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Audited Full Year Report

For the period ended December 31, 2017.



This report shall not constitute an invitation to buy shares of the Fund. Subscriptions are to be made only on the basis of the current scheme particulars, accompanied by a copy of the latest available annual report, and if published thereafter, the most recent report.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the members of CDH Balanced Fund Limited will be held at **UDS Guest House, near the Police Headquarters, Ridge, Accra - Ghana** on **(Thursday, September 20, 2018)**- at **10 a.m** for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Directors' report
2. To receive and adopt the audited statement of accounts for the financial year ended December 31, 2017 and the Auditors' report.
3. To receive the Fund Manager's report
4. To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors
5. To elect new Directors

Dated this (29th day of May, 2018).

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Kind regards,
CDH Balanced Fund Ltd.

Love **MENSAH**
Board Secretary



CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT TO SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Valued Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fund, the Fund Manager – CDH Asset Management Ltd, and the CDH Group, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the CDH Balanced Fund. I will be using this occasion to highlight the performance of the Fund in 2017 and our prospects for the future.

The first part of my report focuses on the economy of Ghana, the performance of the Ghana Stock Exchange in 2017, and our expectations of the economy in 2018.

The second segment of my report details the major performance indicators of the CDH Balanced Fund in 2017 and the growth expectations of the Fund in 2018, and beyond.

2017 Economic Developments Headline Inflation

Headline inflation continued on a downward trend, declining from 15.4% in December 2016 to 11.8% as at the close of the year, 2017. This was attributed to a tight monetary policy stance by the Bank of Ghana to steer inflation towards the medium term target band of 8 ± 2 percent and relative stability of the exchange rates of the local currency. The inflation outlook for 2018 is expected to continue to adjust downwards on the basis of government policy, fiscal consolidation, tight monetary policy and a more stable Ghanaian Cedi.

Interest Rates

In line with the Monetary Policy Committee's focus on reducing inflationary pressures and stabilizing the Cedi, the Bank of Ghana lowered its policy rate by 550 basis points from 25.5% in December 2016 to 20.0% in December 2017.

The interest rate on the 91-day Treasury bill for December 2017 was 13.33% (16.81% in December, 2016), and the 182-day bill was quoted at 13.78% (18.50% in December, 2016). The rates on the one-year and two-year fixed notes also declined sharply to 15.00 % (21.50% at the end of December 2016) and 17.50% (22.50% at the end of December 2016) respectively.

Performance of the Ghana cedi

For the year 2017, the Cedi depreciated on the interbank market against most of the other trading currencies. By the close of December 2017, it had depreciated by 12.91%, 4.88% and 16.232% against the Pound Sterling, US dollar and the Euro respectively. The currently improving foreign investor confidence in the economy as well as improvement in the balance of payment is expected to support a more stable foreign exchange market in 2018.

The Ghana Stock Exchange

The Ghana Stock Exchange Composite Index ended the year on a good note, posting a return of 52.73%, at 2,579.72 points. The GSE Financial Stocks Index (GSE-FSI) also gained 765.17 points to record a return of 49.51%, at 2,310.58 points. Market Capitalization increased by GH¢6.11 billion, from GH¢52.69 billion in 2016 to GH¢58.80 billion.

Table 1: Ghana Stock Exchange Statistics for 2017

Indicators	Level (Dec 31 2017)	% YTD Change
GSE Composite Index	2,579.72	52.73%
GSE Financial Stocks Index	2,310.58	49.51%
Volume Traded	322,725,768	27.64%
Value Traded (GH¢)	518,381,473.32	114.11%
Market Capitalisation (millions)	GH¢ 58,803.96	11.48%

Top 5 Gainers for 2017

Benso Oil Palm Plantation	194.23%
Ghana Oil Company Limited	144.55%
Standard Chartered Bank Gh. Ltd.	107.31%
Total Petroleum Ghana Limited	78.28%

Top Losers for 2017

Mechanical Llyod Co. Ltd	-60.00%
Tullow Oil Plc	-36.20%
SIC Insurance Co. Ltd	-16.67%
Ayrton Drug Manufacturing Ltd	-16.67%
PZ Cussons Ghana Ltd	-09.09%

Outlook for 2018

The 2018 outlook suggests a tight monetary policy stance by the Central Bank, in the light of Government's effort to consolidate gains and enhance macro-economic stability. Government's focus on long-term borrowing rather than short-term borrowing, as well as lowering of the Monetary Policy Rate by the Bank of Ghana, is expected to reduce interest rates and drive private sector investments.

Headline inflation is expected to trend further downwards towards a single digit. The Bank of Ghana's attempt to streamline the banking sector by increasing the minimum capital requirement of Universal Banks from GH¢120m to GH¢400m, by December 2018, is expected to result in some mergers and acquisitions within the financial sector.

Table 2: Selected Economic Indicators

INDICATORS	2017 Projected	2017 Outturn	2018
			2017 Projected
Real GDP Growth (inc. oil)	6.3%	7.9%	6.8%
Real GDP Growth (non-oil)	4.6%	4.8%	5.4%
Agriculture Sector	3.5%	4.3%	4.5%
Industry Sector	11.2%	17.7%	9.4%
Services Sector	5.1%	4.7%	6.2%
Inflation	11.2%	11.8%	8.9%
Fiscal Deficit (% of GDP)	6.5%	6.3%	4.5%
Total Revenue & Grants	GH¢ 45b	GH¢ 41b	GH¢ 51b
Total Expenditure & Arrears	GH¢ 58b	GH¢ 54b	GH¢ 62b

Fund's Performance

The CDH Balanced Fund, for the year 2017, recorded a return of 33.69%, compared with 32.96% in 2016. Funds under management also shot up by 97.53% due to aggressive digital marketing and outreach effort by the Fund Manager.

The Fund has been consistent, on yearly basis, in posting significant returns since its inception in 2015. It continues to outperform the benchmark Treasury Bill and other investment vehicles, as well as delivering yields above the rate of inflation.

Table 3: CDH Balanced Fund Performance				Sep-17	Dec-17
	Dec-16	Mar-17	Jun-17	Sep-16	Dec-16
Funds Under Management	1,877,967.54	2,175,011.32	2,365,032.56	3,036,959.03	3,709,546.10
Total Shares Purchased	12,010,176.34	12,689,406.13	12,925,060.51	15,883,886.95	17,745,267.45
Net Asset Value (Price)	0.1564	0.1714	0.1830	0.1912	0.2090
Returns (YTD)	32.96%	9.62%	17.02%	22.28%	33.69%
1-Month Returns	3.26%	2.33%	3.44%	0.03%	2.17%
3-Month Returns	8.86%	9.62%	7.40%	5.26%	11.41%
6-Months Returns	18.08%	18.48%	17.02%	12.66%	16.67%
1 Year Annualised	32.96%	38.47%	34.04%	29.70%	33.69%

Your Fund in 2018

The strategy of the CDH Balanced Fund for 2018, as outlined by the Board, continues to focus on the growth of the Fund. We will continue to build shareholder value, through an investment portfolio that is structured to ensure financial stability for the medium to long term.

The Fund Manager has stated its readiness to commit to prudent investments that bear moderate risk but deliver good returns. This effort will be supported by dedicated research and brokerage services offered by CDH Securities Ltd, another outstanding member of the CDH Group.

We will continue to abide by our mandate scripture in the Bible; “By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.” Proverbs 24:3-4 (King James Version)

Finally, I would like to thank the other members of the Board for their support in steering the affairs of the Fund in 2017, and I wish them a fruitful 2018.

Thank you fellow shareholders for your continued confidence in the CDH Balanced Fund, and your commitment to building a secure financial future. The CDH Group will continue to partner with you every step of the way as you make your financial journey.

Thank you very much.

Emmanuel Adu-Sarkodee
Chairman, CDH Balanced Fund Ltd.



FUND MANAGER'S REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Valued Shareholders,

Introduction

It is my pleasure to announce to shareholders of the CDH Balanced Fund, that your Fund recorded 100% return on investments in less than three years. For the year ended 2017, your Fund performed as one of the best Balanced Funds, according to industry data compiled from all the leading asset management companies in Ghana. The Fund returned 33.69% by the close of the year and funds under management increased, by 97.53% from GHC 1.90 million in 2016, to GHC 3.71 million in 2017.

CDH Asset Management Limited, as the Fund Manager of CDH Balanced Fund, continues to execute the strategies, objectives and policies,

formulated by the Board of the Fund to provide medium to long term growth in income for shareholders by investing in the right combination of fixed income instruments and stocks that are listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE).

This strategy provides the Fund Manager flexibility to minimise risk while at the same time maximizing returns to the Fund. It also allows the Fund Manager the opportunity to take advantage of the prevailing economic situation, at any time: and this was evident when the Fund took positions and diversified into additional listed stocks just at the time when the capital market was recovering.

Composition of Fund

The Fund, in line with its growth strategy, expanded from investments in 3 equities in 2016 to 11 listed stocks in 2017. The Fund held fixed-income instruments consisting 73.8% of the total funds under management in 2017, while investments in equities accounted for less than 26.2%. Shares held included Benso Oil Palm Plantation, Cal Bank, Ecobank Ghana, Enterprise Group, FanMilk Ghana, Ghana Commercial Bank, Guinness Ghana Brewery, Republic Bank Ghana, Standard Chartered Bank Ghana, Total Petroleum Ghana and Unilever Ghana.

Strategic Direction for 2017

The Fund will continue to chart the course of delivering good returns to shareholders in 2018, as the stock market continues to recover and post significant gains.

The Fund shall continue to increase the proportion of its equity holdings, picking up bargain buys that have good fundamentals and promise to post significant capital gains and good dividend payout as the portfolio gradually moves from a conservative mix towards a more balanced fund.

Finally, the Fund Manager will continue to work hard, to increase the number of shareholders and strengthen the digital marketing strategy to reach the borders of the country. As Fund Managers, we encourage our valued Shareholders to invest on a regular basis to take advantage of the good years ahead.

Finally, we will continue to increase the number of shareholders of the Fund and strengthen our digital marketing strategy to reach the borders of the country. We therefore encourage our valued Shareholders to invest on a regular basis to take advantage of the good years ahead.

Thank you and God bless us all.

A handwritten signature in dark purple ink, reading "Seth Aryitey".

Executive Director, CDH Asset Management Ltd.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2017.

The Directors present their report together with the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2017 which disclose the state of the affairs of CDH Balanced Fund Limited (The Fund)

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Fund's Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund and of the profit or loss and cash flows for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors have selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently, made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and followed the International Financial Reporting Standards and complied with the requirements of the Companies Act, 1963 (Act179), Securities Industry Act, 2016 (Act 929), Unit Trust and Mutual Funds Regulations 2001, (L.1.1695). The nature of business of the Fund is to invest the subscriptions of its members for their mutual benefit. The Fund is licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Ghana to operate as an authorized Mutual Fund in Ghana.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Fund keeps proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Fund. The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Fund and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

1. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The nature of business of the Fund is to invest the subscriptions of its members for their mutual benefit. The Fund is licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission to operate as an authorised Mutual Fund.

2. FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The financial and operational results for the year ended 31 December 2017 are as set out below;

	2017 (GH¢)	2016 (GH¢)
Increase in Net Assets from operations for the year is	701,852	455,648
From which is deducted Income Tax Expense of	-	-
Giving Increase in Net Assets after tax of	701,852	455,648
To which is added balance on Accumulated Net Investment		
Income brought forward of	577,579	121,931
Leaving a balance on Accumulated		
Net Investment Income of	1,279,431	577,579

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2017.

3. DIRECTORS

There was no change in Directors during the year.

4. GOING CONCERN

The Directors have made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and have no reason to believe that the company will not be a going concern in the year ahead.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTING FRAMEWORK

In line with the financial reporting framework recommended by the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Ghana) and in consultation with other regulatory bodies, the Directors used the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as the financial reporting framework. As a result, the attached Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the IFRS.

6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Directors confirm that no issues have arisen since 31st December 2017, which materially affect the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended.

7. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements for the year set out on page 15 to 43 which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the Board of Directors on ..23rd March.. 2017 and are signed on their behalf by:



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DIRECTOR

Date:23rd March..... 2018.



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DIRECTOR

Date:23rd March... 2018.



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Introduction

CDH Balanced Fund Limited recognises the valuable contribution that corporate governance makes to long-term business prosperity and to ensuring accountability to its shareholders. The Fund is therefore fully committed to the principles and practices of good corporate governance. The Fund is managed in a way that maximises long-term shareholder value and takes into account the interest of all its stakeholders.

CDH Balanced Fund Limited believes that full disclosure and transparency in its operations are in the interest of good governance. As indicated in the Statement of Responsibilities of Directors and in the Notes to the Financial Statements, CDH Balanced Fund Limited adopts standard accounting practices and ensures sound internal controls to facilitate reliability of the Financial Statements.

The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (the Board) is responsible for setting the Fund's strategic direction, for leading and controlling the Fund and for monitoring activities of the Fund Manager. The Board presents a balanced and understandable assessment of the Fund's progress and prospects. The Directors have experience and knowledge of the industry, markets and financial and/or other business information to make valuable contributions for the Fund's progress. The former is a separate entity from the Chairman. The Fund Manager implements the management strategies and policies adopted by the Board.

Systems of Internal Control

CDH Balanced Fund Limited has a well-established internal control system for identifying, managing and monitoring risks. These are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the risks facing the organisation are being controlled.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDER'S OF CDH BALANCED FUND LTD**

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of CDH Balance Fund Limited ("The Fund") set out on pages 11 to 32. These Financial Statements comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December, 2017, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the period then ended, notes to the Financials Statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and other disclosures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31st December, 2017 and the financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and in the manner required by the Companies Act 1963, (Act 179) as amended, Securities Industry Act, 2016 (Act 929) and Unit Trust and Mutual Funds Regulations 2001, (L.I. 1695).

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). 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 independent of the Fund in accordance with the requirements of the International Federation of Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IFAC code) as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana (ICAG) and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with IFAC code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Going Concern

The Fund's Financial Statements have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. The use of this basis of accounting is appropriate unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. As part of our audit of the Financial Statements, we have concluded that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Fund's Financial Statements is appropriate.

Management has not identified a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and accordingly none is disclosed in the Financial Statements. Based on our audit of the Financial Statements, we also have not identified such a material uncertainty. However, neither management nor the auditors can guarantee the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Key Audit Matter

Revenue Recognition

CDH Balanced Fund Limited generate its revenue from interest on investment in Held-To-Maturity securities, dividends and fair value changes in Available-For-Sale securities by investing funds of the unit capital holder (i.e. shareholders). Management maintains a number of Effective Interest Rate (EIR) modules to determine revenue recognition in accordance with the requirement of IFRS 15, Revenue from Contract with Customers. The EIR method spreads directly attributable revenue over the maturity of the security. Interest revenue recognized in the year amounted to GH¢568,620.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDER'S OF CDH BALANCED FUND LTD.



The EIR models are material and heavily reliant on the quality of the underlying data flowing into the models. We have identified revenue recognition as a key audit matter as there is a risk of inaccurately recognized revenue due to integrity errors in the underlying data. The amount of revenue recognised in any period is dependent on the occurrence of the underlying security transaction, accuracy of the investment portfolio and the appropriateness of the significant assumptions applied to the EIR modules in relation to the expected maturity of each security and the timing of expected future cash flows

How our audit addressed the key audit matter.

Our testing of revenue recognition included both tests of controls, as well as substantive procedures. Our tests of controls focused on the controls around contract and cash management and recording of revenue. We also tested the key controls relating to the flow of data from source systems into the EIR models. The procedure included an assessment by our IT specialists of automated controls to determine whether the input data with the EIR models were complete and accurate. We also tested the adequacy of the change management controls over the EIR models.

Our substantive testing of the revenue transactions included, among other things, the following;

- We tested the arithmetical accuracy of the EIR models to assess whether they were working as intended and in compliance with the requirement of IFRS 15.
- We tested a sample of interest computation and fair value measurement of securities to validate whether a transaction beneath had occurred by matching outgoing cash to recorded receivables and securities.
- We performed analytical audit procedures to assess whether the recognized revenue was in line with the expected level.
- We questioned the assumptions used in recognition of revenue, including the impact of early redemptions of securities by assessing whether the revenue recognition policies adopted were in compliance with IFRS 15. We considered the assumptions applied to determine the future expected cash flows by reference to the Fund's historical experience.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments.

The Fund's financial instruments measured at fair value include Available-For-Sale securities and Held-to-Maturity securities designated at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). Valuation of the instruments often involves the exercise of judgement and the use of assumptions and estimates. The risk is that these valuations may be misstated.

Of the financial instrument that are held at fair value 28% (2016: 3%) of fair value measurement were categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy as at 31 December, 2017. The remaining 72% amounting to GH¢2,377,335 (2016: GH¢1,781,929) were classified as Level 2 valuations because significant pricing inputs are observable.

Valuation risk on Level 1 instruments is low. However, judgment is involved in determining whether certain markets are liquid enough to conclude that Level 1 categorization is appropriate. The valuation risk for Level 2 instrument is higher because, although it is based on observable inputs arriving at an appropriate amount require judgment. Valuation of Level 3 instruments are in inherently more subjective.



How our audit addressed the key audit matter

- Assessing and testing the design and operating effectiveness of the controls in respect of the Fund's valuation process for example;
- Controls over the identification, measurement and management of valuation including independent price verification measurement and management of valuation risk including independent price verification controls, governance over valuation models, model validation and management reporting; and
- For the principal underlying system generating valuation data, IT controls such as access, data management, and change management
- For a selection of models assessing of the valuation methodology was appropriate;
- For a selection of pricing inputs verifying those inputs to source data including external data where appropriate;
- Valuing a selection of financial instrument independently using our valuation specialist;
- For a selection of instrument categorized with Level 3 assessing key input assumptions and models;
- For a selection of financial instruments, assessing the appropriateness of the categorisation within the fair value hierarchy

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Report of the Directors, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report. The other information does not include the Financial Statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the Financial Statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above, and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If based on the work we have performed on other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Directors Responsibilities for the Financial Statement

The Fund's Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these annual Financial Statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards, the Securities Industry Act, 2016 (Act 929), Unit Trust and Mutual Fund Regulation 2001 (L.I 1695) and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 1963 (Act 179) and the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulations 2003 (L.I. 1728).

This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

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Auditor's Responsibility for the audit of the Financial Statements

Our audit objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, 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 it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs,) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also;

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risk, and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. 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.
- 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.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertain exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertain exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosure are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors report. However future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Directors regarding among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDER'S OF CDH BALANCED FUND LTD.

We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirement regarding independence and to communicate with them all relationship and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and where applicable related safe guard.

From the matters communicated with the Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the Fund's Financial Statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors report unless laws or regulations preclude public disclosures about the matter or when in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other legal and Regulatory Requirements.

The Companies Act, 1963 (Act 179) as amended requires that in carrying out our audit we consider and report on the following matters. We confirm that:

- i we have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- ii in our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Fund, so far as appears from our examination of those books; and
- iii the Fund's Balance Sheet (included in as the statement of financial position) and profit and loss account (included in as the Statement of Comprehensive Income) are in agreement with the books of account.

We also confirm that, the Fund's transactions were within its power and the Fund has complied with relevant provisions of the Securities Industry Act, 2016 (Act 929). Unit Trust and Mutual Fund Regulation, 2001 (L.I. 1695) and the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulations 2003, (L.I. 1695) and the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulations 2003, (L.I. 1728).

The Engagement Partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mr. Timothy A. Osei (ICAG/P/1015)


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26th March 2018

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017.



**All amounts are expressed in Ghana Cedis unless otherwise stated*

	Note	2017 GH¢	2016 GH¢
Investment Income			
Interest Income	4	5 78,137	464,598
Fees and Commission	4a	3,665	
Total Revenue		581,802	464,598
Expenses			
Management Fees		18,981	-
Custodian Fees		3,644	3,733
General Administration Expenses	5	38,537	5,977
Total Expenses		61,162	9,710
Net Investment Income for the year		520,640	454,888
Other Comprehensive Income (Net)			
Fair Value Gains on Available for Sale Equities		181,212	760
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		701,852	455,648
ACCUMULATED NET INVESTMENT INCOME			
Balance at 1 January		577,579	121,931
Net Investment Income		701,852	455,648
Balance at 31 December		1,279,431	577,579

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017.

	Note	2017 GH¢	2016 GH¢
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6	373,604	8,521
Held-to-Maturity Investments	7	2,377,335	1,781,920
Available-for-Sale Investments	8	912,261	51,800
Trade and Other Receivables	9	62,807	70,733
Total Assets		3,726,007	1,912,983
EQUITY			
Unit holders' Capital	11	2,420,435	1,304,240
Retained Earnings		1,097,167	576,527
Reserves		182,264	1,052
Total Equity		3,699,866	1,881,819
LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	10	26,141	31,164
Total Liabilities		26,141	31,164
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		3,726,007	1,912,983



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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017.

2017	Unit holder's Capital GH¢	Retained Earnings GH¢	Reserves GH¢	Total GH¢
Balance at 1 st January	1,304,240	576,527	1,052	1,881,819
Proceeds from Units Issued	1,272,072	-	-	1,272,072
Total Comprehensive Income	-	520,640	-	520,640
Fair Value Changes on Available For Sale Equity	-	-	-	-
Units Redeemed	(155,878)	-	-	(155,878)
Balance at 31st December	<u>2,420,435</u>	<u>1,097,167</u>	<u>182,264</u>	<u>3,699,866</u>
2016				
Balance at 1 st January	938,669	121,639	292	1,060,600
Proceeds from Units Issued	407,950	-	-	407,950
Total Comprehensive Income	454,888			454,888
Fair Value Changes on Available for Sale Equity			760	- 760
Units Redeemed	(42,379)	-		(42,379)
Balance at 31st December	<u>1,304,240</u>	<u>576,527</u>	<u>1,052</u>	<u>1,881,819</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017.

	Note	2017 GH¢	2016 GH¢
Net Investment Income for the year		520,640	4 54,888
Changes In Working Capital:			
(Increase) / Decrease in Trade and Other Receivables		7,926	(37,872)
Increase (Decrease) in Account Payable		(5,022)	5 ,686
Net Cash Flow from Operations		523,544	422,702
Investing Activities			
Acquisition of Held-To-Maturity Investments		(595,406)	(793,851)
Acquisition of Available for Sale Investments		(679,249)	-
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(1,274,655)	(793,851)
Financing Activities			
Proceeds from Shares Issued		1,272,072	4 07,950
Shares Redeemed		(155,878)	(42,379)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		1,116,194	365,571
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalent		365,083	(5,578)
Cash and Bank Balance at 1st January		8,521	14,099
Cash and Bank Balance at 31st Dec.		373,604	8,521
Reconciliation of Cash and Bank Balances			
Bank Balances		373,604	8,521
Cash on Hand		-	-
	Note 6	373,604	8 ,521



1.0 **REPORTING ENTITY**

CDH Balanced Fund Limited is a limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Ghana. The address of its registered office is No. 36 Independence Avenue, North - Ridge, Accra.

1.1 **Description of the Fund**

CDH Balanced Fund Limited was incorporated on 14 February 2000 to operate as a Mutual Fund with an authorised capital of 1,000,000,000 common shares of no par value. The objectives of the Fund is to invest the monies of its members for the mutual benefit and to hold and arrange for the management of securities and other assets acquired with such funds and provide high current income with the maintenance of liquidity and preservation of capital. All securities purchased by the Fund present minimal credit risk in the opinion of the Fund Manger (CDH Asset Management Limited) acting under the supervision of the Directors. In the interest of prudence and efficient management of the Fund, the Fund Manger shall maintain prudent levels of liquidity. The Manger is responsible for the actual management of the Fund's portfolio and constantly reviews the holdings of the Fund in the light of its research analysis and research for other relevant service. The Funds investments are listed and traded on the Ghana Stock Exchange, although the Fund also invests in unquoted securities. The Fund's shares are redeemable at the holder's option. The shares are not listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange. The Fund's custodian is Republic Bank (Ghana) Limited.

2 **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

2.1 **Statement of Compliance**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

2.2 **Basis of Preparation**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for financial instruments that are measured at fair value, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The Financial Statements are presented in Ghana Cedi (GH¢). The Fund presents its Statement of Financial Position in order of liquidity.



2.3 **Fair Value Measurement**

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 participant at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most alternative or advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or advantageous market must be accessible by the Fund.

The fair value of an asset or liability is measured using the assumption that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming the market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial assets takes into account market participants ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Fund uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable input and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the Financial Statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 - Quoted (unadjusted) market price in active markets for identifiable assets or liabilities
- Level 2 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable.
- Level 3 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.



For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the Financial Statements on a recurring basis, the Fund determines whether transfers have occurred between Levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

2.3.1 **Recurring Fair Value Measurement of Assets and Liabilities**

Financial Assets	Level 1 GH¢	Level 2 GH¢
Available for Sale Assets	912,261	-
Held-To- Maturity Securities	<u>-</u>	<u>2,377,335</u>

2.4 **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Fund and the revenue can be reliably measured, regardless of when the payment is being into account contractually defined terms of payment and excluding taxes or duty.

2.4.1 **Interest Revenue and Expenses**

Interest revenue and expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for all interest bearing financial instruments using the effective interest method.

2.4.2 **Dividend Revenue and Expenses**

Dividend revenue is recognised on the date on which the investments are quoted ex-dividend or, where no ex-dividend is quoted, when the Fund's right to receive the payment is established.

Dividend revenue is presented gross of any non-recoverable withholding taxes, which are disclosed separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Dividend expense relating to equity investments sold short is recognised when the shareholders' right to receive the payment is established.

2.4.3 **Fees and Commission**

Fees and Commission are recognised on an accrual basis. Fees and commission expenses are included in the general administration expenses without regards to receipt or payment of Fees and Commission income represent penalty charges to client for early redemption of investment.



2.4..4 Net Gains or Loss on Financial Assets and Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

These items include changes in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities held for trading or designated upon recognitions at fair value through profit or loss and excludes interest and dividend income and expenses.

Unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of financial instruments for the period and from reversal of prior period's unrealised gains and losses for financial instruments which were realised in the reporting periods.

Realised gains and losses on disposal of financial instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss are calculated using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount.

2.5 Taxation

Under the current legislation, mutual funds are not subject to taxes on income or capital gains, nor to any taxes on income distribution.

2.6 Foreign Currencies

Fund's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchange prevailing at the exchange at the date of the transaction. At the end of each reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated

Exchange differences on monetary items are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise except for:

- Exchange difference on foreign currency borrowing relating to assets under construction for future productive use, which are included in the cost of those assets when they are regarded as an adjustment to interest costs on those foreign currency borrowings.



Significant Accounting Policies Continued

- Exchange difference on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operations for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operations), which are recognised initially in other comprehensive income and reclassified from equity to profit or loss on repayment of the monetary items.

2 . 7 Financial Instruments - Initial Recognition and Subsequent Measurement

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of other entity.

2 . 7 . 1 Financial Assets

2.7.1.1 Initial Recognition and Measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, available-for-sale financial assets, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate. All financial assets are recognised initially at fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not recorded at fair value through profit or loss, transactions costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial assets.

Purchase or sale of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset.

2.7.1.2 Subsequent Measurement

For purposes of subsequent measurement financial assets are classified in four categories:

- Financial Assets at fair value through profit or loss
- Loans and receivables
- Held-to-Maturity Investments
- Available -for-Sale Financial Instruments



2.7.1.2 Financial Assets at Fair Value Profit or Loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets held for trading and financial assets designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments as defined by IAS 39. The Fund has not designated any financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value presented as finance costs (negative net changes in fair value) or finance income (positive net changes in fair value) in the statement of profit or loss.

2.7.1.3 Loans and Receivables

The Fund has not designated any financial assets as loans and receivables.

2.7.1.4 Held-to-Maturity Investments

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities are classified as held to maturity when the Fund has the positive intention and ability to hold them to maturity. After initial measurement, held to maturity investments are measured at amortised cost using the Effective Interest Rate (EIR), less impairment.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fee or cost that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance income in the statement of profit or loss. The losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance cost.

2.7.1.5 Available-for-Sale Financial Instruments

Available-for-Sale (AFS) financial investments include equity investments and debt securities. Equity investments classified as AFS are those that are classified as held for trading nor designated at fair value through profit or loss. Debt securities in this category are those that are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time and that may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or in response to changes in the market conditions.

After initial measurement, AFS financial investments are subsequently measured at fair value with unrealised gains and losses recognised in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) and credited in the AFS reserve until the investment is derecognised, at which time the cumulative gains or losses is recognised in other operating income, or the investment is determined to be impaired, when the cumulative loss is reclassified from AFS reserve to the statement of profit or loss in finance cost.



Significant Accounting Policies Continued

Interest earned whilst holding AFS financial investments is reported as interest income using the EIR method.

The Fund evaluates whether the ability and intention to sell its AFS financial assets in the near term is still appropriate. When, in rare circumstances, the Fund is unable to trade these financial assets due to inactive markets, the Fund may elect to reclassify these financial assets if the management has the ability and intention to hold the assets for foreseeable future or until maturity.

For a financial asset reclassified from AFRS category, the fair value carrying amount at the date of reclassification becomes its new amortised cost and any previous gain or loss on the asset that has been recognised in equity is amortised to profit or loss over the remaining life of the investment using EIR. Any difference between the new amortised cost and the maturity amount is also amortised over the remaining life of the asset using the EIR. If the asset is subsequently determined to be impaired, then the amount recorded in equity is reclassified to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

2.7.1.6 Derecognition of Financial Assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a company of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e. removed from the Fund's statement of financial position) when;

- The Fund has transferred its right to receive cash flow from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass through' arrangement; and either
- ii. the Fund has either transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Fund has transferred its right to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass through arrangement, it evaluates if and to what extent it has retained the risks rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred or retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Fund continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Fund's continuing involvement. In that case, the Fund also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Fund has retained.



2.7.1.7 Impairment of Financial Assets

The Fund assess, at each reporting date, whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired. An impairment exists if one or more events that has occurred since the initial recognition of the asset (an incurred 'loss event'), has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the debtors or a third party borrow is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal repayments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation and observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as charges in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

2.8 Financial Liabilities

2.8.1 Initial Recognition and Measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowing and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs. The Fund's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, loans and borrowing including Fund's overdraft, financial guarantee contracts, derivatives financial instruments.

2.8.2 Subsequent Measurement

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, as described below;

2.8.2.1 Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss. Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category also includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Fund that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by IAS 39. Separately embedded derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Gains and losses on liabilities held for trading are recognised in the statement of profit or loss.



Significant Accounting Policies Continued

2.8.2.2 Loans and Borrowing

The Fund has not designated any financial liability as loans and borrowing. After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowing are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance cost in the statement of profit or loss.

This category generally applies to interest-bearing loans and borrowings.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in IAS 39 are satisfied. The Fund has not designated any financial liability at fair value through profit or loss.

2.8.2.3 Derecognition of Financial Liabilities

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled, or expires.

When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

2.8.3 Offsetting of Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

2.9 Unit Holders' Capital

Units in the Fund are owned by members of the Fund.

- The value of the units (owned by members of the Fund) is represented by the share or Unit Holders Capital. Units entitle the holder to a pro rata share of the Fund's net assets in the event of the shareholder liquidating his or her investment.



- The units of the Fund are not listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange. Applicants may set up a new account with the Fund to buy units of the Fund. When applicants buy Fund units, the units are purchased at the last published price.
- A Unit Holder wishing to redeem his or her units (investment) with the Fund can do so by submitting a request for redemption to the Fund. Redemptions are priced at the last published price.

2.9.1 Dividend Distribution

The Fund passes substantially its net investment income along to its investors as distribution. This distribution policy adopted by the Directors of the Fund is reviewed from time to time such that the distribution will not jeopardise the Funds' ability to operate effectively.

2.9.2 Cash and Cash Equivalent

Cash and short-term deposits in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and on hand and short term deposits with a maturity of three months or less. For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and short-term deposits, as defined above, net of outstanding Fund overdrafts.

3.0 Critical Accounting Judgement, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of The Fund's Financial Statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that effect the reported amounts of revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities affected in future periods.

Judgements

In the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments, which have the most significant effect on the amount recognised in the Financial Statement:

Assessment as Investment Entity

Entities that meet the definition of an investment entity within IFRS 10 are required to measure their investments at fair value through profit or loss rather than consolidate them. The criteria which defines an investment entity are, as follows:



1. An entity that obtains funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing those investors with investment services.
2. An entity that commits to its investors that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income or both.
3. An entity that measures and evaluates the performance of substantially all of its investments on a fair value basis.

The Fund's prospectus details its objectives of providing investment management services to investors which includes investing in equity, fixed income securities and private equity for the purpose of returns in the form of investment income and capital appreciation.

Estimates and Assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Fund based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Fund. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

When the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be derived from an active market, their fair value is determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of valuation models. The inputs to these model are taken from observable market where possible, but where this is not feasible, estimation is required in establishing fair value. The estimates include consideration of liquidity and model inputs related to items such as credit risk (both own and counterparty's) correlation and volatility.

Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments in the statement of financial position and the level where the instruments are disclosed in the fair value hierarchy. The model are tested for validity by calibrating to prices from any observable current market transactions in the same instrument (without modification or repackaging) when available. To assess the significance of any particular input to the entire measurement, the fund performs sensitivity analysis or stress testing techniques.



3.1

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

As a result of the ability to issue, purchase and resell shares, the capital of the Fund can vary depending on the demand for redemptions and subscription to the Fund. The Fund is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and has no legal restrictions on the issue, repurchase or resale of redeemable shares beyond those included in the Fund's regulations.

- To invest the capital in investments meeting the description, risk exposure and expected return indicated in its prospectus.
- To achieve consistent returns while safeguarding capital by investing in diversified portfolio, by participating in derivatives and other capital markets and by using various investment strategies and hedging techniques.
- To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet the expenses of the Fund, and to meet redemption requests as they arise.
- To maintain sufficient size to make the operation of the Fund cost-efficient.

The financial risk management framework provides the objectives and policies and procedures applied by the Fund in managing its capital and its obligation to repurchase the shares.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2017.

	2017 GH¢	2016 GH¢
4 INCOME		
Interest on call accounts	3,996	463
Interest on fixed deposit	564,624	460,522
Dividend Income	9,517	3,613
	<u>578,137</u>	<u>464,598</u>
4a Fees and Commission	<u>3,665</u>	<u>-</u>
5 General Administration Expenses	GH¢	GH¢
AGM Expenses	31,029	-
Communication	2,388	-
Statutory Fee	500	1,000
Bank charges	155	864
Audit Fees	4,465	4,113
	<u>38,537</u>	<u>5,977</u>
6 Cash and Cash Equivalent	GH¢	GH¢
Cash at Bank	373,604	8,521
	<u>373,604</u>	<u>8,521</u>
7 Held-to-Maturity Investments	GH¢	GH¢
Fixed Deposit 91 days	1,222,266	1,781,929
Fixed Deposit 182 days	1,155,069	-
	<u>2,377,335</u>	<u>1,781,929</u>
8a Available-for-Sale Investments	GH¢	GH¢
Listed Equities	912,261	51,800
8b Fair Value of Available For Sale Securities	GH¢	GH¢
Market Value of Available-for-Sale Securities	912,261	51,800
Cost of Investment	(729,997)	(50,748)
	182,264	1,052
Prior Period Gain	(1,052)	(292)
Fair Value Gains	<u>181,212</u>	<u>760</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2017.

8c Portfolio Analysis Description

Shares

Banking and Financial Services

Cal Bank	12,000	12,960	2,000	1,500
GCB Bank	11,300	57,065	11,000	39,160
Ecobank	18,000	136,800	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	2,500	63,125	-	-
HFC Bank	25,890	35,987	-	-
Enterprise Group Ltd	20,000	74,000	-	-

Food and Household Products

Fanmilk Ghana Limited	5,900	104,430	1,000	11,140
Unilever Ghana Limited	1,800	23,112	-	-
Guinness Ghana Limited	10,400	21,424	-	-

Energy

Total Petroleum	108,600	383,358	-	-
		<u>912,261</u>		<u>51,800</u>

9 Trade and Other Receivables

Interest Receivable - Fixed deposit	6 2,807	59,543
Intercompany Receivables	-	11,190
	<u>62,807</u>	<u>70,733</u>

10 Trade and Other Payables

Audit Fees	5,052	4,113
Sundry Creditors	350	350
Withholding tax payable	739	646
Intercompany	20,000	20,000
Custodian fees	-	6,055
	<u>26,141</u>	<u>31,164</u>

11 Statement of Movements in issued number of units

Units in issue at 1 January of period	3,631,990	938,669
Units in issue during the period	2,557,113	3,060,582
Units redeemed during the period	(151,277)	(367,261)
	<u>6,037,826</u>	<u>3,631,990</u>

11a Statement of Movements in issued value of units

Units in issue at 1 January of period	1,304,240	929,109
Units in issue during the period	1,272,072	407,950
IFRS Adjustment	-	9,560
Units Redeemed during the period	(155,878)	(42,379)
	<u>2,420,434</u>	<u>1,304,240</u>



12 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The Fund's objective in managing risk is the creation and protection of the shareholders value. Risk is inherent in the Fund's activities, but it is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. The process of risk management is critical to the Fund's continuing profitability. the Fund is exposed to market risk (which include currency risk, interest rate risk, and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk arising from the financial instruments it holds.

12.1 Risk Management Structure

The Fund's Investment Manager is responsible for identifying and controlling risk. The Board of Directors supervises the Investment Manager and is ultimately responsible for the overall risk management of the Fund.

12.2 Risk Management and Reporting System

The Fund's risks are measured using a method that reflects both the expected loss likely to arise in normal circumstances and unexpected losses that are an estimate of the ultimate actual loss based on statistical models. The model make use of the probabilities derived from historical experience, adjusted to reflect the economic environment.

Monitoring and controlling risks is primarily set up to be performed based on limits established by the Board of Directors. These limits reflect the business strategy including the risk that the Fund is willing to accept and the market environment of the Fund. In addition, the Fund monitors and measures the overall risk in relation to the aggregate risk exposure across all risks type and activities.

12.3 Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flow of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variable such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices. The investment committee of the Fund employees both qualitative and quantitative measures in the management of market risk faced by the Fund.

12.4 Foreign Currency Risk Management

The Fund does not undertake transactions denominated in foreign currencies; consequently, exposure to exchange rate fluctuations may not arise. Exchange rate exposure are managed by keeping a limited amount of forex balances when necessary.



12.5 Price Risk

The Fund is exposed to equity securities price risk because of investment in quoted and unquoted shares classified as available-for-sale. To manage its price risk arising from investments in equity and debt securities, the Fund diversifies its portfolio. Diversification of the portfolio is done in accordance with limits set by the Fund. All quoted shares held by the Fund are traded on the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE).

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss for the year to a reasonably possible change in equity price, with all other variables held constant.

The sensitivity of other comprehensive income for the year is the effect of the assumed changes in equity price.

The sensitivity analysis impact on equity is the same as the impact on profit or loss. In practice, the actual trading results may differ from the below analysis and the difference could be insignificant.

Sensitivity Analysis	Changes in Basis Points	Sensitivity of Changes in fair Value of Investments Increase/(Decrease) GH¢
Other Comprehensive Income	<u>10 / (10)</u>	<u>18,121</u>

12.6 Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rate will affect future cash flow or that fair value of financial instruments. The Board of Directors has established limits on the interest gaps for stipulated periods. The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss for the year to a reasonably possible changes in interest rates, with all other variables held constant.

The sensitivity of the profit or loss for the year is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on:

- The net interest income for one year, based on the floating rate of financial assets held at the end of the reporting period.
- Changes in fair value of investments for the year, based on revaluing fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at the end of the reporting period.



Sensitivity Analysis	Changes in Basis Points	Sensitivity of interest income Increase/ (Decrease) GH¢
Net Interest Income for the year	<u>10 / (10)</u>	<u>57,693</u>

Maturity Analysis of Financial Liabilities

Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash balances, and the availability of funding from an adequate amount of committed credit facility.

The table below analyses the financial liabilities into the relevant maturity grouping based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity date.

	Due less than a year 2017 GH¢	Due more than a year 2017 GH¢	Due less than a year 2016 GH¢	Due more than a year 2016 GH¢
Cash and Cash Equivalent	373,604	-	8,521	-
Held-to-Maturity Investment	2,377,335	-	1,781,929	-
Available-for-Sale Investment	-	912,261	-	51,800
Trade and Other Receivables	62,807	-	70,733	-
	2,813,746	912,261	1,861,183	51,800
Trade and Other Payables	<u>26,142</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,164</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,787,604</u>	<u>912,261</u>	<u>1,830,019</u>	<u>51,800</u>

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Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. Exposure to liquidity risk arises because of the possibility that the fund could be required to pay its liabilities or redeem its shares earlier than expected. The Fund is exposed to cash redemptions of its shares on a regular basis. Shares are redeemable at the holder's option based on the Fund's NAV per share at the time of redemption, calculated in accordance with the Fund's scheme particulars.



The Fund manages its obligation to repurchase the shares when required to do so and its overall liquidity risk by:

- Requiring a 3- day notice period before redemptions.

The Fund's policy is to satisfy redemption requests by the following means (in decreasing order of priority) :

- Searching for new investors
- Withdrawal of cash deposits
- Disposal of highly liquid assets
- Either disposal of other assets or increase of leverage.

The Fund invests primarily in marketable securities and other financial instruments which, under normal market conditions, are readily convertible to cash. In addition, the Fund's policy is to maintain sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements and expected redemption request.

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Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the Fund by failing to discharge an obligation. The Fund is exposed to the risk of credit- related losses that can occur as a result of a counterparty or issuer being unable or unwilling to honour its contractual obligations. These credit exposures exist within financing relationships, derivatives and other transactions. It is the Fund's policy to enter into financial instruments with reputable counterparties.

The Investment manager's policy is to closely monitor the creditworthiness of the Fund's counterparties (e.g. third party borrowers, brokers, custodian and bank) by reviewing their credit ratings, Financial Statements and press releases on a regular basis.

The carrying value of interest bearing investments, money market funds and similar securities, loans to related party, trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents, as disclosed in the statement of financial position represent the maximum credit exposure, hence no separate disclosure is provided.

14.1

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair Value of Financial instruments carried at amortised cost.

Except as detailed in the following table, the directors consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the Financial Statements approximate their fair values.



Financial Assets	Carrying Amount 2016 GH¢	Fair Value 2016 GH¢	Carrying Amount 2015 GH¢	Fair Value 2015 GH¢
Cash and Bank Balances	373,604	373,604	8,521	8,521
Held - to - Maturity Securities	2,377,335	2,377,335	1,781,929	1,781,929
Available - for - Sale Equities	912,261	912,261	51,800	51,800
Trade and Other Receivables	62,807	62,807	70,733	70,733
Total Financial Asset	3,726,007	3,726,007	1,912,983	1,912,983
Financial Liabilities				
Trade and Other Payables	26,142	26,142	31,164	31,164

15 CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

15.1 Legal Proceedings and Regulations

The Fund operates in the financial service industry and is subject to legal and regulatory proceedings in the normal course of business. As at the reporting date, there were no potential or threatened legal proceedings, for or against the Fund. There are no contingencies associated with the Fund's compliance or lack of compliance with regulations.

15.2 Capital Commitments

The Fund has no capital commitments at the reporting date.

16.0 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following parties are considered related parties of the Fund:

16.1 Investment Manager

CDH Asset Management Limited (the investment manager) is entitled to receive a management and advisory fee for its services. These fees amount to an aggregate of 2.5% per annum calculated on the daily net assets of the Fund. Management fees are payable monthly in arrears. Total management fees for the year amounted to GH¢18,981 (2016: GH¢ Nil). The Fund manager waived its right to charge management fees in 2016.



16.2 Custodian - Republic Bank (Ghana) Limited

Republic Bank (Ghana) Limited is the custodian of the Fund. The custodian carries out the usual duties regarding custody, cash and securities deposit without any restrictions. This means that the custodian is, in particular, responsible for the collection of dividend, interest and proceeds of matured securities, the exercise of options and, in general, for any other operation concerning the day-to-day administration of the securities and other assets and liabilities of the Fund.

The Custodian is entitled to receive from the Fund fees, payable monthly, equal to 0.025% per annum calculated on the daily net assets of the Fund and transaction fee of GH¢1.50. The total Custodian and administration fee for the year amounted to GH¢3,644 (2016: GH¢ 3,733.35).

16.3 Stock Broker

The Fund's equity transactions were made through CDH Securities Limited.

16.4 Transactions with Related Parties

A number of related party transactions take place with related parties in the normal course of business. These include transactions and balances among related parties. The outstanding balances on such related party transactions are as follows:

Amount due to related parties	2017 GH¢	2016 GH¢
CDH Asset Management	20,000	20,000

Transactions with Directors and Key Management

Directors and key management personnel refer to those personnel with authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the business activities of the Fund. These personnel are the Executive and non-Executive Directors of the Fund. During the year, there were no significant related party transactions with companies or customers of the Fund where a Director or any connected person is also a Director or key management members of the Fund. The Fund did not make provision in respect of loan to Directors or any key management member during the period under review.



16.5 Directors Remuneration

The Directors waived their right to receive remuneration during the year (2016: Nil).

16.6 Subsequent Events

Events subsequent to the balance sheet date are reflected only to the extent that they are related directly to the financial statements and their effect is material.

FORMER DIRECTORS

Resigned

Name:

Emmanuel ADU-SARKODEE

Position:

Board Chairman

Address:

P. O. Box 14911, Accra

Qualification:

EMBA (Entrepreneur Management)
Cert. in International Oil & Gas Law
LLB / BA
Certified Tax Practitioner

Board Member (and/or) Chairman:

CDH Investment Holdings Ltd.
Phoenix Life Assurance Co. Ltd.
Phoenix Insurance Co. Ltd.
Employers Association of Ghana
Accra City Hotel
National Buffer Stock Co. Ltd.



Resigned

Name:

Seth ARYTEY

Position:

Board Member

Address:

P. O. Box MB 574
Ministries - Accra

Qualification:

EMBA / PPGD
Certificate in Corporate Governance

Board Member

CDH Asset Management Ltd.
CDH Securites Ltd
Sedan Ventures Ltd
Accra High School
Seers Communications Ltd.



Resigned

Name:

Desmond NARTEY

Position:

Board Member

Address:

P. O. Box CT 137,
Cantonments - Accra

Qualification:

MA(Economics) / MBA Finance

Board Member

CDH Savings & Loans Co. Ltd.
Phoenix Insurance Co. Ltd.
RBF Ltd.
JACVA Ghana
Manya Krobo Rural Bank Ltd.



DIRECTORS' PROFILE

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Fund's Board of Directors. Below are the Directors of the Fund:

Name:
Sonny HEWARD-MILLS

Position:
Board Chairman

Address:
P. O. Box KN 1358
Kaneshie - Accra

Qualification:
MBA / Bsc / Dip.

Board Member (and/or) Chairman
Phoenix Insurance
CDH Securities Ltd.



Name:
Michael OPOKU

Position:
Board Member

Address:
P. O. Box 14911
Accra

Qualification:
BEd. / MA / ICA

Board Member
Functions Risk Management



Name:
Sena SEYENA SUSU

Position:
Board Member

Address:
P. O. Box LG 177
Legon - Accra

Qualification:
Bsc / EMBA

Board Member
Accra City Hotel
Village of Hope Ophanage





Name:
Benjamin APEAKORANG

Position:
Board Member

Address:
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Accra

Qualification:
Msc / FCCA / CIA

Board Member
Global Cinemas Ltd.
Phoenix Health Insurance Ltd.



Name:
Emmanuel Augustus AMISSAH

Position:
Board Member

Address:
P. O. Box KA 16064
Airport - Accra

Qualification:
B.A(Hons) / Barister-at-Law

Board Member
CDH Quarry Ltd.
Global Cinemas Ltd.
Gilead Medical Centre Ltd.
CDH Engineering Solutions Ltd.
CDH Properties Ltd.



Name:
Love MENSAH

Position:
Board Secretary

Address:
P. O. Box 766
Teshie-Nungua Estates
Accra

Qualification:
B.A(Hons) / Barister-at-Law





Republic Bank (Ghana) Limited

16th May, 2018

The Manager
CDH Balanced Fund Limited
CDH House
NO. 36 Independence Avenue
North Ridge
Accra

Our Ref: 20171231CDHBF

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN TO THE INVESTORS OF CDH BALANCED FUND LIMITED

We refer to the Unit Trust and Mutual Funds Regulations, 2001 LI and attach a statement of holdings of securities in custody with Republic Bank Custody Services for the above fund as at December 31, 2017

Respective Investment Restrictions Imposed on the Fund and the Responsibility of Custodians

Pages 12 of the funds regulations specify the fund's investment restrictions. Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on the statement of holdings based on our audit.

Opinion

In our opinion, the statement of holdings is in agreement therewith and gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the fund as at December, 31, 2017 and the Manager has managed the funds for the year ended December 31, 2017 in accordance with,

- (a) The limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the managers and
- (b) Provisions pursuant to the above mentioned regulations.

Yours faithfully

Elias Augustine Dey

Head, Republic Bank Custody Services

Operations Manager



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PROXY FORM

NB: A member who wants a proxy to represent him/her should notify the Fund Manager not later than 48 hours before the AGM. The proxy should come along with the completed and signed form. Any breach of the above protocol will result in non-admission of the proxy, and the Fund Manager will NOT be held liable.

I/We.....

of being a member/members

of CDH Balanced Fund Limited here by appoint

as my/our proxy to represent/vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at **UDS Guest House, near the Police Headquarters, Ridge, Accra on Thursday, September 30, 2018 at 10 a.m prompt.**

I/We direct that my/our vote(s) be cast on the specified resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS	FOR	AGAINST
1. To receive the Directors' report		
2. To receive and adopt the audited statement		
3. To receive the Fund Manager's report		
4. To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors		

Signed this day of 2018.

Name of member

Signature

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CDH ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

CDH Asset Management Limited engages primarily in investments management. It offers various classes of investments such as fixed income, collective investment schemes, pension funds management, welfare funds and private asset portfolios. As a trusted brand, it manages the funds of many public institutions, parastatals, churches, local groups and high-net-worth individuals in the country. The company won the second Best Fund Manager in Ghana in 2015. CDH Asset Management Limited is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Ghana, and the National Pensions Regulatory Authority (NPRA).

Products / Services

- ▶ Pension Funds Management
- ▶ Wealth Management
- ▶ Welfare Fund Management
- ▶ Fixed Deposit Placements
- ▶ Collective Investment Schemes
- ▶ Provident Funds
- ▶ Endowment Fund

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RECEIVING AGENTS

- **CDH Savings & Loans Co. Ltd.**
- **Phoenix Life Assurance Co. Ltd.**
- **Phoenix Insurance Co. Ltd.**
- **uniBank Ghana Ltd.**
- **UMB Bank**
- **ADB Bank**
- **Republic Bank (Ghana) Ltd.**

CDH Balanced Fund was the best-performing balanced fund in Ghana in 2016, according to self-reported data from Fund Managers in the industry. The CDH Balanced Fund has maintained a consistent growth pattern since its entrance into the country's mutual funds market. The Fund Manager, CDH Asset Management, has been instrumental in the development of the Ghanaian capital market and has built a strong reputation for its pioneering works in the industry.

Driven by the goal of helping Ghanaians achieve financial independence, CDH Asset Management is keen on promoting financial literacy and offers a diversified range of products and services to suit the investment styles of different investors.