



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

31st December 2024

### **FUND SIZE**

### **FUND STRATEGY**

# US \$15.6 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 (35% of Fund is ESG rated)	Quarter End NAV	Distribution (Last 12Mth.)
\$3,000.00	3.63 years	5.29%	BBB	AA	\$105.6606	\$1.0024

TOP TEN (10) HOLDINGS					
ISSUER	COUPON	MATURITY	WEIGHT OF FUND		
SOCGEN	4.25%	19-Aug-26	6.29%		
SAGICOR	5.30%	13-May-28	6.27%		
WASA	5.60%	19-Feb-34	6.24%		
CFELEC	3.35%	9-Feb-31	5.85%		
LENOVO	3.42%	2-Nov-30	5.76%		
CIGNA	2.38%	15-Mar-31	5.43%		
ISHARES	3.68%	NA	5.39%		
FCB	3.25%	22-Apr-26	3.69%		
DELL	6.10%	15-Jul-27	3.30%		
CREDIT	5.00%	9-Jul-27	3.22%		

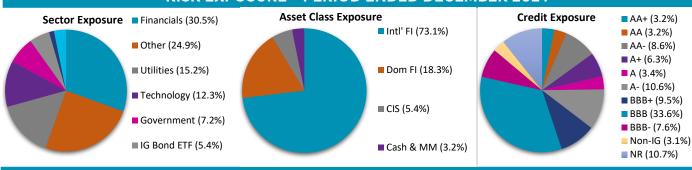
### **PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE - DECEMBER 2024**

Q4 2024	YTD	1-Yr*	3-Yr*	5-Yr*	Inception (15-8-2012)**
-1.27%	2.75%	2.75%	0.01%	0.54%	15.47%

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

ANNUAL RETURNS					
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024					
4.22%	(1.44%)	(5.69%)	3.75%	2.75%	
NR. 100% of the Fund's assets is represented by long positions					

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



### **MARKET REVIEW & OUTLOOK**

The IMF's global growth forecast projects 3.2% GDP growth for 2025, with inflation moderating and trade strengthening slightly. US inflation stood at 2.7% in November 2024, up from 2.4% in September 2024. The unemployment rate increased to 4.2% in November 2024 from 4.1% in September 2024. The Federal Reserve issued two interest rate cuts in 2024, with the first Fed cut by 50bps to 4.75% to 5.00% in September 2024.

In December 2024, the Fed lowered the rate by 25bps, to the 4.25%-4.50% target range, 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. The pace of rate cuts is expected to slow in 2025, however, some cuts are expected by the market.

The US Treasury yield curve disinverted between September and December 2024, with yields falling at the short end (<1yr) and rising than the long end, as the market reacted to the Fed's rate cuts. UST 1yr rose from 3.66% to 4.25%, 5yr rose from 3.58% to 4.38% and 10yr fell from 3.81% to 4.58%.

Our focus remains on managing duration and improving credit quality to minimize the mark to market volatility.

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