbados which maintains a B- (2023- B) rating by Standard and Poor's.

The Fund's significant exposure to individual counterparty credit risk on its cash and cash equivalents is set out below:

	<b>Aggressive Accumulator \$</b>	<b>Conservative Consolidator \$</b>	<b>Capital Secure \$</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>			
<b>September 30, 2024</b>			
CIBC Caribbean Bank (not rated)	<b>1,878,805</b>	<b>2,815,989</b>	<b>486,150</b>
<b>September 30, 2023</b>			
CIBC Caribbean Bank (not rated)	<b>1,713,382</b>	<b>3,225,730</b>	<b>117,142</b>



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## 4 Financial risk management...continued

### Liquidity risk

The Fund is exposed to monthly cash redemptions of redeemable mutual fund shares (note 2g). It therefore invests the majority of its assets in investments that are easily liquidated. The table below analyses the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table below are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Less than 1 month \$	1 - 3 months \$
<b>At September 30, 2024</b>		
<b>Aggressive Accumulator</b>		
Redemptions payable	491,439	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	3,680
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	—	235,776,908
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>491,439</b>	<b>235,780,588</b>
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>		
Redemptions payable	1,232,242	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	2,645
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	—	178,169,380
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>1,232,242</b>	<b>178,172,025</b>
<b>Capital Secure</b>		
Redemptions payable	200	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	327
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	—	20,161,705
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20,162,032</b>

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## 4 Financial risk management...continued

### Liquidity risk...continued

	Less than 1 month \$	1 - 3 months \$
<b>At September 30, 2023</b>		
<b>Aggressive Accumulator</b>		
Redemptions payable	472,988	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	11,936
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	—	219,857,533
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>472,988</b>	<b>219,869,469</b>
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>		
Redemptions payable	744,798	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	9,220
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	—	163,701,985
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>744,798</b>	<b>163,711,205</b>
<b>Capital Secure</b>		
Redemptions payable	142,582	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	1,052
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	—	18,782,029
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>142,582</b>	<b>18,783,081</b>

In the event of unusual circumstances and redemption requests representing more than 20% of the Fund's assets are received within 30 consecutive days, the directors of the Fund reserve the right to suspend redemptions and to hold a special meeting of the Fund shareholders to determine the future of the Fund, including the liquidation of the Fund's assets. In any event, redemptions may be paid in cash or by an appropriate transfer in specie.

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### 4 Financial risk management...continued

#### Liquidity risk...continued

The Fund manages its liquidity risk by investing in securities that it expects to be able to easily liquidate. The following table illustrates the expected liquidity of assets held.

	Less than 1 month \$	1 - 3 months \$	Over 3 months \$
<b>Total assets</b>			
<b>September 30, 2024</b>			
Aggressive Accumulator	5,130,477	231,122,121	20,208
Conservative Consolidator	3,827,421	175,575,232	1,811
Capital Secure	494,786	19,667,470	—
<b>September 30, 2023</b>			
Aggressive Accumulator	5,021,933	215,300,816	20,487
Conservative Consolidator	4,248,022	160,206,342	1,836
Capital Secure	126,043	18,799,644	—

#### Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares. The amount of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares can change significantly on a monthly basis as the Fund is subject to monthly subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of shareholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

#### Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the year end date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the current exit price; the quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current asking price. If a significant movement in fair value occurs subsequent to the close of trading on the year end date, valuation techniques will be applied to determine the fair value.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

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### 4 Financial risk management ...continued

#### Fair value estimation...continued

The Fund is required to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes ‘observable’ requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The following tables analyse within the fair value hierarchy the Fund’s financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value:

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
<b>September 30, 2024</b>				
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
<b>Aggressive Accumulator</b>				
Mutual funds	–	231,122,121	–	231,122,121
Listed equities and mutual funds	3,251,672	–	–	3,251,672
Unlisted securities	–	–	20,208	20,208
	<b>3,251,672</b>	<b>231,122,121</b>	<b>20,208</b>	<b>234,394,001</b>

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## 4 Financial risk management ...continued

### Fair value estimation...continued

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
<b>September 30, 2024</b>				
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>				
Mutual funds	—	173,640,011	—	173,640,011
Listed equities and mutual funds	1,011,432	—	—	1,011,432
Government backed securities	—	—	1,935,221	1,935,221
Unlisted securities	—	—	1,811	1,811
	<b>1,011,432</b>	<b>173,640,011</b>	<b>1,937,032</b>	<b>176,588,475</b>
<b>Capital Secure</b>				
Mutual funds	—	19,667,470	—	19,667,470
Listed equities and mutual funds	8,636	—	—	8,636
	<b>8,636</b>	<b>19,667,470</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>19,676,106</b>
<b>September 30, 2023</b>				
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
<b>Aggressive Accumulator</b>				
Mutual funds	—	215,300,816	—	215,300,816
Listed equities and mutual funds	3,308,551	—	20,487	3,329,038
	<b>3,308,551</b>	<b>215,300,816</b>	<b>20,487</b>	<b>218,629,854</b>
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>				
Mutual funds	—	158,218,348	—	158,218,348
Listed equities and mutual funds	1,022,292	—	1,836	1,024,128
Government backed securities	—	—	1,987,994	1,987,994
	<b>1,022,292</b>	<b>158,218,348</b>	<b>1,989,830</b>	<b>161,230,470</b>
<b>Capital Secure</b>				
Mutual funds	—	18,799,644	—	18,799,644
Listed equities and mutual funds	8,901	—	—	8,901
	<b>8,901</b>	<b>18,799,644</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>18,808,545</b>

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### 4 Financial risk management ...continued

#### Fair value estimation...continued

Investments whose value are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and therefore classified within level 1, include active listed close-ended mutual funds. The Fund does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within level 2. These are unlisted mutual funds and listed equity securities. As level 2 investments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

Investments classified within level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they trade infrequently. Level 3 instruments include government issued debt. As observable prices are not available for these securities, the Fund has used valuation techniques to derive the fair value.

There were no transfers between levels as at September 30, 2024.

The following tables present the movement in level 3 instruments by class of financial instrument:

	Unlisted securities \$	Total balance \$
<b>September 30, 2024</b>		
<b>Aggressive Accumulator</b>		
Opening balance	20,487	20,487
Losses recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(279)	(279)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>20,208</b>	<b>20,208</b>
Change in unrealised losses for level 3 assets held at year end and included in other net changes in fair value on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(279)	(279)

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## 4 Financial risk management ...continued

### Fair value estimation...continued

	Unlisted securities \$	Total balance \$	
September 30, 2023			
Aggressive Accumulator			
Opening balance	27,623	27,623	
Losses recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(7,136)	(7,136)	
Closing balance	20,487	20,487	
Change in unrealised losses for level 3 assets held at year end and included in other net changes in fair value on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(7,136)	(7,136)	
	Unlisted securities \$	Government backed securities \$	Total balance \$
Conservative Consolidator			
September 30, 2024			
Opening balance	1,836	1,987,994	1,989,830
Losses recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(25)	(52,773)	(52,798)
Closing balance	1,811	1,935,221	1,937,032
Change in unrealised losses for level 3 assets held at year end and included in other net changes in fair value on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(25)	(52,773)	(52,798)
September 30, 2023			
Opening balance	2,476	1,441,232	1,443,708
(Losses)/gains recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(640)	546,762	546,122
Closing balance	1,836	1,987,994	1,989,830
Change in unrealised (losses)/gain for level 3 assets held at year end and included in other net changes in fair value on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(640)	546,762	546,122

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## 4 Financial risk management ...continued

### Fair value estimation...continued

The below table provides information about fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3).

Description	Fair value at September 30, 2024 \$	Fair value at September 30, 2023 \$	Valuation technique	Unobservable inputs	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
<b>Aggressive Accumulator</b>					
Unlisted securities	20,208	20,487	Third party valuation of net asset value per share	Net book value of underlying assets	The higher the net asset value per share the higher the fair value
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>					
Unlisted securities	1,811	1,836	Third party valuation of net asset value per share	Net book value of underlying assets	The higher the net asset value per share the higher the fair value
Government backed securities	1,935,221	1,987,994	DCF method	Discount rate	The higher the discount rate, the lower the fair value

### Assets and liabilities not carried at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's assets and liabilities (by class) not measured at fair value at September 30, 2024, but for which fair value is disclosed.

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$
<b>September 30, 2024</b>			
<b>Aggressive Accumulator Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,878,805	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,878,805</b>	—	—
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Redemptions payable	—	491,439	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	3,680	—
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares	—	235,776,908	—
<b>Total</b>	—	<b>236,272,027</b>	—



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## 4 Financial risk management ...continued

### Fair value estimation...continued

Assets and liabilities not carried at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed...continued

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$
<b>September 30, 2024</b>			
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2,815,989	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,815,989</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Redemptions payable	—	1,232,242	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	2,645	—
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares	—	178,169,380	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>179,404,267</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Capital Secure</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	486,150	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>486,150</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Redemptions payable	—	200	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	327	—
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares	—	20,161,705	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20,162,232</b>	<b>—</b>

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## 4 Financial risk management ...continued

### Fair value estimation...continued

Assets and liabilities not carried at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed...continued

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$
<b>September 30, 2023</b>			
<b>Aggressive Accumulator</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,713,382	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,713,382</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Redemptions payable	—	472,988	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	11,936	—
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares	—	219,857,533	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>220,342,457</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3,225,730	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,225,730</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Redemptions payable	—	744,798	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	9,220	—
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares	—	163,701,985	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>164,456,003</b>	<b>—</b>

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## 4 Financial risk management ...continued

### Fair value estimation...continued

Assets and liabilities not carried at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed...continued

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$
September 30, 2023			
<b>Capital Secure</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	117,142	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>117,142</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Redemptions payable	—	142,582	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	1,052	—
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares	—	18,782,029	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>18,925,663</b>	<b>—</b>

The assets and liabilities, except for redeemable mutual fund shares, included in the above table are carried at amortised cost; their carrying values are a reasonable approximation of fair value.

Margin accounts, cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held with banks and other short-term investments in an active market.

The puttable value of redeemable shares is calculated based on the net difference between total assets and all other liabilities of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's offering memorandum. These shares are not traded on an active market. A demand feature is attached to these shares, as they are redeemable at the holders' option and can be put back to the Fund at any dealing date for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value attributable to the share class (note 2g). The fair value is based on the amount payable on demand, discounted from the first date that the amount could be required to be paid. The impact of discounting in this instance is not material. As such, Level 2 is deemed to be the most appropriate categorisation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares.

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## 5 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The classification of the Fund's investments is detailed below:

	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
<b>September 30, 2024</b>			
<b>Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:</b>			
- Mutual funds	231,122,121	173,640,011	19,667,470
- Listed equities and mutual funds	3,251,672	1,011,432	8,636
- Government backed securities	—	1,935,221	—
- Unlisted securities	20,208	1,811	—
<b>Total financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>234,394,001</b>	<b>176,588,475</b>	<b>19,676,106</b>
<b>Net gains recognised in relation to investments:</b>			
- realised gains	1,957,438	506,959	120,580
- change in unrealised gains	22,646,709	16,201,047	1,276,981
	<b>24,604,147</b>	<b>16,708,006</b>	<b>1,397,561</b>
<b>September 30, 2023</b>			
<b>Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:</b>			
- Mutual funds	215,300,816	158,218,348	18,799,644
- Listed equities and mutual funds	3,329,038	1,024,128	8,901
- Government backed securities	—	1,987,994	—
<b>Total financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>218,629,854</b>	<b>161,230,470</b>	<b>18,808,545</b>
<b>Net gains recognised in relation to investments:</b>			
- realised gains	278,505	998,756	100,424
- change in unrealised gains	12,008,575	8,218,928	478,919
	<b>12,287,080</b>	<b>9,217,684</b>	<b>579,343</b>

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## 5 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss...continued

The detailed portfolio of investments is as follows:

	2024		2023	
	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
	\$	value	\$	value
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
<b>Aggressive Accumulator</b>				
Fortress Mutual Fund Limited	115,840,217	194,303,302	119,531,153	177,070,238
Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund	24,704,840	32,198,272	27,896,466	34,367,399
Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund SP	3,453,460	4,220,546	3,453,460	3,533,874
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund- Value Fund	3,770,080	2,825,079	3,770,079	2,825,079
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund- Development Fund	1,652,892	426,593	1,652,893	483,472
Fortress Emerging Markets Fund SP	253,375	400,001	253,375	329,305
Praetorian Property Mutual Fund	320,215	20,208	320,215	20,487
	<b>149,995,079</b>	<b>234,394,001</b>	<b>156,877,641</b>	<b>218,629,854</b>

			2024		2023	
			Cost	Market	Cost	Market
			\$	value	\$	value
	Rate	Maturity				
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</b>						
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>						
Fortress Mutual Fund Limited			68,873,259	114,177,148	70,081,251	102,997,168
Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund			44,991,561	55,540,430	44,626,609	51,942,534
Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund SP			2,803,460	3,522,432	2,803,460	2,949,341
Government of Barbados- Series D	4.25%	2053-08-31	2,638,613	1,935,221	2,638,613	1,987,994
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund- Value Fund			1,161,460	929,976	1,161,460	929,976
Fortress Emerging Markets Fund SP			253,375	400,001	253,375	329,305
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund- Development Fund			313,755	81,456	313,755	92,316
Praetorian Property Mutual Fund			28,854	1,811	28,854	1,836
			<b>121,064,337</b>	<b>176,588,475</b>	<b>121,907,377</b>	<b>161,230,470</b>

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## 5 Financial assets...continued

	2024		2023	
	Cost	Market value	Cost	Market value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
<b>Capital Secure</b>				
Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund	14,586,578	17,130,719	14,727,109	16,275,484
Fortress Mutual Fund Limited	1,811,259	2,536,751	2,080,148	2,524,160
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund-Development Fund	10,434	6,643	10,434	6,643
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund- Value Fund	7,896	1,993	7,896	2,258
	<b>16,416,167</b>	<b>19,676,106</b>	<b>16,825,587</b>	<b>18,808,545</b>

The Fortress Mutual Fund Limited aims to achieve long term capital appreciation from Caribbean and global securities. The fund's assets are invested mainly in shares of companies listed on the Caribbean and global stock exchanges.

The Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund Limited aims to achieve the highest level of income compatible with the preservation of capital by investing in medium to high grade debt and equity securities issued by corporate and government entities with a short to medium term maturity profile principally in the Caribbean Region.

The objective of Fortress Emerging Markets Fund SP is long term growth with limited risk in emerging markets equities.

The objective of Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund SP is long term appreciation. The fund combines investments in Fortress US Equity Fund SP, Fortress International Equity Fund SP, Fortress Emerging Markets Fund SP, direct holding in global government fixed income securities and allocations to select specialist managers in fixed income, equity and alternatives assets classes.

## 6 Cash and cash equivalents

	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure
	\$	\$	\$
<b>September 30, 2024</b>			
Cash at bank	<b>1,878,805</b>	<b>2,815,989</b>	<b>486,150</b>
<b>September 30, 2023</b>			
Cash at bank	<b>1,713,382</b>	<b>3,225,730</b>	<b>117,142</b>

The effective yield on interest bearing cash and cash equivalents is nil% (2023 – nil%).

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### 7 Related parties

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

Fortress Fund Managers Limited serves as manager, registrar and administrator of the Fund. As a result of providing investment advisory, management, registrar and administrator services, Fortress Fund Managers Limited receives a monthly management fee based on the actual net asset value of the Fund, calculated monthly and payable in arrears, at the rate of 0.50% per annum. The Fund invests in mutual funds managed by the same manager. The management fee amounted to \$2,080,226 (2023 - \$2,003,953) for the year. The administrator fees amounted to \$124,814 (2023- \$120,237) for the year.

Management fees of \$4,146,508 (2023 - \$3,973,990) were refunded by Fortress Fund Managers Limited being 0.50% - 1.25% of the net asset values of Fortress Mutual Fund Limited, Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund, Fortress Emerging Markets Fund SP and Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund SP shares held by the Fund during the year. This is to avoid double charging of management fees on assets invested in related Funds which have the same Manager.

The Fund holds 39,270,840 (2023 - 40,077,088) shares valued at \$311,017,201 (2023 - \$282,591,566) in the Fortress Mutual Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 46,724,925 (2023- 48,815,330) shares valued at \$104,869,421 (2023- \$102,585,417) in the Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 2,856 (2023 - 2,856) shares valued at \$800,002 (2023- \$ 658,610) in the Fortress Emerging Markets Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 25,189 (2023- 25,189) shares valued at \$7,742,978 (2023- \$6,483,215) in the Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund Limited.

Director fees of \$90,000 (2023 - \$90,000) were paid during the year.

### 8 Redeemable mutual fund shares

Each class of Fund shares is entitled to share in the net income and net capital gains of the Fund. Fund shareholders shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of shareholders of the Fund save and except as permitted under the Companies Act CAP 308 and of the following:

- i) Disposal of substantially all of the Assets of the Fund, other than the course of ordinary business.
- ii) Any change or abrogation of the rights attached to the shares or any variation affecting the rights attached to the Fund shares.
- iii) Any proposed amalgamation of the Fund with another company or any amalgamation of the Fund with another Mutual Fund.
- iv) Any proposed liquidation or dissolution of the Fund.

### 9 Share capital

The 1,000 common shares held by the Fund Manager, carry full voting rights, but do not share in the profits of the Fund. On winding up of the Fund, the shares will be repaid at issue value.







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