# Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund

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, DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund (one fund), included in the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust (the 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 the 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 the 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.



#### 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 the 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 the 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 fund's 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.

Houston, Texas May 25, 2022

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

	DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund
Assets	
Investments, at cost	\$ 74,900,739
Investments, at fair value	\$ 125,316,553
Receivable for:	12.170
Dividends and interest Investment advisor	12,168 3,734
Total assets	\$ 125,332,455
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Liabilities	
Payable for capital shares redeemed	\$ 72,672
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	15,965
Class R1 accrued expenses	47,627
Total liabilities	\$ 136,264
Net assets held for participants:	
Class R1	\$ 125,196,133
Class R2	29
Class R3	29_
Total net assets held for participants	\$ 125,196,191
Units outstanding:	
Class R1	4,368,350
Class R2	1
Class R3	1
Total units outstanding	4,368,352
Net asset value per unit:	
Class R1	\$ 28.66
Class R2	\$ 29.25
Class R3	\$ 29.25

# Schedule of Investments DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund December 31, 2021

nares		Cost	F	air Value
Short Term Investment				
1,731,232 First American Treasury Obligation Fund V	\$	1,731,232	\$	1,731,232
Total Short Term Investment	1.38%	1,731,232		1,731,232
<u>Common Stock</u>				
Consumer Discretionary				
3,005 Amazon.com Inc		6,438,466		10,019,692
9,450 Netflix Inc  Total Consumer Discretionary	12.54%	4,958,137 11,396,603		5,693,058 15,712,750
Consumer Staples				
60,610 Keurig Dr Pepper Inc		2,089,867		2,234,08
33,150 Monster Beverage Corp  Total Consumer Staples	4.32%	2,534,136 4,624,003		3,183,720 5,417,81
Financials		.,		-,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
7,525 AON Plc		1,430,301		2,261,714
90,050 Schwab Charles Corporation Total Financials	7.85%	6,831,041 8,261,342		7,573,20 9,834,919
	7.83%	0,201,342		9,034,913
Healthcare				
58,850 Boston Scientific Corp.		2,270,663		2,499,948
21,540 Neurocrine Biosciences Inc		1,985,979 1,872,676		1,834,562 3,025,394
6,025 Unitedhealth Group Inc 10,725 Zoetis Inc		781,587		2,617,22
Total Healthcare	7.96%	6,910,905		9,977,120
Industrials				
12,050 United Parcel Service Inc		2,458,569		2,582,79
Total Industrials	2.06%	2,458,569		2,582,797

# Schedule of Investments (Continued) DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund (Continued) December 31, 2021

Number	of
Charas	

Shares		Cost	Fair Value
Information Technology			
10,150 Adobe Systems Inc	\$	1,713,578	\$ 5,755,659
4,525 Alphabet Inc		4,728,364	13,109,106
11,700 Auto Data Processing Inc.		1,798,129	2,884,986
28,225 Facebook Inc		4,587,690	9,493,479
19,900 Fiserv Inc		2,174,224	2,065,421
12,200 Fleetcor Technologies Inc		3,124,222	2,730,848
18,750 Global Payments Inc		3,043,445	2,534,625
7,750 Intuit Inc		1,776,451	4,984,955
5,225 Mastercard Inc		1,807,747	1,877,447
45,900 Microsoft Corporation		3,877,352	15,437,084
16,025 Nvidia Corp		2,240,681	4,713,113
32,225 Paypal Holdings Inc		3,415,230	6,076,991
23,725 Visa Inc Cl A		2,242,661	5,141,445
Total Information Technology	61.29%	36,529,774	76,805,159
Total Common Stock	96.02%	70,181,196	120,330,562
<u>Foreign Stock</u>			
Material			
8,250 Linde Plc		2,591,600	2,858,048
Total Material	2.28%	2,591,600	2,858,048
Total Foreign Stock	2.28%	2,591,600	2,858,048
Common Trust Fund			
Fixed Income			
396,711 HB&T Short Term Income Fund		396,711	396,711
Total Fixed Income	0.32%	396,711	396,711
Total Common Trust Fund	0.32%	396,711	396,711
Total Investments	100.00% \$	74,900,739	\$ 125,316,553

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

	DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund
Income	
Interest	\$ 45
Dividends	408,342
Total income	408,387
Expenses	
Investment management and administrative	91,577
Audit	5,000
Custody	33,791
Other	706
Class R1 expenses	536,792
Total expenses before reimbursement of fees	667,866
Reimbursement of fees	(42,280)
Net expenses	625,586
Net Investment Loss	(217,199)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	
Net realized gains	20,810,251
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	2,185,940
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	22,996,191
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	\$ 22,778,992

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

	DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund
Operations	
Net investment loss	\$ (217,199)
Net realized gains	20,810,251
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	2,185,940
Net increase in net assets from operations	22,778,992
Net Decrease in Net Assets From Participant Transactions	(4,701,457)
Increase in Net Assets	18,077,535
Net Assets	
Beginning of year	107,118,656
End of year	\$ 125,196,191

# 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 are included in this report.

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

#### Use of Estimates

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

#### Investment Valuation

All investments in securities are recorded at their estimated fair value. Transfers in and out of Level 1 (quoted market prices), Level 2 (significant other observable inputs) and Level 3 (significant unobservable inputs) are recognized on the period ending date.

#### **Investment Transactions**

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

#### Investment Income and Distribution of Income

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

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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 DSM Capital Partners, LLC.

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

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

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

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

Investment								
Fund	Administrative Fees	Advisory Fees	Custody Fees	Total Fees				
DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund:								
Class R1	0.08%	0.45%	0.03%	0.56%				
Class R2	0.08%	0.55%	0.03%	0.66%				
Class R3	0.08%	0.45%	0.03%	0.56%				

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021

#### Note 3: Financial Highlights

	DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund					
	CI	Class R1		Class R2		ass R3
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$	23.55	\$	23.94	\$	23.94
Net investment income (loss)		(0.05)		0.06		0.06
Net realized and unrealized gains		5.16		5.25		5.25
Net increase from investment operations		5.11		5.31		5.31
Net asset value, end of year	\$	28.66	\$	29.25	\$	29.25
Total return		21.70%		22.18%		22.18%
Ratio to average net assets:						
Net investment income (loss)		(0.18%)		0.23 %		0.23 %
Expenses without reimbursements		0.56 %		0.11 %		0.11 %
Expenses with reimbursements		0.52 %		0.11 %		0.11 %

#### Note 4: Participant Unit Transactions

	DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund				
	Units		Dollars		
Class R1:					
Proceeds from sales of units	300,184	\$	8,053,485		
Cost of units redeemed	(480,003)		(12,754,942)		
Net change in Class R1 from participant transactions	(179,819)		(4,701,457)		
Net decrease in total net assets from participant transactions		\$	(4,701,457)		

#### 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, as shown below.

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

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)	
DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund								_
Short Term Investment	\$	1,731,232	\$	1,731,232	\$	-	\$	-
Common Stock		120,330,562		120,330,562		-		-
Foreign Stock		2,858,048		2,858,048		-		-
Common Trust Fund - Fixed Income (A)		396,711						
Total	\$	125,316,553						

<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 amount included above is intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amount presented in the statement of assets and liabilities.

#### Note 6: Risk Factors

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.



# Schedule of Investment Purchases and Sales – Selected Fund DSM US Large Cap Growth Fund Year Ended December 31, 2021

#### **Purchases**

Investment Class	Cost
Common Stock Foreign Stock Common Trust Fund - Fixed Income	\$ 33,614,232 3,079,976 9,770,297
Total Investments Purchased	\$ 46,464,505

#### Sales

Investment Class	Proceeds		Cost		Gains	
Common Stock Foreign Stock Common Trust Fund - Fixed Income	\$	31,300,381 11,860,587 9,709,200	\$	15,410,983 6,939,734 9,709,200	\$	15,889,398 4,920,853
Total Investments Sold	_\$_	52,870,168	\$	32,059,917	\$	20,810,251