



REPUBLIC CARIBBEAN EQUITY FUND

31st December 2024

FUND SIZE

FUND STRATEGY

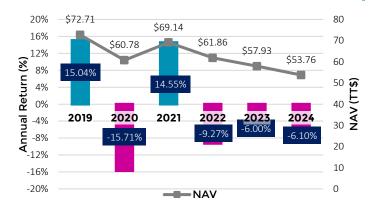
TT\$ 118 Million

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 @ 31-Dec-2024	Offer Price @ 31-Dec-2024	Distribution 31-July-2024	
\$2,000.00	\$200.00	\$ 53.76	\$ 54.84	\$0.650	

TOP TEN (10) HOLDINGS EQUITY FUND WEIGHT Allianz Global Investors Fund 16.96% Republic Financial Holdings Limited 16.16% Grace Kennedy Limited 8.32% Ansa Mcal Limited 8.12% Scotiabank Trinidad & Tobago Limited 7.98% First Citizens Group Financial Holdings 6.96% Agostini Insurance Brokers 5.94% Massy Holdings Limited 5.05% Agostini's Limited 3.19% NCB Financial Group Limited 2.83%

ANNUAL RETURNS



PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

BID-BID RETURN (AS AT DEC 2024)

*Annualized

Q4 2024	YTD	3-YEAR*	5-YEAR*	INCEPTION*	
0.74%	-6.10%	-5.88%	-3.86%	5.10%	

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.

EXPOSURES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024



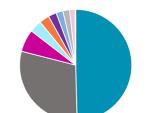
Domestic Equities (63.8%)

Int'l Equities (22.0%)

Regional Equities (13.0%)

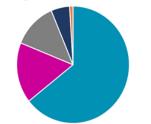
Mutual Funds (1.1%)

Sector Allocation



- Financials (49.59%)
- Consumer Staples (29.42%)
- Technology (6.50%)
- Consumer Discretionary (3.56%)
- Health Care (2.91%)
- Industrials (2.35%)
- Communications (1.98%)
- Other (1.93%)
- Energy (1.58%)
- Utilities (0.09%)
- Cash (0.06%)
- Real Estate (0.03%)

Geographical Allocation



- Trinidad and Tobago (64.3%)
- USA (16.7%)
- Jamaica (12.6%)
- Other (5.3%)
- Barbados (1.0%)

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

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MARKET REVIEW & OUTLOOK

Portfolio Movement

The local and regional equity markets improved in Q4 as shown by the positive returns, however for the year ended Dc 2024, returns were negative as displayed in Table 1. This is reflected in the Fund's NAV, which improved by 0.74% over Q4 but fell by 6.10% YTD. The largest decliners for the TTALL Index this quarter were L.J. Williams Ltd (♣59.02%), Guardian Media Ltd (♣22.58%) and West Indian Tobacco Ltd (♣13.85%), while the top performers were CIBC Caribbean Bank Ltd (♣15.71%), Massy Holdings Ltd (♣11.27%) and Unilever Caribbean Ltd (♣8.26%). Our focus continues to be on 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					
		4Q24		2024	
TTSE All T&T Index	P	0.09%	4	-12.7%	
TTSE Cross Listed Index	•	8.36%	₩	-7.7%	
TTSE Composite Index	P	1.94%	₩	-11.6%	
Jamaica Stock Exchange Index	•	5.49%	P	3.1%	
S&P 500 Index	•	2.07%	P	23.3%	
MSCI World Index	•	-0.16%	P	18.7%	

Table 1: Q-o-Q and FY movements of select Indices

Domestic and Regional

Top Advances & Declines - All T&T Index				
	Price Return			
LJ Williams Ltd	•	-59.02%		
Guardian Media Ltd	₩	-22.58%		
West Indian Tobacco Co Ltd	•	-13.85%		
Massy Holdings Ltd	P	11.27%		
Unilever Caribbean Ltd	P	8.26%		
Trinidad & Prestige Holdings	•	7.62%		

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

Top Advances & Declines - Cross Listed Index			
	Price Return		
FirstCaribbean Intl Bank	4	15.71%	
JMMB Group Ltd	P	4.90%	
GraceKennedy Ltd	P	2.78%	
NCB Financial Group Ltd	4	-0.83%	

Table 3: Top advances and declines – Cross Listed Index

Trinidad and Tobago

Real GDP Growth	Headline Inflation	Core Inflation	Net Reserves	Import Cover
FY 2024	Nov-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Dec-24
1.5%	0.5%	0.3%	5.46B	7.8 months

- Headline inflation increased from 0.2% in October 2024 to 0.5% in November 2024 while core inflation remained unchanged at 0.3% in both October and November 2024.
- Financial sector liquidity declined in Q4 2024 averaging \$5.51B over the 2-month period Oct-Nov 2024. Excess reserves stood at TT\$6.4B as at mid- Dec 2024. The momentum in private sector credit accelerated in Sept 2024 with the growth in business loans outpacing consumer lending.
- The MPC agreed to hold the repo rate at 3.50% at its December 2024 meeting.

Jamaica

- Headline inflation declined to 4.3% in Novmber 2024 from 6.5% in August 2024 which is within the BOJ's target range of 4.0%-6.0%.
- Core inflation was 4.2% as at November 2024 representing the 17th month that core inflation as been below 6.0%.
- At its September 2024 meeting, the MPC agreed to reduce the policy rate by 25 basis points to 6.00% efffective December 2024 and preserve relative stability in the foreign exchange market.

International

- In their December 2024 meeting, the FOMC decided to lower the target range for the federal funds rate by 0.25% to 4.25%-4.50%. It is expected that the Fed will cut fed fund rates at a slower pace in 2025 as they continues to takes a measured approach to carefully evaluate the economic data while balancing risks.
- Most of the major US Equity Indices closed out the fourth quarter with gains. The Dow Jones was positive at ◆0.51%, the S&P500 improved ◆2.07% and the Nasdaq rose by ◆6.17%.
- Global equities performed negatively in Q4 attributable to the volatility in the economy stemming from the U.S. elections and stubborn U.S. inflation. The MSCI World Index decreased marginally ◆-0.16%, the MSCI EM Index fell by ◆-8.15% and the MSCI EAFE Index dropped by ◆-8.38%.
- The top performing sectors of the MSCI World Index q-o-q were Consumer Discretionary(№ 8.70%), Telecommunications (♠ 6.68%) and Technology (♠ 4.61%), while the bottom three were Materials (♣ -14.32%), Real Estate (♣ -9.20%) and Utilities(♣ -8.06%).
- US Treasury yield curve steepended from Sept to Dec 2024 as the Fed further cut rates in Nov and Dec 2024. The Bloomberg US Aggregate index fell by ◆3.06% QoQ.
- Energy commodities performed positively for the quarter: Brent Crude increased ♦ 4.00%, WTI futures rose by ♦ 5.21% and natural gas (Henry Hub futures) jumped considerably ♦ 24.29%.

U.S Real GDP Growth

Dec-24 (YoY)

2.7%

U.S Inflation

Nov-24 (YoY)

2.7%

U.S Unemployment

Nov-24

4.2%

U.S Fed Funds Rate

Dec-24

4.25% - 4.50%

Consumer Confidence

Dec-24

104.70

All data as at 31 December 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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