



Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund

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

December 31, 2025



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

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the selected fund, Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund (Fund), included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust, which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2025, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year 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 December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for the year 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
December 31, 2025

	Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund
ASSETS	
Investments, at cost	<u>\$ 12,254,190</u>
Investments, at fair value	\$ 14,673,500
Receivable for	
Investment advisor	2,602
Dividends and interest	<u>6,555</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 14,682,657</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 10,155</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 10,155</u>
Net assets held for participants	
Class R0	\$ 428,279
Class R1	1,494
Class R2	<u>14,242,729</u>
Total net assets held for participants	<u>\$ 14,672,502</u>
Units outstanding	
Class R0	25,723
Class R1	91
Class R2	<u>870,642</u>
Total units outstanding	<u>896,456</u>
Net asset value per unit	
Class R0	<u>\$ 16.65</u>
Class R1	<u>\$ 16.47</u>
Class R2	<u>\$ 16.36</u>

**Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust
Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund
Schedule of Investments
December 31, 2025**

<u>Number of Shares</u>		<u>% of Net Assets</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<u>Short Term Investment</u>				
212,872	First American Treasury Obligation Fund V		\$ 212,872	\$ 212,872
	Total Short Term Investment	1.45%	212,872	212,872
<u>Common Stock</u>				
Consumer Discretionary				
2,423	Advanced Drainage Systems Inc		345,094	350,923
8,960	Aramark		257,162	330,266
5,046	Brunswick Corp		384,443	374,615
11,081	LKQ Corp		402,855	334,646
1,011	Lithia Motors Inc		284,778	335,986
341	Topbuild Corp		134,567	142,262
	Total Consumer Discretionary	12.74%	1,808,899	1,868,698
Energy				
9,034	Coterra Energy Inc		217,109	237,775
22,511	Permian Resources Corp		328,271	315,829
	Total Energy	3.77%	545,380	553,604
Financials				
6,116	Carlyle Group Inc		246,131	361,517
13,303	Columbia Banking Systems Inc		349,927	371,819
10,765	COPT Defense Properties		271,711	299,267
1,811	Eastgroup Properties Inc		317,077	322,612
1,111	Evercore Partners Inc CL A		297,543	378,018
6,005	First American Financial Corp		348,095	368,947
2,152	Hanover Insurance Group Inc		337,030	393,321
1,139	Jones Lang Lasalle Inc		300,089	383,239
4,132	Southstate Bank Corp		347,965	388,863
2,858	Stifel Financial Corp		165,994	357,879
2,547	Wintrust Financial Corporation		239,497	356,121
	Total Financials	27.14%	3,221,059	3,981,603

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<u>Number of Shares</u>		<u>% of Net Assets</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
	Healthcare			
1,415	Labcorp Holdings Inc		\$ 285,358	\$ 354,995
	Total Healthcare	2.42%	<u>285,358</u>	<u>354,995</u>
	Industrials			
606	CSW Industrials Inc		185,974	177,879
1,132	Carlisle Companies Inc		361,472	362,082
1,928	Crane Holdings Co		283,606	355,581
2,306	ITT Inc		194,712	400,114
2,538	Msa Safety Inc		396,780	406,435
6,078	Parsons Corp		500,663	375,620
1,328	Regal Rexnord Corp		200,688	186,345
4,721	Timken Company		403,891	397,178
1,397	Wabtec Corp		114,718	298,190
2,573	XPO Logistics Inc		<u>131,476</u>	<u>349,696</u>
	Total Industrials	22.55%	<u>2,773,980</u>	<u>3,309,120</u>
	Information Technology			
1,452	Coherent Corp		138,484	267,996
2,695	Entegris Inc		255,114	227,054
2,155	MKS Instruments Inc		198,282	344,369
5,561	ON Semiconductor Corp		220,985	301,128
1,935	ONTO Innovation Inc		268,320	305,459
1,533	Teradyne Inc		<u>152,454</u>	<u>296,727</u>
	Total Information Technology	11.88%	<u>1,233,639</u>	<u>1,742,733</u>
	Materials			
3,703	Allegheny Technologies Inc		163,639	424,956
3,814	Louisiana Pacific		<u>342,072</u>	<u>308,019</u>
	Total Materials	5.00%	<u>505,711</u>	<u>732,975</u>

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<u>Number of Shares</u>		<u>% of Net Assets</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
	Telecommunication Services			
4,279	Madison Square Garden Entert Co		\$ 158,041	\$ 230,595
1,486	Nexstar Media Group Inc CL A		208,375	301,732
	Total Telecommunication Services	3.63%	<u>366,416</u>	<u>532,327</u>
	Utilities			
2,996	Pinnacle West Capital Corporation		269,605	265,745
4,181	Southwest Gas Corporation		277,457	334,564
	Total Utilities	4.09%	<u>547,062</u>	<u>600,309</u>
	Total Common Stock	93.22%	<u>11,287,504</u>	<u>13,676,364</u>
	<u>Foreign Stock</u>			
	Consumer Discretionary			
16,449	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings		394,539	367,142
	Total Consumer Discretionary	2.50%	<u>394,539</u>	<u>367,142</u>
	Materials			
12,910	Axalta Coating Systems Ltd		359,275	417,122
	Total Materials	2.84%	<u>359,275</u>	<u>417,122</u>
	Total Foreign Stock	5.34%	<u>753,814</u>	<u>784,264</u>
	Total Investments	100.01%	<u>\$ 12,254,190</u>	<u>\$ 14,673,500</u>

**Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust
Statement of Operations – Selected Fund
Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund
Income	
Interest	\$ 11,342
Dividends	195,659
Total Income	<u>207,001</u>
Expenses	
Investment management and administrative	13,430
Custody fees	10,000
Other	1,498
Class R1 expenses	9
Class R2 expenses	64,449
Total Expenses Before Reimbursement of Fees	89,386
Reimbursement of fees	<u>(22,716)</u>
Net Expenses	<u>66,670</u>
Net Investment Income	<u>140,331</u>
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	
Net realized gains	1,134,904
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	358,447
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	<u>1,493,351</u>
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	<u>\$ 1,633,682</u>

Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust
Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Selected Fund
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund
Operations	
Net investment income	\$ 140,331
Net realized gains	1,134,904
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	<u>358,447</u>
Net Increase in Net Assets From Operations	1,633,682
Net Decrease in Net Assets From Participant Transactions	<u>(289,437)</u>
Increase in Net Assets	1,344,245
Net Assets	
Beginning of year	<u>13,328,257</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 14,672,502</u></u>

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 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 are allocated to each class of units based on its relative net assets.

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.

Investment Transactions

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

Investment Income and Distribution of Income

Dividend income less foreign taxes, 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 is reinvested, thereby increasing the respective unit value.

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

As a result of ongoing changes in global economic and fiscal policies, economic uncertainties have arisen that may negatively affect the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of the Fund. The duration of these uncertainties and the ultimate financial effects cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

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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 Channing Capital Management, LLC.

Note 2. Investment Advisory Fees and Other Transactions With Affiliates

The Fund is charged an administrative fee by HB&T for trustee/administrative services (fund accounting services, transfer agency services, trustee services, etc.). The Fund has also entered into investment advisory and service agreements with various third-party advisors. These fees compensate the advisors for the services they provide and for expenses borne by the advisors under the various agreements.

During the year ended December 31, 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 average daily net assets.

Fund	Administrative Fees	Investment Advisory Fees	Custody Fees	Other Fees	Total Fees
Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund					
Class R0	0.08%	0.00%	0.03%	0.02%	0.13%
Class R1	0.08%	0.60%	0.03%	0.02%	0.73%
Class R2	0.08%	0.50%	0.03%	0.02%	0.63%

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Note 3. Financial Highlights

	Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund		
	Class R0	Class R1	Class R2
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 14.73	\$ 14.65	\$ 14.53
Net investment income	0.21	0.13	0.16
Net realized and unrealized gains	1.71	1.69	1.67
Net increase from operations	1.92	1.82	1.83
Net asset value, end of year	<u>\$ 16.65</u>	<u>\$ 16.47</u>	<u>\$ 16.36</u>
Total return	13.03%	12.42%	12.59%
Ratio to average net assets			
Net investment income	1.41%	1.16%	1.04%
Expenses without reimbursements	0.19%	0.67%	0.69%
Expenses with reimbursements	0.14%	0.62%	0.51%

Note 4. Participant Unit Transactions

	Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund	
	Units	Dollars
Class R0		
Proceeds from sales of units	3,004	\$ 44,080
Cost of units redeemed	(2,497)	(34,199)
Net change in Class R0 from participant transactions	<u>507</u>	<u>9,881</u>
Class R1		
Proceeds from sales of units	46	682
Cost of units redeemed	-	-
Net change in Class R1 from participant transactions	<u>46</u>	<u>682</u>
Class R2		
Proceeds from sales of units	-	-
Cost of units redeemed	(21,171)	(300,000)
Net change in Class R2 from participant transactions	<u>(21,171)</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>
Net decrease in net assets from participant transactions		<u>\$ (289,437)</u>

Note 5. Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund can access at the measurement date
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

Recurring Measurements

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the statement of assets and liabilities, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the year ended December 31, 2025.

Short Term Investments

Short term investments, including money market funds for which market quotations are readily available, are valued at the last reported sales price or the official closing price, as reported by an independent pricing service, on the primary market or exchange on which they are traded and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

Common Stock and Foreign Stock

Securities traded on a national securities exchange (or reported on the NASDAQ national market) are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price as reported by an independent pricing service on the primary market or exchange on which they are traded and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy. Certain foreign securities may be fair valued using a pricing service that considers the correlation of the trading patterns of the foreign security to the intraday trading in the U.S. markets for investments, such as American Depositary Receipts, and the movement of certain indexes of securities based on a statistical analysis of the historical relationship and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy. For those foreign securities where additional foreign market activities are taken into consideration by the pricing service, those securities are categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

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The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2025:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using</u>		
		<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund				
Short Term Investment	\$ 212,872	\$ 212,872	\$ -	\$ -
Common Stock	13,676,364	13,676,364	-	-
Foreign Stock	<u>784,264</u>	<u>784,264</u>	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 14,673,500</u>			

Note 6. Risk Factors

The Funds invest in various investment securities and, as a result, are exposed to certain risks, including but not limited to market risk and concentration risk. Due to the level of risk associated with these investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the fair values of the Funds' investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of assets and liabilities.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of investments may fluctuate due to changes in market conditions, including economic events, political developments, public health concerns, or other factors affecting financial markets generally. The value of investment securities may decline due to factors that affect the overall market or specific asset classes, regardless of the financial condition of individual issuers. Periods of financial stress, changes in investor sentiment, or unexpected events may increase market volatility, resulting in rapid and significant changes in the fair value of the Funds' investments.

Concentration Risk

Concentration risk is the risk that the Funds' performance may be adversely affected by developments impacting a particular issuer, industry, sector, or geographic region. From time to time, market conditions or investment strategies may result in the Funds having increased exposure to certain issuers or groups of investments with similar economic characteristics. In such circumstances, adverse economic, political, regulatory, or market events affecting those issuers or markets could have a greater impact on the Funds' investment performance and financial position.

Supplementary Information

**Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust
Channing SMID-Cap Intrinsic Value Fund
Schedule of Investment Purchases and Sales
Year Ended December 31, 2025**

Purchases	
Investment Class	Cost
Common Stock	\$ 7,480,695
Foreign Stock	467,180
Total investments purchased	<u>\$ 7,947,875</u>

Sales			
Investment Class	Proceeds	Cost	Gains
Common Stock	\$ 7,686,208	\$ 6,555,202	\$ 1,131,006
Foreign Stock	351,799	347,901	3,898
Total investments sold	<u>\$ 8,038,007</u>	<u>\$ 6,903,103</u>	<u>\$ 1,134,904</u>