



**GREAT GRAY**  
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**GREAT GRAY COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT TRUST**

**EMERALD SMALL CAP GROWTH CIT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**WITH**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

# Great Gray Collective Investment Trust

## EMERALD SMALL CAP GROWTH CIT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Great Gray Trust Company, LLC, Trustee for  
Great Gray Collective Investment Trust

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Emerald Small Cap Growth CIT of Great Gray Collective Investment Trust (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2023, the related statements of operations and changes in net assets, and the financial highlights for year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. These financial statements and financial highlights are hereinafter collectively referred to as 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 its financial highlights for the year then ended, 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 (GAAS). 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 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

### Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 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 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.

#### **Other Matter**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of the Fund as a whole. The supplementary information for the year ended December 31, 2023, following the schedule of investments, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma  
April 29, 2024



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### Schedule of Investments December 31, 2023

	Principal Amount or Shares	Cost	Fair Value
Common Stocks - 98.2%			
Communications - 0.9%			
Applied Digital Corporation	54,608	\$ 431,581	\$ 368,058
Cogent Communications Holdings, Inc.	11,367	718,870	864,574
Total Communications		<u>1,150,451</u>	<u>1,232,632</u>
Consumer Discretionary - 12.4%			
Arhaus, Inc.	90,552	785,711	1,073,041
BJ's Restaurants, Inc.	44,944	1,197,031	1,618,433
Churchill Downs, Inc.	18,660	2,080,870	2,517,794
Chuy's Holdings, Inc.	23,313	618,494	891,256
Freshpet, Inc.	38,132	3,504,518	3,308,332
indie Semiconductor, Inc. Class A	170,534	1,499,160	1,383,031
Jack in the Box, Inc.	17,202	1,500,914	1,404,199
Light & Wonder, Inc.	6,141	462,110	504,238
National Vision Holdings, Inc.	57,645	1,728,769	1,206,510
OneSpaWorld Holdings Ltd.	28,349	377,883	399,721
Portillo's, Inc. Class A	63,577	1,356,451	1,012,782
Savers Value Village, Inc.	73,650	1,442,370	1,280,037
SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.	9,405	673,116	496,866
Visteon Corporation	6,301	658,896	786,995
Total Consumer Discretionary		<u>17,886,293</u>	<u>17,883,235</u>
Consumer Staples - 3.0%			
Celsius Holdings, Inc.	22,701	695,732	1,237,659
Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holdings, Inc.	8,608	651,144	653,261
Simply Good Foods Co./The	34,258	1,278,753	1,356,617
Utz Brands, Inc.	50,933	856,248	827,152
Zevia PBC Class A	98,643	314,687	198,272
Total Consumer Staples		<u>3,796,564</u>	<u>4,272,961</u>
Energy - 4.0%			
Ameresco, Inc. Class A	24,844	1,835,729	786,810
ChampionX Corporation	14,282	413,066	417,177
Matador Resources Co.	10,981	591,529	624,380
Northern Oil and Gas, Inc.	30,848	932,817	1,143,535
TETRA Technologies, Inc.	144,179	583,586	651,689
Tidewater, Inc.	3,657	263,797	263,706
Valaris Ltd.	12,207	838,160	837,034
Weatherford International PLC	9,987	875,151	977,028
Total Energy		<u>6,333,835</u>	<u>5,701,359</u>

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

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### Schedule of Investments (continued) December 31, 2023

	Principal Amount or Shares	Cost	Fair Value
<u>Common Stocks - 98.2% (continued)</u>			
<u>Financials - 10.1%</u>			
Axos Financial, Inc.	21,203	\$ 977,036	\$ 1,157,684
Banc of California, Inc.	52,815	739,851	709,306
BRP Group, Inc. Class A	55,295	1,512,572	1,328,186
FTAI Aviation Ltd.	54,513	1,524,499	2,529,403
Houlihan Lokey, Inc.	11,734	1,067,794	1,407,024
Moelis & Co. Class A	32,643	1,524,997	1,832,252
Pacific Premier Bancorp, Inc.	28,066	1,023,006	817,001
Palomar Holdings, Inc.	29,855	1,861,851	1,656,952
Popular, Inc.	6,672	435,755	547,571
Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc.	53,381	1,015,702	1,808,548
Trinity Capital, Inc.	52,718	910,197	765,993
Total Financials		<u>12,593,260</u>	<u>14,559,920</u>
<u>Health Care - 27.8%</u>			
ACADIA Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	110,261	2,355,208	3,452,272
Akero Therapeutics, Inc.	3,885	69,398	90,715
Alphatec Holdings, Inc.	31,759	414,253	479,877
Amylyx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	57,408	1,786,977	845,046
AtriCure, Inc.	29,092	1,610,279	1,038,293
Blueprint Medicines Corporation	30,547	1,883,911	2,817,655
Bridgebio Pharma, Inc.	39,461	623,222	1,593,041
Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	38,518	731,823	1,185,584
CVRx, Inc.	26,053	334,625	819,106
Cymbay Therapeutics, Inc.	70,544	1,165,150	1,666,249
Deciphera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	44,514	642,676	718,011
DocGo, Inc.	153,999	1,347,106	860,854
Haemonetics Corporation	10,054	578,001	859,718
ImmunoGen, Inc.	87,040	1,314,976	2,580,736
Immunovant, Inc.	13,535	538,979	570,230
Insmed, Inc.	63,951	1,226,625	1,981,842
Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.	22,353	1,374,650	1,600,922
Lantheus Holdings, Inc.	5,244	326,270	325,128
LivaNova PLC	31,084	1,458,005	1,608,286
Madrigal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	3,111	698,773	719,823
MannKind Corporation	73,047	304,602	265,891
Merit Medical Systems, Inc.	26,411	1,670,760	2,006,180
NeoGenomics, Inc.	133,843	1,531,438	2,165,580
Orthofix Medical, Inc.	50,431	1,043,934	679,810
Quanterix Corporation	37,818	884,623	1,033,944
RadNet, Inc.	36,152	1,183,480	1,257,005

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### Schedule of Investments (continued) December 31, 2023

	Principal Amount or Shares	Cost	Fair Value
<u>Common Stocks - 98.2% (continued)</u>			
<u>Health Care - 27.8% (continued)</u>			
Replimune Group, Inc.	27,649	\$ 457,837	\$ 233,081
Soleno Therapeutics, Inc.	14,579	291,580	586,805
TransMedics Group, Inc.	33,391	1,209,487	2,635,552
Travere Therapeutics, Inc.	67,752	1,163,502	609,090
Treace Medical Concepts, Inc.	102,131	1,867,001	1,302,170
Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical, Inc.	29,599	1,473,756	1,415,424
Total Health Care		<u>33,562,907</u>	<u>40,003,920</u>
<u>Industrials - 15.1%</u>			
AAR Corporation	24,276	1,415,764	1,514,822
AeroVironment, Inc.	16,136	1,487,266	2,033,781
Cactus, Inc. Class A	22,492	926,070	1,021,137
Chart Industries, Inc.	15,756	2,576,339	2,148,016
Exponent, Inc.	10,611	1,005,599	934,192
First Advantage Corporation	78,407	1,175,867	1,299,204
Forward Air Corporation	6,588	690,425	414,188
Herc Holdings, Inc.	10,914	1,662,712	1,624,985
Installed Building Products, Inc.	3,232	531,688	590,874
Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc.	109,314	2,143,372	2,217,981
Montrose Environmental Group, Inc.	46,633	2,062,293	1,498,318
Napco Security Technologies, Inc.	15,551	553,562	532,622
NV5 Global, Inc.	20,438	2,560,980	2,271,071
RXO, Inc.	28,277	620,060	657,723
Sun Country Airlines Holdings, Inc.	67,753	1,594,874	1,065,755
TriNet Group, Inc.	16,021	1,548,128	1,905,378
Total Industrials		<u>22,554,999</u>	<u>21,730,047</u>
<u>Materials - 3.1%</u>			
ATI, Inc.	27,325	1,047,234	1,242,468
Carpenter Technology Corporation	45,142	1,771,476	3,196,053
Total Materials		<u>2,818,710</u>	<u>4,438,521</u>
<u>Technology - 21.8%</u>			
Agilysys, Inc.	13,196	908,902	1,119,285
Clear Secure, Inc. Class A	14,019	366,399	289,492
Coherent Corporation	16,287	555,583	708,973
Credo Technology Group Holding Ltd.	79,245	1,011,104	1,542,900
FormFactor, Inc.	31,833	1,040,345	1,327,754
Harmonic, Inc.	74,869	1,062,415	976,292
HireRight Holdings Corporation	16,599	216,348	223,256

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### Schedule of Investments (continued) December 31, 2023

	Principal Amount or Shares	Cost	Fair Value
<u>Common Stocks - 98.2% (continued)</u>			
<u>Technology - 21.8% (continued)</u>			
Impinj, Inc.	7,893	\$ 537,092	\$ 710,607
IPG Photonics Corporation	4,655	461,381	505,254
Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc.	7,403	382,789	405,092
MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc.	18,916	1,157,553	1,758,242
Onto Innovation, Inc.	10,161	1,356,079	1,553,617
PDF Solutions, Inc.	49,537	1,277,417	1,592,119
Perficient, Inc.	9,278	934,825	610,678
Privia Health Group, Inc.	60,267	1,875,736	1,387,949
Q2 Holdings, Inc.	23,347	856,423	1,013,493
Rambus, Inc.	22,175	1,159,103	1,513,444
Rapid7, Inc.	24,726	2,705,024	1,411,855
Shift4 Payments, Inc. Class A	34,264	1,834,758	2,547,186
SkyWater Technology, Inc.	72,678	760,121	699,162
Super Micro Computer, Inc.	9,796	552,393	2,784,611
Synaptics, Inc.	3,523	416,992	401,904
Tenable Holdings, Inc.	52,452	2,414,566	2,415,939
Varonis Systems, Inc.	67,185	2,979,454	3,042,137
Zuora, Inc. Class A	90,674	883,987	852,336
Total Technology		<u>27,706,789</u>	<u>31,393,577</u>
Total Common Stocks		<u>128,403,808</u>	<u>141,216,172</u>
<u>Real Estate Investment Trusts - 1.5%</u>			
<u>Real Estate - 1.5%</u>			
Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.	11,877	1,102,898	1,307,183
Terreno Realty Corporation	14,157	875,229	887,219
Total Real Estate		<u>1,978,127</u>	<u>2,194,402</u>
Total Real Estate Investment Trusts		<u>1,978,127</u>	<u>2,194,402</u>
<u>Money Market Trusts - 0.9%</u>			
NT Collective Government Short Term Investment Fund	1,244,927	1,244,927	1,244,927
Total Money Market Trusts		<u>1,244,927</u>	<u>1,244,927</u>
Total Investments - 100.6%		<u>\$ 131,626,862</u>	144,655,501
Other Assets and Liabilities, Net - (0.6)%			(835,392)
Net Assets - 100.0%			<u>\$ 143,820,109</u>

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### Schedule of Investments (continued) December 31, 2023

The following is a summary of the fair value of the investments in the Fund based on the inputs used to value them as of December 31, 2023 (see Note 3 in Notes to the Financial Statements):

	Fair Value Measurements				Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Investments Measured at Net Asset Value*	
Common Stocks	\$ 141,216,172	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141,216,172
Real Estate Investment Trusts	2,194,402	-	-	-	2,194,402
Money Market Trusts	-	-	-	1,244,927	1,244,927
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 143,410,574</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,244,927</b>	<b>\$ 144,655,501</b>

\*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.

**Concentration of Ownership:** As of December 31, 2023, the Fund had one unitholder holding 10% or more of the outstanding units of the Fund, and aggregated to 96.8% of the Fund's total units outstanding.

**Supplementary Information:** Total investment purchases, sales proceeds, and realized loss for the year ended December 31, 2023, were:

	Purchases at Cost	Sales Proceeds	Realized Loss
Equity	\$ 64,755,333	\$ 87,569,165	\$ (2,278,078)
Money Market	55,876,798	55,957,969	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 120,632,131</b>	<b>\$ 143,527,134</b>	<b>\$ (2,278,078)</b>

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### Statement of Assets and Liabilities December 31, 2023

<b>Assets</b>	
Investments in securities, at fair value (cost \$131,626,862)	\$ 144,655,501
Dividends receivable	77,677
Receivable for fund units sold	10,550
Total assets	<u>144,743,728</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Payable for investment securities purchased	455,768
Payable to custodian	200,842
Accrued trustee and sub-advisor fees	198,843
Payable for fund units redeemed	64,418
Accrued professional services and other operating expenses	3,748
Total liabilities	<u>923,619</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 143,820,109</u>

### Statement of Operations For the year ended December 31, 2023

<b>Investment Income (Loss)</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Dividends	\$ 886,334
Total income	<u>886,334</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Trustee and sub-advisor fees	858,984
Professional services and other operating expenses	7,015
Total expenses	<u>865,999</u>
Net investment income	<u>20,335</u>
<b>Realized and Unrealized Gain / Loss</b>	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	<u>(2,278,078)</u>
Net realized loss	<u>(2,278,078)</u>
Change in net unrealized gain / loss on:	
Investments	<u>26,424,642</u>
Change in net unrealized gain / loss	<u>26,424,642</u>
Net realized and unrealized gain / loss	<u>24,146,564</u>
<b>Increase in net assets from operations</b>	<u>\$ 24,166,899</u>

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### Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the year ended December 31, 2023

#### Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets

##### Operations

Net investment income	\$	20,335
Net realized loss		(2,278,078)
Change in net unrealized gain / loss		<u>26,424,642</u>
Increase in net assets from operations		<u>24,166,899</u>

##### Unit transactions

Proceeds from units issued Founders Class		10,293,390
Value of units redeemed Founders Class		<u>(33,592,981)</u>
Decrease in net assets resulting from unit transactions		<u>(23,299,591)</u>
Increase in net assets		867,308
Net assets, beginning of year		<u>142,952,801</u>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>143,820,109</u></b>

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### Financial Highlights For the year ended December 31, 2023

<b>Per Unit Operating Performance</b>	<b>Founders Class</b>
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 8.47
Investment operations:	
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00 <sup>(2)</sup>
Net realized and unrealized gain / loss <sup>(1)</sup>	1.57
Total from investment operations	1.57
<b>Net asset value, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 10.04</b>
<b>Total Return</b>	<b>18.54%</b>
<b>Supplemental Data</b>	
Ratio to average net assets:	
Expenses	0.60%
Net investment income	0.01%
<b>Unit Activity</b>	
Units, beginning of year	16,870,853
Issued	1,147,390
Redeemed	(3,696,804)
Units, end of year	14,321,439

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on average units outstanding.

<sup>(2)</sup> Amount is less than \$0.005 per unit.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

#### Note 1 – Organization

Great Gray Collective Investment Trust (the "Trust") is intended to constitute an exempt trust under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and a group trust within the meaning of Rev. Rul. 81-100, as amended. The Trust is exempt from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Great Gray Trust Company, LLC (the "Trustee") serves as the Trustee of the Trust.

The Trustee is responsible for maintaining and administering the Trust and the Emerald Small Cap Growth CIT (the "Fund") and also serves as the investment manager (the "Investment Manager") to the Fund. Northern Trust Company provides custody, transfer agency, and accounting services for the Fund.

On December 19, 2022, Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC ("MDP"), a registered investment adviser and leading private equity firm based in Chicago, announced an agreement with Wilmington Trust, N.A. ("WTNA"), under which investment funds controlled by MDP would acquire WTNA's Collective Investment Trust business. On April 28, 2023, the agreement was finalized and Great Gray Trust Company, LLC became the successor trustee to WTNA's CIT business. On that date, the Trust name was changed from Wilmington Trust Collective Investment Trust to Great Gray Collective Investment Trust. The Trustee is ultimately controlled by 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.

The purpose of the Trust is to allow collective investments by plan sponsors of retirement plans which qualify for exemption from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code, by reason of qualifying under Section 401(a) of the Code; tax-exempt governmental plans under Section 414(d) or Section 818(a)(6) of the Code; eligible deferred compensation plans under Section 457(b) of the Code established by a government employer; group trusts or separate accounts consisting solely of assets of the foregoing; and other investors eligible for participation in the Trust. The Trust consists of separate funds with differing investment objectives, which are available for investment by participating plans. An eligible plan may join the Trust, subject to the Trustee's acceptance, and become a participating plan by executing participation documents specified by the Trustee. Not all funds within the Trust are presented herein. The Trustee has claimed an exclusion from the definition of commodity pool operator ("CPO") under the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") with respect to the Fund, and is therefore not subject to CFTC registration or regulation as a CPO with respect to the Fund.

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term growth through capital appreciation by investing primarily in smaller companies. The Trustee has engaged Emerald Advisers, LLC (the "Sub-Advisor") to provide investment advice and recommendations with respect to investment of the Fund's assets. The Trustee maintains ultimate fiduciary authority over the management of and investments made in the Fund. The Sub-Advisor is engaged pursuant to a sub-advisor agreement.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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#### Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The Fund is an investment company and follows the accounting and reporting guidance in Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 946.

**Net Asset Value ("NAV")** – Units of the Fund are valued each day on which the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading in accordance with the valuation procedures established by the Trustee. The NAV per unit is calculated as of the close of trading on the NYSE (generally, 4:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern time). The NAV per unit is computed by dividing the total fair value of the assets of the Fund, less its liabilities, by the total number of units outstanding at the time of such computation. Investment income earned is reinvested in the Fund and included in the determination of unit values.

**Fund Unit Transactions** – The Fund sells new units and repurchases outstanding units on a daily basis. Unit purchases and redemptions are transacted at the NAV of the Fund determined as of the close of business each day. A summary of the Fund unit activity for the Fund is included with its Financial Highlights.

The Fund requires a plan sponsor to provide advance written notice of five business days for plan sponsor directed withdrawals which will exceed \$1 million of the assets invested in the Fund.

**Investment Valuation** – Investments are valued at their current fair value determined as follows:

**Money Market Trusts** – Investments in money market trusts are valued using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient.

**Securities** – Securities, other than bonds, listed on a securities exchange, market or automated quotation system for which quotations are readily available are valued at the closing price on the primary exchange or market on which they are traded on the day of valuation or, if there is no such reported sale on the valuation date, at the most recent bid quotation on the principal exchange. If a market price is not readily available or if such price is deemed unreliable, it will be valued at fair value in accordance with valuation procedures established by the Trustee. The Trustee's determination of fair value involves consideration of a number of subjective factors, and therefore, no single standard for determining fair value will apply.

When the valuation methods described above are not reflective of fair value, investments are valued at fair value following procedures and/or guidelines determined by or under the direction of the valuation committee established by the Trustee. In light of the judgment involved in fair value decisions, there can be no assurance that a fair value assigned to a particular investment is accurate.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** – The Fund considers all highly liquid instruments with original maturities of three months or less at the acquisition date to be cash equivalents.

**Investment Transactions and Investment Income** – The Fund records security transactions on a trade date basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net realized gains and losses on investments are determined by the first-in, first-out method. Interest income and expenses are recorded daily on the accrual basis.

# Great Gray Collective Investment Trust

## Emerald Small Cap Growth CIT

### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

December 31, 2023

**Use of Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Guarantees and Indemnifications** – Under the Fund's organizational documents, each trustee, officer, employee and agent of the Trust is indemnified, to the extent permitted by law, against certain liabilities that may arise in the performance of their duties to the Fund.

Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and the Trustee believes the risk of loss to be remote.

**Income Tax Status** – The Trust has received a determination from the Internal Revenue Service that the Trust is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Code. Accordingly, no federal income tax provision is required.

**Subsequent Events** – The Trustee has evaluated the effect of subsequent events on the Fund's financial statements through April 29, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no material subsequent events that would require disclosure or adjustment in the Fund's financial statements through this date.

#### Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price a fund would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of the Fund's investments. The Trustee has performed an analysis of the significance and character of these inputs to the fair value determination. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical investments.
- Level 2 – Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, and others).
- Level 3 – Significant unobservable inputs (including the Trustee's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing investments are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments. The aggregate fair value of the investments in the Fund, by input level used as of December 31, 2023, is included following the Fund's Schedule of Investments.



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**Note 4 – Fees and Expenses**

**Trustee and Sub-Advisor Fees**

Annualized asset-based fees are based upon the net assets as determined at the end of each preceding business day as set forth in the table below (in basis points). Except as otherwise noted, all asset-based fees are paid from the assets of the Fund.

<b>Fee Class</b>	<b>Trustee Fee</b>	<b>Sub-Advisor Fee</b>
Founders Class	8	52

**Trustee Fee** – The Trustee receives an annualized fee for trustee and administrative services provided to the Fund. Trustee fees are based upon the average daily value of the Fund and are accrued daily, paid quarterly in arrears and charged against the assets invested in the Fund.

**Sub-Advisor Fee** – The Sub-Advisor is compensated for its investment advisory services provided to the Fund. These annualized fees are based upon the average daily value of the Fund and are accrued daily, paid quarterly in arrears and charged against the assets invested in the Fund.

**Operating Expenses** – In addition to the fees described above, the Fund bears expenses related to its operations, including, but not limited to, audit, custody, tax and legal services. Expenses incurred in connection with the investment and reinvestment of Fund assets, including, without limitation, brokerage commission and other expenses, are also charged against the Fund.

When assets of the Fund are invested in other investment vehicles, such as other Collective Funds or Exchange-Traded Funds, those investment vehicles will incur fees and expenses, which will be reflected in the operating results and value of the Fund's investment in such investment vehicle, and are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses of the Fund described above.

**Note 5 – Related Party Transactions**

The Trustee is a Nevada-chartered non-depository trust company that provides trust and custodial services for tax-advantaged retirement plans as well as trust and investment services to business pension and retirement plans. The Trustee is responsible for managing the Trust's investment and business affairs.

**Note 6 – Risks Associated with Investing in the Fund**

In the normal course of business, the Fund trades financial instruments and enters into financial transactions where risk of potential loss exists due to changes in the fair value of the investments.

The following are the principal risks of the Fund and are described in the Additional Fund Information and Principal Risk Definitions ([www.greatgray.com/principalriskdefinitions](http://www.greatgray.com/principalriskdefinitions)):

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Active Management, Equity Securities, Foreign Securities, Growth Investing, High Portfolio Turnover, Industry and Sector Investing, Mid-Cap, Real Estate/REIT Sector, Restricted/Illiquid Securities, Small Cap.