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#### This Product Highlights Sheet is an important document.

- It highlights the key terms and risks of this investment product and complements the Prospectus<sup>1</sup>.
- It is important to read the Prospectus before deciding whether to purchase the product. If you do not have a copy, please contact us to ask for one.
- You should not invest in the product if you do not understand it or are not comfortable with the accompanying risks.
- If you wish to purchase the product, you will need to make an application in the manner set out in the Prospectus.

# UNITED SUSTAINABLE ASIA TOP-50 FUND

(the "Fund")

<b>Product Type</b>	Unit Trust	Launch Date	22 November 1999		
Managers	UOB Asset Management Ltd	Custodian	State Street Bank and Trust Company, Singapore Branch		
Trustee	State Street Trust (SG) Limited	Dealing Frequency	Every Dealing Day		
Capital Guaranteed	No	Expense Ratio for year ended 30 June 2022	Class A SGD Acc: 2.38% Class B JPY Acc: 0.81%		

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# WHO IS THE PRODUCT SUITABLE FOR?

- The Fund is only suitable for investors who:
  - o seek long term capital appreciation; and
  - are comfortable with the volatility and risks of a fund which invests in not more than 50 top corporations or other entities in or whose principal operations are in Asia and includes the consideration of Sustainability and ESG factors.

Further Information
Refer to paragraph 4
of Appendix 2 in the
Prospectus for further
information on product
suitability.

### **KEY PRODUCT FEATURES**

# WHAT ARE YOU INVESTING IN?

You are investing in a unit trust constituted in Singapore whose investment objective is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing, directly or indirectly, in authorised investments issued by not more than 50 in total of the top corporations or any other entities either unincorporated or incorporated in, or whose principal operations are in, Asia, as may from time to time be determined by the Managers. These companies can be listed in any of the stock exchanges of the world. Investments will be selected following the Fund's investment focus and approach, which includes the consideration of Sustainability and ESG factors.

 New Classes of Units will be established in the Fund. Please check with your distributor for the Classes available for subscription.

- The making of distributions (for Distribution Classes only) is at the absolute discretion of the Managers and is not guaranteed.
- The Fund is an "ESG Fund" under the MAS ESG Circular.

Refer to <u>paragraph 1, 3 and 5 of Appendix 2</u> in the Prospectus for further information on features of the product.

#### **Investment Strategy**

- The Fund will invest in companies that are successful in incorporating Sustainability/ESG factors/frameworks, are competitive, well managed and offer attractive growth prospects over a multi-year investment horizon.
- The Fund aims to achieve a minimum of 90% of its non-cash NAV being invested in companies that have strong ESG practices and no investments in companies that have very weak ESG practices, as determined by our ESG scoring methodology.
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   A limit of 10% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in companies allowed under the Energy Transition Provision (as set out in the Prospectus).
- The Fund aims to invest in companies that are strong and competitive on a global or regional basis, or strong within their domestic markets, and in companies where valuation levels can be justified. ESG momentum tilt is also considered in the portfolio construction process.
- The Fund may use or invest in FDIs for the purposes of hedging existing positions in a portfolio, efficient portfolio management or a combination of both purposes.

Refer to <u>paragraph 3</u> of <u>Appendix 2</u> in the Prospectus for further information on the investment strategy of the product.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Prospectus is available from the Managers (whose operating address is at 80 Raffles Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Storey, UOB Plaza 2, Singapore 048624) or through their authorised agents or distributors during their respective business hours, or through the Managers' website at <u>uobam.com.sg</u>.



- The Fund is actively managed with reference to its benchmark (as set out in the Prospectus), which is used for **performance comparison** purposes. The benchmark is neither used as a constraint on how the Fund's portfolio is to be constructed nor set as a target for the Fund's performance to beat. The Fund aims for an average portfolio ESG score above the ESG score of its benchmark.
- Units are EIPs. Accordingly, the Fund will not invest in any product or engage in any transaction which may cause the Units not to be regarded as EIPs.

### WHO ARE YOU INVESTING WITH?

- The Managers are UOB Asset Management Ltd.
- The Trustee is State Street Trust (SG) Limited.
- The Custodian is State Street Bank and Trust Company, Singapore Branch.
- The investment adviser to the Managers in respect of the Fund's Japan portfolio is Fukoku Capital Management, Inc..

Refer to <u>paragraphs</u> 2, 3, 4 and 20.4 of the Prospectus for further information on these entities and what happens if they become insolvent.

#### **KEY RISKS**

## WHAT ARE THE KEY RISKS OF THIS INVESTMENT?

The value of the Fund and its distributions (if any) may rise or fall. These risk factors may cause you to lose some or all of your investment.

Refer to paragraph Prospectus <u>7</u> of the and paragraph 6 of Appendix 2 in the Prospectus for further information on risks of the product.

### **Market and Credit Risks**

- You are exposed to market risks in the Asian markets.
  - Prices of the securities that the Fund invests in may be affected by changes in economic conditions, interest rates and the market's perception of the securities, which in turn may affect the value of your investment.
- You have greater exposure to market risks as this is an equity fund.
  - The Fund invests in stocks and other equity securities that historically have greater price volatility than bonds and other fixed income securities. This in turn may affect the value or volatility of the Fund.

# **Liquidity Risks**

- The Fund is not listed and you can redeem only on Dealing Days.
  - There is no secondary market for the Fund. All realisation forms should be submitted to the Managers' authorised agents or distributors.
- You are exposed to liquidity risks in the Fund's investments.

  o Investments by the Fund in some Asian and/or emerging markets often involve a greater degree of risk due to the nature of such markets which do not have fully developed services such as custodian and settlement services. There may be a greater degree of volatility in such markets because of the speculative element, significant retail participation and lack of liquidity.

# **Product-Specific Risks**

- You are exposed to the risk of investing in a single region.
  - Investments in a single region fund may present greater opportunities and potential for capital appreciation but may also be subject to higher risks as they may be less diversified than a global portfolio.
- You are exposed to foreign exchange risk.
  - Where investments are denominated in currencies other than SGD (the denomination of the Fund), exchange rate fluctuations against the SGD may affect the value of Units. The Managers may hedge the foreign currency exposure of the Fund and may adopt an active currency management approach. Foreign currency exposure may not be fully hedged depending on the circumstances of each case, including the outlook, hedging costs and market liquidity of the relevant currency.
- You are exposed to political risk.
  - Investments by the Fund may be adversely affected by political instability as well as exchange controls, changes in taxation, foreign investment policies, restrictions on repatriation of investments and other restrictions and controls which may be imposed by the relevant authorities in the relevant countries.
- You are exposed to risks associated with the ESG strategy.
  - ESG investing may lead to companies being screened out based on their ESG evaluation. As such the Fund's exposure to certain sectors and industries may be affected and could lead to the Fund forgoing certain investment opportunities.
  - A degree of subjectivity is required due to the lack of common or harmonised definitions and labels regarding ESG and sustainability criteria or clear guidelines on the required level of disclosure. The subjectively selected approach may potentially differ from positions adopted by other asset managers or by regulatory authorities at a later stage.

- You are exposed to derivatives risks.
  - o An investment in a FDI (including foreign exchange forward contracts and equity index future contracts) may require the deposit of an initial margin and additional deposit of margin on short notice if the market moves against the investment position. If the required margin is not provided in time, the investment may be liquidated at a loss. Therefore, it is essential that investments in FDIs are monitored closely. The Managers have controls for investments in FDIs and have in place systems to monitor the FDI positions of the Fund.
- You are exposed to risks relating to distributions.
  - o Dividend/interest income may be adversely affected by e.g. investee entities suffering unexpected losses and/or paying lower than expected dividends, and currency fluctuations. Distributions from capital may reduce part of your original investment and result in reduced future returns. Distributions (out of capital or otherwise) may have the effect of lowering the Fund's NAV.

Other risks to your investment include exceptional market conditions, actions of institutional investors, counterparty risks, broker risk, investment management risk and risk of using rating agencies and other third parties.

#### **FEES AND CHARGES**

### WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES OF THIS INVESTMENT?

Payable directly by you

 You will need to pay the following fees and charges as a percentage of your gross investment amount:

investment amount.		
Subscription fee	Class T and Z and all JPY Classes: Currently none; maximum 5%. All other Classes: Currently up to 5%, maximum 5%.	
Realisation charge	All Classes: Currently Nil.	
Switching fee	All Classes: Currently 1%; maximum 2%.	

• You should check with the agent or distributor through whom you subscribe for Units whether they impose other fees and charges not disclosed in the Prospectus. Payable by the Fund from invested proceeds

 The Fund will pay the following fees and charges from its assets to the Managers. Trustee and other parties:

Management fee  (a) Retained by Managers  (b) Paid by Managers to financial adviser (trailer fee)	Class A (other than Class A JPY Acc): Currently 1.50% p.a.; maximum 1.75% p.a Class A JPY Acc: Currently up to 1.50% p.a.; maximum 1.75% p.a Class B (other than Class B JPY Acc): 0.75% p.a.; maximum 1.75% p.a Class B JPY Acc: Currently 0.45% p.a.; maximum 1.75% p.a Class T: Currently 0.80% p.a.; maximum 1.75% p.a Class Z: Currently none; maximum 1.75% p.a (a) 63.33% to 95.83% of Management Fee (b) 4.17% to 36.67% of Management Fee
Trustee fee	Currently not more than 0.05% p.a.; maximum 0.175% p.a (Subject to a minimum of \$\$5,000 p.a)
Valuation fee	Currently 0.125% p.a.; maximum 0.2% p.a
Registrar and transfer agent fee	Currently S\$15,000 p.a.; maximum S\$25,000 p.a
Audit fee, custodian fee, transaction costs and other fees and charges	Subject to agreement with the relevant parties. Each fee or charge may amount to or exceed 0.1% p.a., depending on the proportion that it bears to the Fund's NAV.

Refer to <u>paragraph 7</u> of Appendix 2 in the Prospectus for further information on fees and charges.

Your financial adviser is required to disclose to you the amount of trailer fee it receives from the Managers.

Refer to <u>paragraphs</u> 8.5, 10 and 12 of

Prospectus

paragraph 9 of Appendix

2 in the Prospectus for

further information on

valuation and exiting

from the product.

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### **VALUATIONS AND EXITING FROM THIS INVESTMENT**

### **HOW OFTEN ARE VALUATIONS AVAILABLE?**

Prices of Units will generally be published 2 Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day in local or foreign publications such as The Straits Times and The Business Times, and on the Managers' website at <a href="mailto:uobam.com.sg">uobam.com.sg</a> or any other website designated by the Managers. Prices may also be obtained from authorised agents and distributors of the Managers or by calling the Managers' hotline from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily (Singapore time).

HOW CAN YOU EXIT FROM THIS INVESTMENT AND WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND COSTS IN DOING SO?

- You can exit the Fund on any Dealing Day by submitting a realisation form to the authorised agent or distributor of the Managers through whom you originally purchased Units. If applicable to you and you wish to exit the Fund within the cancellation period of 7 calendar days from the time of your subscription, you may do so by submitting a cancellation form and you will not incur the subscription fee and fees stated above. However, you will have to take the risk of any price changes in the NAV of the relevant Class of the Fund since your subscription and pay any bank charges, administrative or other fee imposed by the relevant agent or distributor.
- The Managers may limit the total number of Units which holders of the Fund or Class may realise and which the Managers are entitled to have cancelled on any Dealing Day to 10% of the total number of Units relating to the Fund or Class then in issue.
- You will normally receive the realisation proceeds within 7 Business Days from the Dealing Day on which your realisation form is received and accepted.
- The realisation price of your Units is determined as follows:
  - o If you submit the realisation form by 3 p.m. Singapore time on a Dealing Day, you will be paid a price based on the NAV of the relevant Class of the Fund as at the Valuation Point of that Dealing Day.
  - o If you submit the realisation form after 3 p.m. Singapore time on a Dealing Day or on a day not being a Dealing Day, you will be paid a price based on the NAV of the relevant Class of the Fund as at the Valuation Point of the next Dealing Day.
- The net realisation proceeds that you will receive will be the realisation price of the relevant Class of the Fund multiplied by the number of Units of the Class realised, less any charges. An example is as follows:

	1,000 Units	Х	S\$0.900	=	\$\$900.00
١	our realisation		Notional realisation		Gross realisation
	request		price		proceeds
	S\$900.00	_	S\$0.00	=	\$\$900.00
G	ross realisation		Realisation charge		Net realisation
	proceeds		(0%)		proceeds

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

# **HOW DO YOU CONTACT US?**

**UOB Asset Management Ltd** 

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	APPENDIX: GLOSSARY OF TERMS
Business Day	A day (other than Saturday, Sunday or a gazetted public holiday) on which banks in Singapore are open for business or any other day as the Managers and the Trustee may agree in writing.
Class	Any class of Units in the Fund which may be designated as a class distinct from another class in the Fund as may be determined by the Managers from time to time.
Dealing Day	In connection with the issuance, cancellation, valuation and realisation of Units, generally every Business Day. The Managers may change the Dealing Days after consulting the Trustee, provided that the Managers give reasonable notice of such change to all holders on terms approved by the Trustee.  Subject to the provisions of the trust deed constituting the Fund, if on any day which would otherwise be a Dealing Day:  (a) one or more stock exchanges or over-the-counter markets on which investments of the Fund are quoted, listed or dealt in are not open for normal trading; and/or (b) one or more underlying entities of the Fund do not carry out valuation or dealing, and which affect investments of the Fund having in aggregate values amounting to at least 50% of the value of the assets of the Fund (as at the relevant Valuation Point), the Managers may determine that that day shall not be a Dealing Day for the Fund.
<b>Distribution Classes</b>	Classes which declare and pay distributions in accordance with the applicable distribution policies.
EIPs	Excluded Investment Products
ESG	Environmental, Social and Governance.
Excluded Investment Products	are defined: (a) as such under MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore; and (b) as "prescribed capital markets products" under the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018.
FDIs	Financial derivative instruments.
Launch Date	For the purposes of this Product Highlights Sheet only, means the inception date of the Fund.
MAS ESG Circular	Circular No. CFC 02/2022: Disclosure and Reporting Guidelines for Retail ESG Funds issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.
NAV	Net asset value.
SGD	Singapore dollar.
Units	Units of the relevant Class or all relevant Classes (as the case may be).
Valuation Point	The close of business of the last relevant market in relation to a Dealing Day on which the value of the assets of the Fund (or, where relevant, of the Assets of the Fund attributable to a Class) is to be determined or such other time as the Managers may determine with the prior approval of the Trustee who shall decide if a notice to notify the affected holders of such determination by the Managers is required.