# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust ClearBridge Small Cap CIF

Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

December 31, 2021



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

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

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the selected fund, ClearBridge Small Cap CIF, 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, 2021, 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, 2021, 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's and the selected fund's ability to continue as going concerns within one year after the date that these financial statements are available to be issued.



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#### 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 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's 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's and the selected fund's ability to continue as going concerns 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 funds' basic 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 basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of

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management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic 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.

BKD,LLP

Houston, Texas May 25, 2022

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Selected Fund December 31, 2021

	ClearBridge Small Cap CIF	
Assets		
Investments, at cost	\$	20,413,117
Investments, at fair value	\$	25,019,588
Receivable for:		
Capital shares sold		50
Dividends and interest		15,624
Investment advisor waived fees		10,994
Total assets	\$	25,046,256
Liabilities		
Management fee payable	\$	6,638
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		22,425
Total liabilities	\$	29,063
Net assets held for participants:		
Class R1	\$	14,632,337
Class R-LM		10,384,856
Total net assets held for participants	\$	25,017,193
Units outstanding:		
Class R1		895,703
Class R-LM		623,644
Total units outstanding		1,519,347
Net asset value per unit:		
Class R1	\$	16.34
Class R-LM	\$	16.65

### Schedule of Investments ClearBridge Small Cap CIF December 31, 2021

Number of Shares				Cost	Fa	ir Value
		Short Term Investment				
379,801	State Street Institutional	Investment Trust Treasury Money Market Fund	\$	379,801	\$	379,801
		Total Short Term Investment	1.52%	379,801		379,801
		<u>Common Stocks</u>				
		Consumer Discretionary				
14,590 12,910 6,200 4,990 14,680 19,435 2,191 9,480 6,362 10,424 6,610 8,140	l stdibs.com, Inc. Acies Acquisition Corp. Bloomin' Brands, Inc. Century Communities, Ir Frontdoor, Inc. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Gray Television, Inc. Murphy USA, Inc. Petco Health & Wellness Stride, Inc. ThredUp, Inc. Class A Urban Outfitters, Inc. Vista Outdoor, Inc. Visteon Corp.	· Co.	14.68%	$\begin{array}{r} 160,271\\ 145,900\\ 280,112\\ 304,191\\ 221,648\\ 229,838\\ 259,457\\ 173,762\\ 201,183\\ 158,473\\ 162,942\\ 194,568\\ 246,529\\ 193,796\\ 2,932,670\\ \end{array}$		$\begin{array}{r} 108,837\\ 57,630\\ 270,852\\ 507,098\\ 182,883\\ 312,978\\ 391,810\\ 436,535\\ 187,609\\ 212,045\\ 133,010\\ 194,070\\ 375,010\\ 302,301\\ 3,672,668 \end{array}$
		Consumer Staples				
11,520 12,363	Honest Co., Inc. Sovos Brands, Inc. Sprouts Farmers Market, Utz Brands, Inc.	Inc. Total Consumer Staples <i>Consumer, Non-Cyclical</i>	3.54%	209,234 156,819 258,272 221,651 845,976		131,786 173,376 366,934 213,252 885,348
11,753	Advantage Solutions, Inc	Total Consumer, Non-Cyclical	0.38%	117,530 117,530		94,259 94,259

### Schedule of Investments (Continued) ClearBridge Small Cap CIF (Continued) December 31, 2021

Number of Shares			Cost	F	air Value
	Energy				
10.910	Brigham Minerals, Inc. Class A	\$	174,641	\$	230,092
	CNX Resources Corp.	\$	192,143	Φ	235,262
	Helmerich & Payne, Inc.		119,935		143,622
	International Seaways, Inc.		302,882		219,011
	Magnolia Oil & Gas Corp. Class A		223,181		230,969
12,240	Total Energy	4.23%	1,012,782		1,058,956
	Total Energy	4.2370	1,012,782		1,038,930
	Financials				
6,332	Assured Guarantly Ltd.		247,719		317,866
7,734	Bank OZK		210,968		359,863
7,380	BRP Group, Inc. Class A		102,425		266,492
	Cadence Bank		284,849		280,383
13,690	Conx Corp. UNIT		137,030		136,216
	Deerfield Healthcare Technology Acquisitions Corp.		96,700		74,266
	East Resources Acquisition Co. UNIT		118,509		119,567
	Encore Capital Group, Inc.		261,691		410,982
	NMI Holdings, Inc. Class A		318,905		305,244
	Oportun Financial Corp.		133,449		178,787
	PROG Holdings, Inc.		205,454		258,119
	Veritex Holdings, Inc.		283,708		276,471
	Washington Federal, Inc.		407,153		433,640
	WesBanco, Inc.		286,288		280,305
,	Wintrust Financial Corp.		295,565		439,296
)	Total Financials	16.54%	3,390,413		4,137,497
	Health Care				
5,626	Acadia Healthcare Co., Inc.		162,707		341,498
71,892	Amarin Corp. PLC ADR		479,376		242,276
	CareMax, Inc.		82,120		79,027
,	Covetrus, Inc.		160,336		192,311
	Health Catalyst, Inc.		183,812		219,733
	HealthEquity, Inc.		348,379		298,576
	Intra- Cellular Therapies, Inc.		98,136		281,118
	Lantheus Holdings, Inc.		132,397		280,522
	NanoString Technologies, Inc.		166,065		155,406
	Omnicell, Inc.		113,102		288,704
	Quotient Ltd.		312,880		159,671
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### Schedule of Investments (Continued) ClearBridge Small Cap CIF (Continued) December 31, 2021

Number of Shares			Cost	Fair Value
	Health Care (Continued)			
,	R1 RCM, Inc. Syneos Health, Inc.	\$	223,347 133,773	\$ 454,461 288,839
	Total Health Care	13.12%	2,596,430	3,282,142
	Industrials			
5,220	Altra Industrial Motion Corp.		252,697	269,195
10,110	Custom Truck One Source, Inc.		111,580	80,880
3,110	EnerSys		231,199	245,877
	GATX Corp.		171,459	268,914
	Hillman Solutions Corp.		279,273	275,200
	ICF International, Inc.		149,015	257,913
	Korn Ferry		153,092	276,415
· · · ·	Marten Transport Ltd.		156,319	214,157
	Masonite International Corp.		269,333	307,850
	Nesco Holdings, Inc.		97,215	155,544
	Primoris Services Corp.		445,998	319,893
	Rush Enterprises, Inc. Class A		139,378	282,930
	Shoals Technologies Group, Inc. Class A		147,908	142,398
· · · ·	SkyWest, Inc.		269,847	219,687
	Sterling Check Corp.		209,847	178,560
	Textainer Group Holdings Ltd.		185,736	407,665
11,410	Total Industrials	15.59%	3,268,888	3,903,078
	Information Technology			
11.053	2U, Inc.		401,627	221,834
,	Advanced Energy Industries, Inc.		164,930	244,405
· · · ·	CommVault Systems, Inc.		280,563	408,696
	CSG Systems International, Inc.		167,522	231,056
	Everi Holdings, Inc.		89.047	195,972
	NCR Corp.		275,644	346,926
	nLight, Inc.		154,053	147,412
	Rapid7, Inc.		57,795	227,377
	Semtech Corp.		129,275	252,294
	SMART Global Holdings, Inc.		251,285	379,087
	Solo Brands, Inc. Class A		287,338	238,670
	Switch, Inc. Class A		128,552	238,670 242,867
,	Thoughtworks Holding, Inc.		128,332	138,608
	WalkMe Ltd.		284,127	138,608
9,570		13.83%	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Total Information Technology	13.83%	2,805,989	3,463,063

### Schedule of Investments (Continued) ClearBridge Small Cap CIF (Continued) December 31, 2021

Number of Shares			Cost	Fair Value
of Shares			COSI	Fail Value
	Materials			
5,920	Avient Corp.	\$	193,575	\$ 331,224
	Commercial Metals Co.		157,139	329,042
11,510	Constellium SE		196,008	206,144
5,210	MP Materials Corp.		95,142	236,638
6,770	Silgan Holdings, Inc.		194,972	389,410
	Total Materials	5.97%	836,836	1,492,458
	Real Estate			
9,660	Corporate Office Properties Trust REIT		260,283	270,190
	Kite Realty Group Trust REIT		207,312	289,129
	Lexington Realty Trust REIT		197,048	318,336
	Physicians Realty Trust REIT		281,931	280,322
14,920	RLJ Lodging Trust REIT		139,531	207,836
	Total Real Estate	5.46%	1,086,105	1,365,813
	Telecommunication Services			
17,380	Advantage Solutions, Inc		167,947	139,388
	Anterix, Inc.		148,560	222,700
	Integral Ad Science Holding Corp.		197,922	205,220
8,940	Playstudios, Inc.		39,878	35,313
	Total Telecommunication Services	2.41%	554,307	602,621
	Utilities			
6.213	Black Hills Corp.		370,866	438,451
	NextEra Energy Partners L.P.		214,524	243,433
,	Total Utilities	2.73%	585,390	681,884
	Total Common Stocks	98.48%	20,033,316	24,639,787
	Total Investments	100.00% _\$	20,413,117	\$ 25,019,588

Abbreviations used in this table:

ADR American Depository Receipt REIT Real Estate Investment Trust

### Statement of Operations – Selected Fund Year Ended December 31, 2021

	ClearBridge Small Cap CIF	
Income		
Interest	\$	33
Dividends		523,174
Total income		523,207
Expenses		
Trustee and administrative		85,231
Class R1 expenses		78,143
Total expenses before reimbursement		163,374
Reimbursement of fees		(14,336)
Net expense		149,038
Net Investment Income		374,169
Net Realized Gains on Investments		13,641,191
Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation on Investments		(4,322,506)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments		9,318,685
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	\$	9,692,854

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Selected Fund Year Ended December 31, 2021

	ClearBridge Small Cap CIF	
Operations		
Net investment income	\$	374,169
Net realized gains		13,641,191
Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation		(4,322,506)
Net increase in net assets from operations		9,692,854
Net Decrease in Net Assets From Participant Unit Transactions		(38,118,525)
Decrease in Net Assets		(28,425,671)
Net Assets		
Beginning of year		53,442,864
End of year	\$	25,017,193

# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021

#### 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 63 portfolios (the Funds); the financial statements of one of those funds, the ClearBridge Small Cap 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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#### 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 May 25, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Investment Management Advisor

The investment management advisor for the Fund is ClearBridge Investments, LLC.

#### Note 2: Investment Advisory Fees and Other Transactions With Affiliates

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

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the investment advisor voluntarily reimbursed the Fund for a portion of its expenses.

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

Fund	Trustee/ Administrative Fees	Investment Management Fees	Other Fees	Total Fees
ClearBridge Small Cap CIF: Class R1 Class R-LM	0.04% 0.04%	0.55% 0.00%	0.16% 0.12%	0.75% 0.16%

# Notes to Financial Statements

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### Note 3: Financial Highlights

	ClearBridge Small Cap CIF			ap CIF
	C	Class R1		ss R-LM
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$	13.78	\$	13.98
Net investment income Net realized and unrealized gains		0.07 2.49		0.14 2.53
Net increase from investment operations		2.56		2.67
Net asset value, end of year	\$	16.34	\$	16.65
Total return		18.58%		19.10%
Ratio to average net assets:				
Net investment income		0.42%		0.87%
Expenses without reimbursement		0.75%		0.16%
Expenses with reimbursement		0.65%		0.16%

### Note 4: Participant Unit Transactions

	ClearBridge Small Cap CIF			
	Units	Dollars		
Class R-LM:				
Proceeds from sales of units	76,302	\$ 1,229,436		
Cost of units redeemed	(2,392,195)	(39,347,961)		
Net change in Class R-LM from participant transactions	(2,315,893)	(38,118,525)		
Net decrease in net assets from participant unit transactions		\$ (38,118,525)		

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#### 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 measurement date.
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities that the Fund can access at the measurement date; 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 and liabilities 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 year ended December 31, 2021.

**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.

**Common Stocks.** 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 Depository Receipts and the movement of certain indexes of securities based on a statistical analysis of the historical relationship and are categorized as either Level 1 or 2 of 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, 2021.

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			Fair Value Measurements Using					
	Fair Value		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
ClearBridge Small Cap CIF								
Short Term Investment	\$	379,801	\$	379,801	\$	-	\$	-
Common Stocks		24,639,787		24,639,787		-	·	-
Total	\$	25,019,588	\$	25,019,588	\$	0	\$	0

#### Note 6: 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.

Supplemental Information

## Schedule of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Fund ClearBridge Small Cap CIF Year Ended December 31, 2021

Purchases							
Investment Class		Cost					
Common Stocks	\$	26,542,699					
Total Investments Purchased	\$	26,542,699					

Sales										
Investment Class	Proceeds			Cost	Gains					
Common Stocks	\$	57,440,679	\$	43,799,488	\$	13,641,191				
Total Investments Sold	\$	57,440,679	\$	43,799,488	\$	13,641,191				