# **Group Future Cash**

## **December 31, 2024** Quarterly Portfolio Statement



#### **Investment Objective**

To provide a high level of interest income while limiting the downside risk to capital. Group Future Cash is a taxdeductible deferred annuity plan that offers a cost-effective way for companies to provide retirement benefits to their employees.

#### Growth of \$10,000



2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Note: Based on investment returns from Dec 31, 2014 to Dec 31, 2024

#### **Fund Performance**

Simple F	Returns	Average Annualised Returns			
1 ye	ear	3 year	5 year	10 year	From Inception
2.72	2%	2.52%	2.25%	2.17%	6.31%

Note: As of Dec 31, 2024

#### **Top 10 Holdings**

Description	Coupon	Maturity Date	% of NAV
Gov. of Trinidad and Tobago	6.450	07/28/2041	17.13%
Cash	n/a	n/a	6.18%
Gov. of Trinidad and Tobago	5.500	11/26/2034	4.68%
UDeCOTT	5.000	11/16/2028	4.33%
Gov. of Trinidad and Tobago	6.750	09/05/2043	3.49%
Gov. of Trinidad and Tobago	6.490	09/23/2041	3.44%
Gov. of Trinidad and Tobago	6.120	05/26/2038	3.42%
COI in Gov. of Trinidad and Tobag	0 -	09/20/2028	3.38%
Gov. of Trinidad and Tobago	4.800	01/22/2036	2.80%
COI in Gov. of Trinidad and Tobag	0 -	11/22/2031	2.60%

Note: A COI, or Certificate of Interest, is a discount security that does not pay a coupon.

#### **Risk Level**

	Low to		Medium to	
Low	Medium	Medium	High	High

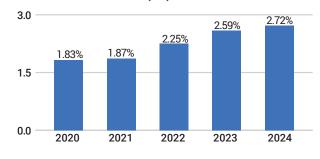
Note: For specific details on the risk of the Fund, please review the Prospectus.

### **Fund Details**

Inception Date:	
Total Net Asset Value (NAV):	
Management Expense Ratio:	

July 21, 1995 TT\$ 86.35 million 2.10% (as of Dec 31, 2016)

#### Calendar Returns (%)

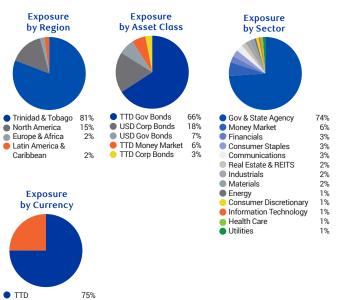


#### **Fixed Income Metrics**

Weighted Average Life	10.15
Weighted Average Duration	6.68
Weighted Average Yield	5.42%
Average Credit Rating	BBB



USD



Note: The portfolio only holds long positions.

25%

#### Market Update

Indicators monitored by the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago suggest a contraction in energy production in the second quarter of 2024, alongside buoyant non-energy output. Energy sector output incurred major declines on account of shortfalls in upstream production. Preliminary data from the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries shows that for the period July to August 2024, there was a partial improvement from the second quarter's performance. Crude oil production declined while natural gas output increased. In the Petrochemicals sector, production of liquified natural gas (LNG) decreased while natural gas liquids (NGLs) production increased. In the downstream sector, improved output was observed for ammonia and methanol while the production of urea declined. On the other hand, the resilience in non-energy production was driven by the trade, transportation and storage and construction sub-sectors. Labour market conditions tightened somewhat in the second quarter of 2024, resulting in an unemployment rate of 4.8% compared to 3.7% recorded in the same quarter of 2023. Headline inflation, measured by CSO's Consumer Price index, ticked up to 0.5% (y-o-y) in December 2024. This increase reflected higher food inflation (3.5%). Considering these factors, the December 2024 Monetary Policy Announcement saw the repo rate maintained at 3.5%.

The United States saw notable domestic and foreign policy shifts following the re-election of Donald Trump. Key priorities for the new administration include tariff and immigration policies, tax cuts, deregulation and a roll back of former President Biden's environmental regulations. Notably, trade tensions have increased globally as President Trump has maintained a firm stance on tariffs and implemented substantial duties on imports, particularly from China. On the monetary side, in December 2024, the US Federal Reserve (the Fed) lowered its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points, following consecutive rate cuts at its last two meetings. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labour Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3% on a seasonally adjusted basis in November, after rising 0.2% in each of the previous 4 months. According to the Summary of Economic Projections by the Fed, Core and Headline inflation are projected to be 2.5% in 2025, trending up from the prior quarter's projections of 2.2% and 2.1%, respectively, driven in part by the potential policy shifts. The Fed is now penciling in only two rate cuts in 2025, down from the four it had previously forecasted.



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