CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT



**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 A. 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 Judiciary of Member States of the Caribbean Community	Chief Justice Ivor Archie	Trustee
CARICOM Secretariat	Mr. Oswald Barnes	Chairman – Audit Committee
Insurance Association of the Caribbean	<sup>1</sup> Mr. Gerry Brooks	Chairman – Finance and Investment Committee
Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean	Mrs. Jasmine Davis	Member – Audit Committee
Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce	Mr. Ramesh Dookhoo	Trustee
Caribbean Association of Banks Inc.	<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Carole Eleuthere-Jn Marie	Member – Finance and Investment Committee

<sup>1</sup>Mr. Gerry Brooks was replaced by Mr. M. Musa Ibrahim in July 2015. <sup>2</sup>Mrs. Carole Eleuthere-Jn Marie was replaced by Mr. Farid Antar in February 2015.

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**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,** Trustee, **Mr. Oswald Barnes,** Chairman – Audit Committee.

Bottom Row (I-r): <sup>1</sup>Mr. Gerry Brooks, Chairman – Finance and Investment Committee, Mrs. Jasmine Davis, Member – Audit Committee, Mr. Ramesh Dookhoo, Trustee, <sup>2</sup>Mrs. Carole Eleuthere-Jn Marie, Member – Finance and Investment Committee.

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financial markets, a strong US dollar, the deepening of the Russia-Ukraine crisis, and the effects of plummeting oil prices of the Board of Trustees, on the positive performance of the Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund for the year ended December 31, 2014, despite these global challenges.

#### **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 risk-reducing 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 four times, and the Finance & Investment Committee and the Audit Committee met three times and twice respectively.

Since inception the Trust Fund has produced annual rates of return of +10.4%, +9.2%, -19.5%, +15.9%, +10.3%, -1.8%, +10.1% and +12.2% for the complete calendar years 2006 to 2013 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, 2013 was US\$100,449,670, of which US\$100,410,903 comprised investment assets ("the portfolio"). During the financial year to December 31, 2014, the Trust Fund disbursed

The year 2014 was defined by wide swings in volatility in US\$5,447,171 to cover the funding requests of the Court and the Commission, and received remittances pertaining to judges' and non-judicial staff pensions of US\$998,886 in the last half of the year. I am pleased to report, on behalf from the Court. The Trust Fund also received the amount of US\$1,017,778 which represented the final in a series of nine instalments of a third party contribution from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

> The balance of the Fund at the end of the financial year 2014 was US\$97,660,448 after disbursements to and from the Court and the Commission, of which the portfolio was US\$97,562,681. This net movement in market value of the portfolio reflected an annual return of +1.6% on investment assets for 2014, bringing the annualised and cumulative net returns since inception (April 2005) to +5.0% p.a. and +59.8% respectively. The net balance of the Fund at the end of the financial year 2014, excluding amounts due to the Court with respect to non-judicial staff pensions, was US\$95,984,448.

#### The Markets in 2014

The start of 2014 was marked by heightened volatility as global equity markets sold off sharply in the second half of January, and returns were negative in each major sector for the month. Turmoil in Turkey, Argentina, South Africa and Russia dominated the news at the start of the year, and the VIX<sup>1</sup> rose to a first quarter high of 21.44 from a 2013 closing value of 13.72. Emerging market equities were adversely affected by the anticipated end of cheap dollar inflows as the Federal Reserve (Fed) announced a further tapering of its quantitative easing (QE3) programme. However, investors seemed to shrug off the negative start to the year, as equity markets, with the exception of emerging market equities, subsequently rebounded, providing investors with positive returns in the first quarter. Fixed income markets, as measured by the Citigroup World Government Bond Index (Citi WGBI), benefitted from the increased volatility in equity markets by also posting a positive return for the period.

The second guarter of 2014 was marked by low volatility levels as investors largely ignored negative events, including rising geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine. The VIX reached a year-to-date low of 10.32, a level not seen since early 2007. In the US, the Fed continued tapering its monthly bond purchases while, in a measure designed to stimulate growth amidst the threat of deflation, the European Central Bank imposed a negative interest rate on banks for their deposits. Investment markets continued their rally in the second quarter, and all major indices provided investors with positive returns. Global stock markets, as measured by the MSCI ACWI, extended the upward trend with a positive return for the quarter. Emerging markets reversed the minor

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loss of the first quarter, reacting positively to election results in India, amongst other factors in the second quarter. Fixed income investments extended their gains in the second

There was a reversal of fortunes in the third quarter as most major indices posted negative quarterly returns. In the US however, economic growth data continued to exhibit signs of improvement. Fixed income markets reacted with losses following the release of consistently positive economic data in the US and continued speculation around the timing and magnitude of future interest rate increases. The broad market index, the DJ US Total Stock Market, which includes all US public equity with readily available prices, posted a slightly negative return for the quarter as US small-cap stocks pulled back significantly within the period. Europe was buffeted by a series of negative economic data during the third quarter, geopolitical tensions arising between Russia and Ukraine, and the economically unsettling Scottish referendum which took place in September 2014. Emerging market equity investors remained concerned about slowing economic growth in China, and signs that India would not reduce interest rates into the next year. Non-US developed and emerging equity markets experienced significant contractions within the third

Heightened volatility, falling commodity prices, and a strong US dollar defined the final quarter of the year. The VIX peaked at 26.25 mid-October, a year-to date-high, before ending the year at 19.20, reflecting market concerns over the collapse of oil prices and its impact on oil producing economies such as

Russia, and political tensions in Greece, among other factors. Oil prices fell 45.9% in 2014, a function of oversupply and a strengthening US dollar, significantly impacting the S&P Natural Resources Index which erased the double digit gains made in the first half of the year. US dollar strength also burdened already stressed non-US developed and emerging market equities markets, with benchmark indices extending year-to-date losses in US\$ terms in the fourth quarter of 2014. US equity markets reacted positively to strong economic data and an optimistic economic outlook with the S&P 500 surpassing the previous high achieved on September 18, 2014, reaching an all time high of 2,090 on December 29, 2014, and extending gains with a positive return in the last quarter.

Globally, equity markets ended the year with mainly negative returns, with the notable exception of the US. Table 1 below highlights the quarterly and annual returns on major indices for 2014. In US equity markets, the broad DJ US Total Stock Market Index and the S&P 500 posted gains of +12.5% and +13.7% respectively for the year 2014. Non-US developed market and emerging market equities erased gains earned in the first half of the year with the benchmark indices, MSCI EAFE and MSCI EM respectively, ending the year with -4.9% and -2.2% returns respectively in US\$ terms. Natural resources provided investors with negative returns, with the benchmark S&P Natural Resources index posting a loss of -9.8% in 2014. Global fixed income also came under pressure in the second half of the year, providing investors with a -0.5% return, as measured by the Citi WGBI.

Table 1: Major Indices - Quarterly and Annual Returns 2014

Index	Q1 2014	Q2 2014	Q3 2014	Q4 2014	2014
MSCI ACWI	+ 1.1%	+ 5.0%	- 2.3%	+ 0.4%	+ 4.2%
DJ US Total	+ 2.0%	+ 4.8%	- 0.1%	+ 5.2%	+ 12.5%
S&P 500	+ 1.8%	+ 5.2%	+ 1.1%	+ 4.9%	+ 13.7%
MSCI EAFE	+ 0.7%	+ 4.1%	- 5.9%	- 3.6%	- 4.9%
MSCI Emerging Markets	- 0.4%	+ 6.6%	- 3.5%	- 4.5%	- 2.2%
Citi WGBI	+ 2.7%	+ 2.3%	- 3.8%	- 1.5%	- 0.5%
S&P Natural Resources	+ 2.7%	+ 13.4%	- 10.0%	- 13.9%	- 9.8%

Source: Mercer Hammond Monthly Market Summaries 2014

#### Management of the Portfolio

assisted through the services provided by its investment advisor, Mercer Hammond Investment Consulting, manages 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 Trust Fund is an institutional endowment fund that, The benefits of maintaining a diversified strategic longterm asset allocation have been proven throughout the varying market conditions experienced since inception. The the portfolio with the long-term focus necessary to achieve continuing commitment to its diversified long-term strategic the mandate of funding the Court and the Commission in asset allocation has rewarded the Trust Fund with a positive return in 2014 of +1.6%.

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

**Table 2: Historical Fund Returns** 

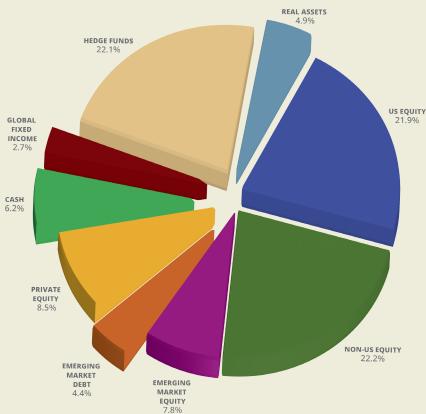
	Period Return	Annualised Rate from Inception
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006	+ 10.4%	+ 9.3%
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007	+ 9.2%	+ 9.3%
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008	- 19.5%	+ 0.7%
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009	+ 15.9%	+ 3.5%
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010	+ 10.3%	+ 4.7%
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%
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014	+ 1.6%	+ 5.0%

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The portfolio allocation as at December 31, 2014 is provided in Chart 1:

Chart 1: Portfolio Asset Composition as at December 31, 2014 (%)

#### Portfolio Asset Composition as at December 31, 2014 (%)



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 2014 which benefitted the portfolio significantly as profits were realised and reinvested. This disciplined approach will continue to provide the benefit of crystallising 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 as planned into 2014, with new commitments being made to

two private equity funds of funds. This sector is expected to continue to contribute positively to return, as the target of a diversified portfolio of private equity fund of funds investments is built to its full allocation.

Hedge funds 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's holdings in hedge funds of funds increased as a percentage of the overall portfolio in 2014 as compared to 2013, as a result of positive performance relative to other segments of the portfolio. Hedge funds of funds investments continue to be preferred compared to other risk-reducing assets (cash, fixed income) because, amongst other factors, the return outlook for the latter remains comparatively low.

#### **Movement in Fund Balance**

The Fund experienced a net movement in value after disbursements, from US\$100,449,670 at the start of the year to end 2014 at US\$97,660,448. The net balance of the Fund at the end of the financial year 2014 excluding amounts due to the Court with respect to non-judicial staff pensions, was US\$95,984,448.

Table 3: Statement of Movement in Fund Balance - 2014, 2013 and From Inception (April 2005)

	2014	2013	April 2005 to December 2014
Opening Fund Balance	100,449,670	93,693,618	100,946,142
Additional Contributions	1,017,776	1,017,778	13,121,518
	101,467,446	94,711,396	114,067,660
Interest & Dividends <sup>2</sup>	1,374,116	961,761	18,011,512
Realised Gains/(Losses)	1,382,124	1,279,544	16,617,841
Net Gain/(Loss) in Fair Value on Investments	(1,108,212)	8,845,121	9,041,854
Investment Income	1,648,028	11,086,426	43,671,207
Investment Management Expenses	(375,065)	(313,103)	(3,558,442)
Net Investment Income	1,272,963	10,773,323	40,112,765
Trust Fund Administrative Expenses <sup>3</sup>	(631,676)	(672,158)	(6,355,027)
Net Gain/(Loss) in Fund Before Disbursements	641,287	10,101,165	33,757,738
Disbursements to Court & Commission	(5,447,171)	(5,719,315)	(52,520,260)
Receipts from Court & Commission	998,886	1,356,424	2,355,310
Net Change in Fund Balance (excluding Additional Contributions)	(3,806,998)	5,738,274	(16,407,212)
Fund Balance	97,660,448	100,449,670	97,660,448
Due to Court re non-judicial staff pensions	(1,676,000)	(1,145,000)	(1,676,000)
Closing Net Fund Balance	95,984,448	99,304,670	95,984,448

contribution of US\$1,017,776 was received from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, the final of a series of nine instalments.

financial year 2014, as the Fund executed its rebalancing

During the financial year 2014, a third party capital 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 US\$61,962, as a result of investments in growth assets made at the Realised Gains of US\$1,382,124 were recorded within the start of 2014 and significant increases in asset values for the first half of the year. The Trust Fund continued its trend of

<sup>2</sup>Including Net Foreign Exchange Gains/(Losses) <sup>3</sup>Including Depreciation

prudent management of administrative expenses, showing a reduction of US\$40,482 (-6.0%) in expenditure in the current financial year. The ratio of investment management expenses plus administrative expenses of the Trust Fund Similarly, the Eurozone is expected to grow by 1.1% in 2015, expressed as a percentage of the average fund balance was 1.0%, in line with the average maintained in all previous years since inception of the portfolio in 2005, and consistent with expense ratios for international endowment funds.

The Fund recorded Net Investment Income of US\$1,272,963, before administrative expenses of US\$631,676, resulting in a Net Gain in the Fund Before Disbursements of US\$641,287 for the financial year. This brought the cumulative Net Gain in the Fund Before Disbursements since inception to US\$33,757,738. Disbursements to fund the expenses of the Court and the Commission amounted to US\$5,447,171 in the financial year ended December 31, 2014, bringing cumulative disbursements since inception to US\$52,520,260. The Trust Fund received US\$998,886 from the Court during the financial year which comprised remittances pertaining to judges' and staff pensions. The Fund experienced a net change in 2014, after disbursements and total expenses but before additional contributions, of US\$3,806,998.

The fund balance, after disbursements to and receipts from the Court and the Commission of US\$5,447,171 and US\$998,886 respectively, investment income of US\$1,648,028 and total expenses of the Trust Fund (including investment management expenses) of US\$1,006,741 in 2014, amounted to US\$97,660,448 at the end of the financial year. The net balance of the Fund at the end of the financial year 2014 excluding amounts due to the Court with respect to non-judicial staff pensions, was US\$95,984,448.

#### **Outlook for 2015**

The major themes emerging for the year are:

- Continued global economic recovery
- Political risks in Europe
- Diverging monetary policies
- · A strong US dollar
- Pressure on emerging markets
- Volatile oil prices

Global economic recovery is expected to continue in 2015, with the US economy expected to expand by 2.9% in 2015, up from 2.3% in 2014 according to Bloomberg analysts. as compared to 0.8% in 2014, despite political pressures arising from elections in Greece, Portugal, Spain and the UK within 2015, and diverging economic growth forecasts within the area. Growth prospects for emerging market economies are mixed, due to anticipated pressures from a strengthening US dollar and the threat of a rising US interest rate environment.

The US Fed Chairman has committed to enabling a rising interest rate environment only when economic indicators point to sustainable growth. The uncertainty around the timing and pace of interest rate increases will be a factor in financial market performance. Current market expectations are for the first interest rate increase to be pushed back to the second half of the year, with a faster pace of increases estimated thereafter. This differs from the accommodative monetary policies adopted by the European Central Bank and other major central banks, and may lead to further dollar appreciation, which in turn will put pressure on US exports. Since the US economy is mostly driven by domestic consumption, such rate increases are not expected to have an immediate material impact on short term economic growth in the US.

The potential problems arising from a strong US dollar and a rising interest rate environment within the US apply mostly to emerging market economies dependent on cheap foreign capital to fund growth. Economies which have taken steps to reform away from such dependence, such as India, Mexico, and Indonesia, are better placed to outperform those that still retain relatively high current account deficits, such as Brazil, South Africa, and Russia. China, the world's second largest economy, expects growth of 7.0% in 2015, slightly lower than in 2014. While China has undertaken to reform its economy toward domestic consumption drivers, it remains unclear whether the reforms being undertaken will be sufficient.

Commodity prices are defined in US dollars, and a strong dollar typically results in lower prices. The strong US dollar in 2014 exacerbated the problem of excess supply in oil markets, resulting in further downward pressure on oil prices. Continued lower oil prices will provide a boost

to the developed world economies and large emerging market energy importers such as India and China, but oil exporting economies, such as Russia, will be under pressure. Oil supply and demand are fairly inelastic in the short run. Oil prices are likely to be highly volatile over the near term, as a result of continued disagreements within the OPEC cartel. OPEC's decision to keep production rates unchanged, continuing the oversupply to the market, is contrary to OPEC's traditional stance of keeping supply/demand in balance.

The economic landscape in 2015 seems mixed at the onset, including diverging monetary policies across major economies, political risks, pressure on already fragile oil producing economies such as Russia, and the uncertainty of the timing and magnitude of US interest rate increases and their consequent potential effect on emerging market economies.

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 long-term objective of funding the Court and the Commission in perpetuity. In 2014, the Trustees made proactive rebalancing decisions, in addition to repositioning the portfolio appropriately, 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\$114,067,660 since

inception. After total disbursements to the Court and the Commission of US\$52,520,260 and total expenses of the Trust Fund of US\$9,913,469 since inception, the balance of the Fund as at December 31, 2014 is US\$97,660,448, of which the portfolio comprised US\$97,562,681.

The Trust Fund recorded a return on the portfolio of +1.6% for 2014, which brought the annualised and cumulative net returns since inception (April 2005) to +5.0% p.a. and +59.8% respectively.

The net balance of the Fund at the end of the financial year 2014 excluding amounts due to the Court with respect to non-judicial staff pensions, was US\$95,984,448.

The importance of 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 TRUST 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 2014, and the 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 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust Fund as at 31 December 2014 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Port of Spain, TRINIDAD: 27 July, 2015

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	5,691,068	6,151,750
Accounts receivable		12,779	9,951
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	6	91,818,212	94,191,141
Interest receivable		53,870	68,477
Other assets		6,043	23,233
Fixed assets	8	145,797	113,717
Total assets		97,727,769	100,558,269
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		67,321	108,599
Due to Court - non-judicial staff pensions	16	1,676,000	1,145,000
Total liabilities		1,743,321	1,253,599
Total net assets		95,984,448	99,304,670
Fund balance			
Capital contributions	9	114,067,660	113,049,884
Retained deficit		(18,083,212)	(13,745,214)
Total fund balance		95,984,448	99,304,670

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 27 July 2015 and are signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: Survolettaires
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## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
Income			
Interest and other income		328,115	378,568
Dividends		977,693	672,032
Realised gains on investments		1,382,124	1,279,544
Net (loss)/gain in fair value on investments at fair value through profit or loss	2.6.c	(1,108,212)	8,851,407
		1,579,720	11,181,551
Expenditure			
Investment management expenses		375,065	313,103
Professional fees		25,475	23,923
Staff costs	10	353,163	410,231
Board expenses	10	63,700	56,574
Property related expenses		84,512	87,623
General administrative expenses		75,827	65,747
Depreciation	8	28,999	28,060
		1,006,741	985,261
Net operating income		572,979	10,196,290
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		68,308	(95,125)
Net income for the year		641,287	10,101,165
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive income for the year		641,287	10,101,165

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

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

Balance at 1 January 2013         112,032,106         (18,338,488)         93,693,618           Third party contributions (Note 9)         1,017,778         -         1,017,778           Total comprehensive income for the year         -         10,101,165         10,101,165           Change in accumulated value due to Court (Note 16)         31,601         31,601         31,601           Transfers to the Court (Note 17)         -         (5,719,315)         (5,719,315)           Transfers from the Court (Note 17)         -         179,823         179,823           Balance at 31 December 2013         113,049,884         (13,745,214)         99,304,670           Third party contributions (Note 9)         1,017,776         -         1,017,776           Total comprehensive income for the year         -         641,287         641,287           Change in accumulated value due to Court (Note 16)         (227,057)         (227,057)           Transfers to the Court (Note 17)         -         (5,447,171)         (5,447,171)           Transfers from the Court (Note 17)         -         (694,944         694,944           Balance at 31 December 2014         114,067,660         (18,083,212)         95,984,448		Capital contributions US\$	Retained deficit US\$	Fund balance US\$
Total comprehensive income for the year         -         10,101,165         10,101,165           Change in accumulated value due to Court (Note 16)         31,601         31,601         31,601           Transfers to the Court (Note 17)         -         (5,719,315)         (5,719,315)           Transfers from the Court (Note 17)         -         179,823         179,823           Balance at 31 December 2013         113,049,884         (13,745,214)         99,304,670           Third party contributions (Note 9)         1,017,776         -         1,017,776           Total comprehensive income for the year         -         641,287         641,287           Change in accumulated value due to Court (Note 16)         (227,057)         (227,057)           Transfers to the Court (Note 17)         -         (5,447,171)         (5,447,171)           Transfers from the Court (Note 17)         -         694,944         694,944           1,017,776         (4,337,998)         (3,320,222)	Balance at 1 January 2013	112,032,106	(18,338,488)	93,693,618
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Transfers from the Court (Note 17)  - 179,823  1,017,778  4,593,274  5,611,052  Balance at 31 December 2013  113,049,884  (13,745,214)  99,304,670  Third party contributions (Note 9)  1,017,776  - 1,017,776  Total comprehensive income for the year  - 641,287  Change in accumulated value due to Court (Note 16)  (227,057)  Transfers to the Court (Note 17)  - (5,447,171)  Transfers from the Court (Note 17)  - 694,944  694,944  1,017,776  (4,337,998)  (3,320,222)			31,601	31,601
Balance at 31 December 2013       1,017,778       4,593,274       5,611,052         Third party contributions (Note 9)       1,017,776       -       1,017,776         Total comprehensive income for the year       -       641,287       641,287         Change in accumulated value due to Court (Note 16)       (227,057)       (227,057)         Transfers to the Court (Note 17)       -       (5,447,171)       (5,447,171)         Transfers from the Court (Note 17)       -       694,944       694,944         1,017,776       (4,337,998)       (3,320,222)	Transfers to the Court (Note 17)	-	(5,719,315)	(5,719,315)
Balance at 31 December 2013         113,049,884         (13,745,214)         99,304,670           Third party contributions (Note 9)         1,017,776         -         1,017,776           Total comprehensive income for the year         -         641,287         641,287           Change in accumulated value due to Court (Note 16)         (227,057)         (227,057)           Transfers to the Court (Note 17)         -         (5,447,171)         (5,447,171)           Transfers from the Court (Note 17)         -         694,944         694,944           1,017,776         (4,337,998)         (3,320,222)	Transfers from the Court (Note 17)	-	179,823	179,823
Third party contributions (Note 9)  1,017,776  - 1,017,776  Total comprehensive income for the year - 641,287  Change in accumulated value due to Court (Note 16)  (227,057)  Transfers to the Court (Note 17)  - (5,447,171)  Transfers from the Court (Note 17)  - 694,944  694,944  1,017,776  (4,337,998)  (3,320,222)		1,017,778	4,593,274	5,611,052
Total comprehensive income for the year – 641,287  Change in accumulated value due to Court (Note 16)  Transfers to the Court (Note 17)  Transfers from the Court (Note 17)  - 694,944  1,017,776  (4,337,998)  (3,320,222)	Balance at 31 December 2013	113,049,884	(13,745,214)	99,304,670
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	Transfers from the Court (Note 17)		694,944	694,944
Balance at 31 December 2014 114,067,660 (18,083,212) 95,984,448		1,017,776	(4,337,998)	(3,320,222)
	Balance at 31 December 2014	114,067,660	(18,083,212)	95,984,448

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

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
Operating activities			
Net income for the year		641,287	10,101,165
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows:			
Depreciation	8	28,999	28,060
Interest income		(328,115)	(378,568)
Dividend income		(977,693)	(672,032)
Net foreign exchange differences		(47,216)	15,156
Decrease/(increase) in accounts receivable and other assets		14,363	(12,097)
(Decrease)/increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses		(41,278)	1,112
Other movements included in net income		2,228	74,189
Purchase of investments		(15,302,553)	(21,487,832)
Redemption of investments		17,998,023	24,551,141
Realised and unrealised gains on investments		(273,911)	(10,130,951)
		1,714,134	2,089,344
Interest received		338,580	374,945
Dividends received		977,693	672,032
Net cash flows from operating activities		3,030,407	3,136,321
Investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets	8	(60,581)	(47,182)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets			9,747
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(60,581)	(37,435)
Financing activities			
Third party contributions	9	1,017,776	1,017,778
Funds received from the Court-non-judicial staff pensions	16	303,943	1,176,601
Transfers to the Court	17	(5,447,171)	(5,719,315)
Transfers from the Court	17	694,944	179,823
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(3,430,508)	(3,345,113)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(460,682)	(246,228)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		6,151,750	6,397,978
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		5,691,068	6,151,750

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

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

#### 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 a legal entity under the Agreement which is registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Trust Fund is not amenable to the jurisdiction of any one sovereign state. It is domiciled in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and 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 tax-efficient international instruments, including equity and equity-related instruments, alternative investment securities and fixed income, 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

#### 2.1 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.

#### 2.2 Reclassification of prior year (2013)

An amount in the statement of financial position of the prior year has been reclassified to conform to changes in the presentation of the current year arising from the change in the accounting for amounts received by the Trust Fund, in respect of pension contributions for non-judicial staff of the Court and the Commission (refer to Note 2.7.i). Previously these amounts received in 2013 were classified within

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

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

#### **2.2** Reclassification of prior year (2013) (continued)

the Fund Balance as at 31 December 2013, and have now been reclassified to Liabilities to reflect the amount due to the Court re non-judicial staff pensions of \$1,145,000 as at 31 December 2013.

The Court and the Commission established a defined contribution pension plan with effect from 1 August, 2013 for their non-judicial employees. As the plan was established in 2013 there is no impact on the year ended 31 December 2012.

The reclassification described above, resulted in a reduction in the previously reported Fund balance (net assets) of \$1,145,000 and a corresponding increase in total liabilities as at 31 December, 2013. There is no impact on the previously reported net income for the prior year or the previously reported change in cash and cash equivalents as per the statement of cash flows.

The following table summarizes the amounts that have been reclassified for the prior year and the impact on the statement of financial position:

	Total liabilities US\$	Retained deficit US\$	Net assets US\$
Balance at 1 January 2013 as previously reported	107,487	(18,338,488)	93,693,618
Reclassification of prior year	-	-	-
Reclassified balances at 1 January 2013	107,487	(18,338,488)	93,693,618
Balance at 31 December 2013 as previously reported	108,599	(12,600,214)	100,449,670
Reclassification of prior year	1,145,000	(1,145,000)	(1,145,000)
Reclassified balances at 31 December 2013	1,253,599	(13,745,214)	99,304,670

#### 2.3 Changes in accounting policies

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

#### Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### **2.3 Changes in accounting policies** (continued)

New standards and amendments/revisions to published standards and interpretations effective in 2014.

The following amendments/revisions to published standards are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014:

#### a) IAS 32 Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - Amendments to IAS 32

These amendments clarify the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right to set-off", and also clarify the application of the offsetting criteria to settlement systems (such as central clearing house systems) which apply non-simultaneous gross settlement mechanisms.

Rights of set-off must not only be legally enforceable in the normal course of business, but must also be enforceable in the event of default and the event of bankruptcy or insolvency of all of the counterparties to the contract, including the reporting entity itself. Rights of set-off must not be contingent on a future event.

Only gross settlement mechanisms with features that eliminate or result in insignificant credit and liquidity risk and that process receivables and payables in a single settlement process or cycle would be, in effect, equivalent to net settlement and therefore meet the net settlement criterion.

These amendments are applied retrospectively. These amendments have no impact on the Trust Fund's financial position or performance, since the Trust Fund has no offsetting arrangements.

## 2.4 New standards and amendments/revisions to published standards and interpretations effective in 2014 but not applicable to the Trust Fund.

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

- IAS 39 Amendments Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting (Effective 1 January 2014).
- IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27 Investment Entities Amendments.
- IAS 36 Amendments Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-financial Assets.
- IFRIC 21 Levies.

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

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

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

## 2.5 New interpretations and revised/amended standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Trust Fund (continued)

- IAS 16 and IAS 38 Amendments Clarification of acceptable methods of depreciation and amortisation (Effective 1 January 2016).
- IAS 16 and IAS 41 Amendments Agriculture: Bearer Plants (Effective 1 January 2016).
- IAS 19 Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions Amendments to IAS 19 (Effective 1 January 2015).
- IAS 27 Amendments Equity method in separate financial statements (Effective 1 January 2016).
- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments Classification and Measurement (Effective 1 January 2018).
- IFRS 11 Amendments Accounting for acquisitions of interests in joint operations (Effective 1 January 2016).
- IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts (Effective 1 January 2016).
- IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Effective 1 January 2017).

#### 2.6 Improvements to International Financial Reporting Standards

The annual improvements process of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) deals with non-urgent but necessary clarifications and amendments to IFRS.

Annual improvements to IFRSs 2010 – 2012 Cycle (Effective 1 January 2015):

- IFRS 2 Shared Based Payment
- IFRS 3 Business Combinations
- IFRS 8 Operating Segments
- IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
- IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 38 Intangible Assets
- IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures

The amendment to IFRS 13 is effective immediately, and it clarifies in the Basis for Conclusions that short-term receivables and payables with no stated interest rates can be measured at invoice amounts when the effect of discounting is immaterial.

Annual improvements to IFRSs 2011 - 2013 Cycle (Effective 1 January 2015):

- IFRS 1 First time adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards
- IFRS 3 Business Combinations
- IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
- IAS 40 Investment Property

The amendment to IFRS 1 is effective immediately and clarifies that an entity may choose to apply either a current standard or a new standard that is not yet mandatory, but permits early application under certain criteria. This amendment has no impact on the Trust Fund since it is an existing IFRS preparer.

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

#### 2.7 Summary of significant accounting policies

#### a) 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.

#### b) Financial instruments

IFRS 9: Financial Instruments (as issued in July 2014)

In 2012 the Trust Fund elected to early adopt *IFRS 9: Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement* (2010) in advance of the then mandatory date of 1 January 2015. The Trust Fund elected to apply the exemption given in the transitional provision for early adoption and hence did not restate comparative information in the year of initial application.

In July 2014, the IASB issued the final version of *IFRS 9: Financial Instruments* which reflects all phases of the financial instruments project and replaces *IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* and all previous versions of IFRS 9. *IFRS 9: Financial Instruments* introduces new requirements for classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting, and is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018 with early application permitted. Early application of previous versions of IFRS 9 (2009, 2010 and 2012) is permitted if the date of initial application is before 1 February, 2015.

Recognition and derecognition

The Trust Fund recognises financial instruments in its statement of financial position when it becomes a 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.

#### c) Financial assets

The Trust Fund's financial assets include financial instruments, cash and cash equivalents (cash, money market accounts and income funds), interest receivable and other current assets.

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 (refer to Note 6) for managing the financial assets, and the contractual cash flows.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

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

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

#### **c) Financial assets** (continued)

Initial recognition and subsequent measurement (continued)

A financial asset is initially 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 is at fair value plus 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. 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".

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

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

c) Financial assets (continued)

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. Interest income on debt instruments at FVTPL 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.

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.

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

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".

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

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

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

#### d) Financial liabilities

The Trust Fund's financial liabilities include accounts payables, accrued liabilities and amounts due to the Court.

Initial recognition and subsequent measurement

Financial liabilities are initially 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 FVTPL 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.

#### e) Fair value measurement

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)

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

#### e) Fair value measurement (continued)

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 7).

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.

#### f) 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 profit or loss and comprehensive income when the expenditure is incurred.

#### g) Operating lease

Operating leases are leases that do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. Payments made under operating leases are recognized as an expense in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

The Trust Fund has entered into a three year operating lease for the occupation of its registered office (refer to Note 17). Either party has the option to terminate the agreement by serving notice in writing.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

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

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

#### h) 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 a participant in the Court. As described in Note 9, it was agreed amongst the Members that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas will make such contributions in accordance with Article IV of the "Revised Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice Trust Fund".

#### i) Court and Commission Staff pensions

#### Non-Judicial Staff pensions

The Court provides its non-judicial staff and staff of the Commission with a defined contribution pension plan. Under this plan, the employees of the Court and the Commission make contributions which are deducted from their salaries and are matched with employer contributions from the Court and the Commission. These amounts are remitted to the Trust Fund by the Court periodically and upon receipt the Trust Fund records a liability under the heading 'Due to Court - Non-judicial staff pensions' (refer to Note 16).

Balances accumulated under this plan are calculated by an independent third party administrator on behalf of the Court and the Commission, in accordance with an agreed formula between the Court and the Commission and their employees. The administrator advises the Court and the Commission of the accumulated amounts at the end of each financial year. Based on the administrator's report, the Trust Fund records any resulting change in accumulated values against the amount shown as 'Due to Court – Non-judicial staff pensions'.

When a staff member reaches retirement, the Court's actuary will determine the pension entitlement for that employee based on their accumulated balance using appropriate actuarial assumptions. The Trust Fund will, at the request of the Court, provide to the Court the funds necessary to pay the pension for each employee on this basis. These amounts are treated as distributions from the heading 'Due to Court - Non-judicial staff pensions' and are accounted for when disbursements are made.

#### Judges' pensions

The Court provides its judges with a defined benefit pension plan. An actuarial valuation is obtained by the Court at the end of each financial year in respect of the pension arrangements for its judges (refer to Note 16). The Trust Fund pays the pension obligations of the Court for judges as they fall due. These amounts are not recorded as a liability of the Trust Fund, and are treated as distributions out of the fund balance and accounted for when disbursements are made.

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

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

#### j) Transfers to/from the Court

The Court submits biennial budgets in relation to the expenditure 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 upon request.

Disbursement requests made by the Court include pension payments for judges. These amounts are treated as distributions out of the fund balance and are accounted for when disbursement requests by the Court are made, after approval 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 (refer to Note 17).

#### k) 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.

#### l) 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.

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 profit or loss and comprehensive income as appropriate.

#### m) Taxation

The Trust Fund is exempt from all forms of taxation in Trinidad and Tobago, its country of domicile, including taxes on interest income, dividends and capital gains, as well as withholding taxes. Dividend income in some jurisdictions is subject to withholding taxes which are deducted at the source of the income. Dividend income is reflected net of the withholding taxes where applicable.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

#### 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.

The fair value of the financial instruments 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 7 for further disclosures.

#### Classification of investments

Management evaluates at the time of acquisition of its financial instruments whether they should be classified as at amortised cost, FVTPL or FVTOCI. 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 FVTPL.

4.	Cash and cash equivalents	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
	Cash at bank	1,172,557	456,343
	Money market accounts	286,496	265,914
	Income funds	4,232,015	5,429,493
		5,691,068	6,151,750

#### 5. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities

The carrying values of the financial assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements equate the fair value. 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.

For financial assets and liabilities 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.

#### 6. 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 FVTPL.

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

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

	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
Fixed income securities	2,601,595	3,908,822
Equities	55,290,651	51,781,622
Private equity funds of funds	7,788,778	7,567,496
Hedge funds of funds	21,465,217	18,993,286
Money market funds	444,540	7,782,912
Debt fund	4,227,431	4,157,003
	91,818,212	94,191,141

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

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

#### 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:

- to realise capital gains,
- if liquidity is required and
- · 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.

#### 7. Financial instruments – fair value

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.

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.

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

• 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.

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\$
2014				334
Fixed income securities	_	2,601,595	_	2,601,595
Equities	24,958,002	30,332,649	-	55,290,651
Private equity funds of funds	-	-	7,788,778	7,788,778
Hedge funds of funds	-	-	21,465,217	21,465,217
Money market funds	444,540	-	-	444,540
Debt fund		4,227,431		4,227,431
	25,402,542	37,161,675	29,253,995	91,818,212
2013				
Fixed income securities	-	3,908,822	-	3,908,822
Equities	24,087,683	27,693,939	-	51,781,622
Private equity funds of funds	-	-	7,567,496	7,567,496
Hedge funds 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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

#### 7. Financial instruments – fair value (continued)

#### **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.
- 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.

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.

The Trust Fund categorises these investments as Level 1.

#### 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.

#### 7. **Financial instruments – fair value** (continued)

Valuation techniques (continued)

Level 3 instruments

The Trust Fund invests in managed funds (Private Equity Funds of Funds and Hedge Funds 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.

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 Funds of Funds and Hedge Funds 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 Funds 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 Funds of Funds as Level 3.

In the case of Hedge Funds 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. Investments in Hedge Funds of Funds are typically classified as Level 3.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

#### 7. 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 2014 are shown below:

	Input used	Sensitivity used +/-%	Effect on fair value US\$
Hedge Funds of Funds	NAV	5	1,073,261
	NAV	10	2,146,522
	NAV	15	3,219,783
Private Equity Funds of Funds	NAV	5	389,439
	NAV	10	778,878
	NAV	15	1,168,317

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

#### **7. 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 funds of funds US\$	Hedge funds of funds US\$	Total US\$
2014			
Balance at 1 January 2014	7,567,496	18,993,286	26,560,782
Total realised gains	511,064	38,324	549,388
Subscriptions	-	2,549,417	2,549,417
Redemptions	-	(1,021,688)	(1,021,688)
Capital calls	1,598,235	-	1,598,235
Distributions	(1,840,298)	-	(1,840,298)
Transfers into or out of Level 3	-	-	-
Unrealised (losses)/gains included			
in comprehensive income	(47,719)	905,878	858,159
Balance at 31 December 2014	7,788,778	21,465,217	29,253,995
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 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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

#### 8. Fixed Assets

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		Motor vehicles US\$	Equipment & furniture US\$	Leasehold improvements US\$	Total US\$
	Cost				
	Balance at 31 December 2013	148,043	133,637	13,093	294,773
	Additions at cost	58,890	1,691	-	60,581
	Exchange adjustments	648	584	57	1,289
	Disposals				
	Balance at 31 December 2014	207,581	135,912	13,150	356,643
	Accumulated depreciation				
	Balance at 31 December 2013	(58,648)	(109,903)	(12,505)	(181,056)
	Charge for the year	(22,447)	(6,135)	(417)	(28,999)
	Exchange adjustments	(256)	(481)	(54)	(791)
	Disposals				
	Balance at 31 December 2014	(81,351)	(116,519)	(12,976)	(210,846)
	Net book value at				
	31 December 2013	89,395	23,734	588	113,717
	Net book value at 31 December 2014	126,230	19,393	174	145,797
				2014	2013
9.	Capital contributions			US\$	US\$
	At beginning of year		1	13,049,884	112,032,106
	Third party contributions		_	1,017,776	1,017,778
	At end of year		1	14,067,660	113,049,884
	Represented by:				
	Members' contributions and escrow		1	04,907,660	104,907,660
	Third party contributions			9,160,000	8,142,224
	At end of year		1	14,067,660	113,049,884

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.

#### 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.

#### 10. 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\$280,476 (2013: US\$338,322). Honoraria payments to Trustees total US\$15,400 for the year (2013: US\$17,000).

#### 11. 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, approved third parties, and retained deficits after distributions to the Court. These resources are invested in a diversified portfolio of tax-efficient 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.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

#### 12. 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.

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.

The effects of these risks are disclosed in Notes 13 to 15 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.

#### 13. 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 Funds of Funds and Hedge Funds 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.

Funds of Funds assets exhibit unique liquidity characteristics, with the actual underlying assets typically being more illiquid in nature than direct equity holdings. These Funds of Funds may include an initial minimum holding (lock-up) period, contractual terms for redemption frequency, as well as the right of the Funds 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.

Amounts due to the Court, as described in Note 2.7.i are due on demand. Other financial liabilities, namely accounts payable and accrued liabilities, are due within one year.

Over Non-interest

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

#### **13. 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\$
2014					
Fixed income securities	995,278	1,606,317	-	-	2,601,595
Equities	-	-	-	55,290,651	55,290,651
Private equity funds of funds	-	-	-	7,788,778	7,788,778
Hedge funds of funds	-	-	-	21,465,217	21,465,217
Money market funds	444,540	-	-	_	444,540
Debt fund				4,227,431	4,227,431
	1,439,818	1,606,317		88,772,077	91,818,212
	Up to 1 year US\$	1 to 5 years US\$	Over 5 years US\$	Non-interest bearing US\$	Total US\$
2013	1 year US\$	5 years	5 years	bearing	US\$
2013 Fixed income securities	1 year	5 years	5 years	bearing	
	1 year US\$	5 years US\$	5 years	bearing	US\$
Fixed income securities	1 year US\$	5 years US\$	5 years	bearing US\$	<b>US\$</b> 3,908,822
Fixed income securities Equities	1 year US\$	5 years US\$	5 years	bearing US\$ - 51,781,622	3,908,822 51,781,622
Fixed income securities Equities Private equity funds of funds Hedge funds of funds Money market funds	1 year US\$	5 years US\$	5 years	bearing US\$ - 51,781,622 7,567,496	3,908,822 51,781,622 7,567,496
Fixed income securities Equities Private equity funds of funds Hedge funds of funds	1 year US\$ 1,042,988 - -	5 years US\$	5 years	bearing US\$ - 51,781,622 7,567,496	3,908,822 51,781,622 7,567,496 18,993,286

#### 14. Credit risk

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

#### **14. 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 Funds of Funds and Hedge Funds 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 Funds of Funds is for potential increased diversification and reduction of overall market risk of the portfolio.

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:

	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
A to AA+	473,785	1,695,696
BBB to BBB+	2,127,810_	2,213,126
	2,601,595	3,908,822

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

#### 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\$
2014			
Fixed income securities			
Government bonds	-	_	_
Government agency bonds	473,785	-	473,785
Corporate bonds	2,127,810		2,127,810
	2,601,595	_	2,601,595
Equities	2,001,393	55,290,651	55,290,651
Private equity funds of funds	_	7,788,778	7,788,778
Hedge funds of funds	_	21,465,217	21,465,217
Money market funds	_	444,540	444,540
Debt fund	_	4,227,431	4,227,431
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	2,601,595	89,216,617	91,818,212
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 funds of funds	_	7,567,496	7,567,496
Hedge funds 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
	3,300,022		

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#### 15. Market risk

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.

#### a) Foreign currency risk

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 primarily 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.

#### **15. Market risk** (continued)

#### 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			
2014	Increase/ (decrease) in basis points	Up to 5 years US\$	Over 5 years US\$	Total US\$
Fixed income securities	+50	(23,504)	_	(23,504)
	+100	(46,650)	_	(46,650)
	+150	(69,446)	-	(69,446)
	-50	23,871	_	23,871
	-100	45,770	-	45,770
	-150	65,106	-	65,106
2013				
Fixed income securities	+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

#### 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.

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#### **15. Market risk** (continued)

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

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 2014 +/-%	Effect on net assets and fund balance 2014 US\$	Change in equity price 2013 +/-%	Effect on net assets and fund balance 2013 US\$
U.S. equities	5	1,064,229	5	882,570
	10	2,128,458	10	1,765,139
	15	3,192,687	15	2,647,709
Non U.S. equities	5	1,083,555	5	1,056,272
	10	2,167,111	10	2,112,544
	15	3,250,666	15	3,168,816
Emerging markets	5	381,662	5	384,050
	10	763,325	10	768,101
	15	1,144,987	15	1,152,151
Debt fund	5	211,372	5	207,850
	10	422,743	10	415,700
	15	634,115	15	623,550
Real assets	5	235,086	5	266,189
11001 00000	10	470,171	10	532,378
	15	705,257	15	798,567

6. Due to Court – Non–judicial Staff Pensio	2014 US\$ ns	2013 US\$
At beginning of year	1,145,000	-
Funds received	303,943	1,176,601
Change in accumulated value	227,057	(31,601)
At end of year	1,676,000	1,145,000

#### Non-Judicial Staff pensions

The Court provides its non-judicial staff and staff of the Commission with a defined contribution pension plan (refer to Note 2.7.i).

#### Judges' pensions

The Court provides its judges with a defined benefit pension plan and obtains an actuarial valuation at the end of each financial year in respect of that obligation (refer to Note 2.7.i). The Court's defined benefit obligation amounted to US\$5,958,000 at 31 December 2014 (2013: US\$5,195,000).

17.	Transfers to/from the Court	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
	Transfers to the Court (refer to Note 2.7.j)		
	At beginning of year	47,073,089	41,353,774
	During the year	5,447,171	5,719,315
	At end of year	52,520,260	47,073,089
	Transfers to the Court (refer to Note 2.7.j)		
	At beginning of year	179,823	_
	During the year	694,944	179,823
	At end of year	874,767	179,823

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#### 18. 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:

	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
Within one year	31,976	69,407
Within two to five years		31,837
	31,976	101,244

Lease rental expense included in property related expenses amounted to US\$59,868 (2013: US\$59,606) 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 (2013:\$Nil).

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