

# The Next Horizon: Private Market Access for Defined Contribution Plans

The Seaport Horizon Series gives you the ability to offer institutional-grade alternatives to your defined contribution (DC) plan clients.

**LEADING THE CHANGE.** The Seaport Horizon Series is a suite of daily-valued collective investment trusts (CITs) designed to deliver institutional-grade alternatives inside retirement plans. Each Seaport fund is structured for balance and performance, while providing flexibility and diversification. Anchored in fiduciary oversight to meet the unique needs of DC plans, and with Global Trust Company (GTC) acting as the trustee, advisors and plan sponsors can have complete confidence that innovation is balanced with integrity, transparency, and operational excellence.

The \$13.6 trillion defined contribution market supports nearly half of all working Americans' retirement security. These assets are almost entirely in stocks, bonds, cash, and stable value—with little access to the private markets institutional investors rely on for growth, diversification, and inflation protection. Until now.

## Why Include Alternatives in Retirement Plans?

*Historically, alternatives have delivered higher returns, lower volatility, and inflation protection.*

Alternatives are reshaping how retirement plans achieve long-term growth, income and stability. RIAs can now use private credit, private equity, and real assets to diversify portfolios and improve return efficiency. These strategies reduce reliance on public market cycles while providing inflation protection that preserves participant purchasing power.

For RIAs, integrating alternatives through collective investment trusts provides access to institutional-grade strategies once reserved for large pension funds, endowments and foundations. This delivers measurable value: higher participant balances, increased retirement income, and improved fiduciary outcomes. RIAs who bring these innovations to clients differentiate their practice, strengthen relationships, and demonstrate leadership in next-generation retirement solutions.

## SEAPORT HORIZON INVESTMENT MANAGERS

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# The Seaport Horizon Series

Institutional capabilities designed expressly for DC plans, providing daily valuation, liquidity, and fiduciary oversight within four distinct funds.

	The Private Credit Fund	The Private Equity Fund	The Real Assets Fund	The Private Markets Fund
OBJECTIVE	Income generation, volatility reduction, diversification	Long-term growth, innovation capture	Inflation protection, income generation, stability	Single solution blending credit, equity, real assets
ASSET CATEGORY	Diversified across direct lending, opportunistic credit, specialty finance	Global private companies including directs, secondary, and primary investments	Tangible assets, including infrastructure, real estate, natural resources	Balanced allocation, adaptable to market conditions
BENEFIT	Attractive yields in various rate environments	Brings institutional growth engine to DC	Low correlation to equities/bonds	Delivers an all-in-one solution for access to private markets
MANAGER ACCESS	Partnerships with leading global credit managers	Multi-manager sleeve with top-tier firms	Global leaders in real asset investing	Strategically diversified private-market exposure

The **Seaport Horizon Series** uses an open-architecture approach, selecting top-tier alternative managers rather than relying on a single solution. The series’ forward-thinking design reduces liquidity drag, increases diversification, and aligns with fiduciary standards—ultimately delivering better outcomes for participants.

For retirement plan advisors, this means the ability to bring private equity, private credit, and real assets into defined contribution plans, enhancing returns and improving retirement readiness for millions of Americans. It’s an opportunity for advisors to differentiate their firms by leading the way in alternatives integration, and that is a proposition fiduciaries will be compelled to explore.

# Global Trust Company – Innovating with purpose

GTC is an independent, fiduciary-focused trust company and **the** leader in designing and implementing proprietary Collective Investment Trusts (CITs) that have been driving innovation and enhancing outcomes since 2008. We specialize in serving as a trusted partner behind some of the industry’s leading investment brands, combining deep fiduciary expertise with a collaborative, solutions-driven approach and white-glove service.

With a strong reputation and proven track record, GTC has unmatched expertise in private market CITs. We’ve helped top-tier asset managers bring innovative solutions to market, and our deep ties across the industry connect plan sponsors, advisors, and consultants to institutional-grade alternatives at scale – in ways no other trust company can.



## The Advantages of Collective Investment Trusts (CITs)

### The contemporary standard for DC

Collective investment trusts have overtaken mutual funds as the preferred vehicle in retirement plans, offering RIAs a powerful way to deliver institutional-quality solutions at lower cost. Unlike mutual funds, CITs provide the flexibility to customize glidepaths, integrate alternative strategies, and leverage open-architecture platforms—all while streamlining fiduciary, compliance, and operational oversight. For RIAs, this means the ability to differentiate their practice, expand investment access, offer more innovative retirement solutions, and improve participant outcomes in a scalable, cost-efficient structure.

Benefits of CITs include:



#### COST EFFICIENCY

Lower expense ratios, reduced distribution costs; improving net returns



#### DESIGN FLEXIBILITY

Fee discrimination, tailored glide paths and allocations



#### FIDUCIARY CONFIDENCE

Independent trustee oversight



#### OPERATIONAL SIMPLICITY

Daily pricing, seamless recordkeeper integration



#### ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVES

Integration of private equity, private credit, and real assets



#### INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY

Open architecture with leading sub-advisors



#### PROVEN GROWTH

CITs are now the preferred vehicle in DC plans

# The Opportunity Seaport Horizon Series

Seaports transformed commerce by opening access to goods and capital once out of reach. Today, the Seaport Horizon Series from GTC—in partnership with top-tier asset managers—is doing the same for DC plans, delivering access to alternatives that can drive better outcomes for participants.

Now is the time to bring this innovation to your clients. Contact us to explore how the Seaport Series can help you differentiate your practice, lead in a changing market, and provide access and expertise that others can't.

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