# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF

Independent Auditor's Report, Financial Statements, and Supplementary Information

December 31, 2024



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## Independent Auditor's Report

Unitholders and Board of Directors Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Houston, Texas

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the selected fund, Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF, included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust, which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2024 and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the selected fund, included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust, as of December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). 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 required to be independent of Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and the selected fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and the selected fund's ability to continue as going concerns within one year after the date that these financial statements are available to be issued.

#### 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 absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such
  procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in
  the financial statements.
- 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 Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and the selected fund's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and the selected fund's ability to continue as going concerns for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the selected fund's financial statements. The schedule of investment purchases and sales listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

# Forvis Mazars, LLP

Houston, Texas May 27, 2025

# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Selected Fund December 31, 2024

	Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF
ASSETS	<b>*</b> 0.440.500
Investments, at cost	\$ 3,116,529
Investments, at fair value Receivable for	3,832,836
Custody expenses reimbursed	285
Capital shares sold	1,013
Dividends and interest	5,370
Total Assets	\$ 3,839,504
LIABILITIES Payable for capital shares redeemed	\$ 794
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,609
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,403
Net assets held for participants	
Class R1	\$ 3,836,101
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Total net assets held for participants	\$ 3,836,101
Units outstanding	
Class R1	302,218
Total units outstanding	302,218
Net asset value per unit	
Class R1	\$ 12.69

Number of Shares			Cost	Fair Value
	Short Term Investment			
12,519	Schwab Adv Cash Reserves Premium		\$ 12,520	\$ 12,520
	Total Short Term Investment	0.33%	12,520	12,520
	Common Stock			
	Consumer Staples			
1,441 1,660	Church & Dwight Co Inc Wal-Mart Stores Inc		126,188 76,673	150,887 149,981
	Total Consumer Staples	7.84%	202,861	300,868
	Financials			
1,001	Intercontinental Exchange Inc		108,196	149,159
	Total Financials	3.89%	108,196	149,159
	Healthcare			
1,053 1,541 413 291	Johnson & Johnson Corporation Merck & Co Inc Stryker Corp Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc		171,774 167,960 102,723 155,770	152,285 153,299 148,701 151,387
	Total Healthcare	15.79%	598,227	605,672
	Industrials			
665 1325 2037 542 577 287	Danaher Corp Expeditors Intl Wash Inc Fastenal Company FedEx Corporation Illinois Tool Works Inc Roper Industries Inc		160,502 145,168 114,489 112,967 128,081 128,084	152,651 146,770 146,481 152,481 146,304 149,197
	Total Industrials	23.30%	789,291	893,884

## Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF Schedule of Investments December 31, 2024

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Number of Shares			Cost	Fair Value
	Information Technology			
784	Alphabet Inc		\$ 93,437	\$ 148,411
2139 517	Amphenol Corp Cl A Auto Data Processing Inc		83,675 127,313	148,554 151,341
734	Fiserv Inc		83,146	150,778
350	Microsoft Corporation		99,496	147,525
326	Motorola Solutions Inc		105,588	150,687
968	Qualcomm Inc		128,707	148,704
478	Visa Inc Cl A		104,532	151,066
	Total Information Technology	31.21%	825,894	1,197,066
	Materials			
432	Sherwin-Williams Company		107,622	146,850
356	Linde PLC		165,043	149,047
000			100,010	110,017
	Total Materials	7.71%	272,665	295,897
	Total Common Stock	89.74%	2,797,135	3,442,546
	Foreign Stock			
	Information Technology			
425	Accenture PLC		124,311	149,510
808	Check Point Software Tech Ltd		105,157	150,854
000		7.000/		
	Total Information Technology	7.83%	229,468	300,364
	Total Foreign Stock	7.83%	229,468	300,364
	Common Trust Fund			
	Fixed Income			
77,406	HB&T Short Term Income Fund		77,406	77,406
	Total Fixed Income	2.02%	77,406	77,406
	Total Common Trust Fund	2.02%	77,406	77,406
	Total Investments	99.92%	\$ 3,116,528	\$ 3,832,836

# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Statement of Operations – Selected Fund Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF			
Income				
Dividends	\$	52,339		
Interest		35		
Total Income		52,374		
Expenses				
Investment management and administrative		22,697		
Custody fees		2,327		
Other fees		191		
Total Expenses Before Reimbursement of Expenses		25,215		
Reimbursement of expenses		(1,176)		
Total Expenses After Reimbursement of Expenses		24,039		
Net Investment Income		28,335		
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments				
Net realized gains		205,338		
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation		287,905		
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments		493,243		
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	\$	521,578		

# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Selected Fund Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Compass Cap High Quality Equity CIF			
Operations				
Net investment income	\$	28,335		
Net realized gains		205,338		
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation		287,905		
Net Increase in Net Assets From Operations Net Decrease in Net Assets From Participant Transactions		521,578 (694,498)		
Decrease in Net Assets		(172,920)		
Net Assets Beginning of year		4,009,021		
End of year	\$	3,836,101		

## Note 1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Nature of Operations

Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust (HB&T or Trust) was created in order to provide broad and uniform diversification programs for pension and profit-sharing plans which, having complied with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), are exempt from taxation under the provisions of the IRC. The Trust is comprised of 70 funds (Funds); the financial statements of one of those funds are included in this report.

For those funds with more than one class of units, each class has equal rights as to earnings and assets except that each class bears different distribution, shareholder servicing, and transfer agent expenses. Income, expenses (other than expenses attributable to a specific class), and realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments are allocated to each class of units based on its relative net assets.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of investment income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Investment Valuation

All investments in securities are recorded at their estimated fair value. Transfers in and out of Level 1 (quoted market prices), Level 2 (significant other observable inputs), and Level 3 (significant unobservable inputs) are recognized on the period ending date.

#### Investment Transactions

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions and unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments are determined using the identified cost basis.

#### Investment Income and Distribution of Income

Dividend income less foreign taxes withheld, if any, is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Investment income is allocated ratably on the valuation dates among all participants. No distributions are made to participants in the Fund until units owned are redeemed, at which time the market value of redeemed units is distributed. Investment income and realized gains (if any) earned by the Fund are reinvested, thereby increasing the respective unit values.

#### Valuation of Participants' Interest

Units of participation may be purchased or redeemed on the valuation dates at the fair value per unit on such valuation dates. The Fund is valued daily.

#### Federal Income Taxes

The Fund complies with the requirements under Section 501(a) of the IRC and apportions all of its taxable income to its participants. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

#### Subsequent Events

As a result of recently implemented global economic policies, economic uncertainties have arisen that may negatively affect the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of the Funds. The duration of these uncertainties and the ultimate financial effects cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 27, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Investment Management Advisor

The investment management advisor for the Fund is Compass Capital Management.

## Note 2. Investment Advisory Fees and Other Transactions With Affiliates

The Fund is charged an administrative fee by Hand Benefits and Trust Company for trustee/administrative services (fund accounting services, transfer agency services, trustee services, etc.). The Fund has also entered into investment advisory and service agreements with various third-party advisors. These fees compensate the advisors for the services they provide and for expenses borne by the advisors under the various agreements.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the investment advisor voluntarily reimbursed the Fund for a portion of its expenses.

The following table indicates the fees charged to the Fund and the various classes of units within the Fund (as a percentage of net assets). These charges are calculated using the Fund's average daily net assets:

		Investment		
Fund	Trustee Fees	Advisory Fees	Custody Fees	Total Fees
Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF Class R1	0.08%	0.50%	0.03%	0.61%

# Note 3. Financial Highlights

	Class R1 Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 11.13
Net investment income	0.09
Net realized and unrealized gains	1.47
Net increase from investment operations	1.56
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 12.69
Total return	14.02%
Ratio to average net assets Net investment income Expenses before reimbursement Expenses after reimbursement	0.73% 0.62% 0.59%

# Note 4. Participant Unit Transactions

	Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF		
	Units	Dollars	
Class R1			
Proceeds from sales of units	53,581	\$ 659,290	
Cost of units redeemed	(111,451)	(1,353,788)	
Net change in Class R1 from participant transactions	(57,870)	(694,498)	
Net change in total net assets from participant transactions		\$ (694,498)	

## Note 5. Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments

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. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund can access at the measurement date
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- **Level 3** Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the year ended December 31, 2024.

**Short Term Investments** – Short term investments, including money market funds, for which market quotations are readily available, are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price as reported by an independent pricing service on the primary market or exchange on which they are traded and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

**Common Stock and Foreign Stock** – Securities traded on a national securities exchange (or reported on the NASDAQ national market) are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price as reported by an independent pricing service on the primary market or exchange on which they are traded and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy. Certain foreign securities may be fair valued using a pricing service that considers the correlation of the trading patterns of the foreign security to the intraday trading in the U.S. markets for investments, such as American Depository Receipts and the movement of the certain indexes of securities based on a statistical analysis of the historical relationship and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy. For those foreign securities where additional foreign market activities are taken into consideration by the pricing service, those securities are categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2024:

		Fair Val	ue Measuremer	nts Using
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF				
Short Term Investment	\$ 12,520	\$ 12,520	\$-	\$-
Common Stock	3,442,546	3,442,546	-	-
Foreign Stock	300,364	300,364	-	-
Common Trust Fund – Fixed Income (A)	77,406	-		
Total	\$ 3,832,836	=		

(A) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts included above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of assets and liabilities.

# Note 6. Risk Factors

The Fund invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities.

Supplementary Information

# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Compass Capital High Quality Equity CIF Schedule of Investment Purchases and Sales Year Ended December 31, 2024

Purchases			
Investment Class		Cost	
Common Stock	\$	1,114,265	
Foreign Stock		45,834	
Common Trust Funds – Fixed Income		903,500	
Total investments purchased	\$	2,063,599	

Sales					
Investment Class	Proceeds		Cost		Gains
Common Stock	\$ 1,733,250	\$	1,545,478	\$	187,772
Foreign Stock	98,943		81,377		17,566
Common Trust Funds – Fixed Income	909,047		909,047		-
Total investments sold	\$ 2,741,240	\$	2,535,902	\$	205,338