

## **REPUBLIC CARIBBEAN EQUITY FUND**



#### 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Consumer Discretionary (3.8%)

Health Care (3.3%)
Energy (1.6%)

Industrials (2.1%)

Cash (0.2%)

Other (3.9%)

# FUND SIZE

FUND STRATEGY

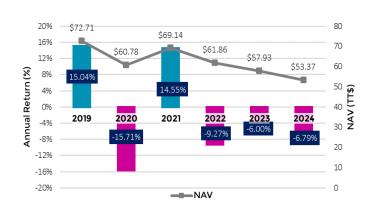
TT\$ 118 Million

The fund seeks to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities.

FUND FACTS				
Minimum Initial Investment	Subsequent Investment	Bid Price @ 30-Sept-2024	Offer Price @ 30-Sept-2024	Distribution 31-July-2024
\$2,000.00	\$200.00	<b>\$</b> 53.368	\$ 54.436	\$0.650

TOP TEN (10) HOLDI	NGS	EXPOSURES AS A1	30 SEPTEMBER 2024
EQUITY	FUND WEIGHT	Asset Class Allocation	
Republic Financial Holdings Ltd	17.00%	ASSet Class Anocation	Domestic Equities (64.6%)
Allianz Global Investors	16.97%		
Ansa McAl Ltd	8.48%		Regional Equities (12.5%)
GraceKennedy Limited	8.05%		
Scotiabank Trinidad & Tobago Limited	7.93%		Int'l Equities (22.0%)
First Citizens Group F'ncial Holdings	6.91%		
Agostini Insurance Brokers	5.91%		Mutual Funds (0.9%)
Massy Holdings Limited	4.51%		
Agostini's Limited	3.05%	Sector Allocation	Financials (49.8%)
NCB Financial Group Limited	2.83%		Consumer Staples (29.0%)
			Technology (6.3%)

## **ANNUAL RETURNS**



## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

BID-BID RETURN (AS AT SEPT 2024)				*Annualized	
Q3 2024	YTD	3 YEAR*	5 YEAR*	INCEPTION*	
-5.54%	-6.79%	-6.11%	-4.01%	5.12%	

The NAV represents the aggregate value of the Fund's investments at the close of business on the Valuation Date minus all liabilities of the Fund including provision for accrued fees and expenses.

### **Geographical Allocation**



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

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## **MARKET REVIEW & OUTLOOK**

#### **Portfolio Movements**

The local and regional equity markets continue to exbihit weakness as shown by the ongoing negative retuns in Table 1. This would have adversely impacted the Fund's NAV, which fell by 5.54% over Q3 and 6.79% YTD. The largest decliners this quarter were Trinidad and Tobago NGL Ltd (\$33.67%), West Indian Tobacco Co. Ltd (\$23.53%) and Prestige Holdings Ltd (\$18.22%), while the top performers were Allianz Global Investors (\$1.29%), American Century Investments (\$2.85%) and Ansa Mcal Ltd (\$2.47%). We note that both Funds outperformed the All T&T Index as well as the TT Composite Index for this quarter. Our focus continues to be centered around maintaining a diversified portfolio of equities with favorable medium to long term outlooks, in line with the Fund's investment horizon.

Index Movements QoQ			
	Price Return		
TTSE All T&T Index	♦	-7.27%	
TTSE Cross Listed Index	4	-4.49%	
TTSE Composite Index		-6.65%	
Jamaica Stock Exchange Index	•	-0.19%	
S&P 500 Index	•	5.53%	
MSCI World Index	•	2.66%	

Table 1: QoQ movements of select Indices

## Domestic and Regional

Top Advances & Declines - All T&T Index				
	Price Return			
ANSA McAl Ltd	•	1.29%		
ANSA Merchant Bank Ltd		-0.02%		
ப Williams Ltd	•	-1.61%		
Prestige Holdings Ltd	•	-18.22%		
West Indian Tobacco Co Ltd		-23.53%		
Trinidad & Tobago NGL Ltd	4	-33.67%		

Table 2: Top advances and declines - All T&T Index

Top Advances & Declines - Cross Listed Index			
	Pri	Price Return	
FirstCaribbean Intl Bank	Ŷ	1.45%	
GraceKennedy Ltd	->>	0.00%	
NCB Financial Group Ltd	•	-12.36%	
JMMB Group Ltd	4	-15.70%	

Table 3: Top advances and declines – Cross Listed Index

### Trinidad and Tobago

Real GDP Growth	Headline Inflation	Core Inflation	Net Reserves	Import Cover
Q3 2024	Aug-24	Aug-24	Aug-24	Aug-24
-2.3%	0.4%	0.1%	US\$ 5.54B	7.8 months

Headline inflation decreased from 0.7% in June 2024 to 0.4% in August 2024, and core inflation followed suit declining slighlty from 0.2% in June 2024 to 0.1% in August 2024.

Financial sector liquidity improved in Q3 2024 driven by the reduction in the reserve requirment for banks from 14% to 10% in July 2024. Excess reserves stood at TT\$6.3B as at mid- September 2024. Private sector credit has been relatively strong in recent months. The MPC agreed to hold the repo rate at 3.50% at its September 2024 meeting.

#### Jamaica

Headline inflation increased from 5.1% in July 2024 to 6.5% in August 2024, which is above the BOJ's target range of 4.0%-6.0%. However, despite the increase in headline inflation, core inflation has been declining and has been contributing to the overall lowering of underlying inflation since the beginning of 2024.

At its September 2024 meeting, the MPC agreed to reduce the policy rate by 25 basis points to 6.50% efffective October 2024 and manage domestic liquidity accordingly.

#### International

- In their September 2024 meeting, the FOMC decided to lower the target range for the federal funds rate by 0.5% to 4.75%-5.0%. It is expected that there will be two further rate cuts of 25bps for the remainder of the year. The Fed continues to takes a measured approach to carefully evaluate the economic data while balancing risks.
- Global equities continues to delivered positive returns over Q3, given improvements mainly in Real Estate and Utilities following the cut in the Fed Fund rate in Sept 2024. The MSCI World Index advanced ◆6.36% and the MSCI EM Index advanced ◆7.79%, and the MSCI EAFE Index improved considerably ◆6.65%.
- The top performing sectors of the MSCI World Index q-o-q were Utilities (\*17.58%), Real Estate(\*16.91%) and Financials (\*10.68%), while the bottom three were Telecommunications (\*-2.82%), Technology (\*-1.52%) and Energy (\*-2.41%).
- US Treasury yield curve steepened from June to September 2024, with yields falling faster at the short end than the long end, as the market anticipated Fed rate cuts.. The Bloomberg US Aggregate index advanced largely by € 5.20% QoQ.
- Mixed movements were seen among energy commodities: Brent Crude fell significantly -16.94% as well as WTI futures declined -16.40% while natural gas (Henry Hub futures) jumped 12.38%.

All data as at 30 September 2024, unless specified otherwise.

#### Sources: The Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange (TTSE), Bloomberg LP, The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT), The Bank of Jamaica (BO), RBL Group Treasury

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Sep-24

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Real GDP Growth



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