

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Sage Cash Balance Moderate Strategy will seek to earn, on an annual basis, a return ranging between 4%-6%, while limiting volatility and downside risk. The Strategy will invest in the fixed-income, equity, and alternative market segments. A target asset allocation will be set at the beginning of each calendar year. ETF allocation changes will be made throughout the year based on changing economic and market conditions. As the Strategy makes progress towards the annual return target, the risk profile of the Strategy will likely be reduced.

## **ABOUT SAGE**

Sage is an independent investment management firm that serves the institutional and private client marketplace with fixed income asset management, liability-driven solutions and global asset allocation ETF strategies. Based in Austin, TX, Sage is a client focused organization committed to providing comprehensive institutional-based investment services.

### **ABOUT THE FUND**

The Sage Fund is a collective investment fund ("CIF") created by the Hand Composite Employee Benefit Trust and sponsored by Hand Benefits & Trust Company, a BPAS company, a BPAS company, that invests in the strategies of Sage Advisory Services, Ltd. Co. which serves as the sub-advisory to the CIF.

This CIF is available for investment by eligible qualified retirement plan trusts only and has been created specifically for cash balance pension plans and other employer-sponsored retirement plan investors.

# **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

This fund is designed as an investment vehicle for cash balance pension plans as promulgated under ERISA.

- Based upon fundamental analysis of international capital markets and macro economic cycles
- Utilizes quantitative analysis techniques for portfolio construction and security valuation
- Directed towards achieving the Interest Crediting Rate and consistent risk-adjusted toal returns.

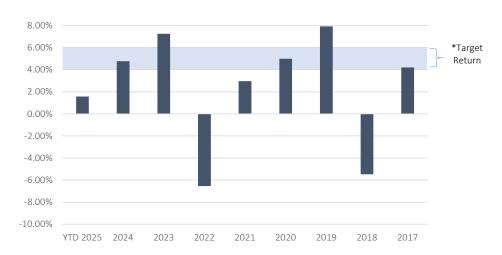
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### PROGRESS TO ANNUAL RETURN GOAL



<sup>\*</sup>The Target Return is an estimate of the annual return of the Fund; however, the Target Return is not a guarantee of future performance. It is possible for the return of the Strategy to differ significantly from the Target Return over varying time periods. Inception Date was December 30, 2016. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

|                                   | QTD   | YTD   | 1 Yr  | 3 Yr  | 5 Yr  | Since<br>Inception |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| Cash Balance<br>Moderate Strategy | 1.57% | 1.57% | 4.97% | 3.12% | 4.82% | 2.50%              |
| 15/85 Global<br>Benchmark*        | 3.25% | 3.25% | 5.39% | 1.25% | 1.37% | 2.56%              |

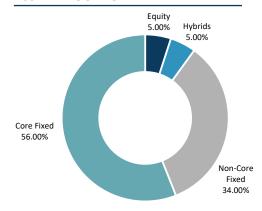
<sup>\*15/85</sup> Global Benchmark (15% MSCI ACWI High Dividend Yield/85% Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Market Index) Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. See Disclosures on the back page.

# 3 YEAR RISK/REWARD STATISTICAL ANALYSIS - NET OF FEES

|                     | Cash Balance<br>Moderate Fund |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Standard Deviation  | 6.26                          |
| Sharpe Ratio        | -0.16                         |
| Share Class         | R1                            |
| CUSIP               | 41026E301                     |
| Inception Date      | December 30, 2016             |
| Total Expense Ratio | 0.52%                         |

Total Expense Ratio: The effect of the Total Expense Ratio per \$1,000 investment for the Sage Cash Balance Moderate Fund is \$5.20 per year. The expense ratio does not include service fees payable to the plan's service providers. The expense ratio includes the underlying ETF expenses.

## **ASSET ALLOCATION\*\***



\*Information is supplemental to the GIPS presentation available upon request. The characteristics are representative of Sage Cash Balance Moderate Strategy.

Core Fixed Income may include cash and cash equivalents.

PRINCIPAL RISKS March 31, 2025

Any of the principal risks summarized below may adversely affect the Fund's net asset value, performance and ability to meet its investment objective.

Suitability: Investors are expected to select investments whose investment strategies are consistent with their financial goals and risk tolerance.

Active Management: The investment is actively managed and subject to the risk that the advisor's usage of investment techniques and risk analyses to make investment decisions fails to perform as expected, which may cause the portfolio to lose value or underperform investments with similar objectives and strategies or the market in general.

ETF: Investments in exchange-traded funds generally reflect the risks of owning the underlying securities they are designed to track, although they may be subject to greater liquidity risk and higher costs than owning the underlying securities directly because of their management fees. Shares of ETFs are subject to market trading risk, potentially trading at a premium or discount to net asset value. Underlying Fund/Fund of Funds: A portfolio's risks are closely associated with the risks of the securities and other investments held by the underlying or subsidiary funds, and the ability of the portfolio to meet its investment objective likewise depends on the ability of the underlying funds to meet their objectives. Investment in other funds may subject the portfolio to higher costs than owning the underlying securities directly because of their management fees.

New Fund: Investments with a limited history of operations may be subject to the risk that they do not grow to an economically viable size in order to continue operations.

ETN: Investments in exchange traded notes may be subject to the risk that their value is reduced because of poor performance of the underlying index or a downgrade in the issuer's credit rating, potentially resulting in default. The value of these securities may also be impacted by time to maturity, level of supply and demand, and volatility and lack of liquidity in underlying markets, among other factors. The portfolio bears its proportionate share of fees and expenses associated with investment in ETNs, and its decision to sell these holdings may be limited by the availability of a secondary market.

Fixed-Income Securities: The value of fixed income or debt securities may be susceptible to general movements in the bond market and are subject to interest rate and credit risk.

Interest Rate: Most securities are subject to the risk that changes in interest rates will reduce their market value.

Investment Grade Securities: Investments in investment grade debt securities that are not rated in the highest rating categories may lack the capacity to pay principal and interest compared with higher rated securities and may be subject to increased credit risk.

Maturity/Duration: Securities with longer maturities or durations typically have higher yields but may be subject to increased interest rate risk and price volatility compared with securities with shorter maturities, which have lower yields but greater price stability.

Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities: Investments in mortgage backed and asset backed securities may be subject to increased price volatility because of changes in interest rates, issuer information availability, credit quality of the underlying assets, market perception of the issuer, availability of credit enhancement, and prepayment of principal. The value of ABS and MBS may be adversely affected if the underlying borrower fails to pay the loan included in the security.

**U.S. Government Obligations:** Investments in U.S. government obligations are subject to varying levels of government support. In the event of default, some U.S. government securities, including U.S. Treasury obligations and Ginnie Mae securities, are issued and guaranteed as to principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. Other securities are obligations of U.S. government sponsored entities but are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. government.

### SAGE CASH BALANCE MODERATE FUND STRATEGY MANAGEMENT DISCLOSURES

CIF Disclosure: The CIF is not a mutual fund. Its shares are not deposits of Hand Benefits & Trust Company, a BPAS company, or Sage Advisory Services, Ltd. Co., and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other agency. The CIF is a security which has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and is exempt from investment company registration under the Investment Act of 1940. Performance data quoted represents past performance of Sage Advisory Services Ltd. Co. and is back-tested. The performance quoted here does not guarantee future results. As market conditions fluctuate, the investment return and principal value of any investment will change. Diversification may not protect against market risk. There are risks involved with investing, including possible loss of principal. Before investing in any investment portfolio, the client and the financial professional should carefully consider client investment objectives, time horizon, risk tolerance, and fees.

CIF Performance: The CIF investment strategy (the "Strategy") seeks to earn an Annual Return Target (the "Target Return") of 4%-6%. The CIF seeks to earn this Target Return each calendar year. The Target Return is an estimate of the annual return of the Strategy, however, the Target Return is not a guarantee of future performance. It is possible for the return of the Strategy to differ significantly from the Target Return over varying time periods. The Strategy is designed to invest primarily in Investment Grade Fixed Income Securities, including U.S. Treasury debt, U.S. Agency debt, Investment Grade Credit, Mortgage and Asset Backed debt, Foreign debt obligations, fixed income ETFs and ETNs, equity ETFs and ETNs, and commodity ETFs and ETNs.

CIF Benchmark: Sage has reviewed the relevant universe of indices and has determined that, due to the nature of the strategy, no market benchmark, or blend of market benchmarks, resembles the Composite. The strategy will seek to earn, on an annual basis, a return ranging between 4%-6%. The Target Return is an estimate of the annual return of the Strategy; however, the Target Return is not a guarantee of future performance. It is possible for the return of the Strategy to differ significantly from the Target Return over varying time periods. Additional benchmarks are provided for comparison. The MSCI All Country World Index (MSCI ACWI) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Market lndex is an unmanaged index. The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Market covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market including government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities and asset-backed securities.

Statistical Definitions: Standard Deviation: a gauge of risk that measures the degree of dispersion of a portfolio's returns relative to its mean; Sharpe Ratio: a gauge of excess return of a portfolio above the risk free (90-day T Bills) divided by the portfolio's standard deviation; Turnover Ratio: a measure of the fund's trading activity, which is computed by taking the lesser of purchases or sales (excluding all securities with maturities of less than one year) and dividing by average monthly net assets.

# RELATED PERFORMANCE OF SAGE COMPARABLE FUND STRATEGY

Unless specifically indicated as being for a CIF, the performance and portfolio information provided in this material is for the Sage Cash Balance Moderate Composite, a separately managed accounts strategy advised by Sage. Sage, in managing the Composite, uses a tactical approach substantially similar to the Fund's strategy by investing primarily in fixed income securities and ETFs, focusing on an interest crediting rate, and derisking along a glidepath.

This information must be read in conjunction with the Important Performance Information and Notes to Composite Information below.

# **ANNUAL RETURNS RELATED PERFORMANCE TO SAGE\*\***

|                                | QTD   | YTD   | 1 Yr  | 3 Yr  | 5 Yr  | Since Inception |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| Cash Balance Moderate Strategy | 1.57% | 1.57% | 5.19% | 3.17% | 4.78% | 2.36%           |

<sup>\*</sup>Composite Inception Date: June 30, 2015.

\*\*Important Performance Information: Unless specifically indicated as being for the Fund, all performance information, related statistics, and portfolio information shown represents the Sage Cash Balance Moderate Composite ("Composite"), a separately managed account strategy advised by Sage that pursues a substantially similar strategy to that which the Fund will pursue. The Fund is a private collective trust fund that is not registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act. The related performance of the Composite shown is presented on a total return basis, net of applicable management fees and trading costs, but not custodial fees. The performance quoted here does not guarantee future results. This information should not be relied upon, and does not represent, and is not indicative of the Fund's actual or future performance or portfolio or the results that may be achieved by an investor in the Fund. Before investing in any investment portfolio, the client and financial professional should carefully consider the client's investment objectives, time horizon, risk tolerance, and concerns about fees. Composite information is provided solely for illustrative and discussion purposes. The terms (including management fee and expenses) and portfolio of the Fund will vary from the Composite. Nothing herein should be construed as an offer to or solicitation to invest in the Composite. See Notes to Composite Information. Notes to Composite Information: Unless specifically indicated as being for the Fund, performance information, portfolio information, and statistical comparisons shown herein reflect the performance history and portfolios of the Composite. Such Composite information should not be relied upon and does not represent, and is not indicative of, the Fund's actual or future performance or portfolio or the results that may be achieved by an investor in the Fund. The Composite is a separately-managed account strategy and the Fund is a private collective trust fund that will not be registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act. The performance for the Composite shown is presented on a total return basis, and is net of applicable management fees and trading costs, but not custodial fees. Fees and expenses of the Composite differ from fees and expenses of the Fund. Net returns of the Composite returns are net of all trading expenses and are calculated by deducting 1/12th of the model management fee on a monthly basis from the monthly gross composite return. The model fee is 0.40%. The fee schedule for the Composite is as follows: 0.40% for the first \$3 million; 0.35% for the next \$7 million; and 0.30% for the balance over \$10 million. Actual fees may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fee schedule and portfolio size. Please see Sage's Form ADV Part 2A for a full disclosure of Sage's fee schedules. The Fund is subject to a 0.25% annual management fee and custodial and administrative fees. Please refer to the Fund's Offering Documents for important information and risk disclosures, including information regarding the Fund's fees, charges and expenses, which will offset the Fund's gains. A decision to invest in the Funds should not be based on the returns or portfolio information of the Composite. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Composite performance results may be considered hypothetical even though based on the actual trading of Sage utilizing a tactical, ETF-based portfolio approach because the performance of the Composite does not reflect the actual management of the Funds. An investment in the Composite and an investment in the Fund will not be identical and the portfolios of the Composite and the Fund will differ. Related performance such as the Composite results have inherent limitations, some of which are described herein. One limitation is that they do not reflect the Fund's actual management and therefore do not reflect the impact that economic and market factors, including concentration, lack of liquidity or market disruptions, may have on investment decisions for the Fund. In fact, there may be sharp differences between the Composite results and the actual results that the Fund may achieve. There also may be a material difference between the Fund's assets at any time and those managed in the Composite. This difference may have an impact on the management of the Fund. For each Fund, no representation is made that the Fund's performance, assets or portfolio would have been the same as the relative Composite had the Fund been in existence during such time. To the extent there are any material differences between Sage's management of each Fund and the management of the corresponding Composite, Sage's performance results will no longer be as representative and their illustration value will decrease substantially. For additional information on Sage and its investment management services, please view our web site at www.sageadvisory.com, or refer to our Form ADV and GIPS Presentation, which are available upon request.