



University  
of Manitoba

# UM Endowment

2021/22 University Investment Trust (UIT) Annual Report

## What inspires you can change everything

The University of Manitoba's endowment—the University Investment Trust (UIT)—provides stable, dependable funding for our programs, students, and researchers. **The generosity and vision of our donors ensure that together, we are helping our UM community contribute to a brighter future.** Thank you for your continued confidence, partnership, and trust.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

MORE THAN  
**2,600**  
INDIVIDUAL FUNDS IN THE UIT

UIT VALUED AT  
**\$879.4M**  
AS OF MARCH 31, 2022

SPENDING RATE  
WAS MAINTAINED AT  
**4.5%**  
OF THE UIT'S ROLLING 48-MONTH  
AVERAGE MARKET VALUE

**\$35.5M** GENERATED TO SUPPORT  
STUDENTS, PROGRAMS,  
AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

**\$26.3M** RECEIVED IN GIFTS  
OVER THE PAST YEAR

**9.8%** ONE-YEAR RETURN  
VS BENCHMARK OF 12%

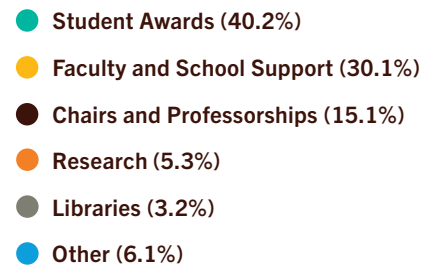
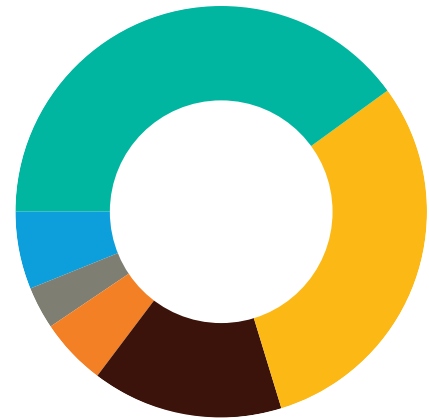
**\$154M** TOTAL SPENDING  
FOR BENEFICIARIES  
OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS

For more detailed information on UM's endowment performance and management, visit [umanitoba.ca/treasury-services/university-investment-trust](https://umanitoba.ca/treasury-services/university-investment-trust)

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

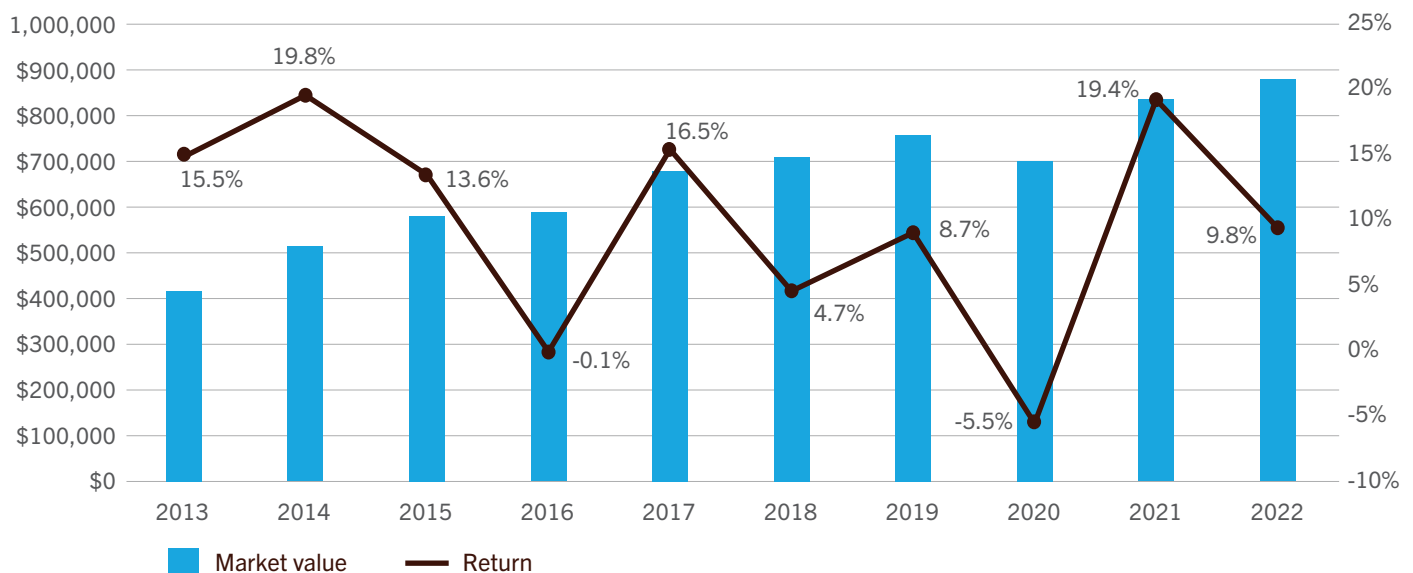
- Canadian equities and the Canadian real estate portfolio led the way with returns of **21.1%** and **14.6%** respectively. Canadian bonds and international equities underperformed, both losing **4.7%** of their value. Overall, the UIT's return over the past year, five years, and 10 years exceeded the primary investment objective of the fund—to provide a net real return that exceeds the UIT spending payout.
- The UIT approved one new investment manager account in 2022: **the Brookfield Global Transition Fund**. This fund will invest in infrastructure and businesses that help economies transition to a low-carbon environment. As of March 31, 2022, no capital has been called by Brookfield, so the investment is nil at year-end. Capital calls for this new investment will commence in fiscal 2023, with allocations coming from equities and real estate. At the end of the fiscal year 2022, the asset mix of the UIT investment portfolio was at **65.9%** equities, **16.0%** real estate, **8.5%** government bonds, and **9.6%** infrastructure.
- A **Responsible Investment Committee** has been established to recommend best practices and policy considerations for the investment of UIT assets. The policy will focus on a more robust adoption of environmental, social, governance (ESG) issues within investment decisions, with an elevated focus on climate change and Indigenous rights and reconciliation. Recommendations and policy considerations will require approval by the Board of Governors before adoption by the Trust Investment Committee.

## SPENDING ALLOCATION BY PURPOSE



## MARKET VALUE AND ANNUAL RETURN OF UIT 2012–13 TO 2021–22 (in thousands)

The following graph demonstrates the growth of the UIT's market value and annual returns over the past 10 years.



### Endowment Fees

The endowment fund incurs expenses related to the management and safekeeping of assets. Fees include investment management, custodian, consulting, performance measurement, and internal administrative fees. Total expenses of the fund in 2022 were **\$5,420,000** or **0.62%** of the average market value of the investments for the year.