



## **REPUBLIC US\$ FIXED INCOME SECURITIES FUND**

31st March 2024

## **FUND SIZE**

## **FUND STRATEGY**

# US \$16.4 Million

The Fund invests primarily in fixed income securities, including sovereign and corporate debt of issuers in various countries, with a view that such securities should provide a high-income yield or have potential for capital appreciation.

FUND FACTS								
Minimum Investment	Weighted Avg. Maturity	Weighted Avg. Yield	Fund Credit Rating	ESG Score (41% of Fund is ESG rated)	Quarter End NAV	Distribution (Last 12Mth.)		
\$3,000.00	4.28 years	5.75%	BBB	AA	\$104.3507	\$1.2207		

TOP TEN (10) HOLDINGS								
ISSUER	COUPON	MATURITY	WEIGHT OF FUND					
SAGICOR	5.30%	13-May-28	5.91%					
SOCGEN	4.25%	19-Aug-26	5.87%					
WASA	5.60%	19-Feb-34	5.71%					
CFELEC	3.35%	9-Feb-31	5.61%					
LENOVO	3.42%	2-Nov-30	5.35%					
CIGNA	2.38%	15-Mar-31	5.15%					
ISHARES ETF	3.39%	NA	5.04%					
FCB	3.25%	22-Apr-26	3.47%					
DELL	6.10%	15-Jul-27	3.15%					
CAF	5.00%	24-Jan-29	3.05%					

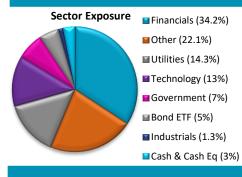
#### **PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE - MARCH 2024** Otr. End Inception 1 Year 3 Year 5 Year Mar 24 (15-8-2012)0.43% 3.31%\* (2.70%)\*3.73%\* 13.45%\*

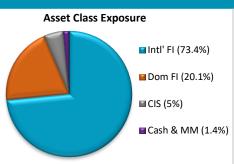
\*Assumes immediate reinvestment of all distribution received.

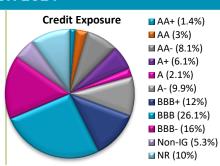
ANNUAL RETURNS							
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
4.20%	4.22%	(1.44%)	(5.69%)	3.75%			

NB: 100% of the Fund's assets is represented by long positions.

# **RISK EXPOSURE - PERIOD ENDED MARCH 2024**







## **MARKET REVIEW & OUTLOOK**

S&P Global Ratings forecasted global growth to be 3.2% in 2024 reflecting Yields have been steadily ticking higher with the US ongoing strong private sector investment, productivity gains from the digital transition coupled with higher business confidence. The U.S GDP growth rate is expected to be 2.5% in 2024 as the labour market remains sturdy. Inflation is projected to remain slightly above the Federal Reserve's (Fed) target of 2.0% through 2024 reflecting persistently higher service price inflation, even as goods prices ease modestly. Furthermore, the U.S economy is expected to continue to transition to below-potential growth as the year progresses.

The Fed maintained the Fed Fund rate at 5.25% - 5.50% in March 2024. While the intent remains reducing inflation to a target level of 2.0%, the Fed continues to monitor the economy for further signs of cooling inflation before making the decision to begin cutting rates. The Fed may further delay easing, especially if inflation fails to come down significantly in the next two to three months as the strength of the US economy allows them the option to be patient as inflation moves toward the 2% target.

Treasury 1-Yr, 5-Yr and 10-Yr yields ending March 2024 at 5.03%, 4.21% and 4.20% respectively, up from 4.79%, 3.84% and 3.88% as at December 2023.

Our focus remains on managing duration and improving credit quality to minimize the mark to market volatility of the portfolio, while seeking attractive returns.

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