




**Hand Composite Employee  
Benefit Trust  
BrandywineGLOBAL – Global  
Investment Grade Fixed  
Income CIF**

**Independent Auditor's Report, Financial Statements,  
and Supplementary Information**

October 23, 2025 (Date of Dissolution)



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## Independent Auditor's Report

Unitholders and Board of Directors  
Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust  
Houston, Texas

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the selected fund, BrandywineGLOBAL – Global Investment Grade Fixed Income CIF (Fund), included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust, which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities, as of October 23, 2025, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets for the period then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the selected fund, included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust, as of October 23, 2025, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for the period then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and the selected fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and the selected fund's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that these financial statements are available to be issued.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and the selected fund's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and the selected fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the selected fund's financial statements. The schedule of investment purchases and sales listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

***Forvis Mazars, LLP***

**Houston, Texas  
May 29, 2026**

**Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Selected Fund**  
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	<b>Brandywine GLOBAL – Global Investment Grade Fixed Income CIF</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 74,884
Cash denominated in foreign currencies (cost – \$247)	248
Receivable for	
Dividends and interest	64,761
Investment advisor waived fees	19,225
	<u>159,118</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 159,118</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Management fee payable	\$ 55,414
Payable for liquidation distributions to participants	71,494
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	32,210
	<u>159,118</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 159,118</b>
Net assets held for participants	
Class R1	\$ -
Class R-INT	-
	<u>-</u>
Total net assets held for participants	<u>\$ -</u>
Units outstanding	
Class R1	-
Class R-INT	-
	<u>-</u>
Total units outstanding	<u>-</u>
Net asset value per unit	
Class R1	\$ -
Class R-INT	-
	<u>-</u>

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Statement of Operations – Selected Fund  
Period Ended October 23, 2025 (Date of Dissolution)**

	<b>Brandywine GLOBAL – Global Investment Grade Fixed Income CIF</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Interest (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$123,787)	\$ 7,961,055
<b>Expenses</b>	
Trustee and administrative	156,516
Class R1 expenses	677,885
<b>Total Expenses Before Reimbursement</b>	834,401
<b>Reimbursement of Fees</b>	(122,890)
<b>Net Expenses</b>	711,511
<b>Net Investment Income</b>	7,249,544
<b>Net Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments and Foreign Currency</b>	
Net realized losses on investments	(4,018,172)
Net realized gains on foreign currency transactions	1,007,264
Net realized losses on foreign currency forward exchange contracts	(2,867,833)
<b>Net Realized Losses on Investments and Foreign Currency</b>	(5,878,741)
<b>Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation</b>	
Investments	12,078,447
Foreign currencies	43,643
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	4,925,012
<b>Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation</b>	17,047,102
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments and Foreign Currency</b>	11,168,361
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations</b>	\$ 18,417,905

**Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust  
Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Selected Fund  
Period Ended October 23, 2025 (Date of Dissolution)**

	<b>Brandywine GLOBAL – Global Investment Grade Fixed Income CIF</b>
<b>Operations</b>	
Net investment income	\$ 7,249,544
Net realized losses	(5,878,741)
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation	17,047,102
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets From Operations</b>	18,417,905
<b>Net Decrease in Net Assets From Participant Unit Transactions</b>	(186,767,671)
<b>Decrease in Net Assets</b>	(168,349,766)
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Period</b>	168,349,766
<b>Net Assets, End of Period</b>	\$ -

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**Note 1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Nature of Operations***

Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust (HB&T or Trust) was created in order to provide broad and uniform diversification programs for pension and profit-sharing plans that, having complied with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), are exempt from taxation under the provisions of the IRC. The Trust is comprised of 108 portfolios; the financial statements of one of those funds are included in this report.

Each class of the Fund has equal rights as to earnings and assets except that each class bears different distribution, shareholder servicing, and transfer agent expenses. Income, expenses (other than expenses attributable to a specific class), and realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments and foreign currency are allocated to each class of units based on its relative net assets.

The Fund closed on October 23, 2025, with all participants redeeming their shares prior to this date.

At the date of dissolution, the Fund had no participant shares outstanding; however, minimal liquid assets were kept in the fund upon closure. Management expects these balances to be used to settle outstanding expenses, with any residual amounts to be distributed to participants who held interest in the Fund prior to liquidation.

Individual shares classes closed on different dates throughout this period. The closing dates for each class are as follows: Class R1 closed on October 23, 2025 and Class R-INT closed on October 14, 2025.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of investment income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Investment Valuation***

All investments in securities are recorded at their estimated fair value. Transfers in and out of Level 1 (quoted market prices), Level 2 (significant other observable inputs), and Level 3 (significant unobservable inputs) are recognized on the period ending date. As of October 23, 2025, the fund held no financial instruments measured at fair value, due to the liquidation of all investments.

***Investment Transactions***

Investment transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions and unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments are reported on the identified cost basis.

***Foreign Currency***

Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in, or expected to settle in, foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund isolates that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held.

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Reported net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of portfolio securities, sales and maturities of short-term securities, sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the values of assets and liabilities, including investments in securities at October 23, 2025, resulting from changes in the exchange rates.

***Foreign Currency Forward Exchange Contracts***

The Fund may enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts primarily to hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risks on its non-U.S. dollar denominated investment securities. When entering into a forward currency contract, the Fund agrees to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of foreign currency for an agreed-upon price on an agreed future date. The Fund's net equity therein, representing unrealized gain or loss on the contracts, as measured by the difference between the forward foreign exchange rates at the dates of entry into the contracts and the forward rates at the reporting date, is included in the statement of assets and liabilities. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in the statement of operations. These instruments involve market risk, credit risk, or both kinds of risks in excess of the amount recognized in the statement of assets and liabilities. Risks arise from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts and movement in currency and securities values and interest rates.

***Investment Income and Distribution of Income***

Dividend income less foreign taxes withheld, if any, is recorded on the ex-dividend date, and interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Investment income is allocated ratably on the valuation dates among all participants. No distributions are made to participants in the Fund until units owned are redeemed, at which time the market value of redeemed units is distributed. Investment income and realized gains (if any) earned by the Fund are reinvested, thereby increasing the respective unit values.

***Valuation of Participants' Interest***

Units of participation may be purchased or redeemed on the valuation dates at the fair value per unit on such valuation dates. The Fund is valued daily.

***Federal Income Taxes***

The Fund complies with the requirements under Section 501(a) of the IRC and apportions all of its taxable income to its participants. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

***Subsequent Events***

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 29, 2026, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

***Investment Management Advisor***

The investment management advisor for the Fund is Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC.

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**Note 2. Foreign Currency Forward Exchange Contracts**

The Fund had no open foreign currency forward exchange contracts as of October 23, 2025.

**Note 3. Investment Advisory Fees and Other Transactions With Affiliates**

The Fund is charged a fee by HB&T for trustee/administrative services and other fees which include fund accounting services, transfer agency services, custody services, etc. The Fund has also entered into investment advisory and service agreements with a third-party advisor. These fees compensate the advisor for the services it provides and for expenses borne by the advisor under the agreement.

During the period ended October 23, 2025, the investment advisor voluntarily reimbursed the Fund for a portion of its expenses.

The following table indicates the fees charged to the Fund and the various classes of units within the Fund (as a percentage of net assets). These charges are calculated using the Fund's prior day total net assets.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Trustee/ Administrative Fees</u>	<u>Investment Management Fees</u>	<u>Other Fees</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>
BrandywineGLOBAL – Global Investment Grade Fixed				
Class R1	0.04%	0.47%	0.07%	0.58%
Class R-INT	0.04%	0.00%	0.07%	0.11%

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**Note 4. Financial Highlights**

	<b>BrandywineGLOBAL – Global Investment Grade Fixed Income CIF</b>	
	<b>Class R1<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Class R-INT<sup>(2)</sup></b>
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 11.38	\$ 11.65
Net investment income	0.48	0.52
Net realized and unrealized gains	0.75	0.71
Net increase from investment operations	1.23	1.23
Net asset value, prior to liquidation	12.61	12.88
Liquidating redemption	(12.61)	(12.88)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ -	\$ -
Total return	10.81%	10.56%
Ratio to average net assets		
Net investment income <sup>(3)</sup>	4.86%	5.27%
Expenses without reimbursement <sup>(3)</sup>	0.58%	0.11%
Expenses with reimbursement <sup>(3)</sup>	0.49%	0.11%

<sup>(1)</sup> For the period January 1, 2025 through October 23, 2025 (closing date)

<sup>(2)</sup> For the period January 1, 2025 through October 14, 2025 (closing date)

<sup>(3)</sup> Annualized

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**Note 5. Participant Unit Transactions**

	<b>BrandywineGLOBAL – Global Investment Grade Fixed Income CIF</b>	
	<u>Units</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Class R1		
Proceeds from sales of units	1,008,943	\$ 12,308,078
Cost of units redeemed	<u>(15,334,708)</u>	<u>(193,237,941)</u>
Net change in Class R1 from participant transactions	<u>(14,325,765)</u>	<u>(180,929,863)</u>
Class R-INT		
Proceeds from sales of units	113,607	1,428,388
Cost of units redeemed	<u>(566,766)</u>	<u>(7,266,196)</u>
Net change in Class R-INT from participant transactions	<u>(453,159)</u>	<u>(5,837,808)</u>
Net change in net assets from participant unit transactions		<u>\$ (186,767,671)</u>

**Note 6. Risk Factors**

Prior to liquidation, the Fund was exposed to various investment risks (such as market risk, concentration risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, etc.) from its investment portfolio. As of October 23, 2025, the Fund holds no investment securities and thus has no exposure to such risks.

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**Note 7. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The following tables provide information about the effect of derivatives and hedging activities on the Fund's statement of operations for the period ended October 23, 2025. The first table provides additional detail about the amounts and sources of gains (losses) realized on derivatives during the year. The second table provides additional information about the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) resulting from the Fund's derivatives and hedging activities during the year:

	<u>Amount of Realized Losses on Derivatives Recognized</u>
	<u>Foreign Exchange Risk</u>
Forward foreign currency contracts	\$ <u>(2,867,833)</u>

	<u>Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation on Derivatives Recognized</u>
	<u>Foreign Exchange Risk</u>
Forward foreign currency contracts	\$ <u>4,925,012</u>

The volume of derivative activity for the Fund was as follows during the period ended October 23, 2025:

	<u>Average Market Value</u>
Forward foreign currency contracts (to buy)	\$ 165,933,490
Forward foreign currency contracts (to sell)	100,377,366

***Supplementary Information***

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**BrandywineGLOBAL – Global Investment Grade Fixed Income CIF**  
**Schedule of Investment Purchases and Sales**  
**Period Ended October 23, 2025 (Date of Dissolution)**

<b>Purchases</b>	
<b>Investment Class</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Foreign Government Obligations	\$ 19,460,306
Mortgage-Backed Securities	32,582,923
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations	214,380,891
Total investments purchased	<u>\$ 266,424,120</u>

<b>Sales</b>			
<b>Investment Class</b>	<b>Proceeds</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Gains (Losses)</b>
Mortgage-Backed Securities	\$ 72,301,104	\$ 71,894,933	\$ 406,171
Corporate Bonds	12,331,352	11,943,988	387,364
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations	252,470,825	251,287,280	1,183,545
Foreign Government Obligations	88,059,905	93,984,377	(5,924,472)
Total investments sold	<u>\$ 425,163,186</u>	<u>\$ 429,110,578</u>	<u>\$ (3,947,392)</u>