# Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund



Annual Report 2017





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.

Please feel free to contact us to learn more about this Fund, or any of our products.

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Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund

# Investment Objectives & Fund Details

The Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund offers three classes of share to the public, Redeemable Aggressive Accumulator (AA), Redeemable Conservative Consolidator (CC) and the Redeemable Capital Secure (CS), each with its own investment objective. The objective of the AA class of share is to achieve growth and capital appreciation of the assets over the long term. The investment 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.

**FUND NAME:** Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund Limited

LAUNCH DATE: October 9, 2002

LAUNCH PRICE: \$10.00 per share

AA CC CS

**NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE** 

9/30/2017 \$24.2273 \$23.9278 \$17.4560

**NET ASSETS** 

9/30/2017 \$150,690,784 \$121,742,318 \$11,112,120

**MANAGEMENT EXPENSES:** 

Management fees: 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.

Administration fees: 0.03% per annum on the net asset value of the Fund

Custodian fees: \$2,000 per annum on the first \$5M - \$15M in assets

\$7,500 per annum on assets > \$50M

INITIAL CHARGES: Nil

REDEMPTION CHARGES: Nil

**INVESTMENT MANAGER** 

**& ADMINISTRATOR:** Fortress Fund Managers Limited

CUSTODIAN: CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited

FUND VALUATIONS: Monthly

**NAV QUOTATIONS:** Internet: www.fortressfund.com

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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 First Floor, Carlisle House, Hincks Street, Bridgetown, 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.

# Background

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

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

Members of DC plans can access their accounts through our website and are also able to use our pension projection tool on the website.

As of September 30, 2017 approximately 81 companies are investing in the Pension Fund and record keeping services are being provided for over 4,500 employees.

# Asset Growth & Investment Performance

# Pension Fund - Asset Growth 300,000,000 250,000,000 200,000,000 150,000,000 50,000,000

2008 2009

2010

2011 2012

2013 2014

2015

2016 2017

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

	AA Share	CC Share	CS Share
Year Ending	Return	Return	Return
9/30/2003	10.5%	9.5%	
9/30/2004	24.0%	17.7%	5.4%
9/30/2005	14.9%	12.1%	6.4%
9/30/2006	3.7%	4.2%	5.3%
9/30/2007	14.8%	11.8%	6.1%
9/30/2008	6.4%	8.1%	8.4%
9/30/2009	-9.0%	-3.1%	0.6%
9/30/2010	2.9%	4.2%	6.3%
9/30/2011	1.2%	1.7%	1.4%
9/30/2012	2.5%	3.2%	2.3%
9/30/2013	1.6%	2.3%	2.7%
9/30/2014	4.0%	3.8%	3.3%
9/30/2015	-2.1%	-1.4%	0.3%
/30/2016	8.7%	7.5%	4.0%
9/30/2017	9.9%	8.7%	3.5%

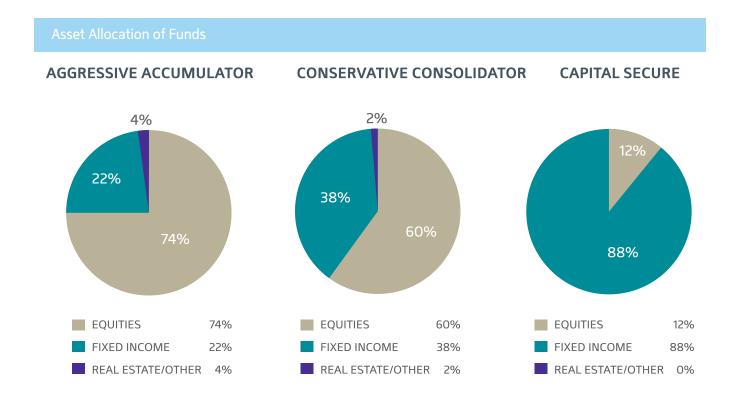
remornance summa	ry as of September 30	, 2017		
	1 year	3 year	5 year	Inception
AA Share	9.9%	5.4%	4.3%	5.9%
CC Share	8.7%	4.8%	4.1%	5.9%
CS Share	3.5%	2.6%	2.7%	3.9%

# 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.

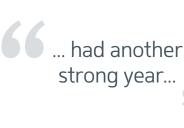
The Fund's largest holding of equities is in the Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund, while for fixed income it is in the Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund. Where the Fund invests in other funds managed by Fortress, a rebate system is in place to avoid double charging of management fees.

The asset allocation of the three shares as at September 30, 2017 is as follows:





Directors' Report







The Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund enjoyed another strong performance for the year ended September 30, 2017. The AA share gained 9.9%, the CC share 8.7% and the CS share 3.5%. Gains were primarily driven by strength in equity investments. Since inception in 2002, the annual compound returns for the AA, CC and CS shares have been 5.9%, 5.9% and 3.9% respectively. Total assets of the Fund increased to \$284.6 million.

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

The Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund had another strong year, up 12.3% on gains in its equity holdings in the Caribbean region and in global markets. Holdings in Jamaica performed especially well, as did our allocations to international and emerging markets where we continue to find excellent value with shares of good companies still trading at attractive valuations. The Fund's investment portfolio is a diversified mix of regional Caribbean and international stocks, held both directly and via allocations to other funds. Our

investment objective remains unchanged: to own shares in well-run businesses which are trading at attractive prices relative to their earnings and balance sheet fundamentals. Looking forward, we face an environment in the Caribbean of high government debt, large and unsustainable fiscal deficits for many countries, low growth, scarce foreign currency, significant dislocation from hurricane damage and increasing vulnerability to systemic risks and shocks which few countries have the capacity or reserves to handle. In many cases, buoyant security prices of both bonds and equities in the region do not reflect the underlying risks. Returns in the coming year will almost certainly not be as easy to come by as in the year just finished. The Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund's portfolio has exposure to carefully selected equity exposures in the region in companies with the balance sheets and business fundamentals that we believe can weather the tough times, as well as benefit in the good times.

The Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund returned 2.5% for the year ended September 30, 2017, a level well below its long-term average but still well above the rates now prevailing in Barbados on other savings products with similar liquidity. Returns came from income and capital gains produced by corporate bonds in Barbados and the U.S., and from returns in the Fortress Income Builder funds and other specialised funds. The Fund's results continued to be constrained by relatively high cash levels in Barbados resulting from the shortage of appropriate investment options, and from very low

prevailing interest rates globally that have now begun to rise. We continue to face the dual challenges of historically low global interest rates, and an ongoing government debt crisis in the Caribbean. Both are significant risks for bond investors. The Fund has only very limited exposure to Caribbean government bonds, and its exposure to rising interest rates globally also remains low. As of September 30, 2017, the average term to maturity of the Fund's holdings was 3.0 years, and the average gross yield to maturity was 3.3%. Approximately 45% of the portfolio is invested outside the Caribbean region in U.S. dollars and other global currencies. We remain focused on capital preservation in the current environment, and expect returns to remain lower than the long-term average for the Fund for the foreseeable future.

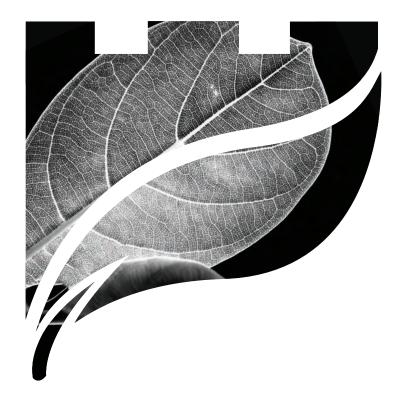
The challenging regional environment has made it difficult for the underlying Fortress funds - Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund and Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund - to absorb substantial amounts of new investment. As a result, in January 2017, the Boards of these two funds took the decision to temporarily close them to new lump-sum subscriptions from investors. This was done to safeguard the interests of existing investors and was in response to significantly increased demand to place money in the funds at the same time as currency and liquidity constraints made it impossible to allocate that money to investments that met the funds strict requirements and mandates. Please note that during the temporary closure, regular pension and monthly savings plan contributions continue as normal. as of course do redemptions. Investing in the Pension Fund is now one of the only ways to access the diversified portfolios and disciplined investment processes of these underlying Fortress funds.

In terms of overall asset allocation within the Pension Fund, we have maintained maximum allocations to equities in each of the three share classes. This continues to be in line with our current assessment that the equity component represents the best diversification and embedded return potential. Looking forward, we expect the Fund's returns over the next few years to be in the mid-single digits for the AA and CC shares and in the low-mid single digits for the CS share, reflecting the differing asset allocations of the shares.

If you would like to learn more about the performance and positioning of the main underlying funds in which the Pension Fund invests, pleased 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.

Thank you to all our pension plan participants and sponsors for investing with us. We take very seriously the trust you have placed in us and we will continue to work to preserve and grow your retirement funds.

Roger Cave, CA, CFA Investment Director René Delmas Pension Director



Financial Statements



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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 2017, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant 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 2017 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

#### **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' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("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.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance 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.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.



#### 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

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.
- 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.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

#### **Other Legal Matters**

This report is made solely to the Fund's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Section 32 of the Mutual Funds 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.

Bridgetown BARBADOS

15 December 2017

Statement of Financial Position As at Sepetmber 30, 2017

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	Aggressive Accumulator	2017 Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure	Aggressive Accumulator	2016 Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Aggeta						
Assets Financial assets (note 5)	147,625,706	119,238,769	10,841,767	128,447,241	107,005,899	10,833,560
Accounts receivable	1,036,446	1,103,233	_	800,500	867,287	-
Cash and cash equivalents	2,599,366	1,779,665	396,300	2,407,372	2,081,362	643,718
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Total assets	151,261,518	122,121,667	11,238,067	131,655,113	109,954,548	11,477,278
Liabilities						
Redemptions payable	401,030	275,043	116,330	397,867	194,826	126,192
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	168,925	104,109	9,593	268,796	192,298	19,461
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Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable						
to holder of redeemable mutual fund shares)	569,955	379,152	125,923	666,663	387,124	145,653
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Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares (note 7)	150,690,784	121,742,318	11,112,120	130,987,671	109,567,227	11,331,601
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Share capital (note 8)	779	197	24	779	197	24
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Liabilities and shareholder funds	151,261,518	122,121,667	11,238,067	131,655,113	109,954,548	11,477,278
Net asset value per share	24.2273	23.9278	17.4560	22.0494	22.0193	16.8697

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

Approved by the Board of Directors on December 15, 2017

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Director

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Mutual Fund Shares For the year ended September 30, 2017

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	Number of shares				utable to holders o mutual fund shar	
	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
Balance as at September 30, 2015	5,535,957	4,714,498	536,840	112,261,080	96,526,588	8,708,208
Issue of shares	646,438	559,355	184,531	13,721,566	11,879,705	3,047,205
Redemption of shares	(241,748)	(297,899)	(49,656)	(5,129,208)	(6,325,088)	(822,762)
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	-	_	10,134,233	7,486,022	398,950
Balance as at September 30, 2016	5,940,647	4,975,954	671,715	130,987,671	109,567,227	11,331,601
Issue of shares	480,917	323,012	53,457	11,086,384	7,398,440	919,143
Redemption of shares	(201,701)	(211,054)	(88,592)	(4,671,782)	(4,848,182)	(1,518,773)
Total comprehensive income for the year			_	13,288,511	9,624,833	380,149
Balance as at September 30, 2017	6,219,863	5,087,912	636,580	150,690,784	121,742,318	11,112,120

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended September 30, 2017

(expressed in Barbados dollars)						
-		2017			2016	
	Aggressive	Conservative	Capital	Aggressive	Conservative	Capital
	Accumulator	Consolidator	Secure	Accumulator	Consolidator	Secure
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue						
Net gain on financial assets at fair						
value through profit or loss (note 5)	12,396,371	8,893,546	366,899	9,389,679	6,824,497	385,880
Other income	767,453	478,316	6,554	638,523	410,590	4,101
Interest income	14,204	262,499	12,093	10,476	261,281	13,830
Dividend income	195,547	61,948	465	167,600	52,574	399
Total investment income	13,373,575	9,696,309	386,011	10,206,278	7,548,942	404,210
Expenditure						
Administrator and custodian fees	41,917	34,522	3,372	35,998	30,417	2,910
Professional fees	9,562	8,013	838	9,457	7,992	763
Directors fees	10,534	8,613	853	8,216	7,127	657
Office and administrative expenses	23,051	20,328	799	18,374	17,384	930
Operating expenditure	85,064	71,476	5,862	72,045	62,920	5,260
Comprehensive income for the year	13,288,511	9,624,833	380,149	10,134,233	7,486,022	398,950

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

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended September 30, 2017

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

		2017			2016	
	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
Cash flows from operating activities	·			·		
Total comprehensive income for the year	13,288,511	9,624,833	380,149	10,134,233	7,486,022	398,950
Adjustment for:						
Interest income	(14,204)	(262,499)	(12,093)	(10,476)	(261,281)	(13,830)
Dividend income	(195,547)	(61,948)	(465)	(167,600)	(52,574)	(399)
Net gain on financial assets at fair value						
through profit or loss	(12,396,371)	(8,893,546)	(366,899)	(9,389,679)	(6,824,497)	(385,880)
Operating income before working capital						
changes	682,389	406,840	692	566,478	347,670	(1,159)
Decrease in accounts receivable	(235,946)	(235,946)	_	(190,166)	(190,166)	_
Increase in accounts payable	(99,871)	(88,189)	(9,868)	(57,729)	(65,157)	(1,980)
Increase/(decrease) in redemption payable	3,163	80,217	(9,862)	194,447	121,444	114,475
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through						
profit or loss	(7,430,025)	(5,390,025)	(942,000)	(9,783,699)	(7,528,700)	(1,850,000)
Proceeds on sale of financial assets at fair value						
through profit or loss	647,931	2,047,932	1,300,000	201,926	1,201,927	
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(6,432,359)	(3,179,171)	338,962	(9,068,743)	(6,112,982)	(1,738,664)
Interest received	14,204	265,268	12,785	10,476	264,281	14,580
Dividend received	195,547	61,948	465	167,600	52,574	399
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating						
activities	(6,222,608)	(2,851,955)	352,212	(8,890,667)	(5,796,127)	(1,723,685)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Issue of redeemable mutual fund shares	11,086,384	7,398,440	919,143	13,721,566	11,879,705	3,047,205
Redemption of redeemable mutual fund shares	(4,671,782)	(4,848,182)	(1,518,773)	(5,129,208)	(6,325,088)	(822,762)
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activities	6,414,602	2,550,258	(599,630)	8,592,358	5,554,617	2,224,443

Statement of Cash Flows ...continued For the year ended September 30, 2017

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	Aggressive Accumulator	2017 Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$	Aggressive Accumulator	2016 Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure \$
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of	191,994	(301,697)	(247,418)	(298,309)	(241,510)	500,758
year	2,407,372	2,081,362	643,718	2,705,681	2,322,872	142,960
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	2,599,366	1,779,665	396,300	2,407,372	2,081,362	643,718

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

Notes to Financial Statements **September 30, 2017** 

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

#### 1 Incorporation and principal activity

The Fund was incorporated in Barbados on October 9th, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Carlisle House, Hincks Street, 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").

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on December 15, 2017.

#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal 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 Summary of significant accounting policies ... continued

a) Basis of presentation ... continued

#### New and amended standards adopted by the Fund

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning October 1, 2017 that would be expected to have a material impact on the Fund.

# Standards, amendments and interpretations that are issued but not yet effective which may be relevant for the Fund's operations

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after January 1, 2017, and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Fund except the following set out below:

• IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. IFRS 9 was issued in November 2009 and October 2010 and is applicable from January 1, 2018. It replaces the parts of IAS 39 that relate to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into two measurement categories: those measured as at fair value and those measured at amortised cost. The determination is made at initial recognition. The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instrument. For financial liabilities, the standard retains most of the IAS 39 requirements. The main change is that, in cases where the fair value option is taken for financial liabilities, the part of a fair value change due to an entity's own credit risk is recorded in other comprehensive income rather than the income statement, unless this creates an accounting mismatch. The Group is yet to assess IFRS 9's full impact and intends to adopt IFRS 9 no later than the accounting period beginning on or after October 1, 2018.

#### 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.

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#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies ... continued

#### b) Foreign currency translation...continued

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

The Fund classifies its financial assets into the following categories:

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
- Loans and receivables

Management determines the appropriate classification of these assets at initial recognition.

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

#### i) Classification

The Fund's investments have been classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with International Accounting Standards 39 (IAS 39), Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

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.

#### ii) Recognition, derecognition and measurement

Regular-way 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 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.

All financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value and are subsequently carried at fair value based on quoted exit prices. In the absence of quoted exit prices, the last close price and other information including the quoted offer price, is considered by the Manager to determine the appropriate fair value price to be used. In the event that a security held by the Fund is unquoted, if unusual market conditions exist, or in the event that a particular security's value has become impaired, as evidenced by no bids being quoted and offers below the previous trade price, the Manager, in consultation with the Custodian, and on advice of an independent broker, will make a reasonable estimate of the fair value price by using valuation techniques.

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#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies ... continued

#### c) Financial assets...continued

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

These can include the use of recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same or discounted cash flow analysis which make maximum use of market inputs and rely as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

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.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of securities classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as they arise. Fair value at date of disposal is used to compute realised and unrealised gains on investments.

#### 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 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. 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 Summary of significant accounting policies ... continued

#### c) Financial assets...continued

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are initially measured at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method less provision for impairment. A loan or receivable is considered impaired when management determines that it is probable that all amounts due according to the original contract terms will not be collected. This determination is made after considering the payment history of the borrower, the discounted value of collateral and guarantees and the financial condition and viability of the borrower.

#### 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'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.

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#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies ... continued

#### 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 a 100% of the income that is designated to be the income of the Fund shareholders.

#### 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.

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#### 4 Financial risk management...continued

#### Market risk

#### i) Price risk

The Fund is exposed to market price risk arising from the changes in equity prices. To manage this risk the Fund holds a diversified portfolio of investments in accordance with its investment policy. A summary of the overall balance sheet market exposures at September 30, 2017 is disclosed in note 5.

At September 30, 2017, 98% (2016 - 97%) for AA, 97% (2016 - 96%) for CC and 99% (2016 - 99%) of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, comprise of investments in other funds that have been fair valued in accordance with the policies set out in note 2c. Since the shares of the other funds are not publicly traded, redemption can only be made by the Fund on the redemption dates and subject to the required notice periods specified in the offering documents of each of the other funds. The rights of the Fund to request redemption of its investments in other funds may vary in frequency from daily to monthly redemptions. As a result, the carrying values of the other funds may not be indicative of the prevailing values ultimately realised on redemption. In addition, the Fund may be materially affected by the actions of other investors who have invested in funds in which the Fund has invested.

The Fund's holding in a third party investee fund, as a percentage of the investee fund's total net asset value, will vary from time to time dependent on the volume of subscriptions and redemptions at the investee fund level. It is possible that the Fund may, at any point in time, hold a majority of an investee fund's total units in issue.

#### Sensitivity

The effects of an across the board 6%-10% change in prices of the Fund's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are set out below:

2017	Carrying value \$	Effective change at September 2017	Impact on income
Aggressive Accumulator			
Listed on Caribbean stock exchange and markets	3,183,061	6%	190,984
Mutual funds	144,272,973	10%	14,427,297
Hedge funds	169,672	10%	16,967
_	147,625,706		14,635,248

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#### 4 Financial risk management ... continued

Market risk ... continued

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

Carrying value \$	Effective change at September 2017	Impact on income
*		56,041
		11,431,978
		16,967
2,804,563	10%	280,456
118,228,038		11,785,442
7,971	6%	478
10,581,113	10%	1,058,111
10,589,084		1,058,589
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Carrying value \$	Effective change at September 2016	Impact on income
		232,076
· · ·		12,420,258
376,723	10%	37,672
128,447,241		12,690,006
1,118,825	6%	67,130
101,653,842	10%	10,165,384
·		37,672
2,843,009	10%	284,301
105,992,399		10,554,487
9,963	6%	598
10,570,222	10%	1,057,022
10,580,185		1,057,620
	value \$  934,024 114,319,779 169,672 2,804,563  118,228,038  7,971 10,581,113  10,589,084  Carrying value \$  3,867,936 124,202,582 376,723 128,447,241  1,118,825 101,653,842 376,723 2,843,009  105,992,399  9,963 10,570,222	Carrying value \$\frac{\text{September}}{\text{2017}}\$  934,024 6% 114,319,779 10% 169,672 10% 2,804,563 10%  118,228,038  7,971 6% 10,581,113 10%  10,589,084  Carrying value \$\frac{\text{Effective}}{\text{change at September}}\$  2016  3,867,936 6% 124,202,582 10% 376,723 10%  128,447,241  1,118,825 6% 101,653,842 10% 376,723 10% 2,843,009 10%  105,992,399  9,963 6% 10,570,222 10%

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#### 4 Financial risk management ... continued

Market risk ... continued

#### 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.

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.

	2017	2016
	Effect on	Effect on
	net income	net income
	\$	\$
Conservative Consolidator		
Change in interest rate:		
-2%	98,891	149,017
2%	(93,099)	(139,176)

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

	Aggressive	Conservative	Capital
	Accumulator	Consolidator	Secure
<b>September 30, 2017</b>	\$	\$	\$
Government backed securities	_	2,804,563	_
Loans and receivables	_	1,010,731	252,683
Accounts receivable	1,036,446	1,103,233	_
Cash and cash equivalents	2,599,366	1,779,665	396,300
<del>-</del>	3,635,812	6,698,192	648,983
September 30, 2016			
Government backed securities	_	2,843,009	_
Loans and receivables	_	1,013,500	253,375
Accounts receivable	800,500	867,287	_
Cash and cash equivalents	2,407,372	2,081,362	643,718
	3,207,872	6,805,158	897,093

The Fund holds government bonds issued by the Government of Barbados which maintains a CCC (2016- B-) rating by Standard and Poor's.

None of the Fund's accounts receivables are impaired or past due but not impaired as at September 30, 2017 (2016-nil).

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

	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
Cash and cash equivalents			
September 30, 2017 CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank (not rated)	2,599,366	1,779,665	396,300
September 30, 2016 CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank (not rated)	2,407,372	2,081,362	643,718

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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
At September 30, 2017	\$	\$
Aggressive Accumulator		
Redemptions payable	401,030	_
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	168,925
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	_	150,690,784
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Total financial liabilities	401,030	150,859,709
Conservative Consolidator		
Redemptions payable	275,043	_
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	104,109
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares		121,742,318
Total financial liabilities	275,043	121,846,427
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Capital Secure		
Redemptions payable	116,330	_
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	, <u> </u>	9,593
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares		11,112,120
Total financial liabilities	116,330	11,121,713

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#### 4 Financial risk management...continued

Liquidity risk...continued

	Less than 1 month	1 - 3 months
At September 30, 2016	\$	\$
Aggressive Accumulator		
Redemptions payable	397,867	_
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	268,796
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares		130,987,671
Total financial liabilities	397,867	131,256,467
Conservative Consolidator		
Redemptions payable	194,826	_
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	192,298
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares		109,567,227
Total financial liabilities	194,826	109,759,525
Capital Secure		
Redemptions payable	126,192	_
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	, _	19,461
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares		11,331,601
Total financial liabilities	126,192	11,351,062

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
Total assets	φ	φ	φ
<b>September 30, 2017</b>			
Aggressive Accumulator	6,818,873	144,442,645	
Conservative Consolidator	3,816,922	114,489,451	3,815,294
Capital Secure	404,271	10,581,113	252,683
<b>September 30, 2016</b>			
Aggressive Accumulator	7,075,808	124,579,305	
Conservative Consolidator	4,067,474	102,030,565	3,856,509
Capital Secure	653,681	10,570,222	253,375

#### 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:

September 30, 2017 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
<b>Aggressive Accumulator</b> Mutual funds	_	144,272,973	_	144,272,973
Listed equities and mutual funds Hedge funds	3,183,061	_ 	169,672	3,183,061 169,672
_	3,183,061	144,272,973	169,672	147,625,706

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#### 4 Financial risk management ... continued

Fair value estimation...continued

September 30, 2017 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Conservative Consolidator Mutual funds Government backed securities Listed equities and mutual funds Hedge funds	934,024 -	114,319,779 2,804,563 - -	- - - 169,672	114,319,779 2,804,563 934,024 169,672
<u>-</u>	934,024	117,124,342	169,672	118,228,038
Capital Secure Mutual funds Listed equities and mutual funds	- 7,971	10,581,113	_ 	10,581,113 7,971
<u>-</u>	7,971	10,581,113	_	10,589,084
September 30, 2016 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Aggressive Accumulator Mutual funds Listed equities and mutual funds Hedge funds	- 3,867,936 -	124,202,582 - -	- - 376,723	124,202,582 3,867,936 376,723
	3,867,936	124,202,582	376,723	128,447,241
Conservative Consolidator Mutual funds Government backed securities Listed equities and mutual funds Hedge funds	1,118,825 - 1,118,825	101,653,842 2,843,009 - - - 104,496,851	- - - 376,723	101,653,842 2,843,009 1,118,825 376,723
-	1,110,025	104,490,851	370,723	105,992,399
Capital Secure Mutual funds Listed equities and mutual funds	9,963	10,570,222	- -	10,570,222 9,963
_	9,963	10,570,222	_	10,580,185

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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 for the year ended September 30, 2017 (2016- nil).

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

September 30, 2017	Hedge funds \$	Total balance \$
Aggressive Accumulator		
Opening balance	376,723	376,723
Sales	(167,096)	(167,096)
Losses recognised in the statement of		
comprehensive income	(39,955)	(39,955)
Closing balance	169,672	169,672
Change in unrealised gains 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	(39,955)	(39,955)
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## 4 Financial risk management ... continued

Fair value estimation...continued

September 30, 2017	
Conservative Consolidator	
Opening balance 376,723 Sales (167,096)	376,723 (167,096)
Gains recognised in the statement of	(107,070)
comprehensive income (39,955)	(39,955)
Closing balance 169,672	169,672
Change in unrealised gains 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 (39,955)	(39,955)
	Total
Hedge funds \$	balance \$
September 30, 2016	Ψ
Aggressive Accumulator	
Opening balance 543,144	543,144
Sales (191,919) Gains recognised in the statement of	(191,919)
comprehensive income 25,498	25,498
Closing balance 376,723	376,723
Change in unrealised gains 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 25,498	25,498

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## 4 Financial risk management ... continued

Fair value estimation...continued

September 30, 2016	Hedge funds \$	Total balance \$
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>		
Opening balance	543,144	543,144
Sales	(191,919)	(191,919)
Gains recognised in the statement of		
comprehensive income	25,498	25,498
Closing balance	376,723	376,723
Change in unrealised gains 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		
assets at ran varue amough profit of 1055	25,498	25,498

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

	Fair value at September 30, 2017	Fair value at September 30, 2016	Valuation technique	Unobservable inputs	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Description	\$	\$			
Aggressive Accumulator					
			Third party administrator valuation of net asset value	Net asset value	The higher the net asset value per share the higher the fair
Hedge funds	169,672	376,723	per share	per share	value
Conservative Consolidator					
Hedge funds	169,672	376,723	Third party administrator valuation of net asset value per share	Net asset value per share	The higher the net asset value per share the higher the fair value
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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

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, 2017 but for which fair value is disclosed.

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3	Total \$
September 30, 2017 Aggressive Accumulator	Þ	Þ	Þ	J
Assets		1.006.446		1.026.446
Accounts receivable Cash and cash equivalents	2,599,366	1,036,446	_	1,036,446 2,599,366
Total	2,599,366	1,036,446	_	3,635,812
** 1 1000				<u> </u>
Liabilities Redemptions payable	_	401,030	_	401,030
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	168,925	_	168,925
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares		150,690,784	_	150,690,784
Total		151,260,739	_	151,260,739
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>				
Assets Loans and receivables			1,010,731	1,010,731
Accounts receivable	_	1,103,233	1,010,731	1,103,233
Cash and cash equivalents	1,779,665			1,779,665
Total	1,779,665	1,103,233	1,010,731	3,893,629
Liabilities				
Redemptions payable	_	275,043	_	275,043
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	104,109	_	104,109
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares		121,742,318	_	121,742,318
Total	-	122,121,470	-	122,121,470

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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	Total \$
September 30, 2017				
Capital Secure Assets				
Loans and receivables	_	_	252,683	252,683
Cash and cash equivalents	396,300	_	_	396,300
Total	396,300		252,683	648,983
Liabilities				
Redemptions payable	_	116,330	_	116,330
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	9,593	_	9,593
Net assets attributable to holders of				
redeemable mutual fund shares		11,112,120		11,112,120
Total	_	11,238,043	_	11,238,043
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
September 30, 2016 Aggressive Accumulator				
Assets				
Accounts receivable	_	800,500	_	800,500
Cash and cash equivalents	2,407,372	_	_	2,407,372
Total	2,407,372	800,500	_	3,207,872
T !- L !!!!!				
Liabilities Redemptions payable		397,867		397,867
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		268,796	_	268,796
Net assets attributable to holders of		200,700		200,0
redeemable mutual fund shares		130,987,671	_	130,987,671
Total		131,654,334	_	131,654,334

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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	Total \$
September 30, 2016 Conservative Consolidator	Ψ	<b>*</b>	*	•
Assets Loans and receivables	_	_	1,013,500	1,013,500
Accounts receivable	_	867,287	1,013,300	867,287
Cash and cash equivalents	2,081,362		_	2,081,362
Total	2,081,362	867,287	1,013,500	3,962,149
Liabilities				
Redemptions payable	_	194,826	_	194,826
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	192,298	_	192,298
Net assets attributable to holders of				
redeemable mutual fund shares		109,567,227		109,567,227
Total	_	109,954,351	_	109,954,351
Capital Secure				
Assets				
Loans and receivables	_	_	253,375	253,375
Cash and cash equivalents	643,718			643,718
Total	643,718	_	253,375	897,093
T . 1 .11/.				
Liabilities Redemptions payable	_	126,192	_	126,192
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	19,461	_	19,461
Net assets attributable to holders of		27,101		1,,.01
redeemable mutual fund shares	_	11,331,601	_	11,331,601
Total	_	11,477,254	_	11,477,254

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.

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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

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.

#### 5 Financial assets

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

	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure
	\$	\$	\$
September 30, 2017	·	·	·
Financial assets designated at fair value			
through profit or loss:			
- Mutual funds	144,272,973	114,319,779	10,581,113
- Listed equities and mutual funds	3,183,061	934,024	7,971
- Hedge funds	169,672	169,672	_
<ul> <li>Government backed securities</li> </ul>	_	2,804,563	
Total financial assets designated at fair value			
through profit or loss	147,625,706	118,228,038	10,589,084
Loans and receivables	_	1,010,731	252,683
Total investments	147,625,706	119,238,769	10,841,767
Net gains recognised in relation to			
investments:			
- realised gains	154,720	189,802	127,140
- change in unrealised gain	12,241,651	8,703,744	239,759
	12,396,371	8,893,546	366,899

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## 5 Financial assets...continued

	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
September 30, 2016	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ
Financial assets designated at fair value			
through profit or loss:			
- Mutual funds	124,202,582	101,653,842	10,570,222
- Listed equities and mutual funds	3,867,936	1,118,825	9,963
- Hedge funds	376,723	376,723	_
- Government backed securities	_	2,843,009	
Total financial assets designated at fair value			
through profit or loss	128,447,241	105,992,399	10,580,185
Loans and receivables	_	1,013,500	253,375
Total investments	128,447,241	107,005,899	10,833,560
Net gains recognised in relation to investments:			
- realised gains	51,588	166,947	_
- change in unrealised gain	9,338,091	6,657,550	385,880
	9,389,679	6,824,497	385,880

The detailed portfolio of investments is as follows:

	2017		2016	
-		Market		Market
	Cost	value	Cost	value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Aggressive Accumulator				
Financial assets at fair value				
through profit or loss				
Fortress Mutual Fund Limited	78,940,939	109,596,901	76,065,939	94,692,591
Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund	26,392,004	32,455,861	22,213,119	27,624,684
Fortress Caribbean Property Fund Limited				
SCC- Value Fund	3,737,684	2,516,066	3,687,659	3,134,292
Fortress OAM Overseas Fund Limited	1,373,278	1,615,952	1,373,278	1,360,268
OAM Debt Recovery Fund	108,033	169,672	275,129	376,723
Fortress Caribbean Property Fund Limited				
SCC- Development Fund	1,644,892	419,093	1,644,892	502,912
Fortress Emerging Markets Fund	253,375	330,152	253,375	271,919
Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund	253,460	274,107	253,460	253,120
Praetorian Property Mutual Fund Limited	320,215	173,952	320,215	152,082
Massy Holdings Ltd	95,100	73,950	95,100	78,650
	113,118,980	147,625,706	106,182,166	128,447,241

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## 5 Financial assets...continued

	2017		2016		
		Market		Market	
	Cost \$	value \$	Cost \$	value \$	
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<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>					
Financial assets at fair value					
through profit or loss: Fortress Mutual Fund Limited	56,182,516	71,390,305	55 607 516	62,881,960	
Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund	35,521,833	41,247,927	55,607,516 32,447,867	37,340,009	
Government of Barbados	2,590,000	2,804,563	2,590,000	2,843,009	
Fortress OAM Overseas Fund Limited	915,508	1,077,288	915,508	906,833	
OAM Debt Recovery Fund	108,033	169,672	275,129	376,723	
Fortress Emerging Markets Fund	253,375	330,152	253,375	271,920	
Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund	253,460	274,107	253,460	253,120	
Fortress Caribbean Property Fund Limited					
SCC- Value Fund	1,161,460	836,978	1,111,435	1,007,448	
Fortress Caribbean Property Fund Limited					
SCC- Development Fund	313,755	81,456	313,755	97,747	
Praetorian Property Mutual Fund Limited	28,854	15,590	28,854	13,630	
	97,328,794	118,228,038	93,796,899	105,992,399	
Loans and receivables					
Simpson Finance Bond	1,000,000	1,010,731	1,000,000	1,013,500	
	98,328,794	119,238,769	94,796,899	107,005,899	
Capital Secure					
oup.					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund	8,200,615	9,328,872	8,501,475	9,527,108	
Fortress Mutual Fund Limited	1,023,278	1,252,241	953,278	1,043,114	
Fortress Caribbean Property Fund Limited					
SCC- Value Fund	10,434	5,978	10,434	7,572	
Fortress Caribbean Property Fund Limited					
SCC- Development Fund	7,896	1,993	7,896	2,391	
	9,242,223	10,589,084	9,473,083	10,580,185	
Loans and receivables Simpson Finance Bond	250,000	252,683	250,000	253,375	
Simpson I mailee Bond	250,000	232,003	230,000	200,010	
	9,492,223	10,841,767	9,723,083	10,833,560	

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#### 5 Financial assets...continued

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

The Fortress Caribbean Property Fund Limited SCC aims to achieve income and capital appreciation over the long term. The fund is authorised to invest in real estate, Caribbean Listed shares or open ended funds, unlisted shares of Caribbean companies and government securities. The fund's current holdings are primarily in real estate. The fund has two classes of shares the Fortress Caribbean Property Fund- Value Fund (the Value Fund) and Fortress Caribbean Property Fund -Development Fund (the Development Fund).

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 Fortress OAM Overseas Fund Limited aims through its investments in OAM Asian Recovery Fund and OAM European Value Fund, to offer investors long-term capital appreciation through the application of a bottom-up value-based investment approach.

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 Income Builder US Fund SP, Fortress Income Builder International Fund SP, Fortress Emerging Markets Fund SP, direct holding in global government fixed income securities and allocations to select specialist mangers in fixed income, equity and alternatives assets classes.

#### 6 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 \$1,330,186 (2016 - \$1,155,418) for the year. The administrator fees amounted to \$79,811 (2016- \$69,325) for the year.

Management fees of \$2,571,285 (2016 - \$2,198,782) were refunded by Fortress Fund Managers Limited being 0.50% - 1.25% of the net asset values of Fortress Mutual Fund Limited, Fortress Caribbean Property Fund SCC Limited, Fortress OAM Overseas Management Fund Limited and Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund 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.

Management fees of \$11,224 (2015- \$9,850) were refunded by Fortress Fund Advisory Limited (a subsidiary of Fortress Fund Managers Limited) being 1% of the net asset values of Fortress Emerging Markets Fund and

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#### **6** Related parties...continued

Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund 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.

Custodian fees of \$7,500 (2016- \$7,500) were paid to CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited for which there is shared directorship.

The Fund holds 31,743,502 (2016- 31,083,219) shares valued at \$182,239,447 (2016- \$158,617,665) in the Fortress Mutual Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 42,363,602 (2016- 38,919,436) shares valued at \$83,032,660 (2016- \$74,491,801) in the Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 7,464,495 (2016- 7,249,495) shares valued at \$3,359,022 (2016- \$4,419,312) in the Fortress Caribbean Property Fund Limited SCC- Value Fund.

The Fund holds 3,350,277 (2016- 3,350,277) shares valued at \$502,542 (2016- \$603,050) in the Fortress Caribbean Property Fund Limited SCC- Development Fund.

The Fund holds 1,112,087 (2015- 1,112,087) shares valued at \$2,693,240 (2016- \$2,267,101) in the Fortress OAM Overseas Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 2,856 (2016-2,856) shares valued at \$660,304 (2016-\$543,839) in the Fortress Emerging Markets Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 2,421 (2016-2,421) shares valued at \$548,214 (2016-\$506,240) in the Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund Limited.

Directors fees of \$20,000 (2016-\$16,000) were paid during the year.

#### 7 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.

### 8 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.

