# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Advice Portfolios Tactical Core Stable Value Fund

Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

December 31, 2016



**December 31, 2016** 

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of selected funds (Advice Portfolios - High Growth Fund, Advice Portfolios - Growth Fund, Advice Portfolios - Moderate Growth Fund, Advice Portfolios - Moderate Growth Fund, Advice Portfolios - Moderate Fund and Tactical Core Stable Value Fund) [six funds] included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust ("Trust" or "Funds"), which comprise the statements of assets and liabilities, including the schedules of investments, as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of these selected funds included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust as of December 31, 2016, and the results of their operations and changes in their net assets for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of investment purchases and sales listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 audits 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Houston, Texas

May 26, 2017

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## Statements of Assets and Liabilities – Selected Funds December 31, 2016

Investments, at fair value \$ 17,965,192 \$ 14,872,155 \$ 12,818,421 \$ 3,203,501 \$ 3,962 Receivable for:	e s - te
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Total assets \$ 18,037,361 \$ 14,891,694 \$ 12,838,648 \$ 3,207,017 \$ 3,973	,702
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Liabilities	,204
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities \$ 9,712 \$ 8,177 \$ 6,589 \$ 1,827 \$ 2	2,440
Total liabilities \$ 9,712 \$ 8,177 \$ 6,589 \$ 1,827 \$ 2	2,440
Net assets held for participants:	
Class R \$ 17,700,283 \$ 14,255,563 \$ 12,645,734 \$ 3,205,160 \$ 3,933	,922
Class R2 256,362 586,285 150,895 17 36	5,825
Class R3 71,004 41,669 35,430 13	17
Total net assets held for	
participants \$ 18,027,649 \$ 14,883,517 \$ 12,832,059 \$ 3,205,190 \$ 3,970	,764
Units outstanding:	
Class R 684,261 593,977 629,183 222,118 223	3,037
Class R2 17,882 41,715 11,838 1	3,100
Class R3 2,956 1,868 1,900 1	1
Total units outstanding 705,099 637,560 642,921 222,120 226	5,138
Net asset value per unit:	
	7.64
	1.88
Class R3 \$ 24.02 \$ 22.31 \$ 18.65 \$ 13.46 \$	6.46

## Statements of Assets and Liabilities – Selected Funds (Continued) December 31, 2016

Investments, at cost \$2,449,2  Investments, at fair value \$2,557,1  Wrapper contracts at fair value 22,7  Receivable for:	188 767 343 798
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Wrapper contracts at fair value 22,7	767 343 798
	798
Receivable for:	798
	798
Capital shares sold 4,8	
Total assets \$ 2,584,7	
Liabilities	.00
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities \$ 1,2	289
Total liabilities \$ 1,2	289
Net assets held for participants, reflecting all investments at fair value:	
Class R \$ 2,569,3	341
Class R214,1	68
Total net assets held for participants, reflecting all investments at fair value 2,583,5	509
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive contracts:	
Class R (26,9	955)
Class R2 (1	149)
Total adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive contracts (27,1	.04)
Net assets held for participants:	
Class R 2,542,3	386
Class R2	)19
Total net assets held for participants \$ 2,556,4	105
Units outstanding:	
Class R 221,5	
Class R2	280
Total units outstanding 222,8	377
Net asset value per unit:	
Class R \$ 11.	.47
Class R2 \$ 10.	.95

# Schedules of Investments Advice Portfolios – High Growth Fund December 31, 2016

Number of Shares		Cost	Fair Value
Mutual Fund			
Equity			
1,571 Vanguard REIT Index Fund Adm	\$	198,807	\$ 183,581
Total Equity	1.02%	198,807	183,581
Total Mutual Fund	1.02%	198,807	183,581
Common Trust Funds			
Fixed Income			
50,277 Blackrock US Debt Index Fund M		541,960	543,114
416,659 HB&T Short Term Income Fund		416,659	416,659
Total Fixed Income	5.34%	958,619	959,773
Equity			
48,516 Blackrock Russell 2000 Index T		1,461,517	1,774,691
69,387 Blackrock Midcap Equity Index Fund K		2,447,461	2,933,131
67,540 Blackrock Equity Index Fund H		5,591,169	5,865,438
244,269 Blackrock EAFE Equity Index Fund T		4,093,639	4,251,378
215,624 Blackrock Emerging Markets Index M		1,856,522	1,997,200
Total Equity	93.64%	15,450,308	16,821,838
Total Common Trust Funds	98.98%	16,408,927	17,781,611
Total Investments	100.00% _\$	16,607,734	\$ 17,965,192

# Schedules of Investments (Continued) Advice Portfolios - Growth Fund December 31, 2016

lumber of Shares		Cost	Fair Value
<u>Mutual Fund</u>			
Equity			
1,303 Vanguard REIT Index Fund Adm	_\$	163,927	\$ 152,229
Total Equity	1.02%	163,927	152,229
Total Mutual Fund	1.02%	163,927	152,229
Common Trust Funds			
Fixed Income			
15,095 Blackrock US Tips Fund M		142,415	149,263
235,392 Blackrock US Debt Index Fund M		2,504,415	2,542,831
243,901 HB&T Short Term Income Fund		243,901	243,901
Total Fixed Income	19.74%	2,890,731	2,935,995
Equity			
28,540 Blackrock Russell 2000 Index T		850,870	1,043,978
50,885 Blackrock Midcap Equity Index Fund K		1,781,494	2,151,026
49,971 Blackrock Equity Index Fund H		4,126,889	4,339,712
167,957 Blackrock EAFE Equity Index Fund T		2,811,259	2,923,213
143,160 Blackrock Emerging Markets Index M		1,229,694	1,326,002
Total Equity	79.24%	10,800,206	11,783,931
Total Common Trust Funds	98.98%	13,690,937	14,719,926
Total Investments	100.00%\$	13,854,864	\$ 14,872,155

# Schedules of Investments (Continued) Advice Portfolios – Moderate Growth Fund December 31, 2016

hares			Cost	Fair Value
	<u>Mutual Funds</u>			
	Fixed Income			
11,622	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	_\$	247,462 247,462	\$ 251,838
	Total Fixed Income	1.96%	247,462	251,838
	Equity			
1,144	Vanguard REIT Index Fund Adm		144,093	133,651
	Total Equity	1.04%	144,093	133,651
	Total Mutual Funds	3.00%	391,555	385,489
	Common Trust Funds			
	Fixed Income			
50,684	Blackrock US Tips Fund M		480,347	501,190
379,686	Blackrock US Debt Index Fund M		4,049,989	4,101,56
278,438	HB&T Short Term Income Fund		278,438	278,438
	Total Fixed Income	38.08%	4,808,774	4,881,195
	Equity			
26,513	Blackrock Russell 2000 Index T		529,809	643,172
38,953	Blackrock Midcap Equity Index Fund K		1,167,623	1,397,714
	Blackrock Equity Index Fund T		2,804,897	2,948,929
88,013	Blackrock EAFE Equity Index Fund T		1,611,726	1,670,063
61,809	Blackrock Emerging Markets Index M		842,429	891,859
	Total Equity	58.92%	6,956,484	7,551,73
	Total Common Trust Funds	97.00%	11,765,258	12,432,932
	Total Investments	100.00% \$	12,156,813	\$ 12,818,421

# Schedules of Investments (Continued) Advice Portfolios – Moderate Conservative Fund December 31, 2016

Number of Shares			Cost	Fai	r Value
	<u>Mutual Fund</u>				
	Fixed Income				
8,839 Vanguard Total Bond	Market Index		\$ 187,605	\$	191,543
Total Fix	ked Income	5.98%	187,605		191,543
Total M	utual Fund	5.98%	187,605		191,543
<u>C</u>	ommon Trust Funds				
	Fixed Income				
29,416 Blackrock US Tips Fu	nd M		277,033		290,875
183,980 Blackrock US Debt Inc	dex Fund M		1,953,639		1,987,444
100,505 HB&T Short Term Inc	come Fund	<u>-</u>	100,505		100,505
Total Fiz	red Income	74.26%	2,331,177		2,378,824
	Equity				
863 Blackrock Russell 200	0 Index T		25,738		31,566
2,242 Blackrock Midcap Equ	uity Index Fund K		78,365		94,791
3,259 Blackrock Equity Inde	x Fund T		269,179		283,060
9,198 Blackrock EAFE Equit	y Index Fund T		154,212		160,091
6,869 Blackrock Emerging N	Iarkets Index M	_	60,260		63,626
Total Eq	uity	19.76%	587,754		633,134
Total Co	ommon Trust Funds	94.02%	2,918,931		3,011,958
Total In	vestments	100.00%	\$ 3,106,536	\$	3,203,501

# Schedules of Investments (Continued) Advice Portfolios – Moderate Fund December 31, 2016

umber of Shares			Cost	Fair Value
	<u>Mutual Fund</u>			
	Fixed Income			
7,114	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	\$	151,911	\$ 154,163
	Total Fixed Income	3.89%	151,911	154,163
	Total Mutual Fund	3.89%	151,911	154,163
	Common Trust Funds			
	Fixed Income			
23,515	Blackrock US Tips Fund M		223,325	232,529
175,764	Blackrock US Debt Index Fund M		1,877,950	1,898,697
90,214	HB&T Short Term Income Fund		90,214	90,214
	Total Fixed Income	56.06%	2,191,489	2,221,440
	Equity			
3,323	Blackrock Russell 2000 Index T		99,726	121,565
6,030	Blackrock Midcap Equity Index Fund K		212,324	254,897
	Blackrock Equity Index Fund T		643,885	676,512
	Blackrock EAFE Equity Index Fund T		344,475	356,815
19,143	Blackrock Emerging Markets Index M		174,907	177,310
	Total Equity	40.05%	1,475,317	1,587,099
	Total Common Trust Funds	96.11%	3,666,806	3,808,539
	Total Investments	100.00% _\$	3,818,717	\$ 3,962,702

# Schedules of Investments (Continued) Tactical Core Stable Value Fund December 31, 2016

Number of Shares		Cost	Fair Value
Guaranteed Investment Contract			
198,756 Metlife Stable Value Contract #29551			
(Average yield earned - 2.03%; Average yield			
credited to participants - 2.02%)	87.03% _\$	3 2,295,033	\$ 2,425,696
Total Guaranteed Investment Contract	87.03%	2,295,033	2,425,696
Common Trust Fund			
Fixed Income			
154,259 HB&T Short Term Income Fund		154,259	154,259
Total Fixed Income	12.97%	154,259	154,259
Total Common Trust Fund	12.97%	154,259	154,259
Total Investments at Fair Value	100.00% \$	5 2,449,292	\$ 2,579,955

### Statements of Operations – Selected Funds Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Advice Portfolios - High Growth Fund		rtfolios - Portfolios - h Growth Growth		Advice Portfolios - Moderate Growth Fund		Advice Portfolios - Moderate Conservative Fund		Advice Portfolios - Moderate Fund		Stab	cal Core le Value -und
Income												
Interest	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Dividends		6,730		7,741		12,571		5,573		5,846		481
Total income		6,730		7,741		12,571		5,573		5,846		481
Expenses												
Investment management and												
administrative		48,585		40,707		32,217		9,560		13,596		6,275
Other fees		5,489		4,594		3,606		1,076		1,613		698
Class R2 expenses		867		1,912		497		-		124		67
Class R3 expenses		157		119		69		-		-		-
Total expenses		55,098		47,332		36,389		10,636		15,333		7,040
Net Investment Loss		(48,368)		(39,591)		(23,818)		(5,063)		(9,487)		(6,559)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments												
Net realized gains on investments		692,605		516,109		344,492		62,294		232,779		28,642
Net change in unrealized appreciation/												
depreciation on investments	1,	239,497		932,019		615,620		91,569		128,885		16,926
Net realized and unrealized												
gains	1,	932,102		1,448,128		960,112		153,863		361,664		45,568
Net Increase in Net Assets												
Resulting From Operations	\$ 1,	883,734	\$	1,408,537	\$	936,294	\$	148,800	\$	352,177	\$	39,009

### Statements of Changes in Net Assets – Selected Funds Year Ended December 31, 2016

	_	Advice Portfolios - gh Growth Fund	Advice Portfolios - Growth Fund		-	Advice Portfolios - Moderate Growth Fund	Advice Portfolios - Moderate Conservative Fund		olios - Advierate Portfol rvative Model		 ctical Core able Value Fund
Operations											
Net investment loss	\$	(48,368)	\$	(39,591)	\$	(23,818)	\$	(5,063)	\$	(9,487)	\$ (6,559)
Net realized gains		692,605		516,109		344,492		62,294		232,779	28,642
Change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation		1,239,497		932,019		615,620		91,569		128,885	16,926
Net increase in net assets from operations		1,883,734		1,408,537		936,294		148,800		352,177	39,009
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets From Participant Transactions		(1,619,070)		(1,714,213)		685,666		(393,311)		(2,175,207)	45,809
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		264,664		(305,676)		1,621,960		(244,511)		(1,823,030)	84,818
Net Assets											
Beginning of year		17,762,985		15,189,193		11,210,099		3,449,701		5,793,794	2,471,587
End of year	\$	18,027,649	\$	14,883,517	\$	12,832,059	\$	3,205,190	\$	3,970,764	\$ 2,556,405

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2016

### Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Nature of Operations

Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust ("HB&T" or "the Trust") was created in order to provide broad and uniform diversification programs for pension and profit sharing plans, which, having complied with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC), are exempt from taxation under the provisions of the IRC. The Trust is comprised of 103 portfolios (the Funds); the financial statements of six of those funds are included in this report.

For those funds with more than one class of units, 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 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 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 funds

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2016

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 Funds 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. All funds are valued daily.

#### Federal Income Taxes

The Funds comply with the requirements under Section 501(a) of the IRC and apportion all of their taxable income to their participants. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

#### Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the Independent Auditor's Report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Investment Management Advisors

The investment management advisors for each fund are as follows:

Fund	Investment Management Advisor
Advice Portfolios - High Growth Fund	Hand Benefits & Trust Company
Advice Portfolios - Growth Fund	Hand Benefits & Trust Company
Advice Portfolios - Moderate Growth Fund	Hand Benefits & Trust Company
Advice Portfolios - Moderate Conservative Fund	Hand Benefits & Trust Company
Advice Portfolios - Moderate Fund	Hand Benefits & Trust Company
Tactical Core Stable Value Fund	Hand Benefits & Trust Company

#### Note 2: Fully Benefit-responsive Investment Contracts

The Tactical Core Stable Value Fund holds a traditional guaranteed investment contract (GIC), which is deemed fully benefit-responsive. The statements of assets and liabilities present the GIC at fair value. Since this contract is fully benefit-responsive, a line item is presented in the statements of assets and liabilities reporting an adjustment from fair value to contract value.

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Metlife deposits participating plan contributions in Metlife group annuity contract (GAC No. 29551) in separate accounts to provide competitive total returns. The contract simulates the performance of the GIC through the guarantee of a specific interest rate and a portfolio of financial instruments that are owned by Metlife. The participating plans' assets are the unit ownership interests in the contract. The separate account investments are owned by Metlife. The contract provides that the Tactical Core Stable Value Fund execute transactions at contract value.

Metlife guarantees the contract value, which represents contributions, plus interest, less participant-initiated withdrawals or transfers. This is the contract's guaranteed value. The contract's fair value equals the contract's proportionate share of the fair value of the separate account.

The contract provides fixed interest rates for fixed periods (every three months) that will apply to the entire guaranteed value. The interest rates are reset every quarter as determined by Metlife with consideration of the market value of the underlying investments, the anticipated market yields-to-maturity of benchmark indices of underlying investments, expected payments into and out of the contract, amortization of the difference, if any, between the market value of the underlying investments and the guaranteed value of the contract and the fees allowed under the contract. Metlife guarantees that the rates will never be less than zero. Metlife's estimated value of the guarantee is presented in the statements of assets and liabilities as a wrapper.

The adjustment to contract value is calculated as follows:

	Major Credit Ratings	lnv	vestments at Fair Value	Cor	rapper ntracts at ir Value	Adjustment to Contract Value		
Metlife Managed GIC Wrapper Short term investments	Aa3/AA-	\$	2,402,929 - 154,259	\$	- 22,767 -	\$	(27,104)	
Total		\$	2,557,188	\$	22,767	\$	(27,104)	

If withdrawal is made from the contract as a result of an employer or plan sponsor-initiated event or if the withdrawal is requested due to a complete or partial termination of a participating plan in the contract before the contract's end, and the contract's fair value equals or exceeds the guaranteed value, payment is made from the fair value in an amount equal to the amount of the guaranteed value, which is attributable to the participating plan. If the contract's fair value is less than its guaranteed value, the amount paid is equal to the guaranteed value reduced by the amount of market value deficit allocable to the participating plan.

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#### Sensitivity Analysis

The following table illustrates the effect on the weighted-average, interest-crediting rate calculated as of the end of the next four quarterly periods, where there is an immediate hypothetical increase or decrease in market yields, equal to one-quarter of the current yield, with no change to the duration of the underlying investment portfolio and no contributions or withdrawals.

	Actual				
	December 31,	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Scenario	2016	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
Increase of 50%	2.05%	2.09%	2.14%	2.18%	2.23%
Increase of 25%	2.05%	2.07%	2.09%	2.11%	2.13%
Decrease of 50%	2.05%	1.99%	1.94%	1.89%	1.84%
Decrease of 25%	2.05%	2.02%	1.99%	1.96%	1.94%

The table below illustrates the effect on the weighted-average interest-crediting rate, calculated as of the date of the next four quarterly reset periods, where there is an immediate hypothetical increase or decrease in market yields, equal to one-quarter and one-half of the current yield, combined with an immediate one-time, hypothetical 10 percent decrease in the net assets of the contract due to participant transfers, with no change to the duration of the portfolio.

	Actual				
	December 31,	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Scenario	2016	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
					_
Increase of 50%	2.05%	2.00%	2.05%	2.10%	2.14%
Increase of 25%	2.05%	2.02%	2.05%	2.07%	2.09%
Decrease of 50%	2.05%	2.10%	2.04%	1.98%	1.93%
Decrease of 25%	2.05%	2.07%	2.04%	2.01%	1.99%

#### Note 3: Investment Advisory Fees and Other Transactions With Affiliates

The Funds are charged an administrative fee by HB&T for trustee/administrative services (fund accounting services, transfer agency services, trustee services, etc.). The Funds have 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.

The following table indicates the fees charged each of the funds and the various classes of units within the Funds (as a percentage of net assets). These charges are calculated using each fund's average daily net assets. The following table reflects the fees in effect as of December 31, 2016.

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Fund	Administrative Fees	Investment Advisory Fees	Service Fees	Audit Fees	Total Fees
All Advice Portfolios:					
Class R	0.17%	0.10%	0.00%	0.03%	0.30%
Class R2	0.17%	0.10%	0.35%	0.03%	0.65%
Class R3	0.17%	0.10%	0.20%	0.03%	0.50%
Tactical Core Stable Value Fund:					
Class R	0.17%	0.10%	0.00%	0.03%	0.30%
Class R2	0.17%	0.10%	0.35%	0.03%	0.65%

### **Note 4: Financial Highlights**

	Class R												
	Advice Portfolios - High Growth Fund		Advice Portfolios - Growth Fund		Advice Portfolios - Moderate Growth Fund		Advice Portfolios - Moderate Conservative Fund		Advice Portfolios - Moderate Fund		Tactical Core Stable Value Fund		
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$	23.31	\$	21.92	\$	18.63	\$	13.85	\$	16.62	\$	11.28	
Net investment loss	Ψ	(0.06)	Ψ	(0.06)	Ψ	(0.04)	Ψ	(0.02)	Ψ	(0.03)	Ψ	(0.03)	
Net realized and unrealized gains		2.62		2.14		1.51		0.60		1.05		0.22	
Net increase from investment operations		2.56		2.08		1.47		0.58		1.02		0.19	
Net asset value, end of year	\$	25.87	\$	24.00	\$	20.10	\$	14.43	\$	17.64	\$	11.47	
Total return		10.98%		9.49%		7.89%		4.19%		6.14%		1.68%	
Ratio to average net assets: Net investment loss Expenses		(0.26)% 0.30%		(0.24)% 0.29%		(0.19)% 0.30%		(0.14)% 0.30%		(0.19)% 0.30%		(0.28)% 0.30%	

						Clas	ss R2					
	Por High	advice tfolios - a Growth Fund	Advi Portfol Grow Fun	ios - /th	Advice Portfolios Moderat Growth Fund	s - e	Advice Portfolios - Moderate Conservative Fund		Advice Portfolios - Moderate Fund		Tactical Core Stable Value Fund	
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$	12.96	\$	12.88	\$ 11	1.85	\$ 16.	26	\$ 11.23	\$	10.82	
Net investment loss		(0.11)		(0.10)	((	).08)	(0.	02)	(0.07)	,	(0.07)	
Net realized and unrealized gains		1.49		1.27	(	).98	0.	71	0.72		0.20	
Net increase from investment operations		1.38		1.17	(	).90	0.	.69	0.65		0.13	
Net asset value, end of year	\$	14.34	\$	14.05	\$ 12	2.75	\$ 16.	.95	\$ 11.88	\$	10.95	
Total return		10.65%		9.08%	7.	59%	4.2	4%	5.79%		1.20%	
Ratio to average net assets: Net investment loss Expenses		(0.82)% 0.88%	(1	0.76)% 0.85%	,	55)% 81%	(0.21	1)% 3%	(0.62)% 0.80%		(0.64)% 0.66%	
							Class R3					
		Port High	Advice Portfolios - High Growth Fund		Advice Portfolios - Growth Fund		Advice Portfolios - Moderate Growth Fund		Advice Portfolios - Moderate Conservative Fund		Advice ortfolios - loderate Fund	
Net asset value, beginning of year		\$	21.69	\$	20.42	\$	17.32	\$	12.92	\$	15.51	
Net investment loss			(0.11)		(0.10)		(0.07)		(0.02)		(0.03)	
Net realized and unrealized gains			2.44		1.99		1.40		0.56		0.98	
Net increase from investment operations			2.33		1.89		1.33		0.54		0.95	
Net asset value, end of year		\$	24.02	\$	22.31	\$	18.65	\$	13.46	\$	16.46	
Total return			10.74%		9.26%		7.68%		4.18%		6.13%	
Ratio to average net assets: Net investment loss Expenses			(0.48)% 0.52%		(0.46)% 0.52%		(0.41)% 0.52%		(0.21)% 0.43%		(0.32)% 0.52%	

**Note 5: Participant Unit Transactions** 

_		Portfolios - owth Fund	Advice Portfolios - Growth Fund			Portfolios - Growth Fund		Portfolios - nservative Fund	Advice Portfolios - Moderate Fund		
	Units	Dollars	Units	Dollars	Units	Dollars	Units	Dollars	Units	Dollars	
Class R:											
Proceeds from sales of units	125,137	\$ 3,050,608	61,890	\$ 1,399,936	166,684	\$ 2,258,869	23,934	\$ 342,590	66,903	\$ 1,162,027	
Cost of units redeemed	(190,997)	(4,680,793)	(134,016)	(3,103,465)	(80,163)	(1,576,682)	(50,963)	(735,901)	(190,526)	(3,338,414)	
Net change in Class R from participant											
transactions	(65,860)	(1,630,185)	(72,126)	(1,703,529)	86,521	682,187	(27,029)	(393,311)	(123,623)	(2,176,387)	
Class R2:											
Proceeds from sales of units	3,841	49,600	1,224	16,202	492	6,009			117	1,359	
Cost of units redeemed	(3,631)	(49,714)	(209)	(2,750)	(59)	(717)			(15)	(179)	
Net change in Class R2 from participant											
transactions	210	(114)	1,015	13,452	433	5,292	_	=	102	1,180	
Class R3:											
Proceeds from sales of units	1,546	31,371	_	-	1	6					
Cost of units redeemed	(858)	(20,142)	(1,103)	(24,136)	(104)	(1,819)	_				
Net change in Class R3 from participant											
transactions	688	11,229	(1,103)	(24,136)	(103)	(1,813)					
Net increase (decrease) in total net assets from participant transactions		\$ (1.610.070)		\$ (1,714,213)		\$ 685,666	-	\$ (302.211)		\$ (2.175.207)	
transactions		\$ (1,619,070)		<b>Φ</b> (1,/14,213)	=	\$ 080,000	. <u>-</u>	\$ (393,311)	_	\$ (2,175,207)	

	Tactical C	Core Stable
	Value	e Fund
	Units	Dollars
Class R:		
Proceeds from sales of units	67,080	\$ 764,716
Cost of units redeemed	(57,865)	(657,064)
Net change in Class R from participant transactions	9,215	107,652
Class R2:		
Proceeds from sales of units	76	824
Cost of units redeemed	(5,781)	(62,667)
Net change in Class R2 from participant transactions	(5,705)	(61,843)
Net increase in total net assets from participant transactions	_	\$ 45,809

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#### Note 6: 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 Funds can access on 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 that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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 accompanying statements 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, 2016.

**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 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.

**Metlife Fully Benefit-Responsive GIC.** Fair value of the annuity contract and the wrapper is determined by Metlife based on quoted market prices of the underlying investments owned by Metlife in the separate account. This GIC is categorized as Level 2 within the valuation hierarchy.

**Mutual Funds**. Funds 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.

The following tables present the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements 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, 2016.

			Fair Value Measurements Using							
	Fair Value		M:	Quoted Prices in Active arkets for dentical Assets (Level 1)	0	ignificant Other bservable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)			
Advice Portfolios - High Growth Fund Mutual Fund - Equity Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income (A) Common Trust Funds - Equity (A)	\$	183,581 959,773 16,821,838	\$	183,581	\$	-	\$	-		
Total	\$	17,965,192	ı							
Advice Portfolios - Growth Fund Mutual Fund - Equity Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income (A) Common Trust Funds - Equity (A)  Total	\$	152,229 2,935,995 11,783,931 14,872,155	\$	152,229	\$	-	\$	-		
Advice Portfolios - Moderate Growth Fund  Mutual Fund - Fixed Income Mutual Fund - Equity Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income (A) Common Trust Funds - Equity (A)  Total	\$	251,838 133,651 4,881,195 7,551,737	\$	251,838 133,651	\$	- -	\$	- -		
Advice Portfolios - Moderate Conservative Fund Mutual Fund - Fixed Income Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income (A) Common Trust Funds - Equity (A) Total	\$	191,543 2,378,824 633,134 3,203,501	\$	191,543	\$	-	\$	-		

<sup>(</sup>A) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts included above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of assets and liabilities.

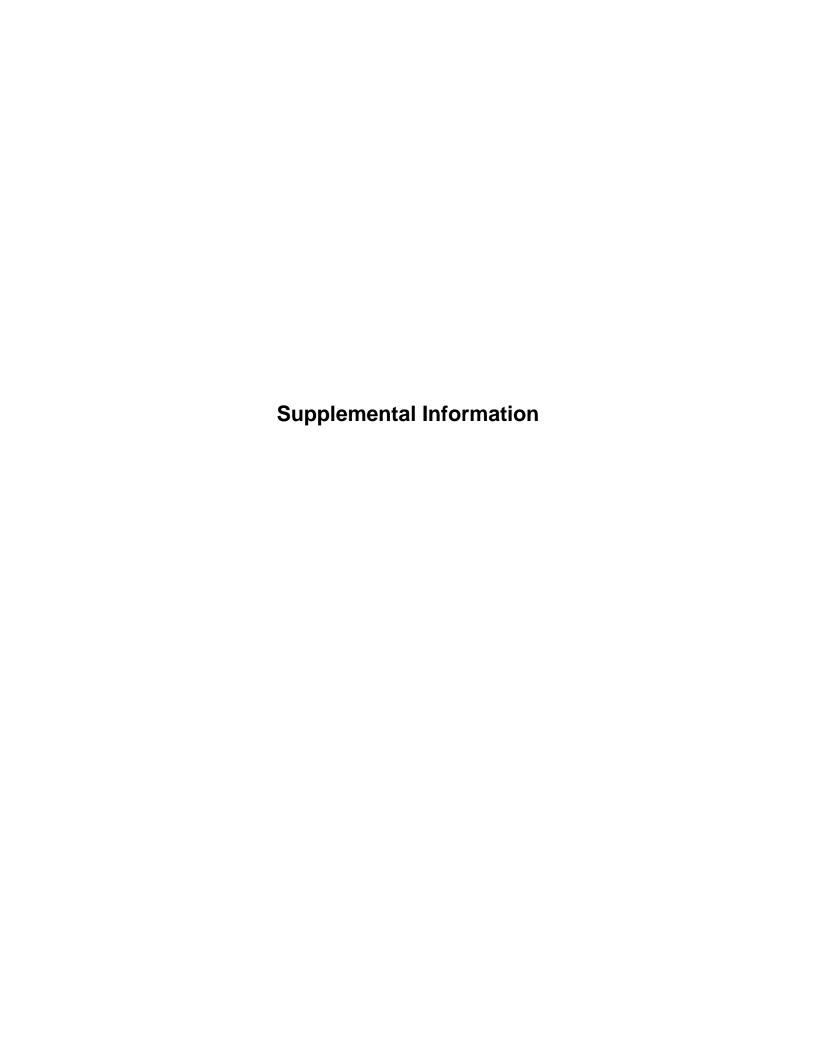
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			Fair Value Measurements Using							
	F	air Value	M	Quoted Prices in Active arkets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)				
				-						
Advice Portfolios - Moderate Fund										
Mutual Fund - Fixed Income	\$	154,163	\$	154,163	\$ -	\$ -				
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income (A)		2,221,440								
Common Trust Funds - Equity (A)		1,587,099								
Total	\$	3,962,702								
Tactical Core Stable Value Fund										
Guaranteed Investment Contract	\$	2,425,696	\$	2,425,696	\$ -	\$ -				
Common Trust Fund - Fixed Income (A)		154,259								
Total	\$	2,579,955								

<sup>(</sup>A) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts included above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of assets and liabilities.

#### Note 7: Risk Factors

The Funds invest in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities.



# Schedules of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Funds Advice Portfolios - High Growth Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

#### **Purchases**

Investment Class	Cost			
Common Trust Funds - Equity	\$ 8,165,058			
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income	4,485,171			
Mutual Funds - Equity	 214,881			
Total Investments Purchased	\$ 12,865,110			

Investment Class	F	Proceeds	Cost	Gain (Loss)		
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income Common Trust Funds - Equity Mutual Funds - Equity	\$	4,659,196 9,926,345 15,029	\$ 4,655,593 9,236,298 16,074	\$	3,603 690,047 (1,045)	
Total Investments Sold	\$	14,600,570	\$ 13,907,965	\$	692,605	

# Schedules of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Funds (Continued) Advice Portfolios - Growth Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

#### Purchases

Investment Class	Cost		
Common Trust Funds - Equity	\$ 5,653,073		
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income	2,944,383		
Mutual Funds - Equity	178,760		
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	302,012		
Total Investments Purchased	\$ 9,078,228		

Investment Class	F	Proceeds		Cost	Gain (Loss)	
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income	\$	2,944,946	\$	2,937,732	\$	7,214
Common Trust Funds - Equity		7,271,290		6,778,979		492,311
Mutual Funds - Equity		14,098		14,833		(735)
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income		617,680		600,361		17,319
Total Investments Sold	\$	10,848,014	\$	10,331,905	\$	516,109

# Schedules of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Funds (Continued) Advice Portfolios - Moderate Growth Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

#### **Purchases**

Investment Class	Cost		
Common Trust Funds - Equity	\$	4,146,604	
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income		3,991,473	
Mutual Funds - Equity		148,861	
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income		710,884	
T . II		0.007.000	
Total Investments Purchased	\$	8,997,822	

Investment Class	F	Proceeds		Cost		Gain	
Common Trust Funds - Equity	\$	4,300,757	\$	3,994,535	\$	306,222	
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income	·	2,874,624		2,864,280	·	10,344	
Mutual Funds - Equity		4,787		4,768		19	
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income		1,172,217		1,144,310		27,907	
Total Investments Sold	\$	8,352,385	\$	8,007,893	\$	344,492	

# Schedules of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Funds (Continued) Advice Portfolios - Moderate Conservative Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

#### **Purchases**

Investment Class	Cost
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income Common Trust Funds - Equity	\$ 1,032,010 409,767
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	 350,117
Total Investments Purchased	\$ 1,791,894

Investment Class	P	Proceeds		Cost		Gain	
Common Trust Funds - Equity	\$	550,219	\$	509,089	\$	41,130	
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income		1,126,083		1,114,937		11,146	
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income		516,293		506,275		10,018	
Total Investments Sold	\$	2,192,595	\$	2,130,301	\$	62,294	

# Schedules of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Funds (Continued) Advice Portfolios - Moderate Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

#### **Purchases**

Investment Class		Cost		
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income Common Trust Funds - Equity Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	\$	2,231,725 1,077,083 492,360		
Total Investments Purchased	\$	3,801,168		

Investment Class  Common Trust Funds - Equity	P	Proceeds		Cost		Gain	
	\$	2,049,932	\$	1,912,464	\$	137,468	
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income		3,122,857		3,047,046		75,811	
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income		822,392		802,892		19,500	
Total Investments Sold	\$	5,995,181	\$	5,762,402	\$	232,779	

# Schedules of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Funds (Continued) Tactical Core Stable Value Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

#### **Purchases**

Investment Class	Cost		
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income Insurance Policies/Annuities	\$ 1,088,530 631,415		
Total Investments Purchased	\$ 1,719,945		

Investment Class	Р	Proceeds Cost		Gain		
Common Trust Funds - Fixed Income Guaranteed Investment Contract	\$	1,258,001 427,000	\$	1,258,001 398,358	\$	28,642
Total Investments Sold	\$	1,685,001	\$	1,656,359	\$	28,642