

# Undergraduate Student Investment Fund David Eccles School of Business University of Utah

#### Constitution

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# 1. Purpose

The Undergraduate Student Investment Fund ("Fund") provides undergraduate students in the David Eccles School of Business ("Eccles") at the University of Utah with "hands on" investment experience. Students participating in the Fund will learn how to evaluate potential investments and how to manage an investment portfolio.

# 2. Types of Investments

Investments are limited to securities listed on US exchanges. Fund investments are limited to common and preferred stock, including ADRs, exchange traded funds (ETFs), liquid corporate bonds, mutual funds, money market accounts, and US Treasury instruments. Margin purchases, short sales, over-the-counter stocks, pink sheet stocks, and investment in derivatives are not permitted.

## 3. Annual Report

Each year, the students will prepare an Annual Report of the Fund's activities and performance. The report will be distributed to the Eccles Dean, the Finance Department Chair, and to other interested parties.

## 4. Support for the Fund

The Finance Department and the Eccles will provide reasonable support for the Fund, including the type of support offered for regular departmental classes such as photocopying, computer support, etc.

## 5. Faculty Advisor



An advisor to the Fund will be selected each Spring for the following academic year. The Faculty Advisor will be a faculty member of the Finance Department. The Faculty Advisor will typically be the Academic Director of the Institute of Advanced Investment Management ("IAIM"). The Finance Department Chair and the IAIM Academic Director will select the Faculty Advisor. The Faculty Advisor will be responsible for ensuring that the fund offers an appropriate learning experience for students. The Assistant Dean of Finance and Operations will also be authorized to make trades if the Faculty Advisor is unavailable. The Faculty Advisor is responsible for maintaining records of all transactions made on behalf of the Fund. These records shall be made available upon request to the Finance Department Chair and the Eccles Dean. The Faculty Advisor is responsible for supervising the students in preparing an annual report of the Fund's activities.

### 6. Investment Decisions

Decisions to buy or sell a security or basket of securities will be decided by a simple majority of students present at a regularly scheduled Fund meeting, after careful consideration of how the recommended investment contributes to the investment goals of the Fund. In addition, a member of the group may move to recommend selling all or part of a security or basket of securities currently in the portfolio at any time. The Faculty Advisor retains the right not to carry out student recommendations if, in their opinion, the recommendations are inconsistent with the investment philosophy of the Fund. The Faculty Advisor, or, in their absence, the designated alternative, will place trades through a registered broker.

## 7. Investment Risk Parameters

Each year the students and the Faculty Advisor will create an Investments Guideline to align investment opportunities, risk tolerance, and financial needs.

#### 8. Distribution of Funds

The Fund shall operate on an annual period from August 1 to July 31. In general, earnings and appreciation will remain invested in the Fund. Distribution decisions require the unanimous approval of the IAIM Academic Director, the Finance Department Chair, and the Eccles Dean.

#### 9. Amendments

Amendments to the Fund's constitution will require a unanimous decision by the Faculty Advisor, the IAIM Academic Director, and the Eccles Dean.



# 10. Dissolution

Should the IAIM Academic Director, the Finance Department Chair, and the Eccles Dean unanimously decide to dissolve the Fund, the cash and securities in the Fund would revert to the IAIM endowment.