

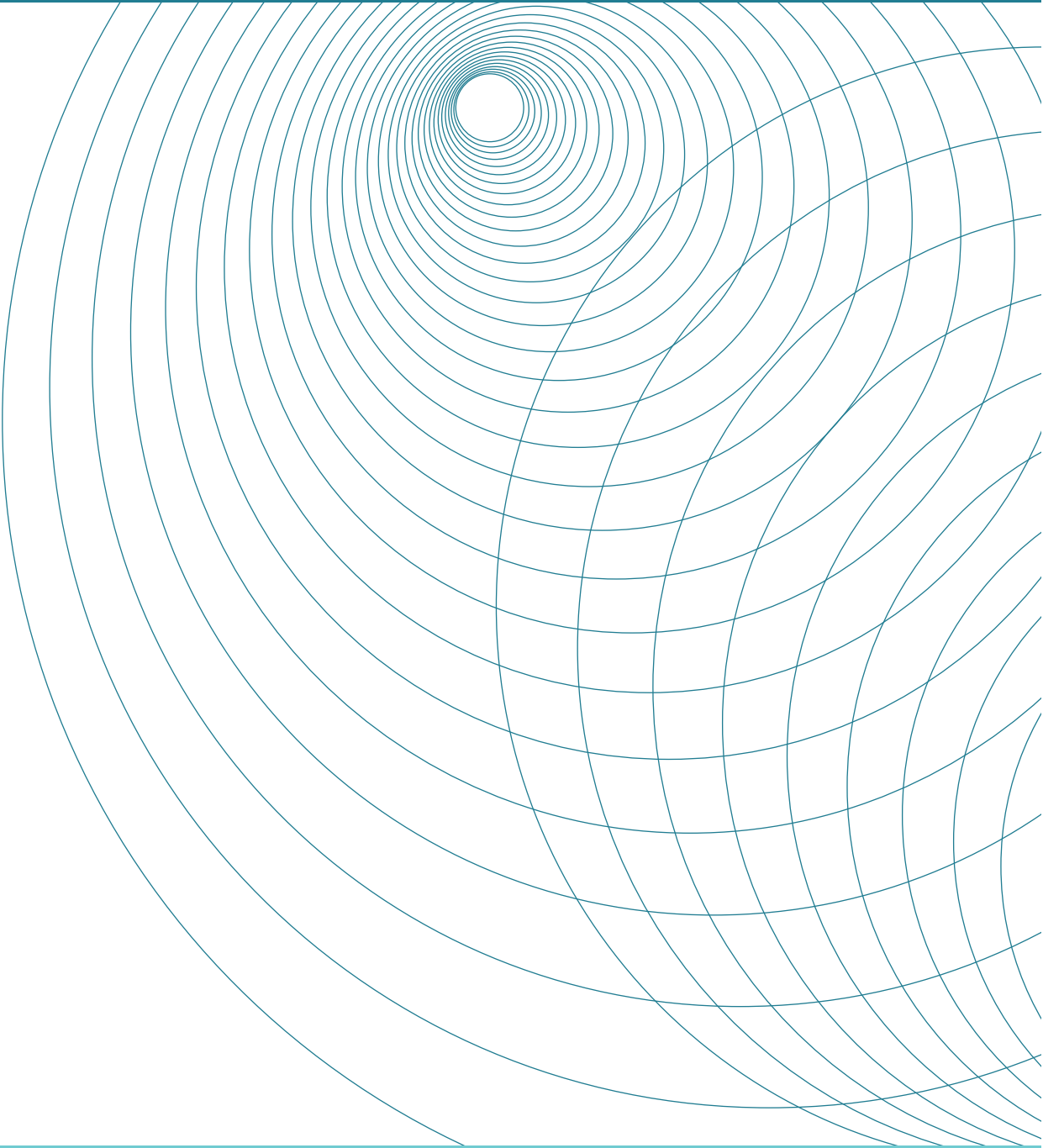
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# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

## Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$)

Financial period ending 31 December 2023

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## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

<b>Returns (%)</b>	<b>3 Mth</b>	<b>6 Mth</b>	<b>1 Yr</b>	<b>3 Yr</b>	<b>5 Yr</b>	<b>10 Yr</b>	<b>Since Inception</b>
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	1.66	2.51	4.50	1.23	1.94	1.91	2.17
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	1.01	2.03	4.12	2.14	1.84	1.41	1.32

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2023. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, SGD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

<b>Returns (%)</b>	<b>3 Mth</b>	<b>6 Mth</b>	<b>1 Yr</b>	<b>3 Yr</b>	<b>5 Yr</b>	<b>10 Yr</b>	<b>Since Inception</b>
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	0.65	1.49	3.45	0.89	1.74	1.80	2.13
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	1.01	2.03	4.12	2.14	1.84	1.41	1.32

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2023. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, SGD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

### Inception date: 29 September 2000

<b>Returns (%)</b>	<b>3 Mth</b>	<b>6 Mth</b>	<b>1 Yr</b>	<b>3 Yr</b>	<b>5 Yr</b>	<b>10 Yr</b>	<b>Since Inception</b>
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - AUD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	1.67	2.49	4.15	0.69	1.49	2.26	2.77
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	1.01	2.03	4.12	2.14	1.84	1.41	1.22

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<b>Returns (%)</b>	<b>3 Mth</b>	<b>6 Mth</b>	<b>1 Yr</b>	<b>3 Yr</b>	<b>5 Yr</b>	<b>10 Yr</b>	<b>Since Inception</b>
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - AUD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	0.65	1.47	3.11	0.36	1.29	2.15	2.69
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	1.01	2.03	4.12	2.14	1.84	1.41	1.22

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2023. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, AUD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

### Inception date: 23 September 2011

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<b>Returns (%)</b>	<b>3 Mth</b>	<b>6 Mth</b>	<b>1 Yr</b>	<b>3 Yr</b>	<b>5 Yr</b>	<b>10 Yr</b>	<b>Since Inception</b>
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - USD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	2.05	3.21	5.88	1.52	2.18	N/A	1.87
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	1.01	2.03	4.12	2.14	1.84	N/A	1.65

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<b>Returns (%)</b>	<b>3 Mth</b>	<b>6 Mth</b>	<b>1 Yr</b>	<b>3 Yr</b>	<b>5 Yr</b>	<b>10 Yr</b>	<b>Since Inception</b>
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - USD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	1.03	2.17	4.82	1.18	1.97	N/A	1.73
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	1.01	2.03	4.12	2.14	1.84	N/A	1.65

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2023. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, USD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

**Inception date: 15 September 2016**

**Note:**

- (1) With effect from 22 April 2020, units of the Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) has been reclassified as follows:

	<b>Classification (prior to 22 April 2020)</b>	<b>Classification (with effect from 22 April 2020)</b>
<b>Notice on the Sale of Investment Products (SFA04-N12) (the "Notice")</b>	Specified Investment Products (as defined in the Notice) (" <b>SIPs</b> ")	Excluded Investment Products (as defined in the Notice) (" <b>EIPs</b> ")
<b>Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 (the "Regulations")</b>	Capital markets products other than prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the Regulations)	Prescribed capital markets products

With effect from 17 October 2011, the Trust (formerly known as "DBS Enhanced Income Funds") has been renamed "Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Funds" and the Fund (formerly known as "DBS Enhanced Income Fund (S\$)") has been renamed "Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$)".

- (2) The Fund's benchmark is 3-Months SIBOR. For hedged currency share classes only, the benchmark reflected is in the base currency.

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## **Portfolio Review**

### ***The Fund outperforms the benchmark over the past six months***

The Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) (the “Fund”) delivered a gain of 2.51% (in SGD terms, on a NAV-NAV basis) for the six months ending 31 December 2023, outperforming the benchmark which returned 2.03%. On top of returns from carry, the Fund also made gains from duration as yields rallied. Over the same period, the 2-year US Treasury (UST) yield fell 65 basis points (bps), and 1 to 3-year SORA swap rates eased between 64 and 90 bps.

### ***Changes to Fund characteristics***

As of 31 December 2023, the Fund’s weighted average duration\* and weighted average yield-to-maturity\*\* were at 1.12 years and 4.79%, respectively. The average credit rating of the Fund is at A-\*\*\*. The Fund is diversified across 108 bonds, with 84 issuers from 16 countries, with an average weight of 1.08% per issuer. At the end of the year, the level of cash and cash equivalents was at 9.09%.

## **Market Review**

### ***A volatile six months for USTs***

UST yields experienced significant volatility in the last six months of 2023. Yields initially surged, on fears that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) will keep borrowing rates elevated for a prolonged period. Higher UST funding needs and credit rating agency Fitch Ratings’ downgrade of the US government’s debt rating further sustained the upward pressure on yields. Meanwhile, Russia and Saudi Arabia announced they were extending voluntary oil supply cuts to the year-end, raising oil prices. This added to worries about inflation and economic policy, impacting demand for Treasury bonds. As data pointed to continued resiliency in the US economy, the 10-year point on the UST yield curve reached a 16-year high of 5.02%.

In November, the Fed held steady on rates for a second straight time, while various data points signalled an economic slowdown. These, together with the announcement of a smaller-than-expected UST refunding requirement, triggered a rally in risk assets and Treasury bonds. The subsequent shift in tone from Fed governors Christopher Waller and Michelle Bowman—officials who were among the most hawkish policymakers—fuelled another leg down in UST yields. The Fed held benchmark rates unchanged again in December and acknowledged that growth and inflation were slowing and suggested that the policy rate was at or close to its peak level. The dot plot also showed members expecting 75 bps worth of rate cuts over 2024, 100 bps over 2025, and an additional 75 bps over 2026. This dovish pivot, together with increased expectations of a US economic slowdown prompted UST yields to continue their sharp descent. Overall, the benchmark 10-year UST yield settled at 3.88% at the end of the period, up 4 bps compared to end-June 2023.

### ***Asian credits rally in the second half of 2023***

Asian credit spreads experienced some volatility in the first half of the review period, spurred largely by weakness in Chinese credits, especially in the high yield (HY) Chinese property sector. Concerns about the repayment abilities of a handful of Chinese property companies led to a meaningful widening in HY credit spreads. The Politburo’s acknowledgment of “new difficulties and challenges” for the economy in July and subsequent stimulus measures sparked a rally in risk assets including Asia credit, but credit spreads resumed its widening path after reports revealed that policy tools had been ineffective at rekindling Chinese growth. On top of this, news of missed payments on some of the country’s shadow banking-linked trust products further spooked markets. In response to the significantly weak data, the Chinese central bank lowered several policy rates, and the government announced measures aimed at reviving the economy and boosting investor confidence.

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However, sentiment stayed weak as regulators stuck to a targeted approach. Towards end-August, policymakers announced bolder property easing measures. Markets cheered the nationwide measures, spurring a substantial rally in Chinese property credits. Positive sentiment persisted after the Chinese government announced that it would issue Chinese yuan 1 trillion additional sovereign debt, effectively lifting the 2023 fiscal deficit ratio well above the 3% set in March.

Global risk sentiment improved amid lower global rates, as markets priced in a more dovish path for the US central bank. The cooling of tensions between US and China, following the summit between US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping, further boosted market confidence. Reports suggesting that Chinese policymakers were preparing further measures to support the real estate industry led to a significant tightening of Asian credit spreads. Notable measures included news that officials have prepared a draft list of 50 property developers eligible for financing support and may allow banks to offer unsecured short-term loans to select property developers. Meanwhile, Beijing and Shanghai lowered downpayment ratios for select homes. Separately, the Central Economic Working Conference focused on a more forceful fiscal policy and flexible monetary policy. Ratings agency Moody's revision of the sovereign rating outlooks for both China and Hong Kong to negative was unexpected but had minimal impact on most Chinese credits. Overall, spreads of all major country segments tightened. Demand for India credits was buoyed in September by news that India government bonds will now be included in J.P. Morgan's Global Bond Index –Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) family of indices.

1H23 financial results indicate robust credit fundamentals for Asian corporates, driven by the ongoing normalisation post-COVID. Cross-border travel resumption has been a boon for retail, services and hospitality-related industries. In banking, high interest rates boosted profitability through increased net interest margins while non-performing loan formation remained muted. In commodities, resource companies have built strong balance sheets and liquidity following years of deleveraging amid high prices. Despite these positives, the strong showing in financial performance was not felt equally across sectors. Weak access to funding and declining domestic demand continue to weigh on Chinese property developers, while pockets of weakness in the technology, media and telecom (TMT) sector were evident as demand remained soft.

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## **Market Outlook & Strategy**

### ***Favourable Asia macro backdrop and stable credit fundamentals offering decent buffer creates historical opportunity to lock in yields***

The current macro and market backdrop may see little or minor change, with growth expectations for major economies remaining low and some inflation stickiness resurfacing as we head into 2024.

The fundamentals backdrop for Asian credit remains supportive. In China, the recent step-up in fiscal measures suggests that policymakers are aware of the challenging environment. This further supports expectations for Chinese policymakers to deliver additional measures to help broaden out the recovery and boost economic growth in 2024. Meanwhile, macro and corporate credit fundamentals across Asia ex-China are expected to stay resilient with fiscal buffers despite slower economic growth expectation in the first half of 2024. While non-financial corporates may experience a slight weakening in leverage and interest coverage ratios stemming from lower earnings growth and incrementally higher funding costs, we believe there is adequate ratings buffer for most, especially the investment grade (IG) corporates. Asian banking systems remain robust, with stable deposit base, robust capitalisation and strong pre-provision profitability providing buffers against moderately higher credit costs ahead.

Technically, Asia credit is expected to remain well supported with lower net new supply as issuers continue to access cheaper onshore funding. Meanwhile, demand remains strong for high quality bonds driven by strong onshore support and pension funds as well as life insurance companies looking to lock in attractive yields. Moreover, the consistent outperformance of Asia IG on a risk-adjusted basis should boost demand and make Asia credit attractive amid the region's favourable macro backdrop and sufficient fundamental buffer. Nevertheless, following the sharp rally in the past two months, these positive factors have been largely priced in, and the materialisation of some negative risk factors such as a weaker-than-expected global economy may exert some widening pressure on the valuation of Asia IG credit.

#### **NOTE:**

\*Weighted Average Duration (years) is an average duration weighted with capitalisation, and the figure is for reference only and would vary from time to time due to market conditions.

\*\*Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%) is an average yield calculated by weighting each security presently held by the fund at time of calculation with capitalisation and duration. Yield to Maturity and Yield to Call measures are used in the calculation for non-callable and callable bonds respectively. The figure is for reference only and would vary from time to time due to market conditions and it does not represent the fund's distribution yield or actual rate of return.

\*\*\*Cash is included in the calculation of the average credit rating and is rated as AAA regardless of currencies held. The credit ratings of the underlying fixed income securities are determined by S&P or Moody's, and where official credit ratings are unavailable, Nikko AM Asia's internal credit ratings are used.

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Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Registration Number 198202562H



**NIKKO AM SHENTON SHORT TERM BOND FUND (S\$)**  
*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)*

**STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN**

*For the financial period from 01 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 (unaudited)*

	<b>31 December 2023</b>	31 December 2022
	<b>S\$</b>	S\$
<b>Income</b>		
Interest on cash and cash equivalents	<b>512,615</b>	352,112
Other Income	<b>39</b>	121
	<b>512,654</b>	352,233
<b>Less: Expenses</b>		
Management fee	<b>605,562</b>	710,947
Transfer agent fee	<b>19,027</b>	33,042
Trustee fee	<b>31,309</b>	36,544
Custody fee	<b>25,570</b>	24,725
Audit fee	<b>13,207</b>	10,973
Valuation fee	<b>90,147</b>	105,852
Transaction costs	<b>42,332</b>	42,530
Other expenses	<b>46,096</b>	41,863
	<b>873,250</b>	1,006,476
<b>Net losses</b>	<b>(360,596)</b>	(654,243)
<b>Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives</b>		
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<b>6,128,642</b>	(8,599,098)
Net foreign exchange losses	<b>(41,249)</b>	(2,571,800)
Net gains on financial derivatives	<b>3,783,756</b>	10,930,626
	<b>9,871,149</b>	(240,272)
<b>Total return/(deficit) for the financial period before income tax</b>	<b>9,510,553</b>	(894,515)
<b>Less: Income tax</b>	<b>(95)</b>	(701)
<b>Total return/(deficit) for the financial period after income tax</b>	<b>9,510,458</b>	(895,216)

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

*As at 31 December 2023 (unaudited)*

	31 December 2023 S\$	30 June 2023 S\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Portfolio of investments	366,318,067	382,028,462
Sales awaiting settlement	-	1,348,897
Receivables	11,259,936	7,409,099
Cash and cash equivalents	31,022,124	29,227,723
Margin accounts	221,864	222,125
Financial derivatives at fair value	1,908,122	252,091
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>410,730,113</b>	<b>420,488,397</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Payables	5,720,051	6,433,714
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	8,313,868
Financial derivatives at fair value	253,949	3,074,962
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,974,000</b>	<b>17,822,544</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<b>404,756,113</b>	<b>402,665,853</b>

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**STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS**

*For the financial period from 01 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 (unaudited)*

	<b>31 December 2023</b> <b>S\$</b>	<b>30 June 2023</b> <b>S\$</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial period/year</b>	<b>402,665,853</b>	501,920,586
<b>Operations</b>		
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations	<b>9,510,458</b>	6,652,292
<b>Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)</b>		
Creation of units	<b>283,416,307</b>	574,795,479
Cancellation of units	<b>(290,836,505)</b>	(680,702,504)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units	<b>(7,420,198)</b>	(105,907,025)
Total increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	<b>2,090,260</b>	(99,254,733)
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial period/year</b>	<b>404,756,113</b>	402,665,853

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**STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**  
*As at 31 December 2023 (unaudited)*

**By Geography (Primary)**

	Holdings at 31 December 2023	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %
<b>Quoted Fixed Income Securities</b>			
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>			
AusNet Services Holdings PTY Limited 4.4% due 16/08/2027	4,580,000	4,036,557	1.00
AusNet Services Holdings PTY Limited 5.375% due 02/07/2024	2,370,000	2,128,460	0.53
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited 6.3326% due 26/07/2029	6,500,000	5,878,905	1.45
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited 2.95% due 22/07/2030	3,000,000	3,761,059	0.93
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited 4.5% due 02/12/2032	1,250,000	1,263,125	0.31
GPT Wholesale Office Fund No1 2.525% due 12/01/2026	4,000,000	3,429,763	0.85
Macquarie Bank Limited 5.391% due 07/12/2026	3,000,000	4,013,612	0.99
NBN Company Limited 1% due 03/12/2025	5,000,000	4,199,247	1.04
Network Finance Company PTY Limited 3.5% due 06/12/2024	3,000,000	2,668,329	0.66
Optus Finance PTY Limited 1.6% due 01/07/2025	4,840,000	4,171,448	1.03
Santos Finance Limited 4.125% due 14/09/2027	1,000,000	1,256,128	0.31
Westpac Banking Corporation 2.894% due 04/02/2030	3,000,000	3,813,416	0.94
<b>Total AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>40,620,049</b>	<b>10.04</b>
<b>BRITAIN</b>			
HSBC Holdings Public Listed Company 5.25% due 27/06/2032	2,250,000	2,343,212	0.58
HSBC Holdings Public Listed Company 4.5% due 07/06/2029	1,750,000	1,786,459	0.44
HSBC Holdings Public Listed Company 5.3% due 14/03/2033	2,000,000	2,088,680	0.52
Standard Chartered Public Listed Company 1.822% due 23/11/2025	4,000,000	5,083,528	1.26
Standard Chartered Public Listed Company 7.776% due 16/11/2025	1,900,000	2,555,638	0.63
<b>Total BRITAIN</b>		<b>13,857,517</b>	<b>3.43</b>
<b>BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>			
Beijing Gas Singapore Capital Corporation 1.875% due 18/01/2025	4,500,000	5,729,347	1.42
CICC Hong Kong Finance 2016 MTN Limited 1.625% due 26/01/2024	2,500,000	3,286,850	0.81
Guangzhou Metro Investment Finance BVI Limited 1.507% due 17/09/2025	2,000,000	2,473,918	0.61
Huarong Finance 2019 Company Limited 3.75% due 29/05/2024	1,000,000	1,301,562	0.32
King Power Capital Limited 5.625% due 03/11/2024	2,000,000	2,641,141	0.65
Sinochem Offshore Capital Company Limited 1% due 23/09/2024	1,500,000	1,915,224	0.47
Universe Trek Limited 0% due 15/06/2026	4,000,000	5,355,604	1.32
Vigorous Champion International Limited 2.75% due 02/06/2025	2,200,000	2,776,202	0.69
<b>Total BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>		<b>25,479,848</b>	<b>6.29</b>

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**STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**  
As at 31 December 2023 (unaudited)

**By Geography (Primary) (continued)**

	Holdings at 31 December 2023	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %
<b>Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)</b>			
<b>CANADA</b>			
Harvest Operations Corporation 1% due 26/04/2024	5,200,000	6,761,401	1.67
Manulife Financial Corporation 3% due 21/11/2029	9,250,000	9,070,922	2.24
<b>Total CANADA</b>		<b>15,832,323</b>	<b>3.91</b>
<b>CAYMAN ISLANDS</b>			
ABQ Finance Limited 3.125% due 24/09/2024	1,000,000	1,296,228	0.32
Baidu Incorporation 4.125% due 30/06/2025	2,000,000	2,594,590	0.64
Baidu Incorporation 4.375% due 14/05/2024	1,000,000	1,313,302	0.32
Hongkong Land Finance Cayman Islands Company Limited 4.5% due 07/10/2025	3,000,000	3,913,582	0.97
Meituan 0% due 27/04/2027	3,000,000	3,620,947	0.89
Mizuho Financial Group Cayman 3 Limited 4.6% due 27/03/2024	2,000,000	2,628,615	0.65
PCGI Intermediate Limited 4.75% due 28/10/2024	2,435,000	3,067,482	0.76
QIB Sukuk Limited 6.99178% due 07/02/2025	4,000,000	5,328,365	1.32
Weibo Corporation 3.5% due 05/07/2024	5,000,000	6,517,836	1.61
<b>Total CAYMAN ISLANDS</b>		<b>30,280,947</b>	<b>7.48</b>
<b>CHINA</b>			
Bank of China Limited 5% due 13/11/2024	5,000,000	6,566,116	1.62
Sunshine Life Insurance Corporation Limited 4.5% due 20/04/2026	1,000,000	1,190,757	0.29
ZhongAn Online P&C Insurance Company Limited 3.125% due 16/07/2025	1,200,000	1,460,993	0.36
<b>Total CHINA</b>		<b>9,217,866</b>	<b>2.27</b>
<b>FRANCE</b>			
BNP Paribas SA 4.35% due 22/01/2029	4,500,000	4,493,194	1.11
<b>Total FRANCE</b>		<b>4,493,194</b>	<b>1.11</b>
<b>HONG KONG SAR</b>			
Beijing State-Owned Assets Management Hong Kong Company Limited 4.125% due 26/05/2025	3,000,000	3,885,827	0.96
Bank of East Asia Limited 4% due 29/05/2030	2,000,000	2,483,218	0.61
CNAC HK Finbridge Company Limited 2% due 22/09/2025	4,100,000	5,110,742	1.26
CNAC HK Finbridge Company Limited 3.375% due 19/06/2024	2,000,000	2,612,780	0.65
Dah Sing Bank Limited 7.375% due 15/11/2033	2,000,000	2,752,178	0.68
Far East Horizon Limited 2.625% due 03/03/2024	3,500,000	4,571,742	1.13
Far East Horizon Limited 3.375% due 18/02/2025	2,000,000	2,515,892	0.62
Far East Horizon Limited 4.25% due 26/10/2026	525,000	628,641	0.16
Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 5% due 17/01/2029	4,200,000	5,537,283	1.37
Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 6.375% due 28/02/2033	2,000,000	2,674,660	0.66
<b>Total HONG KONG SAR</b>		<b>32,772,963</b>	<b>8.10</b>

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<b>Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)</b>			
<b>INDIA</b>			
Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited 3.73% due 29/03/2024	2,000,000	2,625,101	0.65
REC Limited 3.5% due 12/12/2024	2,000,000	2,587,480	0.64
Reliance Industries Limited 4.125% due 28/01/2025	2,000,000	2,606,831	0.64
State Bank of India 4.375% due 24/01/2024	3,000,000	3,952,234	0.98
<b>Total INDIA</b>		<b>11,771,646</b>	<b>2.91</b>
<b>INDONESIA</b>			
PT Tower Bersama Infrastructure TBK 2.75% due 20/01/2026	1,000,000	1,243,258	0.31
<b>Total INDONESIA</b>		<b>1,243,258</b>	<b>0.31</b>
<b>ISLE OF MAN</b>			
GOHL Capital Limited 4.25% due 24/01/2027	3,000,000	3,802,736	0.94
<b>Total ISLE OF MAN</b>		<b>3,802,736</b>	<b>0.94</b>
<b>JAPAN</b>			
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Incorporation 5.063% due 12/09/2025	3,650,000	4,798,034	1.19
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Incorporation 5.719% due 20/02/2026	1,890,000	2,504,711	0.62
Nomura Holdings Incorporation 5.099% due 03/07/2025	2,330,000	3,054,897	0.75
NTT Finance Corporation 4.142% due 26/07/2024	4,250,000	5,570,784	1.38
NTT Finance Corporation 4.239% due 25/07/2025	2,000,000	2,611,055	0.65
Sumitomo Mitsui Finance & Leasing Company Limited 5.353% due 25/04/2028	900,000	1,201,299	0.30
<b>Total JAPAN</b>		<b>19,740,780</b>	<b>4.89</b>
<b>MALAYSIA</b>			
Axiata SPV2 Berhad 4.357% due 24/03/2026	2,000,000	2,599,906	0.64
Cagamas Global Public Listed Company 4% due 29/11/2024	1,000,000	998,930	0.25
CIMB Bank Berhad 6.44835% due 09/10/2024	3,000,000	3,966,263	0.98
Malayan Banking Berhad 6.45182% due 16/08/2024	2,000,000	2,645,705	0.65
MISC Capital Two Labuan Limited 3.625% due 06/04/2025	2,000,000	2,580,634	0.64
RHB Bank Berhad 3.766% due 19/02/2024	7,950,000	10,460,101	2.58
<b>Total MALAYSIA</b>		<b>23,251,539</b>	<b>5.74</b>
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>			
Philippine National Bank 3.28% due 27/09/2024	3,000,000	3,881,264	0.96
<b>Total PHILIPPINES</b>		<b>3,881,264</b>	<b>0.96</b>
<b>SINGAPORE</b>			
Ascott REIT MTN Private Limited 4.2% due 06/09/2028	2,250,000	2,274,370	0.56
BOC Aviation Limited 3.25% due 29/04/2025	1,500,000	1,926,819	0.48
BOC Aviation Limited 4.5% due 23/05/2028	1,040,000	1,343,926	0.33
CapitaLand Ascendas REIT 3.14% due 02/03/2025	1,750,000	1,735,356	0.43
CCT MTN Private Limited 3.17% due 05/03/2024	3,500,000	3,495,428	0.86

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<b>Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)</b>			
<b>SINGAPORE (continued)</b>			
CDL Properties Limited 2.958% due 09/05/2024	500,000	497,456	0.12
CMT MTN Private Limited 2.1% due 08/03/2028	250,000	236,133	0.06
CMT MTN Private Limited 3.2% due 21/08/2025	1,750,000	1,735,012	0.43
CMT MTN Private Limited 3.48% due 06/08/2024	3,750,000	3,740,893	0.92
DBS Group Holdings Limited 1.822% due 10/03/2031	7,000,000	8,565,129	2.12
Indorama Ventures Investments & Holdings Private Limited 3.73% due 07/10/2025	2,000,000	1,995,565	0.49
Keppel Infrastructure Trust 3% due 01/12/2026	1,500,000	1,456,783	0.36
Mapletree Treasury Services Limited 2.85% due 29/08/2025	1,000,000	984,816	0.24
Mapletree Treasury Services Limited 3.4% due 03/09/2026	4,500,000	4,459,088	1.10
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited 4.602% due 15/06/2032	2,000,000	2,607,398	0.64
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited 4.25% due 19/06/2024	9,500,000	12,457,264	3.08
RCS Trust 3.2% due 14/03/2025	4,250,000	4,217,637	1.04
Singapore Life Holdings Private Limited 3.375% due 24/02/2031	3,000,000	2,910,654	0.72
Starhub Limited 3.55% due 08/06/2026	2,250,000	2,240,943	0.55
Surbana Jurong Private Limited 4.11% due 03/10/2025	3,500,000	3,513,266	0.87
United Overseas Bank Limited 3.5% due 27/02/2029	1,750,000	1,747,919	0.43
United Overseas Bank Limited 3.75% due 15/04/2029	2,182,000	2,864,253	0.71
United Overseas Bank Limited 2% due 14/10/2031	7,000,000	8,418,311	2.08
<b>Total SINGAPORE</b>		<b>75,424,419</b>	<b>18.62</b>
<b>SOUTH KOREA</b>			
Busan Bank Company Limited 3.625% due 25/07/2026	5,409,000	6,709,120	1.66
GS Caltex Corporation 1.625% due 27/07/2025	1,000,000	1,248,218	0.31
GS Caltex Corporation 4.5% due 05/01/2026	2,500,000	3,254,202	0.80
Hyundai Capital Services Incorporation 2.125% due 24/04/2025	3,500,000	4,414,353	1.09
Hyundai Capital Services Incorporation 4.25% due 12/07/2025	2,000,000	2,000,844	0.50
Hana Bank 6.39078% due 13/06/2024	1,330,000	1,757,508	0.43
KIA Corporation 1% due 16/04/2024	1,000,000	1,301,345	0.32
Korea Expressway Corporation 3.625% due 18/05/2025	3,450,000	4,471,822	1.10
Korea Gas Corporation 3.875% due 12/02/2024	4,000,000	5,270,278	1.30
LOTTE Property & Development Company Limited 4.5% due 01/08/2025	4,306,000	5,613,075	1.39
SK Hynix Incorporation 1% due 19/01/2024	2,000,000	2,631,380	0.65
Woori Bank 6.39854% due 21/05/2024	1,500,000	1,980,213	0.49
<b>Total SOUTH KOREA</b>		<b>40,652,358</b>	<b>10.04</b>
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>			
UBS AG 5.57% due 24/11/2026	2,060,000	1,885,551	0.47
<b>Total SWITZERLAND</b>		<b>1,885,551</b>	<b>0.47</b>

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	Holdings at 31 December 2023	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %
<b>Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)</b>			
<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>			
BOC Aviation USA Corporation 1.625% due 29/04/2024	1,800,000	2,345,186	0.58
JP Morgan Chase & Company 3.845% due 14/06/2025	3,500,000	4,581,575	1.13
Verizon Communications Incorporation 4.05% due 17/02/2025	2,000,000	1,787,595	0.44
<b>Total UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>		<b>8,714,356</b>	<b>2.15</b>
<b>Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities</b>		<b>3,395,453</b>	<b>0.84</b>
<b>Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities</b>		<b>366,318,067</b>	<b>90.50</b>
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>366,318,067</b>	<b>90.50</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>		<b>38,438,046</b>	<b>9.50</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>404,756,113</b>	<b>100.00</b>



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	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %</b>	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %</b>
<b>Quoted Fixed Income Securities</b>		
Australia	10.04	2.51
Britain	3.43	3.86
British Virgin Islands	6.29	8.23
Canada	3.91	3.90
Cayman Islands	7.48	9.46
China	2.27	0.66
France	1.11	1.11
Hong Kong SAR	8.10	8.60
India	2.91	3.64
Indonesia	0.31	2.94
Isle of Man	0.94	0.94
Japan	4.89	5.39
Malaysia	5.74	7.35
Philippines	0.96	0.98
Singapore	18.62	20.00
South Korea	10.04	12.03
Switzerland	0.47	-
Thailand	-	0.67
United States of America	2.15	1.73
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	0.84	0.87
<b>Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities</b>	<b>90.50</b>	<b>94.87</b>
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	<b>90.50</b>	<b>94.87</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>5.13</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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**By Industry (Secondary)**

	<b>Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$</b>	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %</b>	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %</b>
Auto Manufacturers	7,716,542	1.91	1.42
Banks	152,130,044	37.59	34.01
Chemicals	9,719,087	2.40	2.41
Commercial Services	4,471,822	1.09	1.12
Diversified Financial Services	29,817,266	7.37	9.01
Electric	10,290,129	2.54	2.16
Engineering and Construction	3,513,266	0.87	1.11
Gas	10,999,625	2.72	1.96
Insurance	20,477,010	5.06	5.06
Internet	14,046,675	3.47	7.29
Investment Companies	5,187,389	1.28	2.99
Iron/Steel	-	-	1.01
Leisure Time	2,641,141	0.65	0.67
Lodging	3,802,736	0.94	0.94
Mining	-	-	1.23
Oil and Gas	15,126,780	3.74	3.46
Real Estate	38,247,833	9.45	9.30
Semiconductors	2,631,380	0.65	-
Sovereign	-	-	0.67
Telecommunications	24,424,236	6.03	4.76
Transportation	7,679,653	1.90	3.42
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	3,395,453	0.84	0.87
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	<b>366,318,067</b>	<b>90.50</b>	<b>94.87</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>	<b>38,438,046</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>5.13</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>404,756,113</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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The following contains additional information relating to the Fund.

**1. Distribution of investments**

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 11 to 17.

**2. Credit rating of debt securities**

	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %
Aa2	16,503,501	4.08
Aa3	11,697,873	2.89
A1	26,059,984	6.44
A2	41,870,084	10.34
A3	58,606,859	14.48
Baa1	44,667,028	11.03
Baa2	54,142,445	13.38
Baa3	19,577,680	4.84
Ba1 *-	1,301,562	0.32
Not rated ^	88,495,598	21.86
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	3,395,453	0.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>366,318,067</b>	<b>90.50</b>

^ Not rated securities are supported by internal and other rating agencies credit ratings but are not disclosed due to licencing restrictions.

**3. Top 10 holdings**

**10 Largest holdings at 31 December 2023**

	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited 4.25% due 19/06/2024	12,457,264	3.08
RHB Bank Berhad 3.766% due 19/02/2024	10,460,101	2.58
Manulife Financial Corporation 3% due 21/11/2029	9,070,922	2.24
DBS Group Holdings Limited 1.822% due 10/03/2031	8,565,129	2.12
United Overseas Bank Limited 2% due 14/10/2031	8,418,311	2.08
Harvest Operations Corporation 1% due 26/04/2024	6,761,401	1.67
Busan Bank Company Limited 3.625% due 25/07/2026	6,709,120	1.66
Bank of China Limited 5% due 13/11/2024	6,566,116	1.62
Weibo Corporation 3.5% due 05/07/2024	6,517,836	1.61
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited 6.3326% due 26/07/2029	5,878,905	1.45

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**3. Top 10 holdings (continued)**

10 Largest holdings at 31 December 2022	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
DBS Group Holdings Limited 4.52% due 11/12/2028	13,044,900	3.46
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited 4.25% due 19/06/2024	12,594,001	3.34
Hana Bank 4.625% due 24/10/2023	10,630,728	2.82
RHB Bank Berhad 3.766% due 19/02/2024	10,467,869	2.78
National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% due 19/05/2028	9,454,778	2.51
Manulife Financial Corporation 3% due 21/11/2029	8,870,526	2.35
Baidu Incorporation 3.875% due 29/09/2023	8,602,791	2.28
SK Broadband Company Limited 3.875% due 13/08/2023	7,319,782	1.94
Sinopec Capital 2013 Limited 3.125% due 24/04/2023	6,667,123	1.77
Harvest Operations Corporation 1% due 26/04/2024	6,594,824	1.75

**4. Exposure to financial derivatives**

	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %	Unrealised gains/(losses) S\$	Realised gains/(losses) S\$
Forward foreign exchange contracts	<b>1,654,173</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>1,654,173</b>	<b>2,129,583</b>

**5. Global exposure to financial derivatives**

The global exposure to financial derivatives is computed using the commitment approach which is calculated as the sum of:

- the absolute value of the exposure of each individual financial derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangements;
- the absolute value of the net exposure of each individual financial derivative after netting or hedging arrangements; and
- the sum of the values of cash collateral received pursuant to:
  - the reduction of exposure to counterparties of OTC financial derivatives; and
  - EPM techniques relating to securities lending and repurchase transactions, and that are reinvested.

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**6. Collateral**

	<b>31 December 2023</b>	30 June 2023
	<b>S\$</b>	S\$
Margin accounts	<b>221,864</b>	222,125

Margin account represents margin deposits held in respect of open exchange-traded futures contracts held with BNP Paribas, acting through its Singapore Branch. As of 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023, there was no open exchange-traded futures.

**7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions**

Nil.

**8. Investment in unit trusts, mutual funds and collective investment schemes**

Nil.

**9. Borrowings**

Nil.

**10. Amount of units created and cancelled for the financial period ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>S\$</b>
Units created	283,416,307
Units cancelled	(290,836,505)

**11. Turnover ratio**

		<b>31 December</b>	31 December
		<b>2023</b>	2022
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	<b>44,074,688</b>	102,634,268
Average daily net asset value	S\$	<b>397,232,243</b>	466,685,324
<b>Total turnover ratio<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>%</b>	<b>11.10</b>	21.99

<sup>1</sup> The portfolio turnover ratio is calculated in accordance with the formula stated in the Code on Collective Investment Schemes. The calculation of the portfolio turnover ratio was based on the lower of the total value of purchases or sales of the underlying investments, divided by the average daily net asset value.

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**12. Expense ratio**

		<b>31 December 2023</b>	31 December 2022
<b><u>SGD Class</u></b>			
Total operating expenses	S\$	<b>1,526,732</b>	1,610,813
Average daily net asset value	S\$	<b>367,295,064</b>	398,015,914
<b>Total expense ratio<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.42</b>	0.40
		<b>31 December 2023</b>	31 December 2022
<b><u>AUD Hedged Class</u></b>			
Total operating expenses	S\$	<b>30,472</b>	33,318
Average daily net asset value	S\$	<b>4,821,581</b>	5,385,583
<b>Total expense ratio<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.63</b>	0.62
		<b>31 December 2023</b>	31 December 2022
<b><u>USD Hedged Class</u></b>			
Total operating expenses	S\$	<b>90,573</b>	232,751
Average daily net asset value	S\$	<b>21,566,529</b>	57,495,967
<b>Total expense ratio<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.42</b>	0.40

<sup>2</sup> The expense ratio has been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the Investment Management Association of Singapore ("IMAS"). The calculation of the expense ratio at financial period end was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net asset value for the year. The total operating expenses do not include (where applicable) brokerage and other transactions costs, performance fee, interest expense, distribution paid out to unitholders, foreign exchange gains/losses, front or back end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds and tax deducted at source or arising out of income received. The Fund does not pay any performance fee. The average net asset value is based on the daily balances.

**13. Related party transactions**

The Manager of the Fund is Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, a subsidiary of Nikko Asset Management International Limited. The Trustee of the Fund is BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited (the "Trustee").

Management fee is payable to the Manager. Trustee fee is payable to the Trustee. Custody fee, transfer agent fee and valuation fee are payable to a related company of the Trustee, BNP Paribas, acting through its Singapore Branch.

In addition to related party information shown elsewhere in the financial statements (including the Statement of Portfolio), the following significant transactions took place during the financial period between the Fund and a related party at terms agreed between the parties and within the provisions of the Deeds:

	<b>31 December 2023 S\$</b>	30 June 2023 S\$
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee	<b>31,022,124</b>	29,227,723
Margin balances held with related party of the Trustee	<b>221,864</b>	222,125

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**14. Any other material information that will adversely impact the valuation of the Fund**

Nil.

**15. Soft dollar commissions/arrangements**

In their management of the Fund, the Managers currently do not receive or enter into any soft dollar commissions or arrangements.

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