



# The Advantages of **Unit Investment Trusts (UITs)**

UITs are professionally selected, fixed portfolios that offer focused and convenient exposure to an asset class or investment sector with a relatively low minimum investment.

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Unit Investment Trusts (UITs) can be a powerful way for investors to gain exposure to timely opportunities as part of their overall investment plan. The unique UIT structure offers a convenient and transparent way to access a diversified,<sup>1</sup> yet focused portfolio of securities for a defined period. Explore four reasons why UITs can benefit individual investors:

### **Focused and Fully-Invested**

While UITs typically have a more concentrated number of holdings than most mutual funds and ETFs, they provide access to a diversified yet targeted portfolio of securities. Because they do not have to accommodate buying and selling, UITs do not typically hold cash, minimizing cash drag, which can adversely affect investment performance. Securities held in a UIT generally remain fixed, helping to eliminate manager-driven style drift and making it simple to track performance. This also helps clients focus on long-term horizons rather than short-term performance.

### **Defined Maturity**

One of the most unique features of the UIT is its defined life span or defined maturity which typically ranges from 13 months to two years for an equity trust, and up to 25 years for fixed-income trusts. A defined maturity<sup>2</sup> ensures that each strategy is regularly “rebalanced,” which allows investors to roll<sup>3</sup> their proceeds into a subsequent series, and offers a defined sell discipline that can help prevent emotionally-driven transactions. This feature helps investors align their investments with their time horizon. It also provides a natural opportunity to assess and adjust an overall investment mix based on market conditions and changing investor needs.

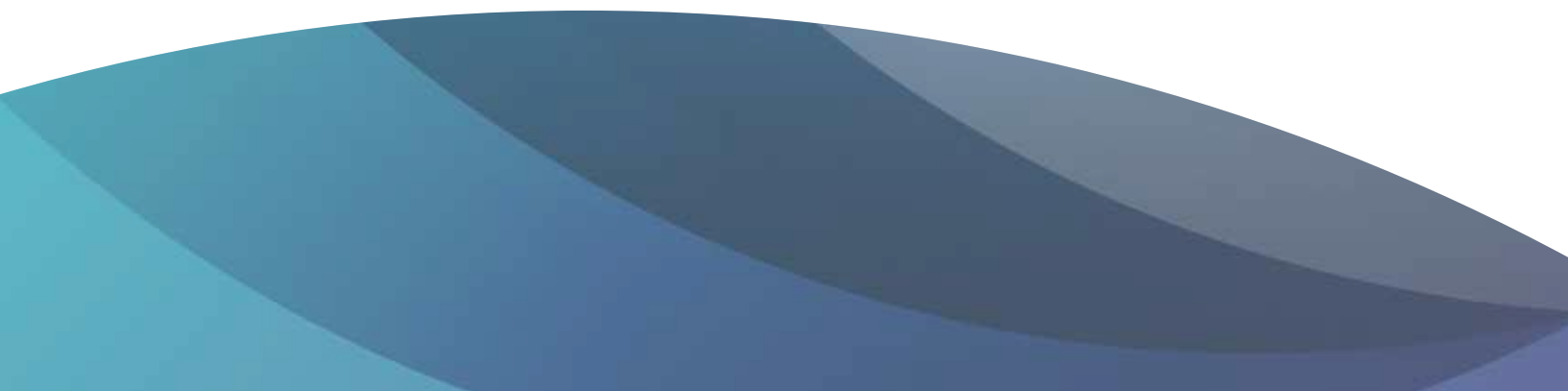
### **Transparent and Liquid**

UITs offer daily transparency into the portfolio holdings. UITs have no manager-driven turnover because UITs are not actively managed. Units are typically redeemable on any business day at the liquidation price, which may be more or less than the original purchase price.

### **Cost-Competitive**

UITs have cost-competitive expenses compared to other packaged products. UITs’ buy and hold philosophy eliminates trading costs, further reducing expenses. UITs can be held in both fee-based and transactional accounts:

- **Fee-Based Accounts Feature a Low Sales Charge.** Most Guggenheim UITs have a one-time sales charge of 0.50% for purchases made in fee-based accounts.
- **Transactional Accounts Have No Upfront Sales Charge.** Investor assets can be put to work immediately and there is uniform pricing regardless of investment amount.



## Features and Characteristics of UITs

Mutual funds, UITs and ETFs are three popular types of investment products. The most significant differences between a UIT and the other two product types are the UIT's defined maturity and fully-invested and fixed portfolio holdings.

	UITs	ETFs	Mutual Funds	Individual Securities
Defined maturity	■			
Professional selection	■	■	■	
Portfolio transparency	■	■		■
Fully invested <sup>4</sup>	■	■		
Daily liquidity <sup>5</sup>	■	■	■	■
Potential for diversification <sup>6</sup>	■	■		
Relatively lower average annual operating expenses	■	■		Not applicable
Actively managed portfolio		■	■	
Automatic reinvestment options	■	■	■	■ <sup>7</sup>

■ Investment option has these attributes   ■ Only actively managed ETFs have these attributes

## Explore a Wide Range of Asset Choices with UITs

Guggenheim offers a wide range of UITs including equity and fixed-income trusts which may be used to achieve targeted investment objectives and construct a diversified portfolio to match your investment goals and risk tolerance levels.



### Fundamental Strategy

Utilize a fundamental security selection, which involves the evaluation of securities using balance sheet and income statement statistics, and ratios in conjunction with external factors that may influence the potential performance.



### Quantitative Strategy

Employ a strictly defined set of ranking and screening criteria applied to a universe of securities outlined in the security selection to select final holdings.



### U.S. Equity

Invest in U.S.-Listed stocks. These products are typically core holdings (i.e., large-cap, high dividend, etc.).



### International/Global

Invest in international or global stocks, which may focus on a specific region, such as BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) or emerging markets, or may be more general.



### Theme/Sector

Focus on a specific theme (such as rising rates), or sector (i.e., energy or healthcare).



### Closed-End Funds

Invest in closed-end funds and are focused on providing current income and capital appreciation.



### Multi-Asset

Combine different asset classes together in one trust (i.e., fixed-income and equities).



### Taxable Income

Invest in portfolios of corporate or taxable debt that are selected with a focus on maximizing yield potential and maintaining diversification.



### Tax-Exempt Income

Focus on a diversified portfolio of municipal bonds that seek to provide investors with stable, tax-free income potential that considers credit quality, maturity, and geography.<sup>8</sup>



### Outcome Strategies

Target market outcomes compared to a reference security and may offer a more controlled investment experience to help align with investor outlooks. These can include buffer, enhanced or defined return strategies.



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## The Guggenheim Difference

Not all UITs are built the same way. Guggenheim employs a rigorous investment process to create professionally selected UIT portfolios that provide access to diverse asset classes, investment styles and market sectors. Our approach, designed to be predictable, repeatable, and efficient, is supported by a unique risk budget framework. We leverage the expansive expertise of our specialized investment teams to deliver distinctive strategies to meet the evolving needs of today's investors.

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**1** Diversification neither assures a profit nor eliminates the risk of experiencing investment losses. **2** UITs may terminate early as described in the prospectus. **3** Rolls are considered a taxable event. **4** Unit trusts and ETFs may periodically hold limited cash positions. **5** Investment return and principal value will fluctuate and units, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than what you paid. Individual securities and ETFs may be purchased and sold throughout each business day while mutual fund shares and trust units may be purchased and redeemed based upon prices determined as of the close of business each business day. **6** Diversification does not ensure a profit or eliminate the risk of loss. Please note that select UITs are specific to an asset class, sector, etc. **7** Certain UITs, ETFs, and mutual funds may not offer reinvestment options. Some stocks offer dividend reinvestment plans (DRIPs) to shareholders. **8** A portion of the income may be subject to the alternative minimum tax, as well as state and local taxes.

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