## Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Western Asset Core Bond CIF

Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

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 the selected fund, Western Asset Core Bond CIF, included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust ("Trust" or "Fund"), which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2016, the related statements of operations and changes in net assets for the period from November 3, 2016 (inception) to December 31, 2016, 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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 the selected fund, Western Asset Core Bond CIF, as of December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and the changes in its net assets for the period from November 3, 2016 (inception) to December 31, 2016, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. 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 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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# Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Selected Fund December 31, 2016

		estern Asset re Bond CIF
Assets		
Investments, at cost	\$	23,923,712
Investments, at fair value	\$	23,456,288
Deposits with brokers for open futures contracts		52,023
Receivable for:		
Investment securities sold		229,360
Dividend and interest		82,206
Investment advisor waived fees		13,368
Total assets	\$	23,833,245
Liabilities		
Payable for investment securities purchased	\$	4,728,907
Management fee payable		4,799
Written options, at value (premiums received – \$10,085)		10,352
Payable to broker - variation margin on futures contracts		2,967
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		25,943
Total liabilities	\$	4,772,968
Net assets held for participants:		
Class R1	_\$	19,060,277
Total net assets held for participants	\$	19,060,277
Units outstanding:		
Class R1		1,953,370
Total units outstanding		1,953,370
Net asset value per unit:		
Class R1	\$	9.76

# Schedule of Investments Western Asset Core Bond CIF December 31, 2016

Number of Shares		Cost	Fair Value
Short-Term Investment			
7,894,748 State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund,	Premier Class .411%	\$ 7,894,748 \$	7,894,74
<b>Total Short-Term Investment</b>	33.66%	 7,894,748	7,894,74
Principal Amount		 Cost	Fair Value
Corporate Bonds			
Consumer Discretionary			
\$ 10,000 Amazon.com, Inc. Sr Unsecured 4.95% 12/05/2044		11,791	11,40
30,000 Comcast Corp. 3.20% 07/15/2036		27,934	26,9
10,000 Comcast Corp. 5.65% 06/15/2035		12,472	11,9
20,000 Comcast Corp. Company Guarantee 3.375% 08/15/2025		21,051	20,1
10,000 Comcast Corp. Company Guarantee 7.05% 03/15/2033		13,343	13,4
10,000 Ford Motor Co. Sr Unsecured 4.75% 01/15/2043		10,068	9,4
10,000 General Motors Co. Sr Unsecured 6.25% 10/02/2043		11,466	11,0
10,000 McDonald's Corp. Sr Unsecured 3.70% 01/30/2026		10,556	10,1
20,000 Newell Brands, Inc. Sr Unsecured 4.20% 04/01/2026		21,652	20,8
20,000 Time Warner Cable LLC Company Guarantee 4.125% 02/15/20	21	21,128	20,6
20,000 Time Warner Cable LLC Sr Secured 5.875% 11/15/2040		21,859	21,3
40,000 Time Warner, Inc. 4.75% 03/29/2021		44,003	42,8
10,000 TJX Cos., Inc. 2.25% 09/15/2026	0.0007	9,649	9,2
Total Consumer Discretionary	0.98%	 236,972	229,5
Consumer Staples			
30,000 Altria Group, Inc. Company Guarantee 2.85% 08/09/2022		30,891	30,0
10,000 Altria Group, Inc. Company Guarantee 5.375% 01/31/2044		12,217	11,5
20,000 CVS Health Corp. Sr Unsecured 3.875% 07/20/2025		21,362	20,6
30,000 CVS Health Corp. Sr Unsecured 5.125% 07/20/2045		34,935	33,4
10,000 Diageo Investment Corp. 2.875% 05/11/2022		10,446	10,0
20,000 Kraft Heinz Foods Co. Company Guarantee 3.50% 06/06/2022		21,138	20,3
10,000 Kraft Heinz Foods Co. Company Guarantee 3.95% 07/15/2025		10,675	10,1
10,000 Philip Morris International, Inc. Sr Unsecured 2.50% 08/22/2022		10,209	9,7
50,000 Reynolds American, Inc. Company Guarantee 5.85% 08/15/204.	5	62,993	59,2
10,000 Tyson Foods, Inc. Company Guarantee 5.15% 08/15/2044		11,328	10,3
10,000 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. 6.20% 04/15/2038		13,902	13,1
10,000 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Sr Unsecured 4.75% 10/02/2043	-	11,821	11,2
10,000 Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. Sr Unsecured 3.45% 06/01/2026		10,238	9,8
Total Consumer Staples	1.07%	 262,155	249,7
Energy			
60,000 Anadarko Petroleum Corp. Sr Unsecured 4.50% 07/15/2044		55,604	56,3
40,000 Apache Corp. Sr Unsecured 4.75% 04/15/2043		41,224	41,2
40,000 BHP Billiton Finance USA Ltd. Company Guarantee 3.25% 11/	21/2021	42,363	41,2
40,000 BP Capital Markets PLC 3.119% 05/04/2026		40,623	39,0
20,000 BP Capital Markets PLC Company Guarantee 3.216% 11/28/202	23	20,000	20,2
20,000 Chevron Corp. Sr Unsecured 2.954% 05/16/2026		20,376	19,6
20,000 Devon Energy Corp. Sr Unsecured 5.00% 06/15/2045		19,239	19,6
30,000 Devon Energy Corp. Sr Unsecured 5.85% 12/15/2025		34,180	34,0
10,000 EOG Resources, Inc. Sr Unsecured 4.15% 01/15/2026		10,827	10,4
20,000 Exxon Mobil Corp. Sr Unsecured 3.043% 03/01/2026 10,000 Exxon Mobil Corp. Sr Unsecured 4.114% 03/01/2046		20,685	19,9
		10,698	10,2

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Corporate Bonds (continued)			
Energy (continued)			
\$ 10,000 Halliburton Co. Sr Unsecured 3.80% 11/15/2025		\$ 10,333 \$	10,159
30,000 Kerr-McGee Corp. Company Guarantee 7.875% 09/15/2031		38,379	38,416
30,000 Kinder Morgan Energy Partners L.P. 4.25% 09/01/2024		30,859	30,637
10,000 Noble Energy, Inc. Sr Unsecured 4.15% 12/15/2021		10,604	10,407
20,000 Occidental Petroleum Corp. Sr Unsecured 3.00% 02/15/2027		20,050	19,352
10,000 Occidental Petroleum Corp. Sr Unsecured 4.10% 02/15/2047		10,002	9,740
10,000 Occidental Petroleum Corp. Sr Unsecured 4.40% 04/15/2046		9,899	10,176
30,000 Shell International Finance BV 4.375% 03/25/2020		32,495	32,048
20,000 Shell International Finance BV Company Guarantee 2.875% 05/10	/2026	20,069	19,336
40,000 Shell International Finance BV Company Guarantee 4.00% 05/10/2	2046	39,401	38,250
5,276 US Airways 1998-1A Pass-Through Trust Series 981A 6.85% 07/3	0/2019	5,416	5,382
100,000 Vale Overseas Ltd. Company Guarantee 6.875% 11/10/2039		98,703	97,250
Total Energy	2.70%	 642,029	633,290
Financials			
20,000 American International Group, Inc. Sr Unsecured 3.75% 07/10/202	5	20,834	20,129
60,000 Bank of America Corp. Sr Unsecured 3.30% 01/11/2023		62,015	60,200
50,000 Bank of America Corp. Sr Unsecured 5.00% 01/21/2044		57,339	54,755
100,000 Bank of America Corp. Subordinated 4.25% 10/22/2026		104,949	101,21
10,000 Bank of America Corp. Subordinated 4.45% 03/03/2026		10,282	10,30
35,000 Citigroup, Inc. Sr Unsecured 4.65% 07/30/2045		38,579	36,892
150,000 Citigroup, Inc. Subordinated 4.45% 09/29/2027		158,379	152,377
30,000 Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Sr Unsecured 3.50% 11/16/2026		29,776	29,309
40,000 Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Sr Unsecured 5.375% 03/15/2020		44,036	43,399
30,000 Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Subordinated 4.25% 10/21/2025		31,406	30,475
70,000 Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Subordinated 5.15% 05/22/2045		75,236	73,616
100,000 HSBC Finance Corp. Subordinated 6.676% 01/15/2021		113,989	112,404
30,000 JPMorgan Chase & Co. 4.125% 12/15/2026		31,711	30,620
30,000 JPMorgan Chase & Co. 4.25% 10/15/2020		32,373	31,747
20,000 JPMorgan Chase & Co. Subordinated 3.625% 12/01/2027		19,966	19,404
20,000 JPMorgan Chase & Co. Subordinated 4.95% 06/01/2045		22,075	21,326
20,000 MetLife, Inc. Jr Subordinated 6.40% 12/15/2066		22,385	21,600
50,000 Wells Fargo & Co. Subordinated 4.30% 07/22/2027		53,371	51,429
50,000 Wells Fargo & Co. Subordinated 4.40% 06/14/2046		50,105	47,853
30,000 Wells Fargo & Co. Subordinated 4.75% 12/07/2046		29,997	30,446
60,000 Wells Fargo & Co. Subordinated Series M 3.45% 02/13/2023		 61,703	60,216
Total Financials	4.43%	 1,070,506	1,039,713
Health Care			
10,000 Abbott Laboratories Sr Unsecured 4.75% 11/30/2036		9,936	10,166
20,000 Abbott Laboratories Sr Unsecured 3.75% 11/30/2026		19,852	19,862
20,000 Abbott Laboratories Sr Unsecured 4.90% 11/30/2046		19,863	20,527
10,000 AbbVie, Inc. Sr Unsecured 3.60% 05/14/2025		10,241	9,905
5,000 Becton Dickinson & Co. Sr Unsecured 3.734% 12/15/2024		5,332	5,113
10,000 Becton Dickinson and Co. Sr Unsecured 4.685% 12/15/2044		10,963	10,360
20,000 Celgene Corp. Sr Unsecured 3.875% 08/15/2025		20,887	20,286
10,000 Celulosa Arauco y Constitucion S.A. Sr Unsecured 4.75% 01/11/20	)22	10,652	10,403
10,000 Gilead Sciences, Inc. Sr Unsecured 3.65% 03/01/2026		10,439	10,139
10,000 Gilead Sciences, Inc. Sr Unsecured 4.75% 03/01/2046		10,747	10,347

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Corporate Bonds (continued)				
Health Care (continued)				
\$ 10,000 Johnson & Johnson Sr Unsecured 3.70% 03/01/2046		\$	10,705 \$	9,85
10,000 Medtronic, Inc. Company Guarantee 3.50% 03/15/2025			10,645	10,29
10,000 Medtronic, Inc. Company Guarantee 4.625% 03/15/2045			11,300	10,81
Total Health Care	0.67%		161,562	158,07
Industrials				
20,000 Actavis Funding SCS Company Guarantee 3.80% 03/15/2025			20,652	20,02
30,000 Barrick PD Australia Finance Pty Ltd. Company Guarantee 5.95% 10	0/15/2039		34,442	31,72
20,000 Eaton Corp. Company Guarantee 2.75% 11/02/2022			20,408	19,80
10,000 Eaton Corp. Company Guarantee 4.15% 11/02/2042			10,395	9,77
20,000 General Electric Co. Sr Unsecured 4.50% 03/11/2044			22,407	21,47
20,000 General Electric Co. Sr Unsecured 4.65% 10/17/2021			22,599	21,93
70,000 General Electric Co. Sr Unsecured 6.875% 01/10/2039			102,687	98,69
30,000 International Lease Finance Corp. Sr Unsecured 8.625% 01/15/2022			36,185	36,03
20,000 Lockheed Martin Corp. Sr Unsecured 3.55% 01/15/2026			21,206	20,43
20,000 NBCUniversal Media LLC 4.375% 04/01/2021			21,980	21,60
10,000 United Parcel Service, Inc. 3.125% 01/15/2021			10,601	10,33
60,000 Wachovia Capital Trust III Limited Guarantee 5.57% 01/30/2017			60,060	58,8
Total Industrials	1.58%		383,622	370,73
Information Technology				
30,000 Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance, Inc. Company Guarantee 2.65% 02/			30,720	30,17
80,000 Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance, Inc. Company Guarantee 3.65% 02/			84,255	81,21
40,000 Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance, Inc. Company Guarantee 4.90% 02/			45,872	43,23
10,000 Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, Inc. Company Guarantee 5.375%	6 01/15/2020		11,066	10,90
30,000 Apple, Inc. Sr Unsecured 2.45% 08/04/2026			29,517	28,15
10,000 Apple, Inc. Sr Unsecured 3.85% 08/04/2046			9,909	9,58
10,000 ConocoPhillips Co. 4.30% 11/15/2044			9,939	9,94
10,000 Harris Corp. Sr Unsecured 5.054% 04/27/2045			11,091	10,55
20,000 KLA-Tencor Corp. 4.125% 11/01/2021			21,411	20,85
10,000 Mastercard, Inc. 3.375% 04/01/2024			10,656	10,28
40,000 Microsoft Corp. Sr Unsecured 2.40% 08/08/2026			39,447	37,78
20,000 Visa, Inc. Sr Unsecured 3.15% 12/14/2025			20,803	20,08
10,000 Visa, Inc. Sr Unsecured 4.30% 12/14/2045	1.200/		11,139	10,55
Total Information Technology	1.38%	-	335,825	323,34
Materials				
200,000 Southern Copper Corp. Sr Unsecured 5.25% 11/08/2042			188,509	183,23
Total Materials	0.78%		188,509	183,23
Telecommunication Services				
			10,809	10.75
10,000 AT&T, Inc. 5.80% 02/15/2019			10,007	
10,000 AT&T, Inc. 5.80% 02/15/2019 30,000 AT&T, Inc. Sr Unsecured 3.40% 05/15/2025			30,047	28,91

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Corporate Bonds (continued)			
Telecommunication Services (Continued	i		
\$ 10,000 Verizon Communications, Inc. Sr Unsecured 2.45% 11/01/2022		\$ 9,998 \$	9,659
40,000 Verizon Communications, Inc. Sr Unsecured 3.50% 11/01/2024		41,736	39,872
50,000 Verizon Communications, Inc. Sr Unsecured 6.55% 09/15/2043		 65,626	62,449
Total Telecommunication Services	0.80%	 195,180	187,288
Utilities			
10,000 Duke Energy Corp. Sr Unsecured 2.65% 09/01/2026		9,769	9,333
10,000 Duke Energy Corp. Sr Unsecured 3.75% 09/01/2046		9,504	9,00
10,000 FirstEnergy Corp. Sr Unsecured Series C 7.375% 11/15/2031		12,632	12,889
30,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. Sr Unsecured 6.05% 03/01/2034		 39,284	37,544
Total Utilities	0.29%	 71,189	68,768
<b>Total Corporate Bonds</b>	14.68%	 3,547,549	3,443,759
Foreign Government			
Colombia			
200,000 Colombia Government International Bond Sr Unsecured 5.625% 02/2	6/2044	217,447	206,000
Total Colombia	0.88%	 217,447	206,00
Indonesia			
200,000 Indonesia Government International Bond MTN, REGS 5.375% 10/17	7/2023	225,999	216,613
Total Indonesia	0.92%	 225,999	216,613
Mexico			
230,000 Mexico Government International Bond Sr Unsecured 5.55% 01/21/20	045	 258,185	235,175
Total Mexico	1.00%	 258,185	235,175
Peru			
40,000 Peruvian Government International Bond Sr Unsecured 6.55% 03/14/2	2037	54,133	50,22
Total Peru	0.22%	 54,133	50,220
Poland			
90,000 Republic of Poland Government International Bond Sr Unsecured 4.00	0% 01/22/2024	97,952	92,04
		97,952	92,048
Total Poland	0.39%	 71,732	)2,0 K

incipal mount		Cost	Fair Value
Asset-Backed Securities			
\$ 140,000 Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series 2005-I			,041 \$ 132,436
150,000 Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2006-FF1, Class	M5 1.146% 08/25/2036	140	,705 140,608
Total Asset-Backed Securities	1.16%	273	,746 273,044
Mortgage-Backed Securitie	<u>s</u>		
Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust 2015-GC33 Series 2015	-GC33, Class A4 3.778%		
80,000 09/10/2058		84.	,572 83,350
400,000 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. TBA 3.00% 01/01/2047		398	,250 397,190
500,000 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. TBA 3.50% 01/01/2047			,640 511,971
300,000 Federal National Mortgage Association TBA 2.50% 01/01/2032		300	,105 300,475
300,000 Federal National Mortgage Association TBA 3.00% 01/01/2032			,922 307,852
700,000 Federal National Mortgage Association TBA 3.00% 01/01/2047			,094 695,390
00,000 Federal National Mortgage Association TBA 3.50% 01/01/2047		410	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
500,000 Federal National Mortgage Association TBA 4.00% 01/01/2047			,387 525,654
200,000 Federal National Mortgage Association TBA 4.50% 01/01/2047			,375 215,117
100,000 Federal National Mortgage Association TBA 5.00% 01/01/2047			,500 108,937
700,000 Government National Mortgage Association TBA 3.00% 01/01			,625 708,764
200,000 Government National Mortgage Association TBA 3.50% 01/01			,250 207,902
100,000 Government National Mortgage Association TBA 4.00% 01/01			,437 106,197
80,000 GS Mortgage Securities Trust 2015-GC32 Series 2015-GC32, C			,939 83,568
70,000 Morgan Stanley Capital I Trust 2012-C4 Series 2012-C4, Class			,873 72,295
60,000 Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2015-NXS1, C	lass A5 3.148% 05/15/2048	59.	,237 60,215
<b>Total Mortgage-Backed Securities</b>	20.44%	4,800	,987 4,794,846
U.S. Government & Agency Oblig	<u>vations</u>		
U.S. Government Agencies			
90,000 Federal Home Loan Bank 1.375% 11/15/2019		89.	,978 89,641
Total U.S. Government Agencies	0.38%	89.	,978 89,641
U.S. Government Obligation	S		
234,635 Treasury Inflation Protected Security 1.00% 02/15/2046		249	,499 235,626
152,982 Treasury Inflation Protected Security .125% 04/15/2021		153	,015 153,857
282,358 Treasury Inflation Protected Security .125% 07/15/2026		277	,198 273,040
280,000 Treasury Inflation Protected Security 2.125% 11/30/2023		278	,393 278,140
1,690,000 United States Treasury Bond 2.25% 08/15/2046		1,579	,995 1,420,986
380,000 United States Treasury Bond 3.00% 11/15/2045			,367 374,805
80,000 United States Treasury Bond 2.875% 11/15/2046			,729 77,238
3,450,000 United States Treasury Note 1.25% 10/31/2021		3,452	<i>'</i>
Total U.S. Government Obligations	26.26%	6,461	,288 6,159,116
Total U.S. Government & Agency			
Obligations	26.64%	6,551	,266 6,248,757

# Schedule of Investments (Continued) Western Asset Core Bond CIF (Continued) December 31, 2016

Contracts			Cost	Fair Value
	Call Options Purchased			
\$ 1,000	United States Treasury Long-Term Bonds Futures, Call @ \$152.00		\$ 1,160 \$	1,078
	<b>Total Call Options Purchased</b>	0.01%	 1,160	1,078
	Total Investments	100.00%	\$ 23.923.172 \$	23,456,288

#### SCHEDULE OF WRITTEN OPTIONS

Security	Expiration Date	Strike Price	Contracts	Value
United States Treasury 10-Year Notes Futures, Call	1/27/17 \$	126.00	1	\$ 141
United States Treasury 10-Year Notes Futures, Call	1/27/17	127.50	1	47
United States Treasury 10-Year Notes Futures, Call	1/27/17	126.50	1	94
United States Treasury 10-Year Notes Futures, Call	1/27/17	125.00	2	719
United States Treasury 10-Year Notes Futures, Call	2/24/17	127.50	1	156
United States Treasury 10-Year Notes Futures, Call	2/24/17	126.00	2	750
United States Treasury 5-Year Notes Futures, Call	1/27/17	120.00	3	47
United States Treasury 5-Year Notes Futures, Call	1/27/17	117.75	6	2,156
United States Treasury 5-Year Notes Futures, Call	2/24/17	117.75	1	555
United States Treasury Long-Term Bonds Futures, Put	1/27/17	143.00	1	125
United States Treasury Long-Term Bonds Futures, Call	1/27/17	151.00	1	1,500
United States Treasury Long-Term Bonds Futures, Call	1/27/17	150.00	2	4,062

### Statement of Operations – Selected Fund Period Ended December 31, 2016

	Western Asset Core Bond CIF*
Income	
Interest	\$ 43,976
Total income	43,976
Expenses	
Trustee and administrative	26,490
Class R1 expenses	8,898
Total expenses before reimbursement	35,388
Reimbursement of fees	(25,007)
Net expenses	10,381
Net Investment Income	33,595
Net Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments, Options Written and Futures Contracts	
Net realized losses on investments	(106,604)
Net realized gains on options written	2,820
Net realized gains on futures contracts	90,484
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(13,300)
Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on:	
Investments	(466,884)
Options written	(267)
Futures contracts	(2,867)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(470,018)
Net realized and unrealized gains on Investments, Options Written and Futures Contracts	(483,318)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	\$ (449,723)

<sup>\*</sup>For the period November 3, 2016 (inception date) to December 31, 2016.

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Selected Fund Period Ended December 31, 2016

	Western Asset Core Plus Bond CIF*			
Operations				
Net investment income	\$ 33,595			
Net realized losses	(13,300)			
Change in net unrealized (depreciation)	(470,018)			
Net decrease in net assets from operations	(449,723)			
Net Increase in Net Assets From Participant Unit Transactions	19,510,000			
Increase in Net Assets	19,060,277			
Net Assets				
Beginning of period				
End of period	\$ 19,060,277			

<sup>\*</sup>For the period November 3, 2016 (inception date) to December 31, 2016.

# 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 one of those funds, the Western Asset Core Bond CIF (the Fund), 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 Western Asset Core Bond CIF's inception date was November 3, 2016.

#### 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 of investments are reported on the identified cost basis.

#### **Futures Contracts**

The Fund uses futures contracts generally to gain exposure to, or hedge against, changes in interest rates or gain exposure to, or hedge against, changes in certain asset classes. A futures contract represents a commitment for the future purchase or sale of an asset at a specified price on a specified date.

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Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit cash or cash equivalents with a broker in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. This is known as the "initial margin" and subsequent payments ("variation margin") are made or received by the Fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract. For certain futures, including foreign denominated futures, variation margin is not settled daily, but is recorded as a net variation margin payable or receivable. Futures contracts are valued daily at the settlement price established by the board of trade or exchange on which they are traded. The daily changes in contract value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses in the statement of operations and the Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss when the contract is closed.

Futures contracts involve, to varying degrees, risk of loss in excess of the amounts reflected in the financial statements. In addition, there is the risk that the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market.

#### Written Options

When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is recorded as a liability, the value of which is marked-to-market daily to reflect the current market value of the option written. If the option expires, the premium received is recorded as a realized gain. When a written call option is exercised, the difference between the premium received plus the option exercise price and the Fund's basis in the underlying security (in the case of a covered written call option), or the cost to purchase the underlying security (in the case of an uncovered written call option), including brokerage commission, is recognized as a realized gain or loss. When a written put option is exercised, the amount of the premium received is subtracted from the cost of the security purchased by the Fund from the exercise of the written put option to form the Fund's basis in the underlying security purchased. The writer or buyer of an option traded on an exchange can liquidate the position before the exercise of the option by entering into a closing transaction. The cost of a closing transaction is deducted from the original premium received resulting in a realized gain or loss to the Fund.

The risk in writing a covered call option is that the Fund may forego the opportunity of profit if the market price of the underlying security increases and the option is exercised. The risk in writing a put option is that the Fund may incur a loss if the market price of the underlying security decreases and the option is exercised. The risk in writing an uncovered call option is that the Fund is exposed to the risk of loss if the market price of the underlying security increases. In addition, there is the risk that the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market.

#### **Purchased Options**

When the Fund purchases an option, an amount equal to the premium paid by the Fund is recorded as an investment on the statement of assets and liabilities, the value of which is marked-to-market to reflect the current market value of the option purchased. If the purchased option

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expires, the Fund realizes a loss equal to the amount of premium paid. When an instrument is purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the related premium paid is added to the basis of the instrument acquired or deducted from the proceeds of the instrument sold. The risk associated with purchasing put and call options is limited to the premium paid.

#### 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 apportion all of its taxable income to its 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 advisor for the Fund is Western Asset Management Company.

#### Note 2: Futures Contracts

At December 31, 2016, the Fund had the following open futures contracts.

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	Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	Basis Value			Market Value	App	realized preciation preciation)
Contracts to Buy:								
U.S. Treasury 2-Year Notes	27	3/17	\$	5,856,135	\$	5,850,563	\$	(5,572)
U.S. Treasury 5-Year Notes	21	3/17	Ψ	2,478,599	Ψ	2,470,945	Ψ	(7,654)
U.S. Treasury 10-Year Notes	1	3/17		123,909		124,281		372
								(12,854)
Contracts to Sell:								
90-Day Eurodollar	20	3/17		4,948,401		4,948,000		401
U.S. Treasury Long-Term Bonds	11	3/17		1,666,805		1,657,219		9,586
								9,987
Net unrealized (depreciation) on	open futures contr	acts					\$	(2,867)

#### Note 3: Written Options Rollforward

During the period ended December 31, 2016, written option transactions for the Fund were as follows:

	Numl Conti Notional	racts/	Pr	emiums
Written options, outstanding as of				
December 31, 2015	\$	-	\$	-
Options written		32		13,287
Options closed		(5)		(1,453)
Options exercised		-		-
Options expired		(5)		(1,749)
Written options, outstanding as of				
December 31, 2016	\$	22	\$	10,085

#### Note 4: 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 a third party advisor. These fees compensate the advisor for the services it provides and for expenses borne by the advisor under the agreement.

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During the period ended December 31, 2016, 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 class of units within the Fund (as a percentage of net assets). These charges are calculated using the Fund's prior day's total net assets.

Fund	Trustee/ Administrative Fees	Investment Management Fees	Other Fees	Total Fees
Western Asset Core Bond CIF: Class R1	0.04%	0.30%	0.13%	0.47%

#### Note 5: Financial Highlights

	Western Asset Core Plus Bond CIF (1)
	Class R1
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 10.00
Net investment income Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	0.02 (0.26)
Net increase from investment operations	(0.24)
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 9.76
Total return	(2.40)%
Ratio to average net assets: <sup>(2)</sup> Net investment income Expenses without reimbursement Expenses with reimbursement	1.13% 1.19% 0.35%

<sup>(1)</sup> For the period November 3, 2016 (inception date) to December 31, 2016.

<sup>(2)</sup> Annualized.

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#### Note 6: Participant Unit Transactions

		Western Asset Core Bond CIF			
	Units		Dollars		
Class R1: <sup>(1)</sup>					
Proceeds from sales of units	1,953,370	\$	19,510,000		
Net increase in total net assets from participant transactions	1,953,370	\$	19,510,000		

<sup>(1)</sup> For the period November 3, 2016 (inception date) to December 31, 2016.

#### Note 7: 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 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 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 period 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.

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**U.S.** Government and Agency Obligations. U.S. Government obligations are valued using a model that incorporates market observable data, such as reported sales of similar securities, broker quotes, yields, bids, offers and reference data. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. U.S. Government obligations are categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

**Corporate Bonds.** The fair value of corporate bonds is estimated using various techniques, which may consider recently executed transactions in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers, market price quotations (where observable), bond spreads, fundamental data relating to the issuer, and credit default swap spreads adjusted for any basis difference between cash and derivative instruments. Corporate bonds are categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

**Foreign Government Obligations.** Foreign Government obligations are valued using models that incorporate market observable data, such as reported sales of similar securities, broker quotes, yields, bids, offers and reference data. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. These securities are categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

**Asset-Backed Securities and Mortgage-Backed Securities.** These securities are valued using models that incorporate observable data, such as prepayments, delinquencies, yields, bids, offers, collateral seasoning and other factors. Deal specific scenarios are derived from historical performance information and loan level details. These securities are categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

**Call and Put Options.** Options are marked-to-market based on quoted market prices in active markets. If recent market transactions are not available, observable market quotations are obtained from brokers specializing in options. Options are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

**Future Contracts.** Futures contracts are marked-to-market on the daily fluctuations between the contract price and the market value of the underlying, as reported on a recognized exchange. Futures contracts are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

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, 2016.

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	Fair Value Measurements Using							
		Fair Value	N	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unob:	nificant servable puts vel 3)
Western Asset Core Bond CIF								
Financial Instruments - Assets:								
Short-Term Investment	\$	7,894,748	\$	7,894,748	\$	-	\$	-
Corporate Bonds		3,443,759		-		3,443,759		-
Foreign government		800,056		-		800,056		-
Asset-backed Securities		273,044		-		273,044		-
Mortgage-backed Securities		4,794,846		-		4,794,846		-
U.S. Government and Agency								
Obligations		6,248,757		-		6,248,757		-
Call Options Purchased		1,078		1,078				
Total Financial Instruments -								
Assets	\$	23,456,288	\$	7,895,826	\$	15,560,462	\$	0
Derivative Instruments - Assets:								
Futures Contracts	\$	10,359	\$	10,359	\$	_	\$	
Total	\$	10,359	\$	10,359	\$	0	\$	0
Derivative Instruments - Liabilities:								
Options Written	\$	10,352	\$	10,352	\$	-	\$	_
Futures Contracts		13,226		13,226		_		-
Total Liabilities	\$	23,578	\$	23,578	\$	0	\$	0

#### Note 8: Risk Factors

#### **Investment Securities Risk**

The Fund invests 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 statement of assets and liabilities.

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#### Foreign Securities Risk

Securities traded in foreign markets have often (though not always) performed differently from securities traded in the United States. However, such investments often involve special risks not present in U.S. investments that can increase the chances that the Fund will lose money. In particular, the Fund is subject to the risk that because there may be fewer investors on foreign exchanges and a smaller number of securities traded each day, it may be more difficult for the Fund to buy and sell securities on those exchanges. In addition, prices of foreign securities may go up and down more than prices of securities traded in the United States.

#### Note 9: Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

Below is a table, grouped by derivative type, that provides information about the fair value and the location of derivatives within the statement of assets and liabilities at December 31, 2016.

		Asset vatives <sup>(1)</sup>
		rest Rate Risk
Purchased options (2)	\$	1,078
Futures contracts (3)		10,359
Total	\$	11,437
		ability vatives <sup>(1)</sup>
	Interes	t Rate Risk
Written options	\$	10,352
Futures contracts (3)		13,226
Total	\$	23,578

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Generally, the balance sheet location for asset derivatives is receivables/net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) and for liability derivatives is payables/net unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Market value of purchased options is reported in Investments at value in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) of futures contracts as reported in the footnotes. Only variation margin is reported within the receivables and/or payables on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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The following tables provide information about the effect of derivatives and hedging activities on the Fund's statement of operations for the period ended December 31, 2016. The first table provides additional detail about the amounts and sources of gains (losses) realized on derivatives during the period. The second table provides additional information about the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) resulting from the Fund's derivatives and hedging activities during the period.

	Amount of Realized Gain (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized
	Interest Rate Risk
Purchased options (1) Written options Futures contracts	\$ (1,273) 2,820 90,484
Total	\$ 92,031
	Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Derivatives Recognized
	Interest Rate Risk
Purchased options (1) Written options Futures contracts	\$ (82) (267) (2,867)
Total	\$ (3,216)

During the period ended December 31, 2016, the volume of derivative activity for the Fund was as follows.

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	Ave	rage Market Value
Purchased options	\$	602
Written options		7,079
Futures contracts (to buy)		8,328,301
Futures contracts (to sell)		7,183,175

The following table presents, by financial instrument, the Fund's derivative assets net of the related collateral received by the Fund at December 31, 2016:

	Gross Amount of Deri Assets in the Stateme Assets and Liabilitie	Collateral Received		Net Amount		
Purchased options (2)	\$	1,078	\$	_	\$	1,078
Total	\$	1,078	\$	0	\$	1,078

The following table presents by financial instrument, the Fund's derivative liabilities net of the related collateral pledged by the Fund at December 31, 2016

	Liabilities	Gross Amount of Derivative Liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities (1)			Net Amount	
Future contracts (5) Written options	\$	2,967 10,352	\$	(2,967)	\$	10,352
Total	\$	13,319	\$	(2,967)	\$	10,352

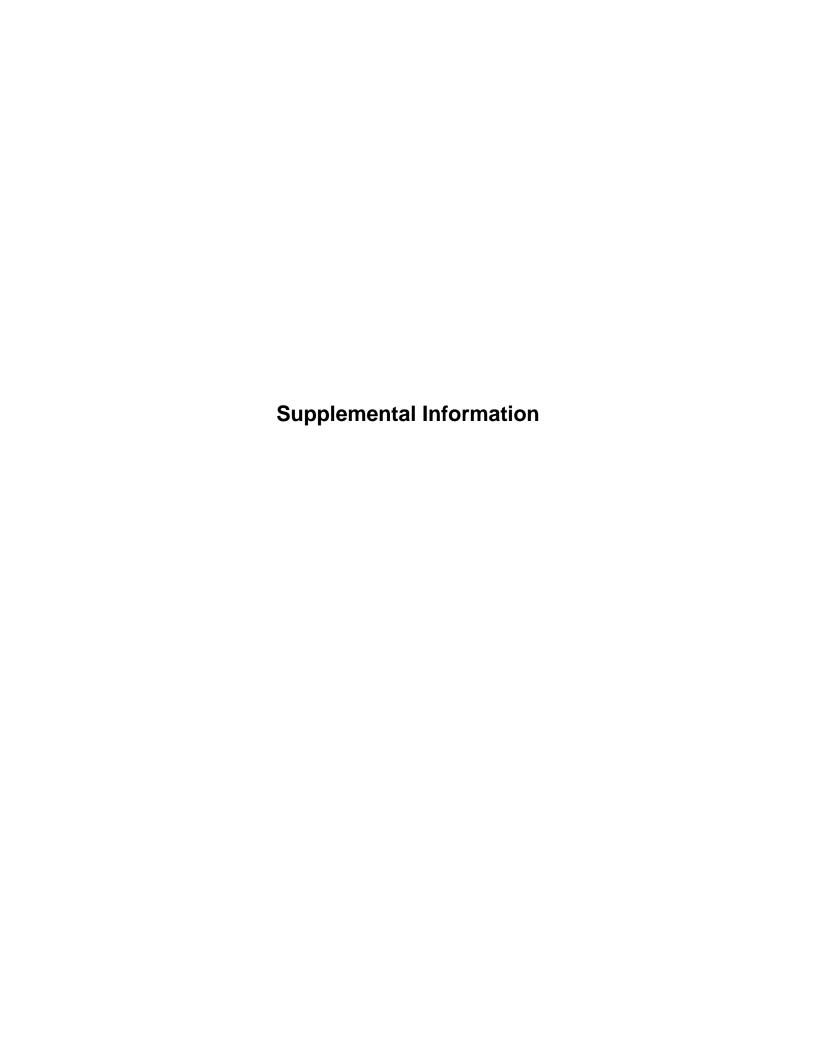
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Absent an event of default or early termination, derivative assets and liabilities are presented gross and not offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Market value of purchased options is reported in Investments at fair value in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Gross amounts are not offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In some instances, the actual collateral received and/or pledged may be more than the amount shown here due to overcollateralization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Amount represents the current day's variation margin as reported in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. It differs from the cumulative appreciation (depreciation) presented in the previous table.



### Schedule of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Fund Period Ended December 31, 2016

#### **Purchases**

Investment Class		Cost
Corporate Bonds	\$	3,583,288
Foreign Government		854,547
Asset-Backed Securities		411,760
Mortgage-backed Securities		13,185,305
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations		8,301,515
Total Investments Purchased	\$	26,336,415

#### Sales

Investment Class	Proceeds			Cost	Ga	in (Loss)
Corporate Bonds	\$	31.322	\$	32,960	\$	(1,638)
Asset-Backed Securities	Ψ	139,471	Ψ	138,111	Ψ	1,360
Mortgage-backed Securities		8,301,763		8,384,279		(82,516)
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations		1,729,415		1,751,993		(22,578)
Total Investments Sold	\$	10,201,971	\$	10,307,343	\$	(105,372)