# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Fortress Caribbean **Pension Fund** 



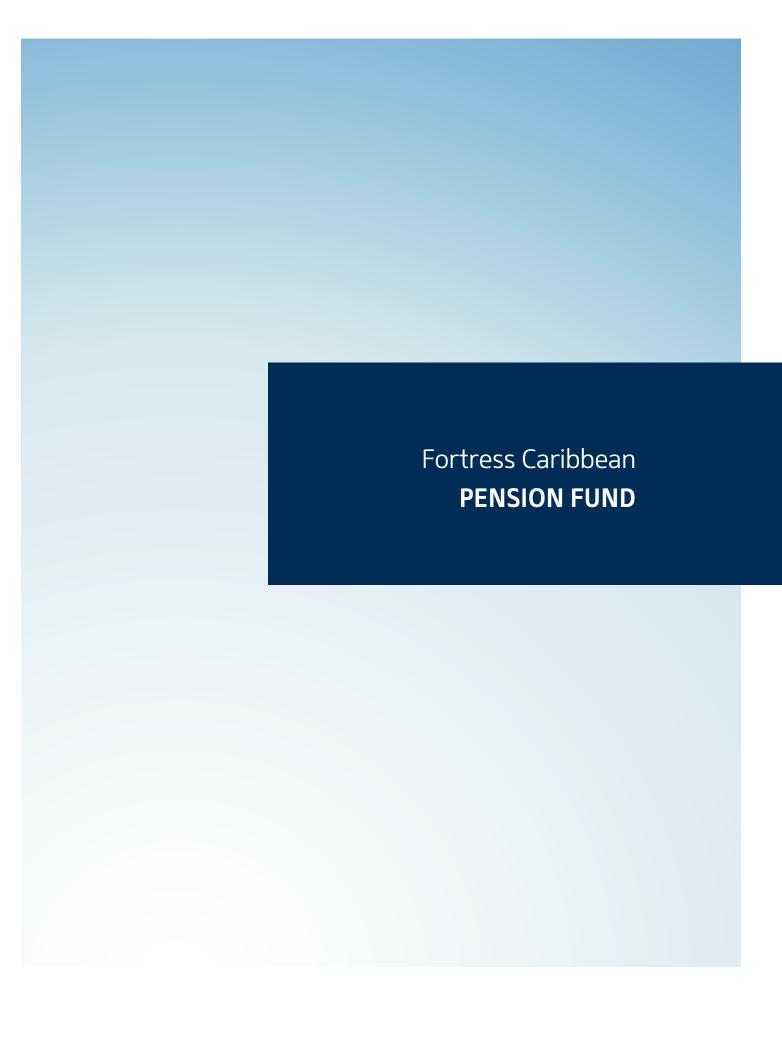


Fortress Fund Managers is a Barbados-based investment manager. We have been providing top-ranked returns, open communication and accessible service to our clients since 1996.

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.

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

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# Investment Objectives & Fund Details

The Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund offers three classes of shares to defined contribution and defined benefit pension plans and their participants: 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** 

9/30/2022 \$27.9580 \$26.7571 \$18.4609

**NET ASSETS** 

9/30/2022 \$198,625,369 \$157,338,843 \$18,027,091

**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:** SigniaGlobe Financial Group Inc.

FUND VALUATIONS: Monthly

NAV QUOTATIONS: 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 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.

# Background

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 ("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

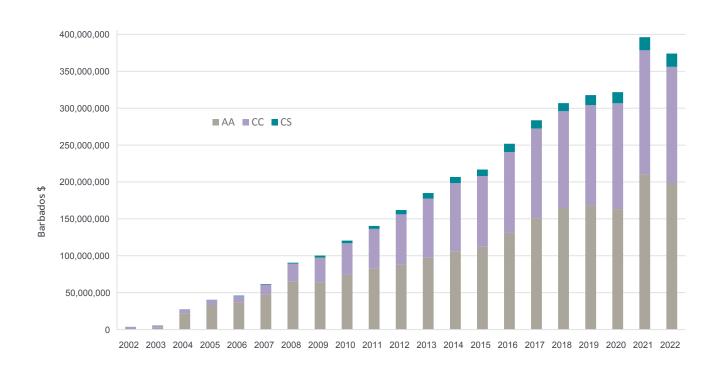
Fortress provides both record keeping and investment services to DC plans that invest in the Pension Fund, and investment only services to DB pension plans.

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

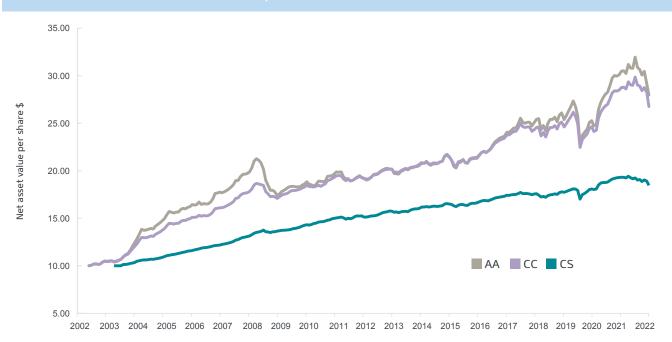
As of September 30, 2022 approximately 80 companies are investing in the Pension Fund and record keeping services are being provided for over 4,500 employees.

# Asset Growth & Investment Performance

#### Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund - Asset Growth



#### Net Asset Value Performance Since Inception



	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%
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%

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	3 months	1 year	3 year	5 year	Inception
AA Share	-7.0%	-8.3%	2.7%	2.9%	5.2%
CC Share	-5.9%	-7.1%	2.4%	2.3%	5.0%
CS Share	-2.2%	-4.4%	1.2%	1.1%	3.2%

# Portfolio Positioning

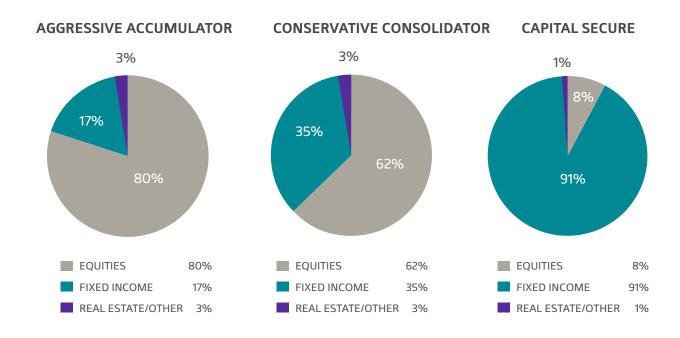
The three classes of shares of the Pension Fund invest in combinations of equities, fixed income and real estate consistent with the time horizons, risk tolerance and objectives for each class of share.

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 of September 30, 2022 is as follows:

#### Asset Allocation of Funds





# Directors' Report

Roger Cave, Investment Director

"Our consistent focus on profitable, proven companies trading at reasonable valuations helped sidestep some of the worst damage during the year's market weakness."

After an exceptionally strong performance in 2021 the Fortress Caribbean Pension Fund had negative returns in all three classes of share for the year ended September 30, 2022. The AA share declined 8.3%, the CC share declined 7.1% and the CS share was down 4.4%. These returns reflect the differing asset allocations of the classes of share. The year was noteworthy in that global stocks and bonds both registered meaningful declines over the same period, in the face of high inflation and dramatic interest rate hikes from central banks. Typically, bonds see far less volatility than stocks and sometimes even rally in periods of stock market weakness, helping cushion performance of balanced portfolios. Unfortunately, this year there were few assets that did not fall in price.

Ups and downs, of course, are a natural part of long-term investing, and over many years they tend to even out. Periods of lower returns are often followed by periods of higher returns, and vice-versa. Since inception in 2002, the annual compound returns for the Fund's AA, CC and CS shares have been 5.2%, 5.0% and 3.2% per year respectively. Total assets of the Fund decreased from \$396 million to \$374 million during the year, reflecting this year's negative investment performance and net positive investor inflows.

The equity allocations of the three shares of the Pension 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 primarily a blend of the performance returns of these underlying funds.

#### Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund

The Fortress Caribbean Growth Fund declined 8.4% for the year as global equities came under significant pressure from inflation, higher interest rates, geopolitical tensions, and fears of recession. The decline this year followed an exceptionally strong year in 2021 coming out of the pandemic, as asset prices were supported by a much more friendly environment. The Fund held its value relatively well in this year's more hostile environment that saw the main global stock index fall 21%. As always, our focus remained simply on investing in high-quality, well-valued shares around the world and in the Caribbean. This focus, and strength in some of the Fund's Guyana holdings, helped the portfolio in relative terms during this global downdraft. It also allowed us to make or add to some excellent investments at lower prices during the year's volatility. Since inception in 1996, the Fund has generated an annual compound rate of return of 7.6% per year net of all fees and expenses.

Inflation was the main issue for financial markets around the world this year. The U.S. and other developed countries reported decades high readings, far above normal levels. It had been hoped initially that inflation would decline on its own as the worst of the pandemic disruptions passed. But this did not happen. It soon became clear the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) had waited too long to act and would need to raise its target rate sharply to reduce demand and combat inflation. Higher interest rates are bad news for all financial assets and share prices not surprisingly fell as expectations for aggressive Fed action grew. Then, in late February, Russia's invasion of Ukraine prompted markets to lose further ground. Commodity prices spiked and threatened even higher inflation.

Global equities retreated even further over the rest of the year as inflation remained high, interest rates rose sharply, and fears of economic slowdown or outright recession spread. With more aggressive hikes from the Fed, risks rose that inflation may not be stifled without temporarily damaging some parts of the economy. We had been noting for some time the vulnerabilities in the most highly priced and speculative parts of the market at the same time as shares of high-quality companies around the world could be purchased at very good prices. While broad markets fell substantially during the year, the most speculative areas corrected much more, with losses of more than 50% being common among companies with little or no earnings. The Fund's consistent focus on profitable, proven companies trading at reasonable valuations helped it sidestep much of the worst damage during the year's market weakness.

In the Caribbean, individual shares had some widely differing performances over the year. Many declined but some showed outsized gains, and the net effect on the Fund was approximately even. Goddard Enterprises in Barbados had an outsized gain during the year, rising more than 40% as business conditions for travel continued to normalise. In Guyana, the energy buildout has boosted growth so much that the country for now has the fastest economic growth rate in the world. The Fund's holdings in Guyana registered outsized gains, but prices moderated substantially in August and September. During the year, Massy Holdings cross-listed its shares in Jamaica and approved a 20-for-1 stock split.

The stock gained significantly after these corporate actions but later drifted lower.

From a global perspective, we are still finding the best value in the world among international and emerging markets shares, especially after this year's currency weakness, but we are also finding areas of compelling value among U.S. shares. The average valuations of the Fund's global holdings continued to be excellent, and we think consistent with well above average future returns.

The Fund's portfolio continues to be diversified within the Caribbean region and globally, across a range of industries, countries and individual holdings. Approximately 35% of the portfolio is invested in the Caribbean region and 65% 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 Fund declined 4.0% for the year in an unusually volatile and negative period for global bond markets. As post-pandemic inflation remained stubbornly high, the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) hiked its target rate five times, bringing it from zero at the start of the year to a range of 3-3.25% by September 30. It has increased still further subsequently. The Fed also continued to gradually unwind its pandemic bond buying programmes. The yield on 10-year U.S. Treasury notes rose from 1.5% to 3.8% and corporate yields increased even more as fears of recession grew. Bonds of all maturities came under pressure as a result. The main index of U.S. high-quality bonds fell more than 14% for the year ended September 30. The Fund's core allocation to U.S. bonds via the US\$ Fortress Fixed Income Fund outperformed the market but still registered a decline of 12% during the year. The Fund's other allocations to global bonds via external managers and individual holdings saw similar declines during the year.

Over the course of the year, inflation worsened due to lingering supply chain disruptions and became even more acute with the energy and commodity price shocks following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It was also fueled on the demand side by the effects of generous monetary and fiscal policy undertaken during the pandemic. Inflation remained well above the levels desired by the Fed and other central banks. In addition to rate hikes, central bankers "talked tough" through much of the year, suggesting rates will need to rise more and stay high for some time to beat back demand.

In Barbados, the Fund continued to face challenges finding new local investments consistent with its risk and return objectives, and undeployed cash remained a drag on performance. The Government of Barbados (GOB) resumed domestic issuance with two five-year bonds at yields in the 4-4.5% range, well below where post-restructuring bonds had been trading in the secondary market. We added a small position in one of the notes and continued to buy GOB Series B bonds in the secondary market at yields we believe compensate for the substantial credit risks that remain in a small, B-rated credit. GOB Series F bonds, a substantial holding in the Fund since just after the 2018 restructuring, had their last principal payment at the end of the year, drawing that investment to a close having generated yields in the 7-8% range. The Fund's select corporate holdings performed as expected and contributed to the overall return during the year. Some corporate issuers repaid their notes at maturity rather than rolling, and at least one has announced a call of their bonds before maturity. These moves increased the cash in the Fund and reduced the overall return and running yield on the portfolio.

The Fund's portfolio is allocated primarily across U.S. dollar denominated global bond investments and holdings in local Barbados dollar bonds. Cash (and equivalents, largely Barbados dollars) is the largest weight at 24% of the portfolio, while the holding in the US\$ Fortress Fixed Income Fund is now the second largest at 19% of the portfolio. This fund, also managed directly by Fortress, invests in high-quality corporate and

government bonds primarily in the U.S., and is an efficient way to access this type of conservative investment with an actively managed, well-diversified portfolio. It offers us the ability to gain efficient diversification for the Fund and to easily adjust allocations as necessary.

Deploying Barbados dollars appropriately remains a significant challenge for the Fund and cash levels are therefore still higher than desired. Even with relatively high cash levels, the gross yield of the Fund's portfolio is now up to 3.9%, a good estimate of its medium-term return potential. As of September 30, 2022, the average term to maturity of the Fund's diversified holdings was six years. Approximately 43% of the portfolio is invested outside the Caribbean region in U.S. dollars and other global currencies.

#### **Asset Allocation & Outlook**

Financial markets have absorbed a lot of bad news in recent months, from inflation, to energy, to rising interest rates, to war and geopolitics. The effects of some of this bad news have enabled us to position the Fund's portfolios even better for the future. The news may get worse in the short-term, but it may also get better. There is a lot of pessimism in the investment world right now, but this is when prices are best and future return prospects are highest. Today's worries will eventually fade and be replaced by whatever comes next. There are excellent investments to own today. We hope and expect they will be the source of outsized returns in the years to come.

In terms of global investments, we would be very surprised to see a quick recovery in broad equity markets from here. There is still work to be done to bring down inflation. But even in this environment there are excellent investments to make among the kinds of relatively steady, profitable, well-valued companies in which the Fund focuses. We think the prospects are particularly interesting among shares outside the U.S., where valuations are cheaper, and beaten down currencies offer another potential source of return in future. With this year's increase in yields, global bonds also offer much improved prospects for returns from

here, with less risk. We think this means balanced portfolios can expect to see meaningful returns from both global stocks and bonds in the years ahead.

In the Caribbean region, unfortunately the situation is more challenging. The small capital market in Barbados still severely limits the options for investing in corporate and government bonds with appropriate risks and returns. This is particularly relevant for pensions where high-quality, long-term bonds are (usually) core ingredients in portfolios. On the equity side, we must report that there are fewer and fewer shares trading at attractive valuations in the Caribbean. In recent years, shares in Trinidad, Jamaica and now more recently Guyana have rallied. These have all been welcome developments for past returns but leave us today facing higher prices and relatively few pockets of good value in the region to deploy capital with high expected returns. After one time comes another, and we will be open to opportunities as they come. But for now, the environment calls for patience and discipline.

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.

The key governance, regulatory and oversight aspects of the Fund's operations were unchanged during the year. The Fund's board and that of the Manager were active and engaged, 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 BDO the internal auditor all worked diligently over the course of the year and as these financial statements were prepared. 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 today's environment.

At Fortress Fund Managers we recently celebrated our 25th anniversary. We marked the occasion in a few ways, one of which was to plant 100 trees alongside the Barbados Trailway. The idea of taking steps *today* to help something grow *over many years* into the future naturally appeals to long-term investors like us, and we hope we can do more of this type of activity in the future.

Sincere thanks to you, our pension plan participants and sponsors, for your trust and support over the years. We wouldn't have started, let alone grown into what we are today without you.

Roger Carl dent Delmas.

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





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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 2022, 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 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 2022 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' (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 2022 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

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15 December 2022

Statement of Financial Position As at September 30, 2022

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2022			2021		
	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure \$	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
Assets	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ
Financial assets (note 5)	198,222,774	154,506,940	17,849,202	208,215,825	167,715,896	18,151,800
Cash and cash equivalents	1,649,113	3,123,575	199,143	2,432,407	2,612,266	305,888
Total assets	199,871,887	157,630,515	18,048,345	210,648,232	170,328,162	18,457,688
Liabilities						
Redemptions payable	1,233,519	281,952	20,147	227,476	2,341,556	672,243
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	12,220	9,523	1,083	12,441	10,038	1,081
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Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holder of redeemable mutual fund shares)	1,245,739	291,475	21,230	239,917	2,351,594	673,324
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable						
mutual fund shares (note 7)	198,625,369	157,338,843	18,027,091	210,407,536	167,976,371	17,784,340
Total liabilities	199,871,108	157,630,318	18,048,321	210,647,453	170,327,965	18,457,664
Share capital (note 8)	779	197	24	779	197	24
Liabilities and shareholder funds	199,871,887	157,630,515	18,048,345	210,648,232	170,328,162	18,457,688
Net asset value per share	27.9580	26.7571	18.4609	30.4886	28.8095	19.3129

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

Approved by the Board of Directors on December 15, 2022

\_\_\_\_ Director

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Mutual Fund Shares For the year ended September 30, 2022

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

·	Number of shares				tributable to hole e mutual fund sh	
	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
Balance as at September 30, 2020	6,604,340	5,941,900	838,486	163,207,277	143,394,269	15,110,117
Issue of shares	571,024	464,582	191,629	16,410,094	12,728,274	3,595,799
Redemption of shares	(274,181)	(575,889)	(109,263)	(7,789,723)	(15,715,944)	(2,080,755)
Total comprehensive income for the year				38,579,888	27,569,772	1,159,179
Balance as at September 30, 2021	6,901,183	5,830,593	920,852	210,407,536	167,976,371	17,784,340
Issue of shares	650,126	432,224	278,432	19,820,524	12,348,314	5,334,248
Redemption of shares	(446,893)	(382,553)	(222,781)	(13,590,330)	(11,028,664)	(4,267,017)
Total comprehensive loss for the year				(18,012,361)	(11,957,178)	(824,480)
Balance as at September 30, 2022	7,104,416	5,880,264	976,503	198,625,369	157,338,843	18,027,091

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended September 30, 2022

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

_	2022			2021			
	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Revenue							
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair							
value through profit or loss (note 5)	(19,226,058)	(12,708,612)	(830,555)	37,553,019	26,877,700	1,149,106	
Other income (note 6)	1,199,161	760,222	15,945	1,037,868	691,009	16,419	
Interest and other investment income	3	39,582	_	28,450	60,860	1,670	
Dividend income	122,930	36,359	252	48,833	14,880	345	
Total investment gain/(loss)	(17,903,964)	(11,872,449)	(814,358)	38,668,170	27,644,449	1,167,540	
Total investment gam/(loss)	(17,503,504)	(11,072,449)	(014,330)	36,006,170	21,044,449	1,107,540	
Expenditure							
Administrator and custodian fees (note 6)	68,205	53,811	6,058	60,093	50,518	5,386	
Professional and audit fees	11,442	8,788	990	11,319	9,300	1,050	
Office and administrative expenses	9,654	7,039	1,261	8,588	7,884	1,182	
Director fees	19,096	15,091	1,813	8,282	6,975	743	
Operating expenditure	108,397	84,729	10,122	88,282	74,677	8,361	
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(18,012,361)	(11,957,178)	(824,480)	38,579,888	27,569,772	1,159,179	

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

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended September 30, 2022

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2022			2021			
_	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Cash flows from operating activities							
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(18,012,361)	(11,957,178)	(824,480)	38,579,888	27,569,772	1,159,179	
Adjustment for:							
Interest income	(3)	(39,582)	_	(28,450)	(60,860)	(1,670)	
Dividend income	(122,930)	(36,359)	(252)	(48,833)	(14,880)	(345)	
Net (gain)/loss on financial assets at fair value							
through profit or loss	19,226,058	12,708,612	830,555	(37,553,019)	(26,877,700)	(1,149,106)	
Operating income before working capital							
changes	1,090,764	675,493	5,823	949,586	616,332	8,058	
Decrease in accounts receivable	_	_	_	1,151,555	4,590,744	812,122	
(Decrease)/increase in accounts payable	(221)	(515)	2	(683,562)	(913,235)	(51,813)	
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through							
profit or loss	(13,564,422)	(5,381,012)	(3,450,000)	(11,656,806)	(10,490,996)	(3,454,218)	
Proceeds on sale of financial assets at fair value							
through profit or loss	4,331,415	5,881,356	2,922,043	3,566,350	9,263,146	790,000	
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(8,142,464)	1,175,322	(522,132)	(6,672,877)	3,065,991	(1,895,851)	
Interest received	3	39,582	_	28,450	60,860	1,670	
Dividend received	122,930	36,359	252	150,536	48,359	345	
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating							
activities	(8,019,531)	1,251,263	(521,880)	(6,493,891)	3,175,210	(1,893,836)	
Cash flows from financing activities							
Issue of redeemable mutual fund shares	19,820,524	12,348,314	5,334,248	16,410,094	12,728,274	3,595,799	
Redemption of redeemable mutual fund shares	(12,584,287)	(13,088,268)	(4,919,113)	(7,600,933)	(13,387,399)	(1,409,408)	
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing							
activities	7,236,237	(739,954)	415,135	8,809,161	(659,125)	2,186,391	

Statement of Cash Flows ...continued For the year ended September 30, 2022

(expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2022			2021		
	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(783,294)	511,309	(106,745)	2,315,270	2,516,085	292,555
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	2,432,407	2,612,266	305,888	117,137	96,181	13,333
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	1,649,113	3,123,575	199,143	2,432,407	2,612,266	305,888

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").

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on December 15, 2022.

#### 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 and interpretations

There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2021, that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### 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. 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.

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

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

#### i) Classification

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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within dividend income when the Fund's right to receive payments is established. Interest on debt securities at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### 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 Summary of significant 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, 2022 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 21% (2021- 13%) and the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index increased by 8% (2021- 3%), 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.

	2022 \$	2021
Effect on net assets attributable to redeemable shares of an increase in the indices	Ψ	Ψ
Aggressive Accumulator	16,778,332	14,921,758
Conservative Consolidator	11,544,706	10,131,519
Capital Secure	655,885	444,094

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.

	2022 Effect on net income \$	2021 Effect on net income \$
<b>Conservative Consolidator</b>	Ψ	Ψ
Change in interest rate:		
-2%	359,643	263,861
2%	(264,917)	(195,785)

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:

	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
September 30, 2022	Ф	Ф	Ф
Government backed securities	_	1,441,232	_
Cash and cash equivalents	1,649,113	3,123,575	199,143
	1,649,113	4,564,807	199,143
September 30, 2021			
Government backed securities	_	1,086,866	_
Cash and cash equivalents	2,432,407	2,612,266	305,888
	2,432,407	3,699,132	305,888

The Fund holds government bonds issued by the Government of Barbados which maintains a B (2021- 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:

	00	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
Cash and cash equivalents			
September 30, 2022 CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank (not rated)	1,649,113	3,123,575	199,143
September 30, 2021 CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank (not rated)	2,432,407	2,612,266	305,888

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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, 2022	Ψ	Ψ
Aggressive Accumulator		
Redemptions payable	1,233,519	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	12,220
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	_	198,625,369
Total financial liabilities	1,233,519	198,637,589
Conservative Consolidator		
Redemptions payable	281,952	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	9,523
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	_	157,338,843
Total financial liabilities	281,952	157,348,366
Capital Secure		
Redemptions payable	20,147	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	1,083
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	_	18,027,091
Total financial liabilities	20,147	18,028,174

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

Liquidity risk...continued

	Less than 1 month \$	1 - 3 months
At September 30, 2021	Ψ	Ψ
Aggressive Accumulator		
Redemptions payable	227,476	_
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	12,441
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares		210,407,536
Total financial liabilities	227,476	210,419,977
Conservative Consolidator		
Redemptions payable	2,341,556	_
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	10,038
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares		167,976,371
Total financial liabilities	2,341,556	167,986,409
Capital Secure		
Redemptions payable	672,243	_
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	1,081
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable fund shares	_	17,784,340
Total financial liabilities	672,243	17,785,421

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	Ф	Ψ	φ
<b>September 30, 2022</b>			
Aggressive Accumulator	5,042,606	194,801,658	27,623
Conservative Consolidator	4,169,898	153,458,141	2,476
Capital Secure	208,310	17,840,035	
<b>September 30, 2021</b>			
Aggressive Accumulator	6,173,328	204,435,855	39,049
Conservative Consolidator	3,740,725	166,583,937	3,500
Capital Secure	315,454	18,142,234	

#### 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, 2022</b>	*	*	•	Ť
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Aggressive Accumulator				
Mutual funds	_	194,801,658	_	194,801,658
Listed equities and mutual funds	3,393,493		27,623	3,421,116
	3,393,493	194,801,658	27,623	198,222,774

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4	Financial	risk	management	$\dots continued$
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September 30, 2022	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3	Total \$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Conservative Consolidator Mutual funds Listed equities and mutual funds Government backed securities	1,046,323 —	152,016,909 - -	2,476 1,441,232	152,016,909 1,048,799 1,441,232
	1,046,323	152,016,909	1,443,708	154,506,940
Capital Secure Mutual funds Listed equities and mutual funds	- 9,167	17,840,035 -	_ _	17,840,035 9,167
	9,167	17,840,035	_	17,849,202
<b>September 30, 2021</b>				· · ·
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Aggressive Accumulator Mutual funds Listed equities and mutual funds	3,740,921	204,435,855	39,049	204,435,855 3,779,970
	3,740,921	204,435,855	39,049	208,215,825
Conservative Consolidator Mutual funds Listed equities and mutual funds Government backed securities	1,128,459 —	165,497,071 - -	3,500 1,086,866	165,497,071 1,131,959 1,086,866
	1,128,459	165,497,071	1,090,366	167,715,896
Capital Secure Mutual funds Listed equities and mutual funds	9,566	18,142,234 –	-	18,142,234 9,566
	9,566	18,142,234	_	18,151,800

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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, 2022.

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

	Listed equities and mutual funds \$	Total balance \$
<b>September 30, 2022</b>		
Aggressive Accumulator		
Opening balance	39,049	39,049
Losses recognised in the statement of	(11.400)	(11.400)
comprehensive income	(11,426)	(11,426)
Closing balance	27,623	27,623
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	(11,426)	(11,426)

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## 4 Financial risk management ... continued

Fair value estimation...continued

		equities l mutual funds	Total balance \$
September 30, 2021		Ф	
Aggressive Accumulator Opening balance Gains recognised in the statement of		38,909	38,909
comprehensive income		140	140
Closing balance		39,049	39,049
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 f value through profit or loss		140	140
	Listed equities and mutual funds \$	Government backed securities \$	Total balance \$
<b>September 30, 2022</b>			
Conservative Consolidator Opening balance (Losses)/gains recognised in the statement of	3,500	1,086,866	1,090,366
comprehensive income	(1,024)	354,366	353,342
Closing balance	2,476	1,441,232	1,443,708
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	(1,024)	354,366	353,342

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## 4 Financial risk management ... continued

Fair value estimation...continued

September 30, 2021	Listed equities and mutual funds \$	Government backed securities \$	Total balance \$
Conservative Consolidator Opening balance	3,487	979,475	982,962
Gains recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	13	107,391	107,404
Closing balance	3,500	1,086,866	1,090,366
Change in unrealized 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	13	107,391	107,404

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

Description	Fair value at September 30, 2022	Fair value at September 30, 2021	Valuation technique	Unobservable inputs	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Aggressive	·	•	•	•	
Accumulator					
			Third party		The higher the net
Listed equities			valuation of net		asset value per
and mutual			asset value per	Net asset value	share the higher
funds	27,623	39,409	share	per share	the fair value
Conservative					
Consolidator					
			Third party		The higher the net
Listed equities			valuation of net		asset value per
and mutual			asset value per	Net asset value	share the higher
funds	2,476	3,500	share	per share	the fair value
Government					The higher the
backed					discount rate, the
securities	1,441,232	1,086,866	DCF method	Discount rate	lower 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, 2022, but for which fair value is disclosed.

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3	Total \$
<b>September 30, 2022</b>	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ
Aggressive Accumulator Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,649,113		_	1,649,113
Total	1,649,113		_	1,649,113
Liabilities		1 222 710		4 000 540
Redemptions payable Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	1,233,519 12,220	_	1,233,519 12,220
Net assets attributable to holders of		12,220		12,220
redeemable mutual fund shares	_	198,625,369	_	198,625,369
Total	_	199,871,108	_	199,871,108
Conservative Consolidator				
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	3,123,575	_	_	3,123,575
Total	3,123,575	_	_	3,123,575
Liabilities				
Redemptions payable	_	281,952	_	281,952
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Net assets attributable to holders of	_	9,523	_	9,523
redeemable mutual fund shares		157,338,843		157,338,843
Total	_	157,630,318	_	157,630,318

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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

September 30, 2022	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
September 30, 2022				
Capital Secure Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	199,143			199,143
Total	199,143		_	199,143
Liabilities				
Redemptions payable	_	20,147	_	20,147
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	1,083	_	1,083
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares		18,027,091		18,027,091
Total		18,048,321	_	18,048,321
September 30, 2021				
Aggressive Accumulator Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,432,407	_		2,432,407
Total	2,432,407	_	_	2,432,407
Liabilities				
Redemptions payable	_	227,476	_	227,476
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_	12,441	_	12,441
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable mutual fund shares		210,407,536	_	210,407,536
Total		210,647,453	_	210,647,453

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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 \$
<b>September 30, 2021</b>	·	·	•	·
Conservative Consolidator Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,612,266		_	2,612,266
Total _	2,612,266	_	_	2,612,266
Liabilities Redemptions payable Accounts payable and accrued expenses Net assets attributable to holders of	- -	2,341,556 10,038	_ _	2,341,556 10,038
redeemable mutual fund shares		167,976,371	_	167,976,371
Total _		170,327,965	_	170,327,965
Capital Secure Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	305,888		_	305,888
Total _	305,888	_	_	305,888
Liabilities Redemptions payable Accounts payable and accrued expenses Net assets attributable to holders of	- -	672,243 1,081	_ _	672,243 1,081
redeemable mutual fund shares	_	17,784,340	_	17,784,340
Total	_	18,457,664	_	18,457,664

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 at fair value through profit or loss

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

	Aggressive Accumulator	Conservative Consolidator	Capital Secure
Santambar 30, 2022	\$	\$	\$
<b>September 30, 2022</b>			
Financial assets designated at fair value			
through profit or loss:			
- Mutual funds	194,801,658	152,016,909	17,840,035
<ul> <li>Listed equities and mutual funds</li> </ul>	3,421,116	1,048,799	9,167
<ul> <li>Government backed securities</li> </ul>	_	1,441,232	_
Total financial assets designated at fair value			
through profit or loss	198,222,774	154,506,940	17,849,202
Net gains recognised in relation to investments:			
- realised gains	682,021	1,059,622	338,237
- change in unrealised gains	(19,908,079)	(13,768,234)	(1,168,792)
	(19,226,058)	(12,708,612)	(830,555)

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

September 30, 2021	Aggressive Accumulator \$	Conservative Consolidator \$	Capital Secure \$
Financial assets designated at fair value			
through profit or loss:			
- Mutual funds	204,435,855	165,497,071	18,142,234
- Listed equities and mutual funds	3,779,970	1,131,959	9,566
- Government backed securities	_	1,086,866	_
Total financial assets designated at fair value			
through profit or loss	208,215,825	167,715,896	18,151,800
Net gains recognised in relation to investments:			
- realised gains	881,054	1,674,761	98,536
- change in unrealised gains	36,671,965	25,202,939	1,050,570
	37,553,019	26,877,700	1,149,106

The detailed portfolio of investments is as follows:

	2022		2021		
		Market		Market	
	Cost	value	Cost	value	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Financial assets at fair value					
through profit or loss					
Aggressive Accumulator					
Fortress Mutual Fund Limited	110,617,761	157,127,480	100,816,657	164,348,853	
Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund	28,411,354	34,185,074	28,202,331	35,822,379	
Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund SP	3,453,460	3,192,067	3,453,460	3,838,466	
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund- Value Fund	3,770,080	2,881,581	3,770,080	3,164,088	
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund-					
Development Fund	1,652,892	511,912	1,652,892	455,033	
Fortress Emerging Markets Fund SP	253,375	297,037	253,375	426,157	
Praetorian Property Mutual Fund	320,215	27,623	320,215	39,049	
Massy Holdings Ltd	_	_	95,100	121,800	
_	148,479,137	198,222,774	138,564,110	208,215,825	

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

	20	2022		2021	
	Cost	Market value	Cost	Market value	
Rate Maturi		value \$	S S	value \$	
Financial assets at fair value	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	
through profit or loss:					
Conservative Consolidator					
Fortress Mutual Fund Limited Fortress Caribbean High Interest	68,517,446	95,023,717	69,151,362	106,597,375	
Fund	47,691,658	54,032,083	46,498,465	55,269,987	
Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund SP	2,803,460	2,664,072	2,803,460	3,203,552	
Government of Barbados- Series D 2.00% 2053-08-3	, ,	1,441,232	2,638,613	1,086,866	
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund-	2,000,010	1,11,202	2,000,010	1,000,000	
Value Fund	1,161,460	948,576	1,161,460	1,041,573	
Fortress Emerging Markets Fund	252.275	207.027	252 275	106 157	
SP Eppley Caribbean Property Fund-	253,375	297,037	253,375	426,157	
Development Fund	313,755	97,747	313,755	86,886	
Praetorian Property Mutual Fund	28,854	2,476	28,854	3,500	
	123,408,621	154,506,940	122,849,344	167,715,896	
Capital Secure					
Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund	15,236,417	16,386,998	13,276,041	15 179 047	
Fortress Mutual Fund Limited	1,090,416	1,453,037	2,184,598	15,178,947	
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund-	1,090,410	1,433,037	2,184,398	2,963,287	
Value Fund	10,434	6,776	10,434	7,440	
Eppley Caribbean Property Fund- Development Fund	7,896	2,391	7,896	2,126	
Development Fund		2,391	1,090	2,120	
	16,345,163	17,849,202	15,478,969	18,151,800	

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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 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 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 \$2,009,569 (2021 - \$1,808,310) for the year. The administrator fees amounted to \$120,574 (2021- \$108,498) for the year.

Management fees of \$3,984,897 (2021 - \$3,553,606) 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 38,547,535 (2021 - 37,620,799) shares valued at \$253,604,234 (2021 - \$273,909,515) in the Fortress Mutual Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 51,294,148 (2021- 50,002,970) shares valued at \$104,604,155 (2021- \$106,271,313) in the Fortress Caribbean High Interest Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 2,856 (2021 - 2,856) shares valued at \$594,074 (2021- \$852,314) in the Fortress Emerging Markets Fund Limited.

The Fund holds 25,189 (2021- 25,189) shares valued at \$5,856,139 (2021- \$7,042,018) in the Fortress Global Opportunity Wealth Fund Limited.

Directors fees of \$36,000 (2021 - \$16,000) were paid during the year.

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#### 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.

#### 9 Covid-19

As at the reporting date any impact on the balances as of September 30, 2022, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have been appropriately accounted for in accordance with the reporting framework. Management does not believe there is any risk to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future from the reporting date linked to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have evaluated all significant activities through to December 15, 2022, the date these financial statements were available to be issued and concluded that no additional subsequent events occurred that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

