# Matrix Trust Company Collective Investment Funds For Employee Benefit Plans Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund

Financial Statements as of and for the Period from January 31, 2022 (commencement of operations) to May 31, 2022, and Independent Auditor's Report

### MATRIX TRUST COMPANY COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

### **Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund**

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trust Committee of Matrix Trust Company Collective Investment Funds for Employee Benefit Plans

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund, one of the funds of Matrix Trust Company Collective Investment Funds for Employee Benefit Plans (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial condition, including the schedule of investments, as of May 31, 2022, and the related statement of operations, changes in participants' interest, and the financial highlights for the period from January 31, 2022 (commencement of operations) through May 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of May 31, 2022, and the results of its operations, changes in its net assets, and financial highlights for the period from January 31, 2022 (commencement of operations) through May 31, 2022 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 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 these 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 Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are 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 the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 including 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 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 my management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern 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.

August 26, 2022

Deloitte & Journe LLP

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF MAY 31, 2022

	Donaldson Risir	ng Dividend Cornerstone Fund
ASSETS	_	
Investments at fair value (1)	\$	14,427,853
Cash		6,619,151
Dividend receivable		29,949
Receivable for capital shares purchased		200,837
TOTAL ASSETS		21,277,790
LIABILITIES AND PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST		
LIABILITIES		
Trustee fee payable Class I		1,099
Audit Fee		1,544
Payable for capital shares redeemed		27
Payable for securities purchased		1,486,780
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,489,450
PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST		
Participants' interest Class I		19,788,340
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST		19,788,340
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST	\$	21,277,790
(1) Cost See notes to financial statements.	\$	14,669,653

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

AS OF MAY 31, 2022

	Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund			
	Fair Value as a			
	% of			
	Participants'			
	interest	Shares	Cost	Fair Value
STOCK				
U.S. stock		4.224	624 272	627.220
AbbVie Inc.		4,324	621,373	637,228
Accenture PLC		1,642	546,629	490,071
Aflac Inc.		10,372	641,490	628,232
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.		2,209	580,423	543,767
Apple Inc.		3,705	619,362	551,452
BlackRock, Inc.		607	464,179	406,132
Broadcom Inc.		1,231	722,151	714,140
Chevron Corporation		1,912	291,416	333,950
Costco Wholesale Corporation		1,098	573,452	511,910
Cummins Inc.		1,727	365,062	361,150
Exxon Mobile Corporation		3,776	326,803	362,496
Home Depot Inc		1,696	558,068	513,464
Johnson & Johnson		3,225	566,636	578,984
JPMorgan Chase & Co		2,653	371,873	350,806
Lockheed Martin Corporation		846	357,472	372,333
Medtronic PLC		5,766	598,431	577,465
Merck & Co., Inc.		7,912	688,496	728,141
Microsoft Corporation		1,674	491,549	455,110
NextEra Energy Inc		7,848	598,411	594,015
Northrop Grumman Corporation		860	361,273	402,454
Paychex, Inc.		4,453	544,132	551,415
Pfizer Inc.		10,078	526,299	534,537
Procter & Gamble Co		3,137	488,496	463,900
Raytheon Technologies Corp		4,149	391,934	394,653
T Rowe Price Group Inc		2,481	358,479	315,310
Texas Instruments Incorporated		2,512	444,629	444,021
The Allstate Corporation		4,481	618,557	612,508
Union Pacific Corporation		2,008	478,512	441,318
Valero Energy Corporation		4,297	464,066	556,891
Total U.S. stock <sup>(1)</sup>	72.9%		14,659,653	14,427,853
TOTAL INVESTMENTS <sup>(1)</sup>	72.9%		\$14,659,653	\$14,427,853
See notes to financial statements				

<sup>(1)</sup> Percentages of participants' interest may not recompute as percentages are rounded

### **STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

### FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 31, 2022<sup>(a)</sup> THROUGH MAY 31, 2022

	Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund	
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividends	\$	77,561
Total investment income		77,561
EXPENSES		
Audit Fee		1,544
Trustee fees Class I		3,089
Total Expenses		4,633
NET INVESTMENT INCOME		72,928
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS ON INVESTMENTS		
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold		(28,674)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		(231,796)
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments		(260,470)
NET INCREASE(DECREASE) IN PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$	(187,542)
(a) Commencement of operations.		

See notes to financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 31, 2022<sup>(a)</sup> THROUGH MAY 31, 2022

See notes to financial statements.

	Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund	
	Units	Amount
PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST- January 31, 2022 (a)	- \$	-
From operations		
Net investment income		72,928
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold		(28,674)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on inve	stments	(231,796)
Net increase/(decrease) in participants' interest resulting fro	m operations	(187,542)
From participating Unit transactions:		
Issuance of units - Share Class I	2,087,475	20,275,870
Redemption of units - Share Class I	(29,963)	(299,988)
Net increase/(decrease) from participating unit		_
transactions	2,057,512	19,975,882
PARTICIPANTS' INTEREST- May 31, 2022	2,057,512 \$	19,788,340
<sup>(a)</sup> Commencement of operations.		1

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 31, 2022 <sup>(d)</sup> TO MAY 31, 2022

	Donaldson Risi	ng Dividend Cornerstone Fund
SELECTED PER UNIT DATA:		
Unit value beginning of period	\$	10.00
Income from investment operations (b)		
Net investment income <sup>(a)</sup>		0.08
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments		(0.46)
Total from investment operations		(0.38)
Unit value end of period	\$	9.62
Total return <sup>(b)</sup>		-3.80%
RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:		
Participants' interest, end of period	\$	19,788,340
Ratio of net investment income to average participants' interest <sup>(c)</sup>		2.30%
Ratio of expenses to average participants' interest $^{(c)}$		0.15%
(a) Net investment income per unit was calculated using the average	shares method.	
(b) Due to timing of participant unit transactions, the per unit amou		
may not agree with the change in aggregate gains and losses as pro		
<sup>(c)</sup> Annualized		
(d) Fund commenced operations on January 31, 2022		
See notes to financial statements.		

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 31, 2022 (COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS) TO MAY 31, 2022

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

The Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund (the Fund) is a collective investment fund established under the Declaration of Trust establishing the Matrix Trust Company Collective Investment Funds for Employee Benefit Plans (Declaration of Trust) to provide for the collective investment and reinvestment of assets of qualified employer sponsored retirement plans. Matrix Trust Company (referred to herein as the Trustee) serves as the trustee, custodian, transfer agent, and record-keeper for the Fund. While the Trustee maintains all management authority, Donaldson Capital Management, LLC (referred to herein as the Sub-Advisor) provides investment sub-advisory services for the Fund. The Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund commenced operations on January 31, 2022.

The following describes the Fund and its investment objective, as set forth in the Declaration of Trust:

**Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund**— The Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund is a diversified portfolio of companies with market capitalizations of greater than \$10 billion. The Fund seeks to generate income and long-term capital appreciation by investing in companies that have consistently paid and increased their dividend over time. The fund will invest exclusively in equities with up to a 3% allocation to cash or cash equivalents for liquidity purposes.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of the financial statements.

**Principles of Accounting**—The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), as established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), to ensure consistent reporting of financial condition and results of operations. The Fund meets the definition of an investment company and therefore follows the investment company guidance in FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 946.

**Use of Estimates**—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Fund's Trustee to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported results of operations during the reporting period. Estimates include determination of fair value of investments. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents—The Fund considers all highly liquid instruments with original maturities of three months or less at the acquisition date to be cash equivalents. Cash balances of the Fund pending investment or disbursement may be placed overnight into a deposit account provided by an affiliate of the Trustee. The balance held on behalf of a Fund in the deposit account may be in excess of federally insured limits; however, management of the Fund does not believe the Fund is exposed to any significant credit risk. Cash balances of the Funds that are held in a TD Ameritrade FDIC Insured Deposit Account (IDA) are eligible for Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance, and accrue interest daily based on rates established by the banks based on prevailing market and business conditions.

Investment Valuation—The Fund record investments at fair value. 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. The Fund utilizes valuation techniques to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value are categorized within the fair value hierarchy based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

*Level 1*—Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date. The Fund does not adjust the quoted price for these investments, even in situations where the Funds hold a large position and a sale could reasonably impact the quoted price.

*Level 2*—Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. A significant adjustment to a Level 2 input could result in the Level 2 measurement becoming a Level 3 measurement.

*Level 3*—Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs into the determination of fair value are based upon the best information in the circumstances and may require significant management judgment or estimation.

As of May 31, 2022, 100% of the Fund's investments are valued using Level 1 inputs.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Fund's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and takes into consideration factors specific to the investment. The inputs or methodology used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those investments.

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Fund's major categories of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis follows:

**Short Term Money Market Funds and Equities**— Short Term Money Market Funds and Equities are measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 1 inputs based on quoted prices for identical assets in active markets as of the measurement date.

*Investment Transactions and Dividends*—Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains and losses on investment transactions are determined on the average lot cost method and are included as net realized gain or loss on investments in the accompanying statements of operations. The difference between the cost and the fair value of open investments is reflected as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments, and any change in that amount from the prior period is reflected in the accompanying statements of operations. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date.

*Federal Income Taxes*— The Fund is established hereunder is intended to qualify as a group trust under Revenue Ruling 81-100, 1981-1 C.B. 326, issued by the Internal Revenue Service, as clarified and modified by Revenue Ruling 2004-67, 2004-2 C.B. 28, Revenue Ruling 2011-01, 2011-2 I.R.B. 251. As a result, the Fund is exempt from federal income taxes under provisions of section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code

The FASB provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, disclosed and presented in the financial statements. This requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax return to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained "when challenged" or "when examined" by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense and liability in the current year. As of May 31, 2022, and for the period then ended, management has determined that there are no material uncertain tax positions. The Fund files income tax returns in U.S. federal jurisdiction. The current tax year generally remain subject to examination by U.S. federal tax authorities.

Participant Transactions—The unit value of the Fund is determined at the close of each business day that the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. Units may be issued and redeemed on any business day at the daily unit value. All earnings, gains, and losses of the Fund are reflected in the computation of the daily unit value and are realized by the participants upon redemption from the Fund. Net investment income and net realized gains are reinvested, and thus, there are no distributions of net investment income or net realized gains to participants.

### 3. PURCHASES, SALES, AND REALIZED GAIN (LOSSES) OF UNDERLYING INVESTMENTS

For the period January 31, 2022 ending May 31, 2022 the aggregate cost of purchases, proceeds from sales and realized gains (losses) of underlying investments were:

	Cost Of Purchases	Proceeds From Sales	Net Realized Gain (Loss) On Investments
Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund			
U. S. Stock	\$16,085,902	\$1,397,577	(\$28,674)
Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund Total	\$16,085,902	\$1,397,577	(\$28,674)

#### 4. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated all events and transactions that occurred after May 31, 2022, through August 26, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### 5. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND FEES

The cash component for the Fund is held in a bank depository account maintained by the Trustee for retirement account customers.

In the event the audit fees to exceed .05 percent of average participants' interest annually, the Sub-Advisor will assume such excess audit fees. For the period January 31, 2022 ending May 31, 2022, the Fund and Sub-Advisor assumed the below audit fees, which represent the total audit fees charged to the Fund for that period:

	Paid by	Assumed by	<b>Total Audit</b>
	Fund	Sub-Advisor	Fee Expense
Donaldson Rising Dividend Cornerstone Fund	\$1,544	\$4,049	\$5,593

The Trustee charges the Fund a fee in accordance with a tiered fee schedule (below) based on total assets held by external participants. For the period January 31, 2022 through May 31, 2022, the fee was .10 percent per annum as total assets.

This fee accrues on a daily basis and is payable monthly in arrears.

Net CIF Assets	Fee
\$0 - \$100,000,000	0.10%
\$100,000,001 - \$200,000,000	0.08%
\$200,000,001 – and above	0.06%

#### 6. COVID-19

The outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID-19", has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused material disruption to businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. Global financial markets have experienced significant volatility. Governments and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of the government and central bank interventions. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Fund in future periods.

### 7. RISKS AND INDEMNIFICATIONS

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties that provide indemnifications under certain circumstances. The Funds' maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that has not yet occurred. The Fund expects the risk of future obligation under these indemnifications to be remote.

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