



**TO: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO UNIT TRUST CORPORATION**

**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ON THE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO UNIT TRUST CORPORATION – UTC  
CORPORATE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**OPINION**

The Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation - UTC Corporate Fund (the Fund) for the year ended 31 December 2024 have been audited. The statements as set out on pages 1 to 25 comprise a Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2024 and a Statement of Comprehensive Income, a Statement of Changes in Equity and a Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and Notes to the Financial Statements numbered 1 to 16, including a summary of material accounting policies.

2. In my opinion, the accompanying Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation - UTC Corporate Fund as at 31 December 2024 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

**BASIS FOR OPINION**

3. The audit was conducted in accordance with the principles and concepts of International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). The Auditor General's responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of this report. The Auditor General is independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the Financial Statements and other ethical responsibilities have been fulfilled in accordance with these requirements. It is my view that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the above audit opinion.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

4. Management of the Fund is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting 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.

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

6. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Fund.



## **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

7. The Auditor General's responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on the audit and to report thereon in accordance with section 30 (4) of the Unit Trust Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chapter 83:03.

8. The Auditor General's 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 audit report that includes her opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the principles and concepts of ISSAIs 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.

9. As part of an audit in accordance with the principles and concepts of ISSAIs, the Auditor General exercises professional judgment and maintains professional skepticism throughout the audit. The Auditor General also:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for an 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.
- Obtains 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 internal control of the Fund.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Concludes on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Fund to continue as a going concern. If the Auditor General concludes that a material uncertainty exists, the Auditor General is required to draw attention in her audit report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify her opinion. The Auditor General's conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of her audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluates 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.

10. The Auditor General communicates 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 were identified during the audit.



**27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025**  
**PORT OF SPAIN**

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**AUDITOR GENERAL**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

(Expressed in thousands of Trinidad and Tobago dollars)

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**


As at 31 December 2024

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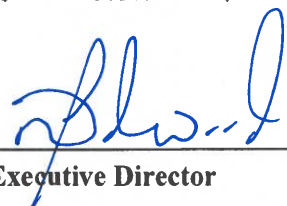
	Notes	31-Dec-24 \$'000	31-Dec-23 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash at bank	4	9,711	13,592
Deposits with banks		100,000	70,000
Due from brokers		—	882
Other receivables	5	3,059	2,811
Investment securities	6	<u>409,759</u>	<u>460,524</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>522,529</u>	<u>547,809</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Other payables	7	<u>4,197</u>	<u>2,739</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>4,197</u>	<u>2,739</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Unitholders' capital	9	508,097	534,511
Retained earnings		<u>10,235</u>	<u>10,559</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>518,332</u>	<u>545,070</u>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<u>522,529</u>	<u>547,809</u>

Net asset value per unit

\$ 102.01 \$ 101.97

  
Chairman



  
Executive Director

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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	Notes	31-Dec-24 \$'000	31-Dec-23 \$'000
Interest income		20,231	16,594
Net change in fair value of investment securities		<u>(2,882)</u>	<u>(438)</u>
<b>Total revenue</b>		17,349	16,156
Management charge	10	(5,422)	(2,847)
Other operating expenses		<u>(35)</u>	<u>(45)</u>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<u>(5,457)</u>	<u>(2,892)</u>
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<u><u>11,892</u></u>	<u><u>13,264</u></u>



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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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	<b>Unitholders' capital \$'000</b>	<b>Retained earnings \$'000</b>	<b>Total equity \$'000</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 January 2024</b>	534,511	10,559	545,070
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Profit for the year	—	11,892	11,892
<b>Transactions with unitholders recognised directly in equity</b>			
Subscriptions of units	69,515	—	69,515
Redemptions of units	(95,929)	—	(95,929)
Distributions to unitholders	—	(12,216)	(12,216)
<b>Total transactions with unitholders</b>	<u>(26,414)</u>	<u>(12,216)</u>	<u>(38,630)</u>
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2024</b>	<u>508,097</u>	<u>10,235</u>	<u>518,332</u>
<b>Balance as at 1 January 2023</b>	570,028	7,691	577,719
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Profit for the year	—	13,264	13,264
<b>Transactions with unitholders recognised directly in equity</b>			
Subscriptions of units	235,917	—	235,917
Redemptions of units	(271,434)	—	(271,434)
Distributions to unitholders	—	(10,396)	(10,396)
<b>Total transactions with unitholders</b>	<u>(35,517)</u>	<u>(10,396)</u>	<u>(45,913)</u>
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>534,511</u>	<u>10,559</u>	<u>545,070</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Profit for the year	11,892	13,264
Adjustments to reconcile profit for the year to net cash flows:		
Interest income	(17,664)	(13,402)
Amortisation of premium expense and discount income	(2,567)	(3,192)
Placement of deposits with banks	(30,000)	(70,000)
Purchase of investments	(200,690)	(472,694)
Proceeds from sale of investments	251,140	591,325
Net change in fair value of investment securities	2,882	438
Working capital adjustments:		
Decrease in other receivables	1,881	425
Increase/(decrease) in other payables	315	(28)
	<u>17,189</u>	<u>46,136</u>
Interest received	<u>16,416</u>	<u>14,034</u>
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<u>33,605</u>	<u>60,170</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Subscriptions of units	49,900	212,740
Redemptions of units	<u>(87,386)</u>	<u>(260,293)</u>
<b>Net cash flows used in financing activities</b>	<u>(37,486)</u>	<u>(47,553)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash	(3,881)	12,617
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>13,592</u>	<u>975</u>
<b>Cash at the end of the year</b>	<u>9,711</u>	<u>13,592</u>

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**Notes to the financial statements**

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**1. General information**

The UTC Corporate Fund (the Fund) is a fixed income mutual fund denominated in Trinidad and Tobago dollars that was launched on 8 December 2014. The Custodians of the Fund are the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago and Citibank New York. The Fund invests in accordance with its Investment Policy Statement and guidelines approved by the Board of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation (The Corporation). The Corporation is the Sponsor, Manager, Trustee and Investment Advisor of the Fund. Responsibility for managing the business affairs of the Fund is vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation which approves all significant agreements of the Fund. The Corporation's registered office is located at UTC Financial Centre, 82 Independence Square, Port of Spain.

Participation by investors in the Fund is represented by units which are equivalent to a proportion of the Fund's net asset value. There is no limit to the number of units that may be issued. Each unit attracts an equal share in the net asset value and other benefits of the Fund.

*Investment objective*

The Fund's objective is to provide investors with capital preservation and current income by investing its capital in cash, near cash instruments, bonds and other fixed income securities issued by corporate institutions and sovereigns.

*Subscriptions*

The price of a unit is fixed at TT\$100.00 per unit and may be purchased through the Corporation's distribution channels including the Corporation's authorised agents. The minimum initial investment is TT\$1,000,000.00.

*Redemptions*

Units may be redeemed at a fixed price per unit of TT\$100.00 per unit through the Corporation's distribution channels including the Corporation's authorised agents.

*Reinvestments*

The Fund's distribution dates are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December. Income earned during any distribution period is automatically credited to unitholders' accounts on the day after the distribution dates.

*Management charge*

The Corporation may charge an annual Management Charge of up to 2% of the market value of the investments held by the Fund.

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**2. Material accounting policies**

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

**a) Basis of preparation**

- i. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). IFRS Accounting Standards comprise the following authoritative literature:
  - IFRS Accounting Standards
  - International Accounting Standards (IASs)
  - Interpretations developed by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC Interpretations) or its predecessor body, the Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC Interpretations).
- ii. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL). The methods used to fair value the Fund's financial assets are provided at Note 2 (g).
- iii. The financial statements are presented in Trinidad and Tobago dollars, which is the functional currency of the Fund.

**b) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures**

***Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2024***

The following new and amended accounting standards and interpretations did not have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements in 2024.

**Amendments to IAS 1 - Classification of liabilities as current or non-current and non-current liabilities with covenants**

The amendments specifies the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- i) What is meant by a right to defer settlement
- ii) That a right to defer settlement must exist at the end of the reporting period
- iii) That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral
- iv) That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification



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**2. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**b) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures**

*Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2024 (continued)*

**Amendments to IFRS 16 - Lease liability in a sale and leaseback**

The amendment specifies the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction, to ensure the seller-lessee does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains.

**Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 - Disclosures: supplier finance arrangements**

The amendments specify disclosure requirements to enhance the current requirements, which are intended to assist users of financial statements in understanding the effects of supplier finance arrangements on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk.

*New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2024 and have not been early adopted*

The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2024, and 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 Fund.

- Amendments to IAS 21 – Lack of Exchangeability – Effective 1 January 2025
- Amendments to IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Effective 1 January 2026
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11 – Effective 1 January 2026
- Amendments to IFRS 18 – Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements – Effective 1 January 2027
- Amendments to IFRS 19 – Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures – Effective 1 January 2027

**c) Cash at bank**

Cash at bank represents account balances held in one bank.

**d) Deposits with banks**

Deposits with banks comprise highly liquid financial assets that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value.

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**2. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**e) Due from and due to brokers**

Amounts due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

**f) Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss**

**i) Classification**

***Financial assets***

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions.

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

***Financial liabilities***

The Fund recognises a financial liability when it becomes party to the contractual obligations of the financial instrument. The Fund determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition.

A financial liability is classified at fair value through profit or loss if it is classified as held-for-trading or it is designated as such on initial recognition.

**ii) Recognition, measurement and derecognition**

Regular purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the investment. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value.

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 are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within Net changes in fair value of investment securities in the period in which they arise.

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**2. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**f) Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (continued)**

**ii) Recognition, measurement and derecognition (continued)**

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

**iii) Fair value estimation**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date.

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. (Note 2 (g))

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

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

**g) Fair value measurement**

***Valuation framework***

The Fund has established a control framework for the measurement of fair values. The framework includes a valuation team that is independent of front office management. The valuation team reports to a Valuation Committee comprising the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Risk Officer and other senior officers. On a monthly basis, the Valuation Committee reviews the prices for non-traded bonds prior to incorporation into the Fund, while a meeting is held quarterly, or more frequently as required, to discuss and approve the fair value of assets in the Funds. The Valuation Committee reports to the Audit Committee in relation to significant changes to the valuation methodology.

***Valuation techniques***

The objective of valuation techniques is to arrive at a fair value measurement that reflects the price that would be received to sell the asset or paid to transfer the liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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**2. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**g) Fair value measurement (continued)**

*Valuation techniques (continued)*

Valuation techniques include net present value and discounted cash flow models, comparison with similar instruments for which observable market prices exist and other valuation models. Assumptions and inputs used in valuation techniques include risk-free and benchmark interest rates, credit spreads and other premiums used in estimating discount rates, bond and equity prices, foreign currency exchange rates, equity indices, EBITDA multiples and revenue multiples and expected price volatilities and correlations.

The Fund uses valuation models that use observable market data for determining the fair value of its financial instruments. Observable prices or model inputs are usually available in the market for listed debt and equity securities. The availability of observable market prices and model inputs reduces the need for management judgement and estimation and reduces the uncertainty associated with the determination of fair values. The availability of observable market prices and inputs varies depending on the debt, equity and exchange-traded funds and is prone to changes based on specific events and general conditions in the financial markets.

For more complex instruments, the Fund uses proprietary valuation models, which are usually developed from recognised valuation models. Some or all of the significant inputs into these models may not be observable in the market and are derived from market prices or rates or are estimated based on assumptions. Valuation models that employ significant unobservable inputs require a higher degree of management judgement and estimation in the determination of fair value. Management judgement and estimation are usually required for the selection of the appropriate valuation model to be used, determination of expected future cash flows on the financial instrument being valued, determination of the probability of counterparty default and prepayments and selection of appropriate discount rates.

Fair value estimates obtained from models are adjusted for any other factors, such as liquidity risk or model uncertainties, to the extent that the Fund believes that a third party market participant would take them into account in pricing a transaction. Fair values reflect the credit risk of the instrument and include adjustments to take account of the credit risk of the Fund and the counterparty where appropriate.

The fair values of financial assets that are traded in active markets are based on prices obtained directly from an exchange on which the instruments are traded.

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



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**2. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**g) Fair value measurement (continued)**

*Valuation techniques (continued)*

For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective and requires varying degrees of judgement depending on liquidity, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument. For all other financial instruments, the Fund determines fair values using other valuation techniques.

*Fair value hierarchy*

The Fund measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

- **Level 1** - Inputs that are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments.
- **Level 2** - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not considered active; or other valuation techniques in which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- **Level 3** - Inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments for which the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments but for which significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions such as trading comparables, transaction comparables are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

The Fund considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

*Valuation techniques for specific instruments*

*Traded local bonds*

Where quoted prices in an active market are available at the measurement date, those prices are used (Level 1 measurement). The Fund measures instruments quoted in an active market at the closing price at the measurement date, because this price provides a reasonable approximation of the price that would be received to sell the bonds between market participants.

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**2. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**g) Fair value measurement (continued)**

*Valuation techniques for specific instruments (continued)*

*Unquoted local bonds*

The Fund uses an internally developed model to value its unquoted local bonds. Management reviews the model regularly to incorporate enhancements in line with established best practice. There were no material changes made to the model during 2024 and 2023.

The output of any valuation model is an estimate of a value that cannot be determined with certainty. As such the valuation may vary significantly from the value that would be realised in an actual transaction. Valuations based on the model are categorised as Level 2.

*Categorisation of short-term investments*

The Fund's short-term investments (for example: reverse repurchase agreements and commercial paper) are assumed to be encashable/tradeable at their carrying value and are categorised as Level 1.

*Receivables, payables and short-term liabilities*

The carrying value of receivables and payables, which are of a short-term nature, are assumed to approximate their fair values.

**h) Interest income**

Interest is recognised on a time-proportionate basis using the effective interest rate (EIR) method. The EIR is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or liability or, when appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset. Interest income includes interest from cash and cash equivalents. Interest income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

**i) Taxation**

The Fund is exempt from corporation tax.

**3. Significant accounting estimates and assumptions in applying accounting policies**

In preparing these financial statements, management has made estimates. In developing these estimations, management has made assumptions about the future that affect the application of the Fund's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

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**4. Cash at bank**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Cash at bank	<u>9,711</u>	<u>13,592</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>9,711</u>	<u>13,592</u>

**5. Other receivables**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Amounts due from the Corporation (see Note 10)	—	1,000
Interest receivable	<u>3,059</u>	<u>1,811</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>3,059</u>	<u>2,811</u>

**6. Investment securities**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Investment securities carried at fair value</b>		
Bonds	391,759	460,524
Reverse repurchase agreements	<u>18,000</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>409,759</u>	<u>460,524</u>

**7. Other payables**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Amounts due to the Corporation (see Note 10)	549	232
Distribution payable	3,627	2,484
Other payables	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>4,197</u>	<u>2,739</u>

**8. Distributions to unitholders**

Distributions to Unitholders for the year ended 31 December 2024 were \$12.2 million (December 2023: \$10.4 million). The next distribution period is January to March 2025.

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**9. Unitholders' capital**

This represents the capital value of units issued by the Fund. The Fund is responsible for redemption of its units. The movement in the balance of redeemable units is summarised below.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Opening balance as at 1 January	<u>534,511</u>	<u>570,028</u>
Add: sales	69,515	235,917
Less: repurchases	<u>(95,929)</u>	<u>(271,434)</u>
Net repurchases	<u>(26,414)</u>	<u>(35,517)</u>
<b>Closing balance as at 31 December</b>	<u><b>508,097</b></u>	<u><b>534,511</b></u>

**10. Related party transactions**

Parties are considered related if the following conditions applies:

- if one entity has the ability to control the other entity or exercise significant influence over the other entity in making financial or operational decisions, and
- if the entity and the reporting entity are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).

The Fund is managed by the Corporation. Under the terms of the investment management agreement dated 8 December 2014, the Corporation may charge an annual fee of up to 2% of the net asset value of the Fund.

Total management fees for the year 2024 amounted to \$5.4 million, an average of 1.03% of month-end fund sizes (December 2023: \$2.8 million or 0.5% of fund size). The outstanding management charge due to the Corporation at 31 December 2024 amounted to \$0.5 million (December 2023: \$0.2 million). (see Note 7)

Amounts receivable from the Corporation at 31 December 2024: Nil (December 2023: \$0.8 million) (see Note 5).

The Corporation also has an investment in the Fund as at 31 December 2024. The value of the holding is \$5.7 million (December 2023: \$5.6 million).



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**10. Related party transactions (continued)**

During the year the Fund entered into transactions with related parties. The transactions, which were effected on commercial terms and conditions and at market rates, are summarised below.

Values in the following table are expressed in millions of dollars.

	Sale of securities		Purchase of securities	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
TT Dollar Income Fund	—	362.0	136.3	440.8
UTC Corporate Fund	136.3	440.8	—	362.0

There were no other related party transactions for the year.

**11. Segment information**

The Fund has a fixed income portfolio which is its reportable segment. The portfolio's investment objective and strategy is to invest in the local debt market within the parameters set out in the Fund's prospectus to achieve the highest possible yield.

The Board of Directors reviews the internal management reports of the portfolio at least quarterly.

Segment information is measured on the same basis as that used in the preparation of the Fund's financial statements.

***Major customers***

The Fund regards the holders of redeemable units as customers, because it relies on their funding for continuing operations and meeting its objectives.

As at 31 December 2024, the Fund's largest unitholder holds 12.9% of the Fund's net asset value (December 2023: 12.5%). Two unitholders hold more than 5% as at 31 December 2024 (December 2023 three unitholders). All other investors hold less than 5%.

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**12. Fair value of financial instruments**

**a) The fair value hierarchy for investment securities**

The Fund uses a valuation hierarchy to rank the fair value of its Investment Securities (see Note 2 (g)), as analysed below.

<b>Fair value hierarchy for investment securities as at 31 December 2024</b>				
<b>Investment securities carried at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bonds	–	391,759	–	391,759
Reverse repurchase agreements	18,000	–	–	18,000
Total investment securities	18,000	391,759	–	409,759

<b>Fair value hierarchy for investment securities as at 31 December 2023</b>				
<b>Investment securities carried fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bonds	–	460,524	–	460,524
Total investment securities	–	460,524	–	460,524

**b) Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels**

At each reporting date the Fund assesses the fair value hierarchy of its financial instruments. A transfer between levels will occur when a financial instrument no longer meets the criteria in which the financial instrument is classified.

There were no transfers between the fair value hierarchy levels during 2024 and 2023.

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**13. Risk management**

**Risk management framework**

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Board of Directors has established policies, procedures, an Audit Committee and a Strategic Risk and Compliance Committee (SRCC) to identify, assess and manage these risks to safeguard the interests of all stakeholders and to achieve strategic objectives.

The SRCC meets at least once per quarter and is responsible for overseeing the Fund's risk management and compliance frameworks, programs and supporting policies.

The Audit Committee is responsible for discharging independent oversight of the Fund's financial reports and the Fund's compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee is also responsible for ensuring that Management has:

- maintained the reliability and integrity of the accounting policies and financial reporting and disclosure practices.
- established and maintained processes to assure that an adequate system of internal control is functioning within the Fund.

**Risk exposures**

The primary risks to which the Fund is exposed are:

- i. market risk, which comprises:
  - bond price risk
  - interest rate risk
- ii. credit risk
- iii. liquidity risk; and
- iv. operational risk

In alignment with the Risk Management Framework, these risk exposures are managed on an ongoing basis. Risks are monitored to determine compliance with approved risk tolerances and to ensure appropriate corrective actions are implemented when necessary.

**Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices for example bond price risk, foreign exchange rates, and interest rates will affect the Fund's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising returns.

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**13. Risk management (continued)**

**Bond price risk**

Bond price risk is the risk that the fair value of the financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment or its issuer or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

**Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund's interest rate risk exposure arises primarily on fixed rate debt securities held.

The Fund manages the overall interest rate risk through judicious adjustments of the overall weighted average term to maturity (duration) of its portfolios.

Management has determined that a fluctuation in interest rates of 100 basis points is reasonably possible, considering the economic environment in which the Fund operates.

The following tables demonstrate the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss for the year to a possible 100 basis point change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant. The sensitivity of the profit or loss for the year is the effect of the assumed change in interest rates on:

- i. The interest income for one year, based on the floating rate assets held at the end of the reporting period; and
- ii. Changes in the fair value for the year, based on revaluing fixed rate financial assets at the end of the reporting period.

**Sensitivity of changes in fair value of investments**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Maximum loss	(20,000)	(20,000)
Minimum loss	(10,000)	(10,000)

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**13. Risk management (continued)**

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk as at 31 December is summarised below. The Fund's assets are included at their carrying amount and categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates. The liabilities of the Fund are not subject to interest rate risk.

	<b>Less than 1 year</b>	<b>Between 1 and 5</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash at bank	9,711	—	—	9,711
Deposits with banks	100,000	—	—	100,000
Bonds	50,463	136,445	204,851	391,759
Reverse repurchase agreements	18,000	—	—	18,000
	<u>178,174</u>	<u>136,445</u>	<u>204,851</u>	<u>519,470</u>

	<b>Less than 1 year</b>	<b>Between 1 and 5</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash at bank	13,592	—	—	13,592
Deposits with banks	—	70,000	—	70,000
Bonds	97,820	259,980	102,724	460,524
	<u>111,412</u>	<u>329,980</u>	<u>102,724</u>	<u>544,116</u>

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**13. Risk management (continued)**

**Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will default on its financial obligations, that is, it fails to make full and timely payments of scheduled interest and/or principal sums due.

The Fund is exposed to credit risk primarily on debt securities, deposits with banks and bank balances. The carrying value of these assets represents the Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk on financial instruments on the respective reporting dates.

Credit risk is managed by:

- i. subjecting counterparties to robust credit risk assessments prior to initial acquisition;
- ii. limiting the acquisition or retention of debt instruments to certain credit ratings;
- iii. regular review, measurement and monitoring of counterparties' credit ratings; and
- iv. placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to a single counterparty or group of related counterparties and to geographical segments.

The quality of the Fund's debt securities, deposits with banks and bank balances are analysed in the following table into high, moderate and low using ratings primarily from recognised international rating agencies and local rating agencies for either the instrument, the issuer, the sponsor in the case of bond ETFs or the sovereign in the case of state-owned entities. In those few instances where instruments were rated internally, the ratings were mapped to the international credit quality grades used by Standard and Poor's.

The security ratings by S&P and their corresponding impact on the credit quality on the investment securities are:

- ratings with AAA to BBB- are considered high credit quality instruments
- ratings with BB+ to B- are considered medium credit quality instruments
- ratings with CCC+ and below are considered low credit quality instruments



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**13. Risk management (continued)**

**Credit risk (continued)**

An analysis of security ratings is presented in the table below.

<b>2024</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash at bank	9,711	—	—	9,711
Deposits with banks	100,000	—	—	100,000
Bonds	391,759	—	—	391,759
Reverse repurchase agreements	18,000	—	—	18,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>519,470</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>519,470</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash at bank	13,592	—	—	13,592
Deposits with banks	70,000	—	—	70,000
Bonds	458,136	2,388	—	460,524
<b>Total</b>	<b>541,728</b>	<b>2,388</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>544,116</b>

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset as they become due.

The units of the Fund are redeemable on demand. The risk is mitigated by ensuring that the Fund holds adequate cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments to fund redemptions. This includes holding a liquidity buffer to meet stressed liquidity requirements. In addition, substantial portions of the investments held by the portfolios are tradable.

The financial liabilities of the Fund are summarised by their due dates and shown below. The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. The Fund had no financial liabilities over one (1) year.

	<b>Less than 1 year</b>
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	
Other payables	570
Distribution payable	3,627
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,197</b>

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**13. Risk management (continued)**

**Liquidity risk (continued)**

	<b>Less than 1 year</b>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	
Other payables	255
Distribution payable	<u>2,484</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>2,739</u></u>

The Fund manages its liquidity risk by investing predominantly in securities that it expects to be able to liquidate within 1-12 months or less. The following table illustrates the expected liquidity of assets held:

	<b>Less than 1 year</b>	<b>Between 1 and 5</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>				
Cash at bank	9,711	—	—	9,711
Deposits with banks	100,000	—	—	100,000
Other receivables	3,059	—	—	3,059
Investment securities	<u>68,463</u>	<u>136,445</u>	<u>204,851</u>	<u>409,759</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>181,233</u></u>	<u><u>136,445</u></u>	<u><u>204,851</u></u>	<u><u>522,529</u></u>
	<b>Less than 1 year</b>	<b>Between 1 and 5</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>				
Cash at bank	13,592	—	—	13,592
Deposits with banks	70,000	—	—	70,000
Due from brokers	882	—	—	882
Other receivables	2,811	—	—	2,811
Investment securities	<u>97,820</u>	<u>259,980</u>	<u>102,724</u>	<u>460,524</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>185,105</u></u>	<u><u>259,980</u></u>	<u><u>102,724</u></u>	<u><u>547,809</u></u>

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**13. Risk management (continued)**

**Operational risk**

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. This is inherent within all business activities and has the potential for financial or reputational loss, this includes errors, omissions, disasters and fraud. It is managed through a combination of systems, processes and controls.

The Fund maintains a comprehensive business continuity program that enables it to be agile in responding to the various business continuity threats/operational disruptions that may arise.

Managing information/cyber security risks remains a priority. The Fund maintains an Information Security Program to respond to the ever-evolving cyber threat landscape. The organization continues to monitor and enhance its security posture and implements relevant controls and mitigants to reduce the impacts of cyber incidents.

**14. Capital management**

The Fund's capital consists of Unitholders' capital, Retained earnings and Fund reserves. The Fund's objectives when managing capital are:

- i. to comply with the capital requirements stipulated by the regulators;
- ii. to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern; and
- iii. to provide attractive risk adjusted returns.

**15. Events after the reporting period**

There were no material events after the statement of financial position date of 31 December 2024 which required recording or disclosure in the financial statements of the Fund as at 13 February 2025.

**16. Approval of the financial statements**

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 13 February 2025.