



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

30th September 2024

#### **FUND SIZE**

#### **FUND STRATEGY**

# US \$15.9 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<br>Investment | Weighted<br>Avg. Maturity | Weighted<br>Avg. Yield | Fund Credit<br>Rating | ESG Score<br>(35% of Fund is<br>ESG rated) | Quarter End<br>NAV | Distribution (Last 12Mth.) |
| \$3,000.00            | 3.59 years                | 4.87%                  | ВВВ                   | AA   | \$107.0226         | \$1.3917                   |

#### **TOP TEN (10) HOLDINGS**

| ISSUER COUPON MATURITY FU   |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| SAGICOR 5.30% 13-May-28 6.2 | 5% |
| SOCGEN 4.25% 19-Aug-26 6.2  | 1% |
| CFELEC 3.35% 9-Feb-31 5.9   | 7% |
| WASA 5.60% 19-Feb-34 5.9    | 0% |
| LENOVO 3.42% 2-Nov-30 5.8   | 6% |
| CIGNA 2.38% 15-Mar-31 5.5   | 5% |
| ISHARES 3.58% NA 5.4        | 6% |
| FCB 3.25% 22-Apr-26 3.6     | 0% |
| DELL 6.10% 15-Jul-27 3.3    | 1% |
| CAF 5.00% 24-Jan-29 3.2     | 6% |

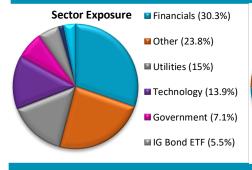
# **PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE - SEPTEMBER 2024**

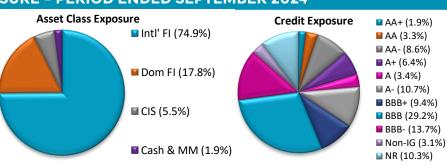
| Q3<br>2024 | YTD   | 1-Yr* | 3-Yr*   | 5-Yr* | Inception<br>(15-8-2012)** |
|------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|----------------------------|
| 3.08%      | 3.56% | 6.56% | (0.02%) | 4.57% | 16.96%                     |

\*Assumes immediate reinvestment of all distribution received.
\*\*Return from inception is cumulative.

| 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 SEPTEMBER 2024**





## **MARKET REVIEW & OUTLOOK**

The IMF's global growth forecast projects 3.2% GDP growth for 2024 and 2025, with inflation moderating and trade strengthening slightly. U.S GDP is projected to grow by 2.6% in 2024, primarily driven by strong consumer spending and business investment, though growth in 2025 is expected to moderate to 1.5%. US inflation stood at 2.5% in August 2024, down from 2.9% in July 2024, marking more progress towards the Fed's 2% target.

In September 2024, the Federal Reserve cut the Federal Funds Rate by 50bps, bringing the target range to 4.75% to 5%. This was the first rate cut in four years, as the Fed shifted from its focus on controlling inflation to supporting economic growth and maintaining a strong labour market. The decision was driven by progress toward the Fed's 2% inflation target and a cooling job market. Additional cuts are likely over the coming months.

The 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. UST lyr fell from 5.12% to 4.01%, 5yr fell from 4.38% to 3.56% and 10yr fell from 4.40% to 3.78%.

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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