CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE TRUST FUND

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The Board of Trustees is comprised of nominees from the following institutions as defined in the "Revised Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund." The composition is as follows:

INSTITUTION	REPRESENTATIVE TRUSTEE	BOARD AND COMMITTEE POSITION
Caribbean Congress of Labour	Dr. Linton Lewis	Chairman
University of the West Indies	Mrs. Christine Sahadeo	Vice-Chairman; Member, Finance & Investment Committee
Organisation of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Association	Mr. Wilfred Abrahams	Member, Audit Committee
Conference of Heads of the Judiaciary of Member States of the Caribbean Community	Chief Justice Ivor Archie	
CARICOM Secretariat	Mr. Oswald Barnes	Member, Audit Committee
Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce	Dr. Rollin Bertrand	
Insurance Association of the Caribbean	Mr. Gerry Brooks	Chairman, Finance and Investment Committee
Caribbean Association of Banks Inc.	Mrs. Carole Eleuthere-Jn Marie	Member, Finance & Investment Committee
Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean	Mr. Harryram Parmesar	Chairman, Audit Committee



Top: Dr. Linton Lewis; Chairman, Top Row (I-r): Mrs. Christine Sahadeo; Vice Chairman; Member, Finance and Investment Committee, Mr. Wilfred Abrahams; Member, Audit Committee, Chief Justice Ivor Archie; Mr. Oswald Barnes; Member, Audit Committee.

Bottom Row (I-r): **Dr. Rollin Bertrand; Mr. Gerry Brooks;** Chairman, Finance and Investment Committee, **Mrs. Carole Eleuthere-Jn Marie;** Member, Finance and Investment Committee, **Mr. Harryram Parmesar;** Chairman, Audit Committee.

I am pleased to report, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, on the positive performance of the Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund for the year ended December 31, 2013. The year 2013 marked the beginning of the end of the quantitative easing programme in the US, an economic stimulus programme introduced after the 2008 financial crisis in order to stimulate growth in the US economy. The year was also marked by the resurgence of fiscal crises in Italy and Cyprus, despite the improving economic picture in the Eurozone and continued commitment to accommodative monetary policy by the region's policy makers. 2013 was also noteworthy for increased signs of slowing growth in emerging markets, and emerging market equity prices struggled at the same time that there was a significant rally in developed equity market prices.

### **Background**

The Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund ("the Trust Fund") was endowed with its initial capital in April 2005 with the mandate to provide the financial resources necessary to fund the Caribbean Court of Justice ("the Court") and the Regional Judicial Legal Services Commission ("the Commission") in perpetuity. The Board of Trustees manages the resources of the Trust Fund in accordance with the following philosophy:

> "The fund will be invested prudently with a long-term investment horizon in a wide range of tax-efficient international instruments so as to produce an optimal gross rate of return with reasonable security of its capital."

Accordingly, the Board has developed Investment Guidelines for the Fund, which were approved by the CARICOM Heads of Government. In order to have a reasonable likelihood of satisfying the funding requirements of the Court and the Commission, these approved Guidelines permit a significant exposure to growth assets, such as public and private equity, within a diversified portfolio complemented by allocations to riskreducing and inflation protection assets.

The Board of Trustees continues to uphold its fiduciary responsibility to manage the assets of the Trust Fund

prudently to fulfill its long-term objective. During the course of the year, the Board met six times, and the Finance & Investment Committee and the Audit Committee each met twice.

At the start of the financial year under review, the Trust Fund had produced annual rates of return of +10.4%, +9.2%, -19.5%, +15.9%, +10.3%, -1.8% and +10.1% for the complete calendar years 2006 to 2012 respectively. All returns in this report are stated net of investment management expenses, consistent with industry standards.

### **Overview of Performance**

The balance of the Fund as at December 31, 2012 was US\$93,693,618 and increased to US\$100,449,670 as at the end of the financial year 2013. This increase in market value reflected a net annual return of +12.2% for 2013, bringing the annualised and cumulative net returns since inception (April 2005) to +5.4% p.a. and +56.4% respectively.

During the financial year to December 31, 2013, the Trust Fund disbursed US\$5,719,315 to cover the funding requests of the Court and the Commission. The Trust Fund also received from the Court, a return of funds previously disbursed, in the sum of US\$1,356,424, which primarily represented a repayment of pension monies previously invested with a third party. This brought the net amount disbursed for the year to the Court and the Commission to US\$4,362,891. The Trust Fund also received the amount of US\$1,017,778 which represented the eighth of nine instalments of a third party contribution from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

### The Markets in 2013

The year 2013 was largely highlighted by the US Federal Reserve's announcement of the beginning of the end of their quantitative easing (QE) programme, the 16-day US Government shutdown, echoes of a fiscal crisis in Italy and Cyprus despite general economic improvements in the Eurozone, and slowing growth forecasts globally, including in emerging markets. Despite these events, the year was noteworthy for the impressive run up in developed market equity prices, while bond prices fell,

in an investment environment characterised by lower volatility, low inflation and modest economic growth. The VIX, a measure of market volatility, reached a 5-year low in March 2013 of 11.30 before ending the year at 12.46, well below its 20-year monthly average of 20.43 (Bloomberg).

Globally, equity markets, with the exception of emerging markets, ended the year with double digit positive returns as shown in Table 1 below, which highlights the quarterly and annual returns on major indices for 2013. In US equity markets, the broad DJ US Total Stock Market Index and the S&P 500 posted gains of +33.5% and +32.4% respectively, whilst the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which measures the performance of 30 blue-chip stocks, posted a +29.7%

return for 2013. Similarly, non-US developed market equities provided investors with double digit positive returns as the benchmark index, MSCI EAFE, ended the year with a return of +22.8%. Despite the recovery in the second half of the year, emerging market equities ultimately provided investors with a negative return, -2.6%, for the year.

Natural resources also provided investors with double digit positive returns, with the benchmark S&P Natural Resources index posting a gain of +16.5% in 2013. Global fixed income came under pressure in the face of the global equity rally, and provided investors with a -2.0% return, as measured by the Barclays Aggregate index.

Table 1: Major Indices - Quarterly and Annual Returns 2013

Index	Q1 2013	Q2 2013	Q3 2013	Q4 2013	2013
DJ US Total	+ 11.07%	+ 2.79%	+ 6.16%	+ 10.11%	+ 33.47%
S&P 500	+ 10.61%	+ 2.91%	+ 5.25%	+ 10.51%	+ 32.39%
DJIA	+ 11.93%	+ 2.92%	+ 2.12%	+ 10.22%	+ 29.65%
MSCI EAFE	+ 5.13%	- 0.98%	+ 11.56%	+ 5.71%	+ 22.78%
MSCI Emerging Markets	- 1.62%	- 8.08%	+ 5.77%	+ 1.83%	- 2.60%
S&P Natural Resources	+ 7.17%	- 4.95%	+ 8.63%	+ 5.27%	+ 16.49%
Barclays Aggregate	- 0.12%	- 2.33%	+ 0.58%	- 0.14%	- 2.02%

Source: Mercer Hammond Monthly Market Updates

### Management of the Portfolio

The Trust Fund is an institutional endowment fund that, assisted through the services provided by its investment advisor, Mercer Hammond Investment Consulting, manages the portfolio with the long-term focus necessary to achieve the mandate of funding the Court and the Commission in perpetuity. The portfolio has been structured to attain its target rate of return over the long-term, within acceptable risk parameters, and is diversified across a selection of growth, risk-reducing and inflation-protection asset classes.

The benefits of maintaining a diversified strategic longterm asset allocation have been proven throughout the varying market conditions experienced since inception. The continuing commitment to its diversified long-term strategic asset allocation has rewarded the Trust Fund with a positive return in 2013 of +12.2%, which exceeded the annualised long-term target rate of return.

The total rates of return earned by the portfolio for the complete calendar years since inception are shown in Table 2.

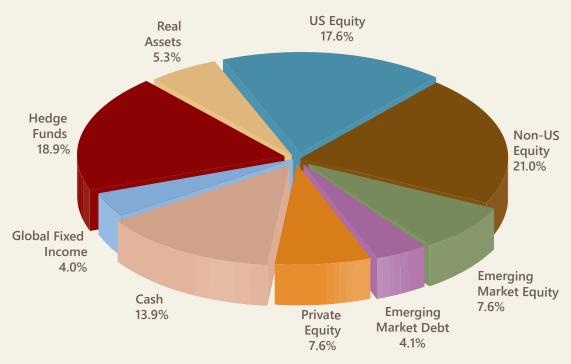
**Table 2: Fund Returns** 

	Period Return	Annualised Rate from Inception
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006	+ 10.4%	+ 9.3%
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007	+ 9.2%	+ 9.3%
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008	- 19.5%	+ 0.7%
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009	+ 15.9%	+ 3.5%
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010	+ 10.3%	+ 4.7%
January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011	- 1.8%	+ 3.7%
January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012	+ 10.1%	+ 4.5%
January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013	+ 12.2%	+ 5.4%

The portfolio allocation as at December 31, 2013 is provided in Chart 1:

Chart 1: Portfolio Asset Composition as at December 31, 2013 (%)

## Portfolio Asset Composition as at December 31, 2013 (%)



The Trust Fund has consistently adopted a disciplined approach to rebalancing the portfolio in scenarios of increasing asset prices, while maintaining the long-term focus of the Fund. Accordingly, while the overall exposure to US and non-US equities was retained at a level consistent with the long-term strategic asset allocation of the portfolio, rebalancing actions were undertaken in 2013 which benefitted the portfolio significantly as profits were realised and reinvested. This disciplined approach will continue to crystallise unrealised gains, whilst potentially reducing volatility in the Fund's returns. Correspondingly, by reinvesting proceeds in underperforming asset classes, which are attractively valued for future performance, the Trust Fund may be able to enhance its long-term return potential.

The phased investment in private equity continued into 2013. This sector is expected to continue to contribute positively to return, as a diversified portfolio of private equity fund of funds investments is built to its full allocation.

Hedge fund of funds investments are expected to continue to fulfil a vital role in risk reduction without significantly sacrificing return in the long run, and can create value through active management across different sectors. The Trust Fund increased its holdings in hedge fund of funds in 2010, relative to its long term strategic asset allocation, in preference to other risk-reducing assets (cash, fixed income) for which the return outlook was comparatively low. This tactical overweight was removed at the end of 2013 based on the expectation that the reduced volatility currently prevailing in the investment markets would continue in the near term. The resultant inflow of cash at the end of the year was reinvested in early 2014 in growth assets, for which there was a positive medium-term return outlook.

### Movement in Fund Balance

The Fund experienced an increase in market value from US\$93,693,618 at the start of the year to end 2013 at US\$100,449,670.

Table 3: Statement of Movement in Fund Balance - 2013, 2012 and From Inception (April 2005)

	2013	2012	April 2005 to December 2013
Opening Fund Balance	93,693,618	90,839,149	100,946,142
Additional Contributions	1,017,778	1,017,778	12,103,742
-	94,711,396	91,856,927	113,049,884
Interest & Dividends <sup>1</sup>	961,761	1,056,804	16,637,396
Realised Gains/(Losses)	1,279,544	650,234	15,235,717
	2,241,305	1,707,038	31,873,113
Investment Management Expenses	(313,103)	(293,900)	(3,183,377)
Net Investment Income	1,928,202	1,413,138	28,689,736
Trust Fund Administrative Expenses (including Depreciation)	(672,158)	(646,158)	(5,723,351)
Net Income	1,256,044	766,980	22,966,385
Net Gain/(Loss) in Fair Value on Investments	8,845,121	7,350,457	10,150,066
Net Gain/(Loss) in Fund Before Disbursements	10,101,165	8,117,437	33,116,451
Net Disbursements to Court & Commission	(4,362,891)	(6,280,746)	(45,716,665)
Net Change in Fund Balance (excluding Additional Contributions)	5,738,274	1,836,691	(12,600,214)
Closing Fund Balance @ December 31	100,449,670	93,693,618	100,449,670

During the financial year 2013, a third party capital contribution of US\$1,017,778 was received from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

Realised Gains were recorded within the financial year 2013, as in the two prior years, as the Fund executed its rebalancing strategy and crystallised mark to market gains on assets for which there had been a significant increase in market value.

Investment management expenses increased by approximately US\$19,000 or 6.5%, as a result of the increased asset values. The Trust Fund continued its trend of prudent management of administrative expenses, showing a minor increase of US\$26,000 (4.0%) in expenditure in the current financial year. The ratio of investment management expenses plus administrative expenses of the Trust Fund, expressed as a percentage of the average fund balance, was

<sup>1</sup> Net of Foreign Exchange Gains/(Losses)

1.0%, in line with the average maintained in the previous years since inception of the portfolio in 2005.

The Fund experienced a Net Gain in Fair Value on investments of US\$8,845,121 in 2013, bringing the cumulative Net Gain in the Fund Before Disbursements since inception to US\$33,116,451. Disbursements to fund the expenses of the Court and the Commission, net of the one-off return of funding previously disbursed, amounted to US\$4,362,891 in the financial year ended December 31, 2013 bringing cumulative disbursements since inception to US\$45,716,665. The Fund experienced a positive net change in 2013, after disbursements and total expenses and before additional contributions, of US\$5,738,274.

The fund balance, after net disbursements to the Court and the Commission of US\$4,362,891 and total expenses of the Trust Fund of US\$985,261 in 2013, amounted to US\$100,449,670 at the end of the financial year.

### **Outlook for 2014**

The major themes emerging for the year are:

- Reduced economic growth
- Continued recovery in developed markets
- A potential return to higher volatility

A reduced economic growth story may unfold in 2014 with each of the major regions logging positive GDP growth in 2013, and most forecasting more modest increases in 2014. The US economy shows signs of being strong enough to withstand the effect of the Fed's tapering of QE, and its potential impact on interest rates. Continued economic growth is contingent on the corporate response to an improved economic outlook. US companies have resisted capital investment so far, and cash and short-term investments as a percent of total corporate assets are high. Increased and steadier corporate spending may be a big driver in the next phase of US economic growth.

Europe and Japan continue to stimulate their way to growth. Private sector resilience, reduced fiscal drag and a possible upturn in exports underpin the positive outlook for European growth in 2014. The troublesome PIIGS (Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Greece and Spain) now hold positive current account balances, indicating a firmer fiscal base. The Bank of England and the European Central Bank (ECB) have consistently shown their commitment to economic stimulus and price stability. There is still room for the ECB to employ monetary easing strategies to continue to stimulate their economies through further interest rate cuts and additional LTRO<sup>2</sup> programmes, with restrictions on early repayment. While the outlook is still uncertain with high unemployment, low growth and a relatively strong Euro, the Central Banks' commitment and an improved fiscal base in most countries within the Eurozone provide a relatively strong argument for positive return potential.

Emerging market economic growth may likely be highly differentiated in the face of higher US interest rates, as countries whose trade imbalances have been supported by investment inflows flocking to higher interest rates, adjust to reduced inflows and the consequent tightening of liquidity. Inflation is under control in most of the region (with the exception of India and Indonesia), giving local central banks the ability to keep rates steady and even stimulate the economy if necessary, depending on their current account status. While China, a major commodity-demand economy, expects growth to decline significantly from its pre-2011 +10% level, officials are still targeting an average growth rate of +7% in 2014, which is still considerable particularly on a much larger economic base. The structural advantages of China and other emerging economies over the developed world remain compelling, with typically low levels of public and private debt, adequate currency reserves and generally favourable demographics. The macroeconomic growth outlook for these economies remains relatively positive.

With the exception of the US, stocks remain relatively inexpensive in comparison to long term normalised fair valuations, even after rallying significantly in 2013. Within the US, robust corporate earnings figures were reported

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Long Term Refinancing Operation – an ECB loan programme for Eurozone banks, which aims to stimulate interbank lending and other loan origination.

throughout 2013. Nevertheless, the potential for further upside remains, and there remains a cautiously positive outlook for US equities on the basis of strong corporate earnings expectations and improving economic data. The outlook for global equities remains positive overall, and therefore equities are likely to offer an attractive risk premium.

Uncertainty over the timing of interest rate increases and the current relative attractiveness of riskier assets are not optimal conditions for outperformance in credit markets. The outlook remains difficult to predict under these conditions.

Active management may continue to play an increased role in generating return in 2014 as managers seek to derive alpha in markets which present such opportunities. A consistently employed rebalancing strategy will assist in maintaining discipline around the asset allocation strategy in the face of investor exuberance.

While the economic landscape seems more positive than the prior year, risks remain in investment markets arising from:

- Continued pressure on fixed income prices as QE is unwound, and interest rates normalise;
- A resurgence of US political risk as Congress addresses the debt ceiling in 2014;
- The varying economic statuses of the Eurozone countries and the possible resurgence of political risk; and
- Continued stress on emerging market economies as US interest rates normalise, drawing capital away.

The Trust Fund's portfolio is managed prudently with a long-term focus, with a strategic asset allocation designed to weather normal market cycles whilst seeking to protect existing capital. Despite this strategic positioning, the benefits of which have been proven in periods of market uncertainty, the portfolio is not immune to the impact of short-term market conditions, and negative fluctuations in value and return may occur.

### Summary

The Trustees continue to manage the assets of the Trust Fund in keeping with its stated investment philosophy and the longterm objective of funding the Court and the Commission in perpetuity. In 2013, the Trustees made several pro-active rebalancing decisions, in addition to repositioning the portfolio whilst remaining cognizant of the long-term goal.

Contributions received from the participating Member Governments and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas have amounted to US\$113,049,884 since inception. After total disbursements to the Court and the Commission of US\$45,716,665 and total expenses of the Trust Fund of US\$8,906,728 since inception, the balance of the Fund as at December 31, 2013 is US\$100,449,670.

The Trust Fund recorded a return of +12.2% for 2013, which brought the annualised and cumulative net returns since inception (April 2005) to +5.4% p.a. and +56.4% respectively.

The importance of a maintaining a diversified long-term strategic asset allocation has been proven throughout the varying market conditions experienced since the Trust Fund's inception in 2005. The Trust Fund's portfolio is appropriately spread across different asset classes, and the resultant diversification effect reduces the inherent risk of the portfolio. The Board of Trustees remains confident that the strategic asset allocation of the portfolio will enable the achievement of the Trust Fund's long-term objectives, despite potential variability in annual returns.

## **Appreciation**

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees, and its various Committees, for continuing to employ a prudent and proactive approach in guiding the Trust Fund along the path of fulfilling its long-term objective. The Board would like to record appreciation for the continued contribution of our independent investment adviser, Mercer Hammond Investment Consulting. The Board would also like to extend appreciation to the Management Team for their continued diligence and professional commitment throughout the year.

Dr. Linton Lewis Chairman

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE FUND

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund") which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2013, and the related statements of comprehensive income, changes in fund balance and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management 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.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust Fund as at 31 December 2013 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Port of Spain TRINIDAD: 25 July, 2014

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Notes	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	6,151,750	6,397,978
Accounts receivable		9,951	9,522
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	5	94,191,141	87,208,632
Interest receivable		68,477	69,029
Other assets		23,233	11,564
Fixed assets	7	113,717	104,380
Total assets		100,558,269	93,801,105
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		108,599	107,487
Total liabilities		108,599	107,487
Total net assets		100,449,670	93,693,618
Fund balance			
Capital contributions	8	113,049,884	112,032,106
Retained deficit		(12,600,214)	(18,338,488)
Total fund balance		100,449,670	93,693,618

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

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 July 2014 and are signed on their behalf by:

Christie Soled

:Trustee

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Notes	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
Income			
Interest income		378,568	380,467
Dividends		672,032	648,762
Realized gains on investments		1,279,544	650,234
Net gain in fair value on investments at fair value through profit or loss	2.e	8, 851,407	7,350,457
		11,181,551	9,029,920
Expenditure			
Investment management expenses		313,103	293,900
Professional fees		23,923	33,633
Staff costs	9	410,231	371,283
Board expenses	9	56,574	53,644
Property related expenses		87,623	84,067
General administrative expenses		65,747	71,351
Depreciation		28,060	32,180
		985,261	940,058
Net operating income		10,196,290	8,089,862
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain		(95,125)	27,575
Net income for the year		10,101,165	8,117,437
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		10,101,165	8,117,437

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

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Capital contributions US\$	Retained deficit US\$	Fund balance US\$
Balance at 1 January 2012	111,014,328	20,175,179	90,839,149
Third party contributions (Note 8)	1,017,778	-	1,017,778
Net income for the year	-	8,117,437	8,117,437
Transfers to the Court (Note 2.l)	-	(6,280,746)	(6,280,746)
	1,017,778	1,836,691	2,854,469
Balance at 31 December 2012	112,032,106	(18,338,488)	93,693,618
Third party contributions (Note 8)	1,017,778	-	1,017,778
Net income for the year	-	10,101,165	10,101,165
Transfers to the Court (Note 2.l)	-	(5,719,315)	(5,719,315)
Transfers from the Court (Note 2.l)		1,356,424	1,356,424
	1,017,778	5,738,274	6,756,052
Balance at 31 December 2013	113,049,884	(12,600,214)	100,449,670

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

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Notes	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
Operating activities			
Net income for the year		10,101,165	8,117,437
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows:			
Depreciation	7	28,060	32,180
Interest income		(378,568)	(380,467)
Dividend income		(672,032)	(648,762)
Net foreign exchange differences		15,156	8,133
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other assets		(12,097)	7,843
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,112	24,709
Other movements included in net income		74,189	54,294
Purchase of investments		(21,487,832)	(25,207,716)
Redemption of investments		24,551,141	34,104,663
Realised and unrealised gains on investments	_	(10,130,951)	(8,000,691)
		2,089,343	8,111,623
Interest received		374,945	371,362
Dividends received	_	672,032	648,762
Net cash flows from operating activities	_	3,136,320	9,131,747
Investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets	7	(47,182)	(38,985)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets	_	9,747	6,626
Net cash flows used in investing activities	_	(37,435)	(32,359)
Financing activities			
Third party contributions	8	1,017,778	1,017,778
Transfers to Court		(5,719,315)	(6,280,746)
Transfer from Court	_	1,356,424	
Net cash flows used in financing activities	_	(3,345,113)	(5,262,968)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(246,228)	3,836,420
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	_	6,397,978	2,561,558
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	=	6,151,750	6,397,978

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### 1. General information and principal activities

The Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund (the Trust Fund) was established by the CARICOM Heads of Government (the Members) in accordance with the "Revised Agreement establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund" (the Agreement) effective 27 January 2004. The Board of Trustees was inaugurated at its first Meeting on 22 August 2003, and operations commenced on 1 May 2004.

The Trust Fund operates as an international legal entity which is not amenable to the municipal jurisdiction of any one sovereign state and is domiciled in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Its registered office is at 22 Cornelio Street, Woodbrook, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The Trust Fund currently employs six (6) members of staff.

The Agreement establishes certain privileges and immunities to enable the Trust Fund and its Officers to discharge its duties and responsibilities. In accordance with Article XII of the Agreement, the Trust Fund, its assets, property, income and its operations and transactions are exempt, in its country of domicile, from all taxation, all customs duties on goods imported for its official use and all other imports. The privileges and immunities are encompassed in the Headquarters Agreement established with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

The purpose of the Trust Fund is to provide the resources necessary to finance the capital and operating budget of the Caribbean Court of Justice (the Court) and the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission (the Commission) in perpetuity. Its principal activity is the management of an endowment fund. The investment objective is to seek medium to long-term capital growth through investment in a diversified portfolio of taxefficient international instruments including fixed income, equity and equity-related securities, in order to produce an optimal net long-term rate of return with reasonable security of capital.

The Trust Fund has engaged Mercer Hammond Investment Consulting Inc. as independent Investment Adviser. The Trust Fund's Custodian is State Street Bank and Trust Company.

The Trust Fund enters into direct agreements with asset managers and also makes direct purchases of appropriate mutual funds and other approved financial instruments. Each asset manager invests and reinvests the securities, cash and/or other investments held in accordance with the Trust Fund's investment objectives. Investments may be made in, but are not limited to, securities of any kind, including stocks, warrants, options, rights, corporate or government bonds or notes issued by United States (US) or foreign issuers and shares of money market mutual funds.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

#### a) **Basis of preparation**

These financial statements are presented in US dollars (US\$), the Trust Fund's functional and presentation currency, and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) on a historical cost basis, except for financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

### b) Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### i. New standards and amendments/revisions to published standards and interpretations effective in 2013

The following amendments to published standards are mandatory for the Trust Fund's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013:

### IAS 1 Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income - Amendments to IAS 1

The amendments to IAS 1 introduce a grouping requirement for items presented in other comprehensive income. Items that will be reclassified ('recycled') to the statement of income in the future (e.g., exchange differences on translating foreign operations) will be presented separately from items that will not be reclassified (e.g., gain recognised on revaluation of land and buildings). The amendment had no impact on the Trust Fund's financial position or performance.

## IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements - Clarification of requirements for comparative information (as part of the Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2009 - 2011 cycle)

These amendments clarify the difference between voluntary additional comparative information and the minimum required comparative information. An entity must include comparative information in the related notes to the financial statements when it voluntarily provides comparative information beyond the minimum required comparative period. The amendments clarify that the opening statement of financial position presented as a result of retrospective restatement or reclassification of items in financial statements does not have to be accompanied by comparative information in the related notes. The amendment had no impact on the Trust Fund's financial position or performance.

## IFRS 7 Financial Instruments Disclosures: Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - Amendments to IFRS 7

The amendments to IFRS 7 require an entity to disclose information about rights of offset and related arrangements (e.g., collateral agreements). The new disclosures are required for all recognised financial instruments that are set off in accordance with IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation. The disclosures also apply to recognised financial instruments that are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or 'similar agreement', irrespective of whether they are set off in accordance with IAS 32. The amendment had no impact on the Trust Fund's financial position or performance.

- 2. **Significant accounting policies** (continued)
  - b) **Changes in accounting policies** (continued)
    - i. New standards and amendments/revisions to published standards and **interpretations effective in 2013** (continued)

### **IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement**

IFRS 13 establishes a single source of guidance under IFRS for all fair value measurements. IFRS 13 does not change when an entity is required to use fair value, but rather provides guidance on how to measure fair value under IFRS. Fair value under IFRS 13 is defined as "the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer to liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date" (i.e., an exit price).

IFRS 13 provides clarification on a number of areas, including the following:

- · Concepts of 'highest and best use' and 'valuation premise' are relevant only for nonfinancial assets.
- Adjustments for blockage factors (block discounts) are prohibited in all fair value measurements.
- A description of how to measure fair value when a market becomes less active.

The Trust Fund has re-assessed its policies and bases for measuring fair value. The change has had no impact on the measurements of the Trust Fund's financial assets and liabilities, but new disclosures have been included in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of IFRS 13, and these are provided in Note 6.

ii. New standards and amendments/revisions to published standards and interpretations effective in 2013 but not applicable to the Trust Fund

The following new and revised IFRS that have been issued do not apply to the activities of the Trust Fund:

- IFRS 1 Government Loans Amendments to IFRS 1 Effective 1 January 2013
- IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements -Effective 1 January 2013
- · IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements, IAS 28 Investments and Associates and Joint Ventures -Effective 1 January 2013
- IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities Effective 1 January 2013
- IAS 19 Employee Benefits (Revised)
- IFRIC 20 Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine Effective 1 January 2013

- 2. **Significant accounting policies** (continued)
  - b) **Changes in accounting policies** (continued)
    - ii. New standards and amendments/revisions to published standards and interpretations effective in 2013 but not applicable to the Trust Fund (continued)
      - Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2009 2011 cycle Effective 1 January 2013:
        - IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards -Repeated application of IFRS 1 and borrowing costs
        - □ IAS 16 Property Plant and Equipment Classification of servicing equipment
        - IAS 32 Financial Instruments, Presentation Tax effect of distributions to holders of equity instruments
        - IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting Interim financial reporting and segment information for total assets and liabilities

### iii. New interpretations and revised or amended standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Trust Fund

The improvements become effective for annual periods on or after 1 January 2014. These changes are currently being evaluated by Management.

- IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27 Investment Entities Amendments Effective 1 January 2014
- · IAS 32 Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Amendments to IAS 32 -Effective 1 January 2014
- · IAS 36 Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets Amendments to IAS 36 - Effective January 1 2014
- IAS 39 Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting Amendments to IAS 39 - Effective 1 January 2014
- IFRIC 21 Levies Effective 1 January 2014

#### c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

#### d) **Financial instruments**

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to (i) a financial asset of one entity, and (ii) a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

In 2012 the Trust Fund elected to early adopt IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement, as issued in November 2009 and revised in October 2010 (IFRS 9), in advance of the mandatory effective date of 1 January 2015. The Trust Fund elected to apply the exemption given in the transitional

#### 2. **Significant accounting policies** (continued)

#### d) **Financial instruments** (continued)

provision for early adoption of IFRS 9 and hence did not restate comparative information in the year of initial application.

### Recognition and derecognition

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized in the statement of financial position when the Trust Fund becomes party to the contractual obligation of the instrument. Regular purchases and sales of investments are recognized on the trade date, the date on which the Trust Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset.

A financial asset is derecognized when the rights to receive the cash flows from the asset have expired or where all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset have been transferred.

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### **Financial assets** e)

### Initial recognition and subsequent measurement

IFRS 9 requires all financial assets, on initial recognition, to be classified as measured at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the business model (Note 5) for managing the financial assets, and the contractual cash flows.

At initial recognition, all financial assets are measured at fair value. All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification.

Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets classified at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss. If the asset is not subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss, then the initial measurement includes transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

### Reclassification

If the Trust Fund's business model for managing its financial assets changes, those assets must be reclassified. Such reclassification shall be applied prospectively from the reclassification date, and any previously recorded gains, losses or interest shall not be restated.

For financial assets measured at fair value which are reclassified, the fair value is determined at the reclassification date. Any gain or loss arising from a difference between the previous carrying amount and fair value is recorded in profit or loss.

#### 2. **Significant accounting policies** (continued)

#### Financial assets (continued) e)

### Reclassification (continued)

For financial assets measured at amortised cost which are reclassified, the fair value at the reclassification date becomes its new carrying value.

### Financial assets at amortised cost

Only debt instruments are measured at amortised cost. Only debt instruments measured at amortised cost are tested for impairment.

Debt instruments are measured at amortised cost less impairment loss if both of the following criteria are met: (i) the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect the contractual cash flows; and (ii) the contractual terms of the instrument represent solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. If either of the two amortised cost criteria is not met, debt instruments are to be classified as at fair value through profit or loss. All other financial assets are measured at fair value.

The Trust Fund may irrevocably elect at initial recognition to designate a debt instrument that meets the amortised cost criteria as at fair value through profit or loss, if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch, had the debt instrument been measured at amortised cost.

Subsequent to initial recognition, should the objective of the business model change such that the amortised cost criteria are no longer met, the Trust Fund is required to reclassify the debt instruments from amortised cost to fair value through profit or loss. Reclassification of debt instruments that are designated as at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition is not allowed.

Interest is recognized on an effective interest basis for debt instruments measured at amortised cost.

Interest income is recognized in profit or loss and is included in the line item captioned "Interest income".

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

Financial assets other than those classified as financial assets at amortised cost are classified as at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), and subsequently measured at fair value, with any gains or losses arising on re-measurement of fair value recognised in profit or loss, and reflected in the line item captioned "Net gain/(loss) in fair value on investments at fair value through profit or loss".

Debt instruments that do not meet the amortised cost criteria described above, or that meet the criteria but the Trust Fund has chosen to designate as at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition, are measured at FVTPL.

### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Financial assets (continued) e)

<u>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</u> (continued)

Interest income on debt instruments at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in profit or loss under the line item captioned "Interest income".

Investments in equity instruments are mandatorily classified and measured at FVTPL. Equity investments that are held for trading must be measured at FVTPL. A financial asset is held for trading if (i) it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term, or (ii) on initial recognition, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Trust fund manages together and has evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit taking.

Dividend income on investments in equity instruments at FVTPL is recognised in profit or loss under the line item captioned "Dividends".

For equity investments that are not held for trading, the Trust Fund may elect on initial recognition to designate those investments as at fair value through other comprehensive income and to present gains and losses on those instruments in other comprehensive income.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Designation as at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI) is not permitted if an equity instrument is held for trading.

Investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently they are measured at fair value, with fair value unrealised and realised gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in revaluation reserves.

For equity instruments that are not held for trading, the Trust Fund may make an irrevocable election at initial recognition, on an instrument-by-instrument basis, to designate them as at FVTOCI, with fair value unrealised and realised gains and losses presented through other comprehensive income.

Gains or losses on equity instruments measured at FVTOCI can never subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss, and no impairments are recognised in profit or loss. When the asset is disposed of, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in revaluation reserves is reclassified to retained earnings, and not to profit or loss.

Dividends earned for such investments are recognised in profit or loss and are included in the line item captioned "Dividends".

### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### f) **Financial liabilities**

The Trust Fund's financial liabilities include accounts payables and accrued liabilities.

Initial recognition and subsequent measurement

Financial liabilities on initial recognition are measured at fair value.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at either FVTPL or at amortised cost. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issue of financial liabilities that are not at FVTPL are deducted from the fair value of the financial liability.

For changes in fair value of a financial liability designated at fair value through profit or loss, which are attributable to changes in the credit risk of that liability, that part of a fair value change due to the Trust Fund's own credit risk will be recorded in other comprehensive income rather than in the income statement, unless this creates an accounting mismatch.

#### Fair value measurement g)

The Trust Fund measures its investments in financial instruments at fair value at each reporting date.

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 in the principal market or, in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market to which the Trust Fund has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects the risk of its non-performance.

The fair value of an asset or liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

The fair value for financial instruments traded in organized financial markets is based on their quoted market prices for those instruments at the reporting date. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

If there is no quoted price in an active market, and the instrument is not actively traded on recognized exchanges, fair value is determined using valuation techniques (e.g. discounted cash flow analysis or industry accepted valuation models) that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, future cash flows are based on best estimates and the discount rate is a market related rate at the reporting date for an instrument with similar terms and conditions. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

### 2. **Significant accounting policies** (continued)

#### Fair value measurement (continued) g)

All financial instruments for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement (Refer to Note 6).

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the date of the event or change in circumstances during the reporting period.

#### h) Impairment of financial assets

The Trust Fund assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of assets is impaired. A financial asset or group of assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a "loss" event) and that loss event has had an impact on the estimated cash flows of the asset that can reliably be estimated.

Objective evidence of an impairment loss would include (i) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty, (ii) a breach of contract, such as delinquency or default in interest or principal payments, (iii) probability that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial re-organisation and (iv) the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

The amount of the impairment is the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss.

#### i) **Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided for at rates expected to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the period of the lease.

Depreciation on all classes of fixed assets is computed as follows:

	Rate	Basis
Motor vehicles	25%	Reducing balance
Equipment, furniture and fittings	121/2% - 50%	Straight line
Leasehold improvements	331/3%	Straight line

Gains and losses on disposal of fixed assets are determined by reference to their carrying amounts and are taken into account in determining net income. Costs of repairs are charged to the statement of comprehensive income when the expenditure is incurred.

### 2. **Significant accounting policies** (continued)

### i) **Operating lease**

Operating leases are leases that do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. The Trust Fund has entered into a three year operating lease for the occupation of its registered office, with the option to renew the lease at the end of the period for two further periods of three years, at terms agreed with the Lessor (See Note 15). Either party has the option to terminate the agreement by serving notice in writing. Lease payments are recognized as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

### k) **Capital contributions**

Members' contributions are accounted for on an accruals basis. Third party contributions are received from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas which is not yet a participant in the Court. As described in Note 8, it was agreed amongst the Members that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas will contribute in accordance with Article IV of the Revised Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund.

### l) Transfers to/from the Court

The Court submits biennial budgets in relation to the cash flow requirements of the Court and the Commission. These projections are considered by the Board of Trustees and, after consultation, the necessary financing is remitted to the Court. An actuarial valuation is submitted by the Court at the end of each year in respect of the pension arrangements for its Judges. The pension payment due in respect of each Judge is remitted to the Court upon attainment of the agreed retirement age. These amounts are treated as distributions out of the fund balance and are accounted for when disbursement amounts are approved by the Board of Trustees. Funds surplus to the Court's requirements in any year may be returned to the Trust Fund. These funds are treated as credits to the fund balance, and accounted for when remitted by the Court.

#### m) Revenue and expenditure

Income and expenditure are accounted for on the accruals basis. Interest income includes coupons earned on fixed income investments, as well as accrued discounts on treasury bills and other discounted investments. Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive the income is established, usually the ex-dividend date.

#### n) Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at exchange rates at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the closing rate at the reporting date and any gains or losses arising are taken to the statement of comprehensive income.

### 2. **Significant accounting policies** (continued)

#### n) Foreign currency translation (continued)

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the initial transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rates at the date the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange gains or losses thus arising are recognised consistently with the fair value gains or losses, directly in the fund balance or the statement of comprehensive income as appropriate.

#### **Taxation** o)

The Trust Fund is exempt from all forms of taxation in Trinidad and Tobago, including taxes on interest income, dividends and capital gains, as well as withholding taxes.

Dividend income in some jurisdictions is subject to withholding taxes deducted at the source of the income. Dividend income is presented net of the withholding taxes where applicable.

#### **Comparative information** p)

Comparative data has been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year arising from the reclassification of items in the statement of cashflows. These changes had no impact on the previously reported net increase in cash and cash equivalents, net income or net assets as at 31 December 2012 and for the year then ended.

#### 3. Significant accounting judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires Management to make certain significant estimates, assumptions and judgements that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying disclosures. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Management has made the following judgements in the application of accounting policies which may have the most significant effect on the amounts reported in the financial statements.

### Fair value of financial instruments

For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value requires varying degrees of judgement depending on liquidity, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument. Their fair value is determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of valuation models.

The inputs for these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, estimation is required to establish fair values. These estimates include considerations of liquidity, credit risk and volatility. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments in the statement of financial position and the level where the instruments are disclosed in the fair value hierarchy. See note 6 for further disclosures.

### Significant accounting judgements and estimates (continued) 3.

Classification of investments

Management evaluates at the time of acquisition of its financial instruments whether these should be classified as at amortised cost, fair value through profit or loss or fair value through other comprehensive income. Management has considered the detailed criteria for determination of such classification, including its business model, and is satisfied that its investments in financial instruments are properly classified as at fair value through profit or loss.

### 4. Cash and cash equivalents

	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
Cash at bank	456,343	1,312,993
Money market accounts	265,914	163,706
Income funds	5,429,493	4,921,279
	6,151,750	6,397,978

### 5. Investments at fair value through profit or loss

The Trust Fund determines the fair value of all financial instruments at the reporting date and separately discloses this information where these fair values are different from carrying amounts. In accordance with its business model, the Trust Fund's investments are classified as at fair value through profit or loss.

Set out below is the Trust Fund's financial assets, excluding those with carrying amounts which are reasonable approximations of fair value:

	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
Fixed income securities	3,908,822	4,224,254
Equities	51,781,622	48,127,007
Private equity fund of funds	7,567,496	7,946,483
Hedge fund of funds	18,993,286	21,663,228
Money market funds	7,782,912	1,162,846
Debt fund	4,157,003	4,084,814
	94,191,141	87,208,632

### 5. **Investments at fair value through profit or loss** (continued)

The Trust Fund's financial instruments are traded in organized financial markets. Transactions are recorded on a trade date basis and interest recognized when earned. Private Equity Fund of Funds and Hedge Fund of Funds investments are valued at year-end based on net asset values (NAVs).

The fair value of the Trust Fund's financial assets is included at the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The carrying values of the financial instruments reflected in the financial statements equate the fair value.

For financial assets that are liquid or have a maturity of less than three months, the carrying value is deemed to approximate their fair values due to the short-term maturities of those instruments. These include cash and cash equivalents (cash, money market accounts and income funds), interest receivable and other current assets, accounts payable and other current liabilities.

### Business model

The Trust Fund's business model has been determined based on the way in which the investment portfolio is managed, as well as the way in which the information is provided to the Board.

Factors considered include the policies and objectives outlined in the Investment Guidelines and the application thereof, the basis for disposal of investments, the process utilized by Management in monitoring and assessing the performance of the portfolio, and the basis upon which the Board evaluates the performance of the portfolio.

The Trust Fund's financial instruments are not acquired with the explicit intention to hold over the long term to maturity or in perpetuity, although some assets may be held to maturity.

While the portfolio's focus and objective are long-term in nature, each asset is individually assessed on an ongoing basis and may be disposed of prior to maturity for the following reasons, among others: (i) to realise capital gains, (ii) if liquidity is required and (iii) desired changes to the asset allocation.

The Trust Fund has therefore designated all of its financial instruments as at FVTPL since those assets are managed, evaluated and reported internally on a fair value basis and are not expected to be held for the medium to long-term for strategic purposes.

#### Financial instruments - fair value 6.

The fair values of financial instruments that are traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices. For all other financial instruments, the Trust Fund determines fair value using other valuation techniques. 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, concentration, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the investment.

#### 6. **Financial instruments - fair value** (continued)

IFRS 13 requires disclosures relating to fair value measurements using a three-level fair value hierarchy.

### Fair value hierarchy

The Trust Fund measures fair values using the following hierarchy which reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- Level 1: derived from inputs that are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments.
- Level 2: derived from inputs other than quoted prices, that are observable for the asset, 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 considered less than active, or other valuation techniques in which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3: derived from inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments for which the valuation techniques include inputs for the instrument which are not based on observable market 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 for which significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect the differences between the instruments.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

For assets and liabilities that are recognized in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Trust Fund determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing the categorization (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the date of the event or change in circumstances during the reporting period.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Trust Fund has determined classes of instruments on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the instrument, and the level of the fair value hierarchy.

### Financial instruments - fair value (continued) 6.

The following table analyses the Trust Fund's financial instruments recognized at fair value at the reporting date, by the level in the fair value hierarchy.

## Recurring fair value measurement of financial instruments

	Level 1 US\$	Level 2 US\$	Level 3 US\$	Total US\$
2013				
Fixed income securities	-	3,908,822	-	3,908,822
Equities	24,087,683	27,693,939	-	51,781,622
Private equity fund of funds	-	-	7,567,496	7,567,496
Hedge fund of funds	-	-	18,993,286	18,993,286
Money market funds	7,782,912	-	-	7,782,912
Debt fund	-	4,157,003	-	4,157,003
	31,870,595	35,759,764	26,560,782	94,191,141
2012				
Fixed income securities	_	4,224,254	_	4,224,254
Equities	19,356,820	28,770,187	_	48,127,007
Private equity fund of funds	-	-	7,946,483	7,946,483
Hedge fund of funds	-	-	21,663,228	21,663,228
Money market funds	1,162,846	-	-	1,162,846
Debt fund	_	4,084,814	-	4,084,814
	20,519,666	37,079,255	29,609,711	87,208,632

### **Transfers between Levels**

There were no transfers amongst the three Levels during the reporting period.

Financial instruments are transferred from Level 1 to Level 2 if they cease to be traded in an active market during the year and quoted prices in active markets are no longer available for those instruments.

#### 6. **Financial instruments - fair value (continued)**

### Transfers between Levels (continued)

Financial instruments are transferred from Level 2 to Level 1 where certain equities and funds are listed on a stock exchange during the reporting period for the first time and are considered to be traded in an active market. Fair values for these financial instruments at the reporting date are based on quoted market prices.

Transfers to or from Level 3 are dependent on the existence of unobservable pricing inputs. Financial instruments are transferred to Level 3 where a previously active market or pricing based on such market ceases or becomes unobservable.

### Valuation techniques

### Level 1 instruments

When fair values of publicly traded equities, equity-related securities and managed funds are based on quoted market prices in an active market for identical assets without any adjustments, the instruments are included within Level 1 of the hierarchy. The Trust Fund values these investments at quoted market price at the close of trading on the reporting date.

The Trust Fund categorises these investments as Level 1. Fair values at the reporting date are obtained using valuation techniques based on observable data. Observable data is considered to be that market data which is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by an independent source which is actively involved in the relevant market.

### Level 2 instruments

The Trust Fund invests in fixed income securities, treasury bills and mutual funds. In the absence of a quoted price in an active market, these instruments are valued using observable inputs such as recently executed transaction prices in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers, discounted cash flows based on yield curves, and quoted prices of the underlying securities. Adjustments are made to the valuations if necessary to recognise differences in the instrument's terms.

To the extent that the significant inputs are observable, the Trust Fund categorises these investments as Level 2.

### Level 3 instruments

The Trust Fund invests in managed funds (Private Equity Fund of Funds and Hedge Fund of Funds) which are not quoted in active markets and which may be subject to restrictions on redemptions such as lock up periods, redemption gates and side pockets. Investments in those funds are valued based on the NAV per unit published by the administrator of those funds. Such a NAV is adjusted by the individual fund managers when necessary to reflect liquidity risk, limitations on redemptions, and other factors.

#### 6. **Financial instruments - fair value (continued)**

Valuation techniques (continued)

Level 3 instruments (continued)

The Trust Fund, as part of its due diligence prior to investing, considers the valuation techniques and inputs used by the individual fund managers in valuing the Private Equity Fund of Funds and Hedge Fund of Funds investments, to ensure that they are reasonable and appropriate. The objective of these valuation techniques is to arrive at a fair value measurement that reflects the price that would be received to sell the asset in an orderly transaction, i.e. not a forced sale, between market participants at the measurement date.

Valuation techniques include net present value and discounted cash flow models, market approach and comparison with similar instruments for which market observable prices exist, as well as mathematical models such as Black-Scholes and polynomial option pricing models.

Assumptions and inputs used in valuation techniques include risk-free and benchmark interest rates, credit spreads and other premia used in estimating discount rates, bond and equity prices, foreign currency exchange rates, equity and equity index prices, as well as expected price volatilities and asset correlations. Fair value is determined by each Fund of Funds manager using the various valuation techniques and relevant valuation models.

In the case of Private Equity investments, the predominant methodology adopted by the fund managers in determining the NAV is a market approach, which takes market multiples using a specified financial measure (e.g. EBITDA), recent public market and private transactions and other available measures for valuing comparable companies.

The Trust Fund classifies investments in Private Equity Fund of Funds as Level 3.

In the case of Hedge Fund of Funds, valuation techniques employed by the fund managers include a combination of quoted market prices available in active markets, values derived from observable inputs, such as quotations received from counterparties, dealers or brokers, whenever available and considered reliable, as well as other mathematical models and valuation techniques as stated above.

In the instances where these models are used, the value depends on the contractual terms of and specific risks inherent in the instrument, as well as the availability and reliability of observable inputs, such as market prices for reference securities, yield curves, credit curves, volatility, prepayment rates and the correlations of such inputs.

The Trust Fund typically classifies investments in Hedge Fund of Funds as Level 3.

#### 6. Financial instruments - fair value (continued)

Valuation techniques (continued)

Level 3 instruments (continued)

### Sensitivity analysis to significant changes in unobservable inputs within Level 3

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement categorised within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, together with a quantitative sensitivity analysis as at 31 December 2013 are shown below:

	Input used	Sensitivity used +/-%	Effect on fair value US\$
Hedge Funds of Funds	NAV	5	948,027
	NAV	10	1,896,054
	NAV	15	2,844,081
Private Equity Funds of Funds	NAV	5	378,375
	NAV	10	756,750
	NAV	15	1,135,124

Significant decreases in the NAVs would result in a significantly lower fair value measurement.

### 6. Financial instruments - fair value (continued)

### Level 3 reconciliation

The following table shows a reconciliation of all movements in the fair value of financial instruments categorized within Level 3 between the beginning and end of the reporting period.

	Private equity fund of funds US\$	Hedge fund of funds US\$	Total US\$
2013			
Balance at 1 January 2013	7,946,483	21,663,228	29,609,711
Total realised gains/(losses)	413,517	(382,819)	30,698
Subscriptions	-	-	-
Redemptions	-	(4,572,980)	(4,572,980)
Capital calls	293,800	-	293,980
Distributions	(1,207,183)	-	(1,207,183)
Transfers into or out of Level 3	-	-	-
Unrealised gains/(losses) included			
in comprehensive income	120,879	2,285,857	2,406,736
Balance at 31 December 2013	7,567,496	18,993,286	26,560,782
2012			
Balance at 1 January 2012	6,976,875	21,202,675	28,179,550
Total realised gains/(losses)	257,627	(35,063)	222,564
Subscriptions	-	2,768,578	2,768,578
Redemptions	-	(3,496,637)	(3,496,637)
Capital calls	1,201,000	-	1,201,000
Distributions	(830,595)	-	(830,595)
Transfers into or out of Level 3	_	-	_
Unrealised gains/(losses) included			
in comprehensive income	341,577	1,223,674	1,565,251
Balance at 31 December 2012	7,946,483	21,663,228	29,609,711

#### 7. **Fixed Assets**

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	Motor vehicles US\$	Equipment & furniture US\$	Leasehold improvements US\$	Total US\$
Cost				
Balance at 31 December 2012	144,587	126,804	12,267	283,658
Additions at cost	39,472	6,880	830	47,182
Exchange adjustments	(52)	(47)	(4)	(103)
Disposals	(35,964)			(35,964)
Balance at 31 December 2013	148,043	133,637	13,093	294,773
Accumulated depreciation				
Balance at 31 December 2012	(64,254)	(102,757)	(12,267)	(179,278)
Charge for the year	(20,635)	(7,183)	(242)	(28,060)
Exchange adjustments	23	37	4	64
Disposals	26,218			26,218
Balance at 31 December 2013	(58,648)	(109,903)	(12,505)	(181,056)
Net book value at				
31 December 2012	80,333	24,047		104,380
Net book value at 31 December 2013	89,395	23,734	588	113,717
Capital contributions				
			2013 US\$	2012 US\$
At beginning of year		1	12,032,106	111,014,328
Third party contributions			1,017,778	1,017,778
At end of year		1	13,049,884	112,032,106
Represented by:				
Members' contributions and escrow		1	04,907,660	104,907,660
Third party contributions			8,142,224	7,124,446
At end of year		1	13,049,884	112,032,106

The initial capital totalling US\$99,500,000 was raised by the Caribbean Development Bank on behalf of the Members on 16 July 2004 and remitted to the Trust Fund on 7 April 2005 along with escrow interest earned of US\$1,446,142. Additional contributions amounting to US\$3,961,518 were received from Members in 2006.

#### 8. Capital contributions (continued)

### Third party contributions

The Members accepted a third party contribution of US\$9,160,000 from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, payable over a period of nine years in the sum of US\$1,017,778 per annum commencing July 2006 until July 2014. This contribution is premised on the key condition that any such amounts paid shall be converted into membership contributions should the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas become a Member of the Court.

#### 9. **Related parties**

Parties are considered to be related if (a) one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operating decisions or (b) the party is a member of key management personnel. Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities, directly or indirectly, of the organization or have the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the Trust Fund.

No commercial transactions are entered into by the Trust Fund with related parties in the normal course of business. Short-term benefits for key management total US\$338,322 (2012: US\$302,126). Honoraria payments to Trustees total US\$17,000 for the year (2012: US\$14,500).

#### 10. **Capital management**

The primary objective of the Trust Fund's capital management is to achieve capital growth in order to provide the resources necessary to finance the capital and operating budget of the Court and the Commission in perpetuity.

The capital structure of the Trust Fund consists of capital contributions from Members and approved third parties, and retained deficits after distributions to the Court. These resources are invested in a diversified portfolio of taxefficient instruments, including fixed income and equity securities, in order to produce an optimal net long-term rate of return with reasonable security of capital.

Assets are invested and managed by considering the purpose, terms, distribution requirements and other circumstances of the Trust Fund. Investment and management decisions in respect of individual assets are evaluated in the context of the portfolio as a whole and as a part of an overall investment strategy, reflecting risk and return objectives reasonably suited to the Trust Fund.

Management reviews the adequacy of its capital available to fulfil its objective on an ongoing basis. A formal assessment is conducted biennially and the Board submits a report on the adequacy of the resources to the Members for consideration.

No externally imposed capital requirements apply to the Trust Fund.

#### 11. Financial risk management

The Trust Fund is exposed to a variety of financial risks through the financial instruments it holds. Financial risk includes liquidity risk, credit risk and market risk. Market risk arises through the effects of changes in interest rates, foreign currency and debt and equity prices.

The effects of these risks are disclosed in Notes 12 to 14 and enable users to evaluate the nature and extent of risks arising from the financial instruments. These disclosures have no quantitative impact on the financial statements.

Risks inherent in the Trust Fund's investment activities are managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring within the framework of investment limits and other controls. The Board is responsible for the overall risk management approach and for approving the investment principles and strategies as detailed in the Investment Guidelines. The Board, through the Finance and Investment Committee, is responsible for the development of the risk strategy, as well as the approval and monitoring of the relevant risk decisions.

#### 12. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from fluctuations in cash flows. Liquidity risk management ensures that the Trust Fund is able to honour all of its financial commitments as they fall due.

The Trust Fund manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows, matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities, as well as by ensuring that sufficient cash and marketable instruments are available to meet short-term requirements.

At the start of each year the Trust Fund sets aside in liquid assets the amount required to meet the annual financial requirements of the Court, the Commission and the Trust Fund. Except for Private Equity and Hedge Fund of Funds holdings, the balance of the portfolio is invested widely in marketable assets which are traded in active and liquid markets, and can therefore be liquidated in the event of an unforeseen interruption of cash flow. All investments can be disposed of during the course of any financial year.

Fund of Funds assets exhibit unique liquidity characteristics, with the actual underlying assets typically being more illiquid in nature than direct equity holdings. These Fund of Funds may include an initial minimum holding (lock-up) period, contractual terms for redemption frequency, as well as the right of the Fund of Funds manager to suspend redemptions. Redemption suspensions may occur to protect the interests of redeeming and continuing investors when there is a significant decrease in liquidity.

### 12. Liquidity risk (continued)

The table below summarizes the financial instruments at their carrying amounts categorized by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates.

	Up to 1 year US\$	1 to 5 years US\$	Over 5 years US\$	Non-interest bearing US\$	Total US\$
2013					
Fixed income securities	1,042,988	2,865,834	-	-	3,908,822
Equities	-	-	-	51,781,622	51,781,622
Private equity fund of funds	-	-	-	7,567,496	7,567,496
Hedge fund of funds	-	-	-	18,993,286	18,993,286
Money market funds	7,782,912	-	-	-	7,782,912
Debt fund	-	-	-	4,157,003	4,157,003
	8,825,900	2,865,834	_	82,499,407	94,191,141
	Up to 1 year US\$	1 to 5 years US\$	Over 5 years US\$	Non-interest bearing US\$	Total US\$
2012					
Fixed income securities	_	2,505,229	1,719,025	-	4,224,254
Equities	_	_	-	48,127,007	48,127,007
Private equity fund of funds	-	-	_	7,946,483	7,946,483
Hedge fund of funds	_	_	_	21,663,228	21,663,228
Money market funds	962,846	-	-	200,000	1,162,846
Debt fund	-	-	-	4,084,814	4,084,814
	962,846	2,505,229	1,719,025	82,021,532	87,208,632

#### **Credit risk** 13.

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 a contractual obligation.

The Board of Trustees has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults, and has established guidelines for investment in institutions which meet certain minimum criteria.

#### 13. **Credit risk** (continued)

All cash and cash equivalent instruments are placed with financial institutions which have a minimum investment rating or financial profile as established by the Board. The credit risk on non-regional liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit rating agencies.

All transactions in listed securities are paid for or settled after trade, using asset managers or brokers approved by the Board. The risk of default is considered minimal as payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the asset manager or broker. Delivery of securities sold is only made upon receipt of payment by the asset manager or broker.

Selected approved asset managers are authorized to purchase suitable securities on a discretionary basis based on an analysis by the asset manager of the companies' prospectuses and due diligence procedures. Asset managers who participate in the fixed income space are limited to investment grade securities. With respect to investments purchased regionally, the Trustees consider analyses presented by Management to ensure that the securities satisfy standards established by the Board.

Investments in Private Equity Fund of Funds and Hedge Fund of Funds are effected through asset managers who themselves invest in a diversified range of funds that select the underlying investments. At each stage of the process, due diligence is conducted to identify appropriate and suitable investments. The purpose of investing in Fund of Funds is for increased diversification and reduction of volatility in portfolio returns.

The carrying amount of financial instruments recorded in the financial statements represents the Trust Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk.

### Credit quality of financial instruments

The Trust Fund's credit risk exposure on fixed income securities is analyzed by the following S&P credit risk ratings:

	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
A-to AA+	1,695,696	1,940,513
BBB to BBB+	2,213,126	2,283,741
	3,908,822	4,224,254

### Credit risk (continued) 13.

## Risk concentrations of financial instruments by geographical distribution

The Trust Fund's investments are analyzed by the following asset classes and geographical regions:

	Regional US\$	Non-Regional US\$	Total US\$
2013			
Fixed income securities			
Government bonds	1,042,988	-	1,042,988
Government agency bonds	652,708	-	652,708
Corporate bonds	2,213,126		2,213,126
	3,908,822	-	3,908,822
Equities	-	51,781,622	5,178,622
Private equity fund of funds	-	7,567,496	7,567,496
Hedge fund of funds	-	18,993,286	18,993,286
Money market funds	-	7,782,912	7,782,912
Debt fund		4,157,003	4,157,003
	3,908,822	90,282,319	94,191,141
2012			
Fixed income securities	-	-	-
Government bonds	1,103,834	-	1,103,834
Government agency bonds	836,679	-	836,679
Corporate bonds	2,283,741		2,283,741
	4,224,254	-	4,224,254
Equities	-	48,127,007	48,127,007
Private equity fund of funds	-	7,946,483	7,946,483
Hedge fund of funds	-	21,663,228	21,663,228
Money market funds	-	1,162,846	1,162,846
Debt fund		4,084,814	4,084,814
	4,224,254	82,984,378	87,208,632

#### Market risk 14.

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables. Market risk comprises three types of risk: foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and equity price risk.

The Trust Fund's investments are susceptible to market price risk arising from fluctuations in market prices. Management, in conjunction with the Trust Fund's Investment Adviser, closely monitors the exposure of the Trust Fund's investment portfolio to changes in market prices and is therefore able to minimise the risk resulting from such fluctuations.

#### Foreign currency risk a)

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Trust Fund has no significant foreign exchange exposure since liabilities are funded by assets in the same currency. The Trust Fund's liability to meet the expenses of the Court and Commission in perpetuity arises in US\$. The Trust Fund's administrative expenses arise in US\$ as well as Trinidad and Tobago dollars (TT\$). The Trust Fund matches its liabilities by investing in US\$ and TT\$.

#### b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair values of financial instruments.

The Trust Fund is exposed to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in prevailing market interest rates on the market value of its fixed rate financial instruments and the impact on the fund balance. Management of interest rate risk includes maintaining a diversified portfolio of cash, equities and bonds and adjusting the average duration of fixed income securities as interest rates change.

### Interest rate sensitivity

The sensitivity of the fund balance is analyzed by maturity of the asset and is calculated by revaluing fixed rate financial instruments for the effects of the assumed changes in interest rates.

#### Market risk (continued) 14.

#### b) Interest rate risk (continued)

### **Interest rate sensitivity** (continued)

The following table demonstrates Management's best estimate of the sensitivity to reasonable possible changes in interest rates prevailing as at 31 December (with all other variables held constant), and the impact on market value and net assets/fund balance based on the exposure at that date.

Change in fund balance			
Increase/ (decrease) in basis points	Up to 5 years US\$	Over 5 years US\$	Total US\$
. 50	(40.522)		(40 522)
+50	(40,522)	-	(40,522)
+100	(80,578)	-	(80,578)
+150	(119,953)	-	(119,953)
-50	39,563	-	39,563
-100	77,022	-	77,022
-150	109,682	-	109,682
+50	(26,583)	(31,833)	(58,415)
+100	(52,784)	(63,286)	(116,070)
+150	(78,615)	(93,950)	(172,565)
-50	26,968	67,793	94,761
-100	54,329	102,256	156,684
-150	75,598	137,616	213,214
	+50 +100 +150 -50 -100 -150 +50 +100 +150 -50 -100	Increase/ (decrease) in basis points  +50	Increase/ (decrease) in basis points  +50

#### c) **Equity price risk**

Equity price risk is the risk that the fair values of equities decrease as the result of changes in the levels of equity indices and the value of individual stocks. The Trust Fund's equity and equity-related investments are susceptible to equity price risk arising from fluctuations in equity indices.

The Trust Fund's investments in equity and equity-related securities may be held for the medium to long term for strategic purposes, and are not held for short-term trading purposes. Management, in conjunction with the Trust Fund's Investment Adviser, closely monitors the exposure of the Trust Fund's investment portfolio to changes in equity indices and is therefore able to minimise the risk resulting from such fluctuations.

#### 14. Market risk (continued)

#### Equity price risk (continued) c)

The table below indicates Management's best estimate of reasonable possible changes in the fair value of equity and equity-related instruments, with all other variables held constant, and the effect on net assets/fund balance as at 31 December:

	Change in equity price 2013 +/-%	Effect on net assets and fund balance 2013 US\$	Change in equity price 2012 +/-%	Effect on net assets and fund balance 2012 US\$
U.S. equities	5	882,570	5	848,697
	10	1,765,139	10	1,697,393
	15	2,647,709	15	2,546,090
Non U.S. equities	5	1,056,272	5	969,265
	10	2,112,544	10	1,938,531
	15	3,168,816	15	2,907,796
Debt fund	5	207,850	5	204,241
	10	415,700	10	408,481
	15	623,550	15	612,722
Real assets	5	266,189	5	231,080
	10	532,378	10	462,161
	15	798,567	15	693,241

#### 15. **Commitment and contingencies**

Operating lease commitments

The Trust Fund has entered into an arrangement for the lease of property for a three (3) year period. Lease commitments are as follows:

	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
Within one year Within two to five years	69,407 31,837	69,037 106,063
At end of year	101,244	175,100

Lease rental expense included in property related expenses amounted to US\$59,606 (2012: US\$58,631) for the year. The lease commitments presented above represent the commitments under the current lease period which ends in May 2015.

Contingencies

There are no contingencies at year end (2012:\$Nil).

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