

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. **Annual Report** 2023



Empowering Our Future: Unlocking Tomorrow's **Potential** 









### **Empowering Our Future:**

# Unlocking Tomorrow's Potential

In 1982, the Unit Trust Corporation (UTC) embarked on a bold and ambitious mission — to redefine and reshape the financial landscape.

Driven by a vision of inclusivity, enabling growth and creating wealth, the UTC opened an avenue for every citizen to participate in unlocking the full potential of investing opportunities, regardless of their socio-economic background.

We have worked tirelessly to provide the tools to enable individuals to secure their financial futures. At the core of our efforts lies the simple belief that access to the financial markets should be open to all, democratising opportunities for wealth creation.

Today, we reaffirm our commitment to building a resilient financial community, not just in Trinidad and Tobago but across the region. In the past year, we have forged new strategic partnerships in Jamaica and the Eastern Caribbean, recognising that collaboration fosters mutual growth through leveraging each other's strengths and resources and amplifies the impact on people's financial futures.

The initiatives we champion are about building bridges that connect us and drive our nation's development. That is why we are passionate about people and empowerment. Our support for entrepreneurship is rooted in the recognition that individuals possess unique talents, ideas and aspirations, and when nurtured, they have the potential to power economic growth and social progress. As a catalyst for entrepreneurs, the UTC seeks to provide not only capital investments but also the mentorship and resources essential for fostering a dynamic ecosystem. In this way, we're not just shaping businesses — we're shaping futures and fuelling collective prosperity.

In a world of rapid change and uncertainty, success lies in the ability to adapt and innovate. It is not about short-term gains but rather sustainable growth over the long term. Our impetus has always been to unlock tomorrow's potential, supporting all our stakeholders and investors to make sound financial decisions and capitalise on investment opportunities.

It's our firm belief that your future is an expansive canvas, the brushstrokes filled with intent and possibilities.



# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Kerri Maharaj

#### **Dear Fellow Unitholders,**

The performance of the three segregated portfolios (hereafter the 'Fund' or 'Funds') for 2023 was affected by international stock market volatility due to geopolitical uncertainty and rising interest rates, resulting in each Fund reporting losses for 2023.

The amounts quoted are in thousands of USD with the exception of net asset values which are quoted in absolute values.



## **UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio - Conservative**

The Fund's Total Assets fell by 8.3% from \$1,122 to \$1,029, driven mainly by unfavourable fair value movements on its investment portfolio. Cash and Cash Equivalents decreased by \$236 when compared to 2022, in keeping with the Fund's portfolio rebalancing objective.

The Fund reported a smaller loss in 2023. Total Comprehensive Loss was \$24 in 2023 compared to \$123 in 2022 mainly due to:

- A smaller reported unfavourable movement in Net Change in Fair Value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss from \$90 in 2022 compared to \$12 in 2023
- An increase in Dividend Income from \$8 to \$29 due to portfolio rebalancing
- Total Operating Expenses and Withholding Tax remaining constant year-over-year

The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) as at 31 December 2023 was \$19.72, a decline of \$0.45 compared to \$20.17 as at 31 December 2022 due to the cumulative net unfavourable impact of the points outlined above.

## UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio - Moderate

The Fund's Total Assets fell by 3.7% from \$1,617 to \$1,557, driven mainly by unfavourable fair value movements on its investment portfolio. Cash and Cash Equivalents decreased by \$460 when compared to 2022, in keeping with the Fund's portfolio rebalancing objective.

The Fund reported a smaller loss in 2023. Total Comprehensive Loss was \$31 in 2023 compared to \$167 in 2022 mainly due to:

- A smaller reported unfavourable movement in Net Change in Fair Value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss from \$131 in 2022 compared to \$23 in 2023
- An increase in Dividend Income from \$11 to \$41 due to portfolio rebalancing
- A nominal increase in Total Operating Expenses and Withholding Tax from \$47 to \$49

The Fund's NAV as at 31 December 2023 was \$20.83, a decline of \$0.41 compared to \$21.24 as at 31 December 2022 due to the cumulative net unfavourable impact of the points outlined above.

## UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio - Aggressive

The Fund's Total Assets fell by 4% from \$1,239 to \$1,189, driven mainly by unfavourable fair value movements on its investment portfolio. Cash and Cash Equivalents decreased by \$241 when compared to 2022, in keeping with the Fund's portfolio rebalancing objective.

The Fund reported a smaller loss in 2023. Total Comprehensive Loss was \$30 in 2023 compared to \$150 in 2022 mainly due to:

- A smaller reported unfavourable movement in Net Change in Fair Value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss from \$116 in 2022 compared to \$17 in 2023
- An increase in Dividend Income from \$10 to \$33 due to portfolio rebalancing
- A nominal increase in Total Operating Expenses and Withholding Tax from \$44 to \$46

The Fund's NAV as at 31 December 2023 was \$20.42, a decline of \$0.52 compared to \$20.94 as at 31 December 2022 due to the cumulative net unfavourable impact of the points outlined above.

#### **The Future**

The Funds have operated according to their respective investment mandates, with their 2023 results reflecting the short-term market performance of the securities held. Investors are encouraged to maintain a long-term outlook for their investment decisions.

Kerri Maharaj Chief Financial Officer
26th April 2024

**Crystal Rodriguez-Greaves** 

**Dear Fellow Unitholders,** 

The primary objective of this report is to offer stakeholders, investors and partners a transparent and insightful analysis of the performance of the Funds over 2023. It aims to encapsulate the factors influencing market dynamics, the investment strategies and the resulting performance of the Funds.

#### **Fund Description**

The Global Investor Select ETF Fund — Conservative: The Conservative Fund is designed for long-term investors seeking stability and low risk. It prioritises minimising investment volatility, making it ideal for those with a low risk tolerance. Investors in this Fund accept lower returns to keep investment risk low.

The Global Investor Select ETF Fund — Moderate: The Moderate Fund is tailored for long-term investors with a moderate risk tolerance. It is suitable for those comfortable with some investment volatility in pursuit of higher returns.

The Global Investor Select ETF Fund — Aggressive: The Aggressive Fund is geared towards long-term investors with a high risk tolerance. It is suited for those who are comfortable with significant investment volatility to potentially maximise returns.

The Global ETF Funds are managed and rebalanced as prescribed by the Funds' Prospectus. The Funds use a tactical momentum methodology (trend following) to actively manage risk. The trend following system utilises a rules-based approach that removes the emotional decision-making process from managing the Funds. The momentum method is the second line of risk management beyond strategic asset allocation and rebalancing. The momentum strategy shifts the assets in the Funds' investment portfolios between maintaining the underlying holding or moving to cash, depending upon whether prices trend upward or downward. Moving averages are used as the primary tool for recognising trends.

#### **Economic and Capital Market Review**

#### Global

### **Continued Deceleration of Global Growth Amid Heightened Geo-political Tensions**

In 2023, the global economy continued to decelerate from the post-Covid-19 high recorded in 2021. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported that global growth in 2023 was 3.1%. This is compared to growth



rates of 6.0% and 3.5% in 2021 and 2022 respectively. However, while growth has slowed over the last two years from 2021's post-Covid-19 high, it should be recalled that growth for the period 2017 through 2019 measured 3.8%, 3.6%, and 2.9% respectively. To reiterate, while the global growth rate in 2023 falls short of the rate seen in 2021, it is consistent with the rates observed before the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to the IMF, global growth in 2023 was driven by expansion in the emerging economies. The emerging economies grew by 4.1%, below the 2021 post-Covid-19 high of 6.5%, albeit improved over the 3.9% rate for 2022. In contrast, growth in the advanced economies in 2023 was 1.6%, down from 2.6% in 2022 and dwarfed by the 5.0% growth rate recorded in 2021.

### Despite Some Lingering Headwinds, U.S. Economic Performance Remains Resilient

The U.S. economy in 2023 defied expectations of an imminent recession, surpassing official estimates with a projected growth rate of 2.5%. This resilience stemmed from a strong labour market, rising wages and excess savings, which helped consumers shrug off inflation that had initially soared to 40-year highs. While the U.S. Federal Reserve (the Fed) aggressively raised interest rates to curb inflationary pressures in the first half of 2023, it ultimately held rates steady towards the end of the year. Further, in the first half of 2023, there were investor concerns over the failure of three major regional U.S. banks, sparking fears of a looming banking crisis. Silicon Valley Bank collapsed after a run triggered by the sale of its treasury portfolio at a loss. Subsequently, Signature Bank faced

#### **Chief Investment Officer's Report (continued)**

closure by regulators due to its financial struggles, and in May, First Republic Bank in California was closed and its assets acquired by JP Morgan.

Despite some initial headwinds, global equity markets rallied in 2023 evidenced by a 21.8% return on the MSCI World Index. In the U.S., the S&P 500 Index recorded an impressive total return of 24.2%, rebounding from the -19.4% decline experienced in 2022. Nine (9) of the eleven (11) S&P 500 sectors posted gains in 2023, led by the Information Technology, Communications Services and Consumer Discretionary sectors which achieved total returns of 56.4%, 54.4% and 41.0% respectively. The Utilities and Energy sectors lagged the index with negative total returns of 10.2% and 4.8% respectively in 2023. The tech-heavy Nasdag Composite Index was the top performer among the major U.S. equity indices with a total return of 43.4% in 2023, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average generated a total return of 13.7%.

After one of the most aggressive rate hiking cycles observed in decades consisting of seven consecutive interest rate hikes and equating to an aggregate 425 basis points increase in the key policy interest rate, the U.S. Federal Reserve paused its rate hiking cycle. Inflation, which peaked at 9.1% in 2022, trended downward throughout 2023, falling from 6.4% in January to 3.4% in December.

### The Deceleration of Global Growth Weighed on Global Energy Prices

In 2023, energy markets faced a challenging year. Softening global oil demand led by China as well as increased supply coming out from the U.S., Guyana, Brazil and Iran offset the effects of production cuts by OPEC+ as well as geopolitical tensions in Europe and the Middle East. As a result, the average prices of West Texas Intermediate and Brent crude oil declined by 18.3% and 18.4% respectively in 2023.

In the first half of 2023, crude oil prices fluctuated due to several factors including the European Union's import ban on Russia's crude oil and products, tight monetary policy by global central banks to counter inflation



as well as recession concerns. In June, Saudi Arabia announced an additional voluntary oil production cut of 1.0 million barrels per day for July in addition to the OPEC+ cuts. Following the start of the Israel-Hamas conflict, crude oil prices increased in early October. As fears of a wider conflict and supply disruptions eased, concerns around crude oil demand became the focal point driving crude oil prices down. By mid-December, oil prices rose again as an escalation in the Israel-Hamas conflict occurred with multiple attacks on shipping vessels in the Red Sea.

#### Despite Initial Headwinds, Bond Markets Also Ended the Year on a Strong Footing

U.S. fixed income markets encountered headwinds in the first half of 2023 but rallied in the second half of the year against the backdrop of an increased likelihood of an earlier-than-expected halt to the Fed's rate hiking cycle. Despite a prolonged inversion of the U.S. government's yield curve and the negative, albeit narrowing spread between the U.S. 2-Year and 10-Year Treasury Bond, the widely anticipated U.S. recession never materialised. Though still above the Fed's target range, inflation, which peaked at 9.1% in 2022, assumed a downward trajectory in 2023, falling from 6.4% in January to 3.4% by the end of the year.

#### Lacklustre Performance of the Real Estate Market

Globally, the real estate sector continues to reel from elevated interest rates. In 2023, the MSCI World Real Estate Index generated a total return of -11.5% on the heels of a -27.1% total return in 2022. The sector faced a similar fate in the U.S. as existing home sales plummeted by 18.7% to 4.09 million from 2022 levels.

#### **Chief Investment Officer's Report (continued)**



This represented the country's weakest home sales performance since 1995 and the largest annual decline since 2007, occurring against the backdrop of surging mortgage rates, inadequate inventory levels and buoyant real estate prices. Mortgage interest rates continued their upward trajectory in 2023, with the average 30-year mortgage rate climbing to 7.79% in late October, the highest level observed since late 2000. In the U.S., the S&P 500 Real Estate Sector produced an 8.27% total return in 2023 on the heels of a dismal -28.45% total return in 2022.

#### **Fund Performance Review**

How did the Global Investor Select ETF Funds perform?

The three (3) Funds under review are:

- Global Investor Select ETF Fund Aggressive
- Global Investor Select ETF Fund Moderate
- 3. Global Investor Select ETF Fund Conservative

#### **Overall Fund Performance**

The Global Investor Select (GIS) Funds are managed using strategic asset allocations and tactical momentum-based strategies for risk management, balancing the pursuit of growth with preserving capital. Throughout 2023, persistent volatility in capital markets skewed the Funds toward capital preservation. Due to the rule-based approach of the Funds' trading strategy, holdings ebbed and flowed throughout the year, with maximum positions

taken in December 2023 thereby only capturing a portion of the stock market rally. For the year ended December 2023, the three (3) Funds produced net returns to Unitholders as follows:

Conservative Fund: -2.23%
Moderate Fund: -1.98%
Aggressive Fund: -2.48%

The bid prices for the three (3) Funds as at December 31 2023 and December 31 2022 were as follows:

Conservative Fund: **US\$19.73** per unit vs US\$20.18 per unit at the end of 2022

Moderate Fund: **US\$20.83** per unit vs US\$21.25 per unit at the end of 2022

Aggressive Fund: **US\$20.43** per unit vs US\$20.95 per unit at the end of 2022

Aggregate Fund size fell by 5.11% from US\$3.9Mn to US\$3.8Mn. The portfolios remain diversified, comprising a mix of U.S. Equities, Global Equities, Fixed-Income, Real Estate and Natural Resources. Given the resilience of the global and U.S. equity markets in 2023, there was a fundamental shift in the asset mix of the three Funds, reflecting a reduction in fixed-income exposure and simultaneous increases in the other asset classes. This transpired as investor sentiment shifted from risk aversion to higher risk, favouring U.S. and global equities in particular.

The asset mix of the Conservative Fund as at the end of 2023 was as follows: U.S. Equities 20.30%, Global Equities 10.02%, Fixed-Income 37.27%, Real Estate 15.31%, Natural Resources 9.93% and Cash & Cash Equivalents 7.17%. The asset mix of the Moderate Fund as at the end of 2023 was as follows: U.S. Equities 23.35%, Global Equities 12.02%, Fixed-Income 30.19%, Real Estate 17.27%, Natural Resources 12.77% and Cash & Cash Equivalents 4.40%.

The asset mix of the Aggressive Fund as at the end of 2023 was as follows: U.S. Equities 28.47%, Global Equities 15.03%, Fixed-Income 15.85%, Real Estate 20.30%, Natural Resources 14.74% and Cash & Cash Equivalents 5.61%.

#### **Chief Investment Officer's Report (continued)**

Regarding geographic exposure, the three ETF Funds all have significant exposures to North America and the United States of America in particular, which accounts for between 70% and 80% of the portfolios.



The IMF forecasts global economic growth to remain steady at 3.1% in 2024, with a marginal increase to 3.2% in 2025. This uptick is attributed to stronger-than-anticipated performances in the United States and several major emerging market economies, along with heightened fiscal backing in China. The forecast for real gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the U.S. stands at 2.1% for 2024, slightly lower than the 2.5% growth recorded in 2023. Despite this, the economy demonstrates resilience. with recessionary concerns from 2023 now mitigated. Positive economic indicators, such as enhanced business activity, improved labor market conditions, upbeat consumer sentiment and alleviated inflation pressures, signal an overall positive trend. However, potential challenges lie ahead, including mounting consumer debt and heightened interest rates, which may pose risks to the economic outlook.

#### Conclusion

The Global Investor Select (GIS) Funds prioritise a balance between achieving long-term growth and mitigating risk. The strategic asset allocation and tactical momentum methodology, specifically the trend-following system, employ a rules-based approach to navigate volatile periods. With the volatility in the international equity markets in 2023, the Funds' rule-based approach adhered to the risk management protocols resulting in a focus on capital preservation.

Looking forward, the GIS Funds remain committed to delivering strong performance over the long term. The disciplined, rulesbased approach seeks to navigate diverse market conditions while balancing growth potential with controlled volatility.

Thank you for your continued trust in the GIS ETF Funds.

Your Partners For Life.

Crystal Rodriguez-Greaves
Chief Investment Officer

26th April 2024

## IF EVERYONE IS MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER, THEN SUCCESS TAKES CARE OF ITSELF.



# **Performance**

# Highlights GIS Funds

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022 - 2023 % change
All amounts quoted in USD'00	0						Cilalige
Funds Under Management							
Global Investor Select ETF Fund SP - Conservative	829	1,146	1,178	1,240	1,112	1,020	-8.27%
Global Investor Select ETF Fund SP - Moderate	872	1,485	1,558	1,763	1,607	1,548	-3.67%
Global Investor Select ETF Fund SP - Aggressive	842	1,162	1,197	1,385	1,230	1,180	-4.07%
Total Funds Under Management	2,543	3,793	3,933	4,388	3,949	3,748	-5.09%
Mutual Fund Sales Global Investor Select ETF Fund SP - Conservative	841.00	267.32	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Global Investor Select ETF Fund SP - Moderate	884.00	551.05	17.83	78.60	11.05	0.00	
Global Investor Select ETF Fund SP - Aggressive	858.04	276.83	20.69	72.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Sales	2,583.03	1,095.20	50.52	150.60	11.05	0.00	
Funds Mobilised to date	2,583.03	3,678.23	3,728.75	3,879.35	3,890.40 3	3,890.40	0.00%
Unitholder Accounts to date	7	111	119	129	130	130	0.00%

# Portfolio of INVESTMENTS





92.83%

7.17%

ETF SECURITIES

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

#### **GLOBAL INVESTOR SELECT FUND - CONSERVATIVE**

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (As at 31 December 2023)

% o	f Securities 2023
Vanguard FTSE Developed Exchange Traded Fund	10.80%
SPDR S&P 500 Exchange Traded Fund Trust	10.79%
iShares iBoxx Investment Grade Corporate Bond Exchange Traded Fund	10.78%
iShares Core US Aggregate Exchange Traded Fund	10.68%
iShares Short Treasury Bond Exchange Traded Fund	10.21%
TOTAL	53.26%

#### **GLOBAL INVESTOR SELECT FUND - CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS**

(As at December 31, 2023) Expressed in United States Dollars

	MARKET VALUE
	2023
	US\$
Equity Exchange Traded Fund Securities	947,070
Cash and Cash Equivalents	79,476
Other liabilities in Excess of Assets	(6,351)
Total Net Assets	1,020,195



# ASSET GLOBAL INVESTOR ALLOCATION MODERATE

SELECT FUND -

95.60%

4.40%

ETF **SECURITIES**  **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS** 

#### **GLOBAL INVESTOR SELECT FUND - MODERATE**

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (As at 31 December 2023)

%	of Securities 2023
iShares Short Treasury Bond Exchange Traded Fund	10.42%
iShares North American Natural Resources Exchange Traded Fund	9.89%
SPDR S&P 500 Exchange Traded Fund Trust	9.38%
Vanguard REIT Exchange Traded Fund	9.20%
Vanguard Global ex-US Real Estate Exchange Traded Fund	8.86%
Total	47.75%

#### **GLOBAL INVESTOR SELECT FUND - MODERATE PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS**

(As at December 31, 2023) **Expressed in United States Dollars** 

	MARKET VALUE 2023 US\$
Equity Exchange Traded Fund Securities	1,479,307
Cash and Cash Equivalents	74,536
Other Liabilities in Excess of Assets	(6,465)
Total Net Assets	1,547,378



94.39%

5.61%

ETF SECURITIES CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

#### **GLOBAL INVESTOR SELECT FUND - AGGRESSIVE**

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (As at 31 December 2023)

% o	f Securities 2023
Vanguard REIT Exchange Traded Fund	10.96%
Vanguard FTSE Developed Exchange Traded Fund	10.56%
Vanguard Global ex-US Real Estate Exchange Traded Fund	10.55%
SPDR S&P 500 Exchange Traded Fund Trust	10.54%
Goldman Sachs Access Treasury O-1 Yr Exchange Traded Fund	9.94%
TOTAL	52.55%

#### **GLOBAL INVESTOR SELECT FUND - AGGRESSIVE PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS**

(As at December 31, 2023) Expressed in United States Dollars

	MARKET VALUE
	2023 US\$
Equity Exchange Traded Fund Securities	1,113,833
Cash and Cash Equivalents	71,915
Other Liabilities in Excess of Assets	(5,744)
Total Net Assets	1,180,004

# DIRECTORS OF UTC (CAYMAN) SPC LTD.

#### AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023 ARE:

Mr. Nigel Edwards	May 9, 2018 to present
Mr. Gary Oakley	September 4, 2015 to present
Mr. Douglas Camacho	January 20, 2022 to December 29, 2023

#### **AUDITORS**

#### LOCAL

#### ${\bf Price water house Coopers}$

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#### **OVERSEAS**

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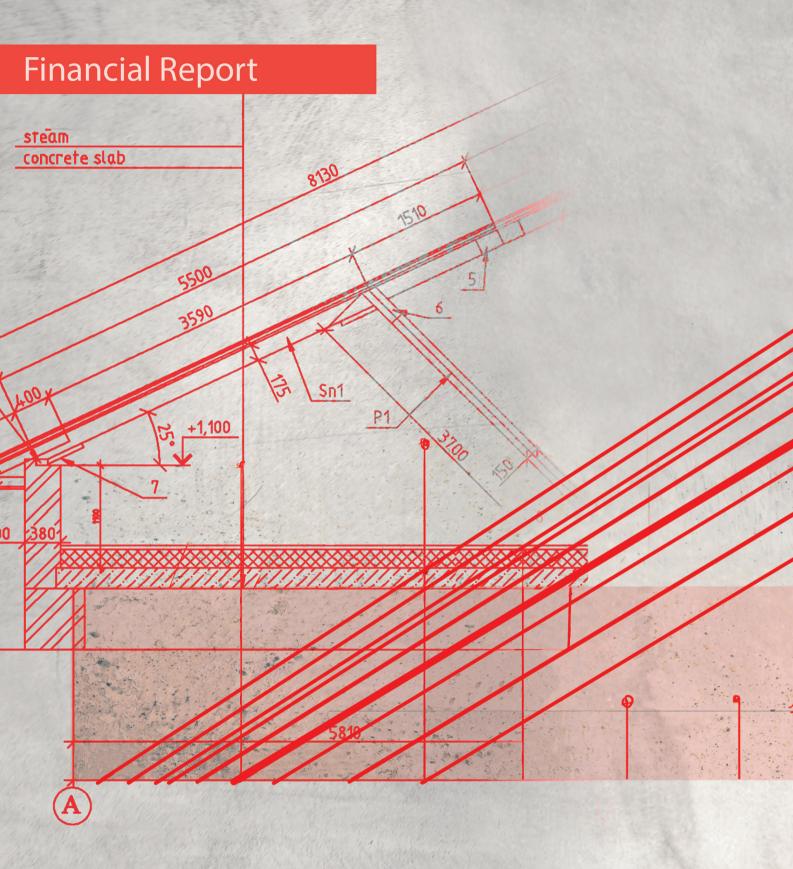
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UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

#### Statement of Management's Responsibilities

Management is responsible for the following:

- Preparing and fairly presenting the accompanying financial statements of UTC Global Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio - Conservative, UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio -Moderate and UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio -Aggressive (each a segregated portfolio of UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd.) (each a "Segregated Portfolio") which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information;
- Ensuring that each Segregated Portfolio keeps proper accounting records;
- Selecting appropriate accounting policies and applying them in a consistent manner;
- Implementing, monitoring and evaluating the system of internal control that assures security of each Segregated Portfolio's assets, detection/prevention of fraud, and the achievement of each Segregated Portfolio operational efficiencies;
- Ensuring that the system of internal control operated effectively during the reporting period;
- Producing reliable financial reporting that comply with laws and regulations, including the Companies Act;
- Using reasonable and prudent judgement in the determination of estimates.

In preparing these audited financial statements, management utilised the International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Trinidad and Tobago. Where International Financial Reporting Standards presented alternative accounting treatments, management chose those considered most appropriate in the circumstances.

Nothing has come to the attention of management to indicate that each Segregated Portfolio will not remain a going concern for the next twelve months from the reporting date; or up to the date the accompanying financial statements have been authorized for issue, if later.

Management affirms that it has carried out its responsibilities as outlined above.

Director – 28 March 2024

Director – 28 March 2024



#### Independent auditor's report

#### To the Board of Directors of UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd.

#### Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio – Moderate, UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio – Aggressive and UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio – Conservative (each a segregated portfolio of UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd.) (each the Segregated Portfolio) as at 31 December 2023, and each of their financial performance and each of their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

#### What we have audited

Each Segregated Portfolio's financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

#### **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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Segregated Portfolio in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

#### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Annual Report (but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon).

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

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# Independent auditor's report (continued) To the Board of Directors of UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above 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.

#### Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, 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 Segregated Portfolio'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 Segregated Portfolio or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### 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 scepticism 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 Segregated Portfolio's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists



# Independent auditor's report (continued) To the Board of Directors of UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd.

related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Segregated Portfolio'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 Segregated Portfolio to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including
the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions
and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

#### Other matter

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

28 March 2024

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UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

		31 December 2023 Global Investor Select Funds -			
Assets	Notes	Global In Conservative \$'000	Moderate \$'000	Aggressive \$'000	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Dividend receivable Prepayments Cash and cash equivalents	3	947 1 2 79	1,479 1 2 75	1,114 1 2 72	
Total assets		1,029	1,557	1,189	
Equity					
Share capital	5	1,033	1,490	1,160	
(Accumulated losses)/retained earnings		(13)	58	20	
Total equity		1,020	1,548	1,180	
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	6	9	9	9	
Total liabilities		9	9	9	
Total equity and liabilities		1,029	1,557	1,189	
Net asset value per share		\$ 19.72	\$ 20.83	\$20.42	

The notes on pages 11 to 28 are an integral part of these financial statements.

On 14 February 2024, the Board of Directors of UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. authorised these financial statements for issue.

Director

# UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

#### Statement of Financial Position (continued)

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

		31 December 2022 Global Investor Select Funds -			
Assets	Notes	Conservative \$'000	Moderate \$'000	Aggressive \$'000	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Dividend receivable Prepayments Cash and cash equivalents	3	800 1 6 315	1,075 1 6 535	919 1 6 313	
Total assets		1,122	1,617	1,239	
Equity					
Share capital	5	1,101	1,518	1,180	
Retained earnings		11	89	50	
Total equity		1,112	1,607	1,230	
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	6	10	10	9	
Total liabilities		10	10	9	
Total equity and liabilities		1,122	1,617	1,239	
Net asset value per share		\$20.17	\$21.24	\$20.94	

# UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

#### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

Income	Year ended 31 December 2023 Global Investor Select Funds - Conservative Moderate Aggressive			
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Dividend income Net changes in fair value on financial assets	29	41	33	
at fair value through profit or loss	(12)	(23)	(17)	
Total net income	17	18	16	
Operating expenses				
Management charge Legal fees Directors' fees Audit fees Custodial, bank and other charges	(10) (8) (6) (8) (5)	(15) (8) (6) (8) (5)	(12) (8) (6) (8) (5)	
Total operating expenses	(37)	(42)	(39)	
Operating loss	(20)	(24)	(23)	
Withholding tax	(4)	(7)	(7)	
Total comprehensive loss	(24)	(31)	(30)	

# UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

#### **Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)**

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

Income		ided 31 Decemb Investor Select Moderate \$'000	
Dividend income Net changes in fair value on financial assets	8	11	10
at fair value through profit or loss	(90)	(131)	(116)
Total net loss	(82)	(120)	(106)
Operating expenses			
Management charge Legal fees	(12)	(17)	(13)
Directors' fees	(9) (7)	(9) (7)	(9) (7)
Audit fees Custodial, bank and other charges	(7) (6)	(7) (6)	(7) (6)
Total operating expenses	(41)	(46)	(42)
Operating loss	(123)	(166)	(148)
Withholding tax		(1)	(2)
Total comprehensive loss	(123)	(167)	(150)

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

#### **Statement of Changes in Equity**

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

	Year ended 31 December 2023 Global Investor Select Funds -		
	Conservative \$'000	Moderate \$'000	Aggressive \$'000
At 1 January 2023	1,112	1,607	1,230
Redemptions – participating shares	(68)	(28)	(20)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(24)	(31)	(30)
At 31 December 2023	1,020	1,548	1,180

	Year ended 31 December 2022 Global Investor Select Funds -		
	Conservative \$'000	Moderate \$'000	Aggressive \$'000
At 1 January 2022	1,240	1,763	1,385
Subscriptions – participating shares		11	
Redemptions – participating shares	(5)		(5)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(123)	(167)	(150)
At 31 December 2022	1,112	1,607	1,230

# UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

#### **Statement of Cash Flows**

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

	Year ended 31 December 2023 Global Investor Select Funds - Conservative Moderate Aggressive		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities	()		
Total comprehensive loss Adjustments for:	(24)	(31)	(30)
- Dividend income	(29)	(41)	(33)
- Withholding taxes	4	, Ź	7
	(49)	(65)	(56)
Increase in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Decrease in prepayments	(148)	(406)	(195)
	4	4	4
	(193)	(467)	(247)
Dividends received	29	42	33
Withholding tax paid	(4)	(7)	(7)
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(168)	(432)	(221)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Redemptions - participating shares	(68)	(28)	(20)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(68)	(28)	(20)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(236)	(460)	(241)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	315	535	313
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	79	75	72

## UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

#### **Statement of Cash Flows (continued)**

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars)

	31 Dece	Year ended December 2022 Investor Select Funds - ve Moderate Aggressive \$'000 \$'000		
Cash flows from operating activities	*	,	,	
Total comprehensive loss Adjustments for:	(123)	(167)	(150)	
- Dividend income - Withholding taxes	(8) 	(11) 1	(10) 2	
	(131)	(177)	(158)	
Decrease in accounts payable		(1)	(1)	
Decrease/(increase) in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	44	155	(66)	
	(87)	(23)	(225)	
Dividend received	7	11	9	
Withholding tax paid		(1)	(2)	
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(80)	(13)	(218)	
Cash flows from financing activities				
Subscriptions – participating shares		11		
Redemptions - participating shares	(5)		(5)	
Net cash flows (used in)/from financing activities	(5)	11	(5)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(85)	(2)	(223)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	400	537	536	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	315	535	313	

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

#### 1 General information

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. (the "Company") was incorporated on 4 September 2015 as an exempted segregated portfolio company, with limited liability, under the provisions of the Companies Law (Revised) of the Cayman Islands. Its registered office is situated at Campbells Corporate Services Limited, 4th Floor, Willow House, Cricket Square, P. O. Box 268, Grand Cayman KY1-1103, Cayman Islands.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation (the "Corporation"), an entity established by the Unit Trust Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chapter 83:03 of the Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The Corporation manages the investments and trading activity of the Company, under an Investor Advisory Agreement and is also the Sponsor, Administrator and Investment Advisor. The Corporation's registered office is UTC Financial Centre, 82 Independence Square, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

The Company was licensed on 1 October 2015 as a mutual fund under Section 4(1)(a) of The Mutual Funds Law (2015 Revision) of the Cayman Islands by the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority. The Company operates as three (3) open-ended mutual funds regulated by the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority and the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission, namely:

- UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio Conservative
- UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio Moderate
- UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio Aggressive

#### **Authorised share capital**

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd is authorised to issue two classes of shares – management shares and segregated portfolio shares. The management shares are voting, non-participating, non-redeemable shares. The segregated portfolio shares, referred to as participating shares hereafter, are redeemable, non-transferrable shares with limited voting rights and no pre-emptive rights or rights of conversion or exchange. Voting rights of participating shares are limited to meetings held to determine the variation or abrogation of the rights attaching to participating shares.

The authorised share capital of the Company is US\$50,000 divided into 100 management shares of US\$1 nominal value each and 499,000,000 participating shares of \$0.0001 nominal value each designated on issue as either:

- a Global Investor Select ETF Fund SP Conservative share
- a Global Investor Select ETF Fund SP Moderate share
- a Global Investor Select ETF Fund SP Aggressive share

On 4 September 2015, 100 fully paid up management shares were allotted and issued at par to the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation which remained the legal and beneficial owner of the 100 management shares at 31 December 2023.

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

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#### 1 General information (continued)

#### **Participating shares**

Participating shares are redeemable at the holder's option at prices based on the net asset value (NAV) per share of the respective segregated portfolio. Each segregated portfolio's NAV per share is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to participating shareholders of the segregated portfolio by the total number of participating shares outstanding. In accordance with the provisions of each segregated portfolio's Offering Memorandum, securities are valued based on the last traded market price for the security.

Redemptions take place on redemption days and may be subject to a Redemption Fee. A redemption day is generally any day that banks are authorised to open for business in Trinidad and Tobago and New York City. Participating shares are carried at the redemption amount that is payable by the segregated portfolio at the reporting date if a holder exercises the right to put the share back to the respective segregated portfolio.

#### Initial pricing

The Initial Offer Price for participating shares in each segregated portfolio was set at \$20.00 per share. The Initial Offer Price applied for the Initial Offer Period – 26 November 2018.

#### Subsequent pricing

Subsequent to the Initial Offer Period, subscriptions and redemptions took place on a forward pricing basis. On any day on which there are subscriptions or redemptions, the Investment Advisor arranges for the NAV per participating share to be determined in accordance with the Offering Memorandum of each segregated portfolio. In particular, the NAV of each segregated portfolio is determined at the valuation time. The normal valuation time is approximately two (2) hours after the close of business of the Stock Exchanges in New York on any business day.

All subscription orders received before the close of the US Stock Markets and all redemption orders received before 12 noon Atlantic Standard Time, are processed at the NAV per participating share, determined at the valuation time for that day.

#### Approval of the financial statements

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 14 February 2024.

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

#### a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. The methods used to measure the fair value of the segregated portfolios' financial assets are provided in Note 2 e. (iii).

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Board of Directors to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies. There were no areas involving a high degree of judgement, or assumptions and estimates that were significant to the financial statements.

#### b. Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2023

There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2023 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the segregated portfolios.

c. New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2023 and have not been early adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations that are issued but not yet effective, up to date of issuance of the Fund's Financial Statements, have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the segregated portfolios.

#### d. Functional and presentation currency

The segregated portfolios' primary activities are conducted in United States Dollars including receipts for subscriptions and redemption of participating shares. The performance of the Fund is measured and reported to the investors in United States Dollars.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors considers the United States Dollar as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions and has designated the United States Dollar as the segregated portfolios' functional and presentation currency.

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

- e. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
  - (i) Classification

#### Assets

The segregated portfolios classify its investments based on both the segregated portfolios' business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

The investment assets of the segregated portfolios are held in portfolios which are managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The segregated portfolios are primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The segregated portfolios have not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. The receipt of contractual cash flows and the purchase and sale of the financial assets in the portfolios, are incidental to the objectives of the investment portfolios. Accordingly, the investment assets in the segregated portfolios have been classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss – mandatory.

#### (ii) Recognition, derecognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date – the date on which the segregated portfolios commit to purchase or sell the investment.

The Fund has designated all investments that are held for trading as FVPL on initial application of IFRS 9.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are those that are mandatorily required to be measured at fair value under IFRS 9. Management only designates an instrument at FVPL upon initial recognition when one of the following criteria are met. Such designation is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis:

- i. The designation eliminates, or significantly reduces, the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or liabilities or recognising gains or losses on them on a different basis.
- ii. The liabilities are part of a group of financial liabilities, which are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position at fair value at the end of each reporting period. Changes in fair value are recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

- e. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)
  - (ii) Recognition, derecognition and measurement

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the segregated portfolios have transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

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 segregated portfolios right to receive payments is established.

#### (iii) Fair value estimation

Fair value is the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of the segregated portfolios' ETFs – which are all traded in active markets – is equal to the quoted market prices for identical assets at the close of trading on the reporting date (or the last trading day before the reporting date) where the closing price is within the bid-ask spread which is most representative of fair value.

In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, management will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

A significant movement in fair value is any movement that materially affects the integrity of the closing price for an ETF where the movement occurs after the close of the market - but before completion of the daily computation of the segregated portfolio's NAV. The segregated portfolios are valued after the daily close of the Stock Exchanges in New York.

The segregated portfolios use a fair value hierarchy to rank the fair value of their financial assets. The fair value of a financial asset is categorised into one of three levels based on the degree to which the fair value inputs are observable. The three levels are:

Level 1 which represents valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets that the segregated portfolios can access.

Level 2 which represents valuations based on inputs that are other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the financial asset either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 which represents valuations based on inputs that are unobservable for the financial asset.

## UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

- e. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)
  - (iii) Fair value estimation (continued)

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 in the valuation of the financial asset.

The determination of what constitutes an observable input requires judgement. The segregated portfolios consider observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated and verifiable, not proprietary and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

(iv) Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy

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

#### f. Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position, when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. There were no financial instruments subject to offsetting arrangements at the reporting date.

#### Receivables from shareholder

Receivables represents amounts due from the shareholder in respect of subscriptions. These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently remeasured at amortised cost. At each reporting period the segregated portfolios shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from the Shareholder at an amount equal to the *lifetime expected credit losses* if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the segregated portfolios shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

Significant financial difficulties of the shareholder, probability that the shareholder will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organisation, and default in payments are considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment that is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

#### h. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term investments in active markets with original maturities of three months or less.

#### i. Dividend income

The segregated portfolios invest exclusively in ETFs and cash and cash equivalents.

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

#### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

i. Dividend income (continued)

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive the dividend is established.

i. Transaction costs

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire financial assets. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are included in the cost of the financial asset on initial recognition.

#### k. Taxation

There is, at present, no direct taxation in the Cayman Islands. The Company is also the holder of tax concessions whereby, for a period of twenty years ending on 12 October 2035, the Government of the Cayman Islands undertakes that with respect to the Company: no law imposing any tax to be levied on profits, income gains or appreciation shall apply to the Company or its operations; and no tax will be levied on profits, gains or appreciations nor will tax (which is the nature of estate duty or inheritance) be payable in respect of any of the shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company, nor will tax be withheld in whole or in part in respect of any relevant payment as defined in Section 6(3) of the Tax Concessions Law (2011 Revision).

By virtue of the tax concession the interest, dividends and gains payable by the segregated portfolios are free of any Cayman Island taxes for the next thirteen years.

The segregated portfolios are required however to pay the applicable withholding tax on dividends, interest and other income received from other tax jurisdictions.

Any income distribution paid by the segregated portfolios to residents of other tax jurisdictions will be subject to the tax laws of their jurisdiction of residence.

The segregated portfolios are also required to withhold and remit taxes to the authorities of certain jurisdictions based on distributions made to their citizens.

### 3 Financial risks

#### a. Financial risk factors

The segregated portfolios' activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk), liquidity risk and credit risk.

The segregated portfolios are also exposed to operational risks such as custody risk. Custody risk is the risk of loss of securities held in custody occasioned by the insolvency or negligence of the custodian. Although an appropriate legal framework is in place that eliminates the risk of loss of value of the securities held by the custodian, in the event of its failure, the ability of the segregated portfolios to transfer securities might be temporarily impaired.

The overall risk management program of the segregated portfolios seeks to:

- maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the segregated portfolios are exposed; and minimize potential adverse effects on segregate portfolios' financial performance.

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

### 3 Financial risks (continued)

a. Financial risk factors (continued)

The management of these risks is carried out by the Investment Advisor applying policies, rules and principles approved by the Board of Directors including:

- the construction of a diversified portfolio of non-correlated assets that collectively have a lower risk than any individual holding.
- the use of an optimisation process that identifies the best percentage allocation to the different asset classes of each segregated portfolio so as to increase the probability of achieving the expected risk and return targets.
- the restriction of investments to either ETFs (with no derivative exposure) or cash and cash equivalents.
- The restriction of the maximum exposure of the segregated portfolios to any one ETF to 10% of the segregated portfolios' assets.
- A restriction on the voting securities held by a segregated portfolio in any one issuer. (A segregated portfolio may not acquire an ETF if, after purchase, the segregated portfolio would control more than 10% of the voting securities of the issuer).

The segregated portfolios use a number of methods to measure and manage the various financial risks to which it is exposed.

#### (i) Price risk

The segregated portfolios invest in ETFs which are listed instruments that seek to track the investment results of specific indices. ETFs are susceptible to market price risk due to uncertainties about the future values of their underlying assets.

Uncertainty of the future value arises from the performance of the underlying securities and, where the ETFs are denominated in other currencies, in the possibility that there would be adverse movements in the exchange rates used to translate the prices of securities denominated in foreign currencies.

The segregated portfolios' policy is to manage price risk through diversification of the portfolio, careful selection of securities, the use of a tactical momentum methodology and restrictions on the proportion of a segregated portfolio's assets that may be invested in any one ETF.

The momentum strategy used is a simple 200 day moving average. If the moving average calculation of an ETF in the portfolio is above its 200 day moving average at the close of the last trading day of the month, then the asset remains invested. If not, it is liquidated and the proceeds are held in cash.

There were no changes in the policies and procedures for managing price risk compared with prior year.

# UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

### 3 Financial risks (continued)

- a. Financial risk factors (continued)
  - (i) Price risk (continued)

At 31 December 2023, the fair value of the ETFs exposed to price risk is shown in the table below.

	Global Select ETF Fund SP – Conservative US\$'000	Global Select ETF Fund SP – Moderate US\$'000	Global Select ETF Fund SP – Aggressive US\$'000
Goldman Sachs Access Treasury 0-1Yr ETF	-		111
iShares Core S&P Midcap	53	80	73
ISHARES Core US Aggregate	101	122	
ISHARES IBOXX \$ Investment Grade Corp Bond	102	154	76
ISHARES IBOXX USD HIGH YIELD	80	-	-
ISHARES MSCI EAFE SMALL CAP	-	63	60
ISHARES North American Natural Resources	50	96	85
iShares Short Treasury Bond ETF	97	146	
Powershares QQQ Trust Series	52	94	84
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Month T-Bill ETF	-	44	
SPDR S&P 500 ETF TRUST	102	139	117
Vanguard FTSE Developed ETF	102	124	118
Vanguard Global ex-US Real Estate ETF	76	131	117
Vanguard Materials ETF	52	101	89
Vanguard REIT ETF	80	136	122
Vanguard Small Cap	-	49	62
Total	947	1,479	1,114

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

### 3 Financial risks (continued)

- a. Financial risk factors (continued)
  - (i) Price risk (continued)

At 31 December 2022, the fair value of the ETFs exposed to price risk is shown in the table below.

	Global Select ETF Fund SP – Conservative US\$'000	Global Select ETF Fund SP – Moderate US\$'000	Global Select ETF Fund SP – Aggressive US\$'000
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Month T- Bill ETF (BIL)	112	161	124
Goldman Sachs Access Treasury 0-1Yr ETF (GBIL)	112	161	124
ISHARES IBOXX USD High Yield (HYG)	89		
ISHARES North American Natural Resources (IGE)	54	102	90
iShares Core S&P Midcap (IJH)	53	77	71
iShares Short Treasury Bond ETF (SHV)	112	161	124
SPDR S&P 500 ETF TRUST (SPY)	105	139	117
Vanguard Materials ETF (VAW)	54	101	89
Vanguard Small Cap (VB)		46	59
Vanguard FTSE Developed ETF (VEA)	109	127	121
Total	800	1,075	919

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

## 3 Financial risks (continued)

- a. Financial risk factors (continued)
  - (i) Price risk (continued)

Price risk sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity of the segregated portfolios' investments to movements in equity and natural resources ETF prices at 31 December 2023 and December 2022 were computed by reference to the S&P 500, and the sensitivity of the fixed income ETFs were computed using the modified duration (which shows how the security will move for every 1% (or 100 basis points) movement in interest rates). This information is used by the Investment Manager for sensitivity analysis of the price risk of the portfolio. The price risk is computed on the assumption that the segregated portfolios remained constant for the twelve months ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

The segregated portfolios at 31 December 2023 and 2022 had betas as shown in the Table below.

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio					
	Conservative Moderate Aggressive					
Beta 31 December 2023	0.99	0.99	0.99			
Beta 31 December 2022	0.91	0.94	0.94			

A beta of 0.10 suggests that, had the S&P 500 changed by +/- 1% all other things remaining equal, the value of the portfolio would have changed by +/- 0.10%.

The average annualised volatility of the equity and natural resources ETFs using S&P 500 for the previous five years to 31 December 2023 was 12% (2022: 25%) as shown in the table below in dollar terms.

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio				
	Conservative Moderate Aggressive US\$'000 US\$'000 US\$'000				
12% change in the equity and natural resources ETFs using S&P 500 as at 31 December 2023	68	121	111		
25% change in the equity and natural resources ETFs using S&P 500 as at 31 December 2022	86	140	129		

UTC (Cayman) SPC Ltd. Segregated Portfolios

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) 31 December 2023

(Expressed in United States Dollars)

#### 3 Financial risks (continued)

- a. Financial risk factors (continued)
  - (i) Price risk (continued)

Price risk sensitivity analysis (continued)

The impact of a change in interest rates of 1% or 100 basis points using modified duration at 31 December 2023 is provided in the table below in dollar terms.

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolio					
	Conservative Moderate Aggressive US\$'000 US\$'000 US\$'000					
1% change in fixed income ETFs using modified duration as at 31 December 2023	18	21	7			
1% change in fixed income ETFs using modified duration as at 31 December 2022	4	1	1			

### (ii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the segregated portfolios may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle their obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The requirement to redeem participating shares on a daily basis can be a source of liquidity risk.

The Investment Advisor monitors the segregated portfolios' liquidity position on a daily basis. The tables below analyse the segregated portfolios' financial liabilities into relevant maturity groups based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position date. The amounts in the Tables below are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

At 31 December	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated I				regated Po	ortfolios	
2023	Conse	rvative	Mod	erate	Aggre	essive	
	More than one year \$'000	Within one year \$'000	More than one year \$'000	Within one year \$'000	More than one year \$'000	Within one year \$'000	
Participating shares	-	1,020	-	1,548	-	1,180	
Accounts payable	-	9	-	9	-	9	
	-	1,029	-	1,557	-	1,189	

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## Financial risks (continued)

- a. Financial risk factors (continued)
  - (ii) Liquidity risk

At 31 December	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios				rtfolios	
2022	Conse	rvative	Mod	erate	Aggressive	
	More than one year \$'000	Within one year \$'000	More than one year \$'000	Within one year \$'000	More than one year \$'000	Within one year \$'000
Participating shares		1,112		1,607		1,230
Accounts payable		10		10		9
	-	1,122		1,617		1,239

The segregated portfolios invest in ETFs that can be liquidated within three (3) days. The cash balances of the segregated portfolios are held in on-demand deposit accounts with its custodian. The tables below illustrate the expected liquidity of assets held.

At 31 December	UTC GI	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregate				d Portfolios	
2023	Conser	vative	Mode	erate	Aggressive		
	Less than one month \$'000	Less than four days \$'000	Less than one month \$'000	Less than four days \$'000	Less than one month \$'000	Less than four days \$'000	
Total assets	1	1,028	1	1,556	1	1,188	

At 31 December	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios					
2022	Conse	rvative	Mode	erate	Aggre	essive
		Less		Less		Less
	Less	than	Less	than	Less	than
	than one	four	than one	four	than one	four
	month	days	month	days	month	days
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total assets	1	1,121	1	1,616	1	1,238

There are no changes in the policies and procedures for managing liquidity risk compared with prior year.

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### 3 Financial risk (continued)

- a. Financial risk factors (continued)
  - (iii) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The segregated portfolios do not hold bond investments and therefore have limited direct exposure to credit risk. The segregated portfolios' exposure to credit risk arise primarily through their custody, clearing and depository operations and their custody cash balances.

The maximum credit exposure of each segregated portfolio is provided in the table below.

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-						
As at 31 December 2023	Conservative Moderate Aggressive US\$'000 US\$'000 US\$'000						
Dividend receivable	1	1	1				
Cash and cash equivalents	79	75	72				
Total	80 76 73						

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-					
As at 31 December 2022	Conservative Moderate Aggressive US\$'000 US\$'000 US\$'000					
Dividend receivable	1	1	1			
Cash and cash equivalents	315	535	313			
Total	316	536	314			

All other receivable amounts due from brokers, cash and short-term deposits are held by parties with a credit rating of AA/Aa or higher.

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### 3 Financial risk (continued)

### a. Financial risk factors (continued)

#### (iii) Credit risk (continued)

The segregated portfolios limit their credit exposure by establishing custody and banking relationships with counterparties with investment grade credit ratings. In addition, the segregated portfolios mitigate the risk of credit loss by trading in ETFs issued and managed by reputable establishments. The Managers of the ETFs held by the segregated portfolios are shown in the table below.

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-						
As at 31 December 2023	Conservative Moderate Aggressivus US\$'000 US\$'000 US\$'000						
Black Rock	483	662	294				
Vanguard	310	540	508				
State Street	102	183	117				
Goldman Sachs	-	-	111				
Invesco	52	94	84				
Total	947	1,479	1,114				

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-			
As at 31 December 2022	Conservative US\$'000	Moderate US\$'000	Aggressive US\$'000	
Black Rock	309	340	286	
Vanguard	163	274	269	
State Street	217	300	240	
Goldman Sachs	111	161	124	
Total	800	1,075	919	

There were no changes in the policies and procedures for managing credit risk compared with prior year.

#### b. Capital risk management.

The capital of the Company is represented principally by the segregated portfolios' assets. The value of the assets can change significantly in the event of significant market volatility which directly impacts the segregated portfolios' performance.

The segregated portfolios' objective when managing capital is to safeguard their ability to continue as going concerns and maintain a strong capital base to support the development of their investment activities.

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## 3 Financial risk (continued)

#### b. Capital risk management (continued)

The Board of Directors and Investment Advisor monitor capital on the basis of the value of the assets of the segregated portfolios. There were no changes in the policies and procedures for risk management compared with prior year.

#### c. Fair value estimation

The segregated portfolios' assets comprised either ETFs which are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange or cash and cash equivalents held with their custodian.

The fair value of the ETFs was estimated based on the last traded price on 31 December 2023 and 2022 and were categorised as Level 1 valuations (see Note 2 e. (iii)).

The carrying value of the segregated portfolios' other assets and liabilities approximate their fair values.

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

These investments consist of holdings in various ETFs that are publicly traded.

#### 5 Share capital

One hundred (100) management shares, with a nominal value of US\$1 each, were allotted, issued and fully paid up at par. They are held by the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation. The participating shares issued by the segregated portfolios in 2023 and 2022 are provided in the table below.

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-					
	Conservative Moderate Aggressive			essive		
	Shares	US\$'000	Shares	US\$'000	Shares	US\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2023	55,176.45	1,101	75,662.57	1,518	58,736.68	1,180
Redemptions - participating shares	(3,456.79)	(68)	(1,386.22)	(28)	(977.62)	(20)
Balance at 31 December 2023	51,719.66	1,033	74,276.35	1,490	57,759.06	1,160

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### 5 Share capital (continued)

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-					
	Conservative Modera			erate	te Aggressive	
	Shares	US\$'000	Shares	US\$'000	Shares	US\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2022	55,400.67	1,106	75,171.78	1,507	58,995.08	1,185
Subscriptions - participating shares			490.79	11	-	-
Redemptions - participating shares	(224.22)	(5)			(258.40)	(5)
Balance at 31 December 2022	55,176.45	1,101	75,662.57	1,518	58,736.68	1,180

### 6 Accounts payable

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-				
As at 31 December 2023	Conservative US\$'000	Moderate US\$'000	Aggressive US\$'000		
Audit fees	7	7	7		
Legal fees, management charge and other expenses	2	2	2		
Total	9	9	9		

	UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-			
As at 31 December 2022	Conservative US\$'000	Moderate US\$'000	Aggressive US\$'000	
Audit fees	7	7	7	
Legal fees, management charge and other expenses	3	3	2	
Total	10	10	9	

### 7 Related party transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control, or exercise significant influence, over the other party in making financial or operational decisions. The Corporation is the Sponsor, Administrator, and Investment Advisor to the Company and consequently is a related party. The Company entered into the following transactions with the Corporation during 2023 and 2022:

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## 7 Related party transactions (continued)

a. The Corporation is entitled to a fee for management and administrative services based on each segregated portfolio's net asset value. A Management fee was charged by the Investment Manager from November 2018 at a rate of 1% per annum of the net asset value of the segregated portfolio. Management fees are as follows:

		UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-			
	Conservative US\$'000	Moderate US\$'000	Aggressive US\$'000		
As at 31 December 2023	10	15	12		
As at 31 December 2022	12	17	13		

- b. As Administrator, in the normal course of business, the Corporation collects subscriptions from the public on behalf of the segregated portfolios. At the reporting date, there were no subscription proceeds collected by the Corporation from the public and awaiting transmission to the segregated portfolios (2022: nil).
- c. The directors of the Company are also related parties.
- d. The Corporation also has investments in the segregated portfolios as at 31 December 2023. The holdings are listed in the table below:

UTC Global Investor Select ETF Fund Segregated Portfolios-				
Conservative US\$'000	33.			
829	881	875		

