

**Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT
Annual Report
With Report of Independent Auditors
December 31, 2023**

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Table of Contents

December 31, 2023

	<u>Page</u>
Report of Independent Auditors	1
Portfolio of Investments	3
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	4
Statement of Operations	5
Statement of Changes in Net Assets	6
Financial Highlights	7
Notes to Financial Statements	9



Report of Independent Auditors

To the Trustee of Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, as of December 31, 2023 and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for the period June 28, 2023 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2023 (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 December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations, changes in its net assets, and the financial highlights for the period June 28, 2023 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2023 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 (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 the 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 the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 US 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment 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 include 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 by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, 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.

Price waterhouse Coopers LLP

San Francisco, California
March 28, 2024

Portfolio of Investments

December 31, 2023

Description	Shares	Fair Value	Description	Shares	Fair Value
Common Stocks 95.2%			Preferred Stocks 2.9%		
Germany 7.8%			Germany 2.9%		
Fresenius Medical Care AG	89,624	\$ 3,758,160	Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	46,604	\$ 3,750,914
Knorr-Bremse AG	97,531	6,334,972			
		<u>10,093,132</u>	Total Preferred Stocks		
			(Cost \$3,320,486)		<u>3,750,914</u>
Ireland 4.5%			Money Market Trusts 2.2%		
Kerry Group PLC, Class A	52,892	4,657,812	NT Collective Government Short Term		
Medtronic PLC	14,860	1,224,167	Investment Fund (Cost \$2,836,976)	2,836,976	<u>2,836,976</u>
		<u>5,881,979</u>	Total Investments 100.3%		
			(Cost \$119,485,530)		\$ 130,080,422
Italy 6.9%			Liabilities in Excess of Cash and Other		
Nexi SpA	784,347	6,416,773	Assets (0.3)%		<u>(440,223)</u>
Snam SpA	485,233	2,495,139			
		<u>8,911,912</u>	Net Assets 100.0%		<u>\$ 129,640,199</u>
Luxembourg 3.6%					
SES SA	719,644	4,737,930			
Netherlands 3.0%			Portfolio holdings by industry as a percentage of net assets (unaudited):		
Ferrovial SE	105,946	3,864,438	Common Stocks		
United Kingdom 17.8%			Broadline Retail		6.0%
International Game Technology PLC	233,854	6,409,938	Chemicals		1.0
National Grid PLC	479,250	6,463,829	Commercial Services & Supplies		2.1
Rentokil Initial PLC	474,469	2,666,193	Communications Equipment		2.0
Severn Trent PLC	74,333	2,443,853	Construction & Engineering		3.0
United Utilities Group PLC	374,427	5,057,201	Diversified Consumer Services		6.0
		<u>23,041,014</u>	Financial Services		11.9
United States 51.6%			Food Products		5.5
Alphabet, Inc., Class C	7,520	1,059,794	Gas Utilities		1.9
Cisco Systems, Inc.	51,711	2,612,440	Ground Transportation		2.0
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Class A	69,553	5,253,338	Health Care Equipment & Supplies		4.6
CVS Health Corp.	115,445	9,115,537	Health Care Providers & Services		14.4
DENTSPLY SIRONA, Inc.	134,906	4,801,304	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure		4.9
eBay, Inc.	179,048	7,810,074	Interactive Media & Services		0.8
Fiserv, Inc.	38,852	5,161,100	IT Services		4.1
H&R Block, Inc.	160,159	7,746,891	Machinery		4.9
Henry Schein, Inc.	76,842	5,817,708	Media		9.3
Norfolk Southern Corp.	10,938	2,585,524	Multi-Utilities		5.0
Omnicom Group, Inc.	85,130	7,364,596	Water Utilities		<u>5.8</u>
The Kraft Heinz Co.	67,308	2,489,050	Subtotal		<u>95.2%</u>
The Scotts Miracle-Gro Co.	20,199	1,287,686	Preferred Stocks		
Visa, Inc., Class A	14,815	3,857,085	Household Products		2.9
		<u>66,962,127</u>	Money Market Trusts		<u>2.2</u>
Total Common Stocks			Total Investments		<u><u>100.3%</u></u>
(Cost \$113,328,068)		<u>123,492,532</u>			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
December 31, 2023

Assets

Investments in securities, at fair value (cost \$119,485,530)	\$	130,080,422
Foreign currency, at fair value (cost \$204,884)		204,885
Receivables for:		
Dividends		394,189
Tax reclaims		13,317
Prepaid expenses		7,013
Total Assets		<u>130,699,826</u>

Liabilities

Payables for:		
Investment purchased		882,352
Investment advisory fees (Note 4)		134,088
Professional services		29,700
Trustee fees (Note 4)		13,487
Total Liabilities		<u>1,059,627</u>
Net Assets	\$	<u>129,640,199</u>

Class 3

Net Assets	\$	10,502,224
Units Outstanding		991,080
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	10.60

Class 4

Net Assets	\$	119,137,975
Units Outstanding		11,247,809
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	10.59

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Statement of Operations

For the period June 28, 2023 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2023*

Investment Income (Loss)

Income

Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$17)	\$ 1,002,364
Total investment income	<u>1,002,364</u>

Expenses

Investment advisory fees (Note 4):	
Class 3	3,150
Class 4	207,430
Professional services	29,700
Trustee fees (Note 4)	21,137
Custodian fees	6,476
Total gross expenses	<u>267,893</u>
Investment advisory fees waived and expenses reimbursed (Note 4)	(15,039)
Total net expenses	<u>252,854</u>
Net investment income (loss)	<u>749,510</u>

Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)

Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	(3,415,870)
Foreign currency transactions	(26,131)
Total net realized gain (loss)	<u>(3,442,001)</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments	10,594,892
Foreign currency translation	2,988
Total net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	<u>10,597,880</u>
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	<u>7,155,879</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>\$ 7,905,389</u>

*The inception dates for Class 3 and Class 4 were December 1, 2023 and June 28, 2023, respectively.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the period June 28, 2023 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2023*

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets

Operations:

Net investment income (loss)	\$	749,510
Net realized gain (loss)		(3,442,001)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)		10,597,880
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations		<u>7,905,389</u>

Unitholder Transactions (Note 5):

Proceeds from units sold		124,560,631
Cost of units redeemed		(2,825,821)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from unitholder transactions		<u>121,734,810</u>
Total increase (decrease) in net assets		129,640,199
Net assets at beginning of period		—
Net assets at end of period	\$	<u>129,640,199</u>

Changes in Units (Note 5):

Units outstanding at beginning of period		—
Units sold		12,536,062
Units redeemed		(297,173)
Net increase (decrease) in units		<u>12,238,889</u>
Units outstanding at end of period		<u>12,238,889</u>

*The inception dates for Class 3 and Class 4 were December 1, 2023 and June 28, 2023, respectively.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Financial Highlights – Class 3

Selected data per unit outstanding throughout the period ended December 31, 2023*

Net asset value, beginning of period	<u>\$ 10.09</u>
Income (Loss) from investment operations:	
Net investment income (loss) (a)	0.02
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	<u>0.49</u>
Total from investment operations	<u>0.51</u>
Net asset value, end of period	<u><u>\$ 10.60</u></u>

Total Return (b) 5.05%

Ratios and Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$ 10,502
Ratio to average net assets (c):	
Net expenses	0.41%
Gross expenses	0.42%
Net investment income (loss)	1.78%

* For the period from December 1, 2023 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2023.

(a) Net investment income (loss) has been computed based on the average daily units outstanding.

(b) Certain expenses of the CIT have been waived or reimbursed by the Sub-Advisor; without such waiver/reimbursement of expenses, the CIT's return would have been lower. Total return calculation is based on the value of a single unit of participation outstanding throughout the period. It represents the percentage change in the net asset value per unit between the beginning of the period and end of the period and assumes reinvestment of all distributions, if any. The calculation includes only those expenses charged directly to the CIT. Individual unitholders may incur administration or other fees related to the management or maintenance of their individual unitholder accounts, which would have the effect of reducing a unitholder's net return on their investments in the CIT. An individual unitholder's return may also vary based on the timing of capital transactions and fees. Return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

(c) Ratios to average net assets do not reflect expenses charged directly to the unitholders. An individual unitholder's ratios to average net assets may vary based on the timing of unitholder transactions and fees. Annualized for a period of less than one year.

Financial Highlights – Class 4

Selected data per unit outstanding throughout the period ended December 31, 2023*

Net asset value, beginning of period	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Income (Loss) from investment operations:	
Net investment income (loss) (a)	0.09
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	<u>0.50</u>
Total from investment operations	<u>0.59</u>
Net asset value, end of period	<u><u>\$ 10.59</u></u>

Total Return (b) 5.90%

Ratios and Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$ 119,138
Ratio to average net assets (c):	
Net expenses	0.56%
Gross expenses	0.60%
Net investment income (loss)	1.79%

* For the period from June 28, 2023 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2023.

(a) Net investment income (loss) has been computed based on the average daily units outstanding.

(b) Certain expenses of the CIT have been waived or reimbursed by the Sub-Advisor; without such waiver/reimbursement of expenses, the CIT's return would have been lower. Total return calculation is based on the value of a single unit of participation outstanding throughout the period. It represents the percentage change in the net asset value per unit between the beginning of the period and end of the period and assumes reinvestment of all distributions, if any. The calculation includes only those expenses charged directly to the CIT. Individual unitholders may incur administration or other fees related to the management or maintenance of their individual unitholder accounts, which would have the effect of reducing a unitholder's net return on their investments in the CIT. An individual unitholder's return may also vary based on the timing of capital transactions and fees. Return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

(c) Ratios to average net assets do not reflect expenses charged directly to the unitholders. An individual unitholder's ratios to average net assets may vary based on the timing of unitholder transactions and fees. Annualized for a period of less than one year.

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

(1) Organization

Lazard/Great Gray Collective Trust (the "Trust") is a trust formed pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated August 2, 1999, as amended and/or restated from time to time and governed by the laws of the State of Nevada. The Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT (the "Fund") is a portfolio of the Trust. This report includes only the financial statements of the Fund. The financial statements of other portfolios within the Trust, if any, are presented separately. The Fund's investment objective is to seek total return consisting of appreciation and income. The benchmark is Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) World Index. The Fund commenced operations on June 28, 2023.

Great Gray Trust Company LLC, a related party of the Trust, is the Trustee of the Trust and is responsible for maintaining and administering the Trust and the Fund. The Trustee is ultimately controlled by Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC ("MDP"). MDP and its controlled subsidiaries are the general partner to the investment funds that own substantially all of the Trustee through intermediate holding companies. Lazard Asset Management LLC (the "Sub-Advisor"), a subsidiary of Lazard Frères & Co. LLC, provides sub-advisory services for the investment assets of the Fund. The Northern Trust Company (the "Custodian") is the Custodian of the Fund and is responsible for custody of the Fund's assets and providing transfer agent, recordkeeping and accounting functions. The custodian and unitholders' services fees are accrued daily and paid monthly. Northern Trust is an Illinois corporation, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Northern Trust Corporation, a Delaware corporation having its principal office in Chicago, Illinois.

According to the Fund Declaration, the Fund is divided into classes, which shall be identical except as to expenses to be borne by a particular class. Additional classes may be added by the Trustee in its discretion. As of December 31, 2023, the Fund had two funded classes: Class 3 and Class 4.

(2) Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements are presented in conformity with US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). The Fund is an investment company and therefore applies specialized accounting guidance in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of the financial statements:

(a) Valuation of Investments

Equity securities traded on a securities exchange or market, including exchange-traded option contracts, rights and warrants, are valued at the last reported sales price (for US listed equity securities) or the closing price (for non-US listed equity securities) on the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded or, for securities trading on the NASDAQ National Market System ("NASDAQ"), the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. If there is no available closing price for a non-US listed equity security, the last reported sales price is used. If there are no reported sales of a security on the valuation date, the security is valued at the most recent quoted bid price on such date reported by such principal exchange or market. Investments in money market trusts are valued using the net asset value ("NAV") per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient.

Calculation of the Fund's NAV may not take place contemporaneously with the determination of the prices of fund assets used in such calculation. Trading on certain non-US securities exchanges or markets, such as those in Europe and Asia, ordinarily may be completed before the close of business on each business day in New York (i.e., a day on which the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") is open). In addition, securities trading in a particular non-US country or countries may not take place on all business days in New York and on which the NAV of the Fund is calculated.

If a significant event materially affecting the value of securities occurs between the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded and the time when the Fund's NAV is calculated, or when current market quotations otherwise are determined not to be readily available or reliable (including restricted or other illiquid securities such as certain derivative instruments), such securities will

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

December 31, 2023

be valued at their fair value as determined by, or in accordance with procedures approved by, the Sub-Advisor. Certain non-US securities may trade on days when the Fund is not open for business, thus affecting the value of the Fund's assets on days when Fund unitholders may not be able to buy or sell Fund units.

The Sub-Advisor may evaluate a variety of factors to determine the fair value of securities for which market quotations are determined not to be readily available or reliable. These factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security, the value of comparable securities, observations from financial institutions and relevant news events. Input from the Sub-Advisor's fund managers/analysts also will be considered.

(b) Fund Securities Transactions and Investment Income

Fund securities transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gain (loss) on sales of investments are recorded on a first in, first out basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except for certain dividends from non-US securities where the dividend rate is not available. In such cases, the dividend is recorded as soon as the information is received by the Fund. Interest income, if any, is accrued daily. The Fund's income, expenses (other than class specific expenses) and realized and unrealized gains and losses are allocated proportionally each day between the classes based upon the relative net assets of each class.

The Fund may be subject to taxes imposed by non-US countries in which it invests. Such taxes are generally based upon income earned or capital gains (realized and/or unrealized). The Fund accrues and applies such taxes to net investment income, net realized gains and net unrealized gains concurrent with the recognition of income earned or capital gains (realized and/or unrealized) from the applicable fund securities.

(c) Foreign Currency

The accounting records of the Fund are maintained in US dollars. Fund securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated daily into US dollars at the prevailing rates of exchange. Purchases and sales of securities, income receipts and expense payments are translated into US dollars at the prevailing exchange rates on the respective transaction dates.

The Fund does not isolate the portion of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in their market prices. Such fluctuations are included in net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments. Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency transactions represent net foreign currency gain (loss) from disposition of foreign currencies, currency gain (loss) realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amount of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's accounting records and the US dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency translations reflects the impact of changes in exchange rates on the value of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities, during the period.

(d) Tax Reclaims Receivable

Tax reclaims receivable, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date based upon the Trustee's interpretation of country-specific taxation of dividend income, which may be subject to change due to changes in country-specific tax regulations regarding amounts reclaimable or the Trustee's interpretation of country-specific taxation of dividend income and related amounts reclaimable.

(e) Income Taxes

The Fund intends to continue to be exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and qualify as a group trust under IRS Revenue Ruling 81-100 and any amendments thereto, and other applicable IRS rules and regulations. No provision for federal income taxes is made in the financial statements of the Fund.

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

December 31, 2023

Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions, and has concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to uncertain tax positions taken on tax returns filed for any open tax years (or expected to be taken on future tax returns). Open tax years are those that remain subject to examination and are based on each tax jurisdiction's statute of limitations.

(f) Distributions to Unitholders

Net investment income and net realized gains are retained by the Fund.

(g) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets resulting from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(h) Net Asset Value

NAV per unit for each class of the Fund is determined each day the NYSE is open for trading as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time). The Fund will not treat an intraday unscheduled disruption in NYSE trading as a closure of the NYSE, and will price its units as of 4:00 p.m., if the particular disruption directly affects only the NYSE. The NAV per unit of a class is determined by dividing the value of the total assets of the Fund represented by such class, less all liabilities, by the total number of Fund units of such class outstanding.

(3) Short Term Investments

Cash is held by Northern Trust which, as contracted on behalf of the Fund, sweeps cash on each business day into the NT Collective Government Short Term Investment Fund, a collective fund in the Northern Trust Investments Collective Funds Trust, which is included in the Portfolio of Investments.

(4) Sub-Advisor and Trustee Fees

Pursuant to the Sub-Advisor Agreement, the Sub-Advisor regularly provides the Fund with investment research, advice and supervision and furnishes continuously an investment program consistent with its investment objectives and policies, including the purchase, retention and disposition of securities, and provides the Fund with administrative, operational and compliance assistance services. For its services provided to the Fund, the Sub-Advisor earns an investment advisory fee at an annualized rate of 0.40% and 0.50% of the average daily net assets for Class 3 and Class 4, respectively. The investment advisory fees are accrued daily and paid quarterly.

The Sub-Advisor has voluntarily agreed to waive its fees and, if necessary, reimburse the Fund if the aggregate direct expenses of the Fund, exclusive of the taxes, brokerage, interest on borrowings, fees and expenses of "Acquired Funds" and extraordinary expenses, and excluding other transaction fees, but including the management fee stated in the Sub-Advisor Agreement between the Sub-Advisor and the Fund, exceed 0.10% of the average net assets of the Fund. For purposes of this item, an "Acquired Fund" means any company in which the Fund invests or has invested during the relevant fiscal period that (A) is an investment company or (B) would be an investment company under section 3(a) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3(a)) but for the exceptions to that definition provided for in sections 3(c)(1) and 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3(c)(1) and 80a-3(c)(7)).

The Trustee is responsible for certain administrative and financial reporting functions. For these services, the Fund pays the Trustee an annualized fee of 0.05% and 0.05% of Class 3 and Class 4 net assets, respectively. The trustee fees are accrued daily and paid quarterly.

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

December 31, 2023

(5) Unitholders' Transactions

The Fund offers units for sale and redemption of its units at the NAV of each class as of the close of each business day.

For the period ended December 31, 2023, the units transactions were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Dollar Amounts</u>
Class 3		
Units sold	991,080	\$ 10,000,000
Units redeemed	—	—
Net increase (decrease) in units	<u>991,080</u>	<u>\$ 10,000,000</u>
Class 4		
Units sold	11,544,982	\$ 114,560,631
Units redeemed	(297,173)	(2,825,821)
Net increase (decrease) in units	<u>11,247,809</u>	<u>\$ 111,734,810</u>
Total increase (decrease) in units	<u><u>12,238,889</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 121,734,810</u></u>

(6) Investment Risks

(a) Non-US Securities Risk

The Fund's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting the non-US countries and companies in which the Fund invests. Non-US securities carry special risks, such as less developed or less efficient trading markets, political instability, a lack of company information, differing auditing and legal standards, and, potentially, less liquidity. Non-US securities may be subject to economic sanctions or other similar governmental actions or developments, which could, among other things, effectively restrict or eliminate the Fund's ability to purchase or sell certain foreign securities. To the extent the Fund holds securities subject to such actions, the securities may become difficult to value and/or less liquid (or illiquid). In some cases, the securities may become worthless. In addition, investments denominated in currencies other than US dollars may experience a decline in value, in US dollar terms, due solely to fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

(b) Emerging Market Risk

Emerging market countries generally have economic structures that are less diverse and mature, and political systems that are less stable than those of developed countries. The economies of countries with emerging markets may be based predominantly on only a few industries, may be highly vulnerable to changes in local or global trade conditions, and may suffer from extreme debt burdens or volatile inflation rates. The securities markets of emerging market countries have historically been extremely volatile and less liquid than more developed markets. These market conditions may continue or worsen. Investments in these countries may be subject to political, economic, legal, market and currency risks. Significant devaluation of emerging market currencies against the US dollar may occur subsequent to acquisition of investments denominated in emerging market currencies.

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

December 31, 2023

(c) Foreign Currency Risk

Investments denominated in currencies other than US dollars may experience a decline in value, in US dollar terms, due solely to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. The Fund's investments denominated in such currencies (particularly currencies of emerging markets countries), as well as any investments in currencies themselves, could be adversely affected by delays in, or a refusal to grant, repatriation of funds or conversion of currencies. Irrespective of any foreign currency exposure hedging, the Fund may experience a decline in the value of its fund securities, in US dollar terms, due solely to fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

(d) Unitholder Concentration Risk

As of December 31, 2023, the number of unitholders holding 10% or more of the outstanding units of each Class, and the aggregated percentages of the total units that those unitholders held of each Class, were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number of Unitholders</u>	<u>Aggregated Percentages</u>
Class 3	1	100.00%
Class 4	4	88.24%

(e) Counterparty Default Risk

Certain investment techniques the Fund may employ involve risk that the counterparty to such instruments will become insolvent or otherwise default on its obligation to perform as agreed. In the event of such default, the Fund may have limited recourse against the counterparty and may experience delays in the recovery (or loss) of collateral.

(f) Market Risk

The Fund may incur losses due to declines in one or more markets in which it invests. These declines may be the result of, among other things, political, regulatory, market, economic or social developments affecting the relevant market(s). To the extent that such developments impact specific industries, market sectors, countries or geographic regions, the Fund's investments in such industries, market sectors, countries and/or geographic regions can be expected to be particularly affected, especially if such investments are a significant portion of its investment portfolio. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the Fund. Global economies and financial markets are increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers worldwide. As a result, local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, recessions or other events could have a significant negative impact on global economic and market conditions. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) global pandemic and the aggressive responses taken by many governments or voluntarily imposed by private parties, including closing borders, restricting travel and imposing prolonged quarantines or similar restrictions, as well as the closure of, or operational changes to, many retail and other businesses, has had negative impacts, and in many cases severe negative impacts, on markets worldwide. It is not known how long such impacts, or any future impacts of other significant events described above, will or would last, but there could be a prolonged period of global economic slowdown, which may be expected to impact the Fund and its investments.

(7) Contractual Obligations

The Fund enters into contracts in the normal course of business that contain a variety of indemnification provisions. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. Management has reviewed the Fund's existing contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

Lazard Global Equity Franchise CIT

Notes to Financial Statements (concluded)

December 31, 2023

(8) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive to sell an asset, or would pay to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the date of measurement. The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures provisions of GAAP also establish a framework for measuring fair value, and a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurement that is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability. Inputs may be observable or unobservable and refer, broadly, to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy for the assets and liabilities of the Fund is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the overall fair value measurement. The three-level hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

- Level 1 — unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities
- Level 2 — other significant observable inputs (including unadjusted quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 — significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of assets and liabilities)

Changes in valuation methodology or input may result in transfers into or out of the current assigned level within the hierarchy.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in these securities.

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Fund's assets and liabilities by each fair value hierarchy level as of December 31, 2023:

Description	Unadjusted Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets and Liabilities (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Investments Measured at Net Asset Value*	Balance as of December 31, 2023
Common Stocks**	\$ 123,492,532	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 123,492,532
Preferred Stocks**	3,750,914	—	—	—	3,750,914
Money Market Trusts	—	—	—	2,836,976	2,836,976
Total	<u>\$ 127,243,446</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,836,976</u>	<u>\$ 130,080,422</u>

*Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

**Please refer to Portfolio of Investments for portfolio holdings by industry.

(9) Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events affecting the Fund through March 28, 2024, the date that these financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there were no other subsequent events that required adjustment or disclosure.