

# 令和5年6月期 決算短信（令和4年7月1日～令和5年6月30日）

令和5年9月28日

ファンド名 ABF 汎アジア債券インデックス・ファンド 上場取引所 東京証券取引

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コード番号 1349

連動対象指標 Markit iBoxx® ABF パン・アジア指数

主要投資資産 有価証券

売買単位 1口

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## I ファンドの運用状況

### 1. 2023年6月期の運用状況（令和4年7月1日～令和5年6月30日）

#### (1) 資産内訳

(百万円未満切捨)

	主要投資資産		現金・預金・その他の資産 (負債控除後)		合計（純資産）	
	金額	構成比	金額	構成比	金額	構成比
	百万円	%	百万円	%	百万円	%
2023年6月期	493,283	(100)	121	(0)	493,404	(100)
2022年6月期	482,126	(100)	(249)	(0)	481,877	(100)

#### (2) 設定・交換実績

(千口未満四捨五入)

	前計算期間末 発行済口数(①)	設定口数(②)	交換口数(③)	当計算期間末 発行済口数 (①+②-③)
	千口	千口	千口	千口
2023年6月期	30,447	954	60	31,342
2022年6月期	30,666	721	940	30,447

#### (3) 基準価額

(百万円未満切捨)

	総資産 (①)	負債 (②)	純資産 (③(①-②))	1口当たり基準価額 (③/当計算期間末発行済口数×1口)
	百万円	百万円	百万円	円
2023年6月期	502,132	8,727	493,404	15,742
2022年6月期	489,895	8,018	481,877	15,826

#### (4) 分配金

		1口当たり分配金	
*		*円	(米ドル)
2023年6月期	2023年7月24日	251	(1.71)
2022年12月期	2023年1月26日	236	(1.61)
2022年6月期	2022年7月22日	245	(1.67)
2021年12月期	2022年1月24日	217	(1.48)

\* 各期間における分配のための基準日を記載しております。

\* 日本円への換算は下記(注)記載の換算率で計算されており(円位未満切捨)、実際に受益者に分配される金額とは異なることがあります。

(注) 日本円への換算は、1米ドル=147.17円の換算率(2023年9月14日に株式会社三菱UFJ銀行が発表した対顧客電信売・買相場の仲値)により計算されています。

### 2. 会計方針の変更

① 会計基準等の改正に伴う会計方針の変更

有・無

② ①以外の会計方針の変更

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**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

*As at 30th June 2023*

	<i>Notes</i>	30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
<b>Assets</b>			
Investments	<i>8(f), 10(b)&amp;(c)</i>	3,351,791,410	3,275,984,221
Amounts due from brokers		43,527,156	40,663,577
Interest receivables		3,204	20
Other receivables		227,898	239,933
Cash at banks	<i>8(e)</i>	<u>16,369,085</u>	<u>11,886,219</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>3,411,918,753</u>	<u>3,328,773,970</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Amounts due to brokers		52,237,240	47,254,388
Audit fee payable		82,546	65,154
Trustee fee payable	<i>8(d)</i>	139,070	135,703
Management fee payable	<i>8(c)</i>	651,960	629,478
Index license fee payable	<i>9(a)</i>	264,658	86,301
Other payables		<u>5,924,619</u>	<u>6,313,848</u>
<b>Liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)</b>		<u>59,300,093</u>	<u>54,484,872</u>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<i>3</i>	<u><u>3,352,618,660</u></u>	<u><u>3,274,289,098</u></u>

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Services (Singapore) Limited

State Street Global Advisors  
Singapore Limited

*The notes on pages 16 to 53 form part of these financial statements.*

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30th June 2023

	<i>Notes</i>	For the year ended 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	For the year ended 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
<b>Income</b>			
Interest income on bank deposits	<i>8(e)</i>	51,429	7,133
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<i>6</i>	93,362,304	(340,878,090)
Net foreign exchange losses		(116,758)	(967,027)
Security lending income	<i>5, 8(g)</i>	410,686	283,884
Other income	<i>5</i>	1,793	2,304
		<u>93,709,454</u>	<u>(341,551,796)</u>
<b>Total investment income/(loss)</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fee	<i>8(c)</i>	3,706,522	3,897,584
Trustee fee	<i>8(d)</i>	1,654,955	1,795,702
Index license fee	<i>9(a)</i>	353,836	314,130
Publication and printing expenses	<i>8(i)</i>	22,816	16,553
Audit fee		99,938	81,714
Processing agent fee	<i>9(b)</i>	16,578	25,842
Safe custody and bank charges	<i>8(i)</i>	3,411	2,692
Transaction handling fee	<i>8(i)</i>	27,695	24,760
Legal and professional fees	<i>8(i)</i>	144,837	220,662
Annual insurance premium		38,340	34,500
Other operating expenses	<i>8(i)</i>	13,268	13,128
		<u>6,082,196</u>	<u>6,427,267</u>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>			
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>		<u>87,627,258</u>	<u>(347,979,063)</u>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Distributions to unitholders	<i>12</i>	(100,532,086)	(86,895,647)
Interest expense	<i>8(e)</i>	(20,346)	(9,671)
		<u>(100,552,432)</u>	<u>(86,905,318)</u>
<b>Loss after distributions and before tax</b>		(12,925,174)	(434,884,381)
Taxation	<i>7</i>	(5,500,450)	(7,489,507)
<b>Loss after distributions and tax/ decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders from operations</b>		<u>(18,425,624)</u>	<u>(442,373,888)</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS**

*For the year ended 30th June 2023*

	For the year ended 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	For the year ended 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Balance at beginning of the year	3,274,289,098	3,739,201,495
Issuance of units	103,073,406	85,914,878
Redemption of units	<u>(6,318,220)</u>	<u>(108,453,387)</u>
Net issuance/(redemption) of units	96,755,186	(22,538,509)
Decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders	<u>(18,425,624)</u>	<u>(442,373,888)</u>
Balance at the end of the year	<u><u>3,352,618,660</u></u>	<u><u>3,274,289,098</u></u>

**NUMBER OF UNITS IN ISSUE**

	For the year ended 30.06.2023 <i>Units</i>	For the year ended 30.06.2022 <i>Units</i>
Units in issue at the beginning of the year	30,447,894	30,666,004
Issuance of units	954,460	721,890
Redemption of units	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>(940,000)</u>
Units in issue at the end of the year	<u><u>31,342,354</u></u>	<u><u>30,447,894</u></u>

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30th June 2023

	Notes	For the year ended 30.06.2023 US\$	For the year ended 30.06.2022 US\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders		(18,425,624)	(442,373,888)
Adjustment for:			
Interest income on bank deposits		(51,429)	(7,133)
Interest expense		20,346	9,671
Distributions to unitholders	12	100,532,086	86,895,647
Taxation	7	5,500,450	7,489,507
Revaluation loss in foreign exchange on cash balance		299,467	779,511
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<b>Operating profit/(loss) before working capital changes</b>		87,875,296	(347,206,685)
Net (increase)/decrease in investments		(75,807,189)	469,341,153
Net increase in amounts due from brokers		(2,863,579)	(4,049,149)
Net decrease/(increase) in other receivables		12,035	(120,960)
Net increase in amounts due to brokers		4,982,852	16,657,742
Net increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses		234,856	(561,384)
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<b>Cash generated from operations</b>		14,434,271	134,060,717
Interest income on bank deposits received		48,245	7,113
Taxes paid	7	(5,902,937)	(8,265,625)
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<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		8,579,579	125,802,205
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<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Distributions paid to unitholders	12	(100,532,086)	(86,895,647)
Interest expense paid		(20,346)	(9,671)
Issuance of units		103,073,406	85,914,878
Redemption of units		(6,318,220)	(141,393,090)
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<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		(3,797,246)	(142,383,530)
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		4,782,333	(16,581,325)
Effect of currency translation		(299,467)	(779,511)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		11,886,219	29,247,055
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<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		16,369,085	11,886,219
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Analysis of balance of cash and cash equivalents:			
Cash at banks		16,369,085	11,886,219
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS** *(Continued)*

*For the year ended 30th June 2023*

Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

	For the year ended 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	For the year ended 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
At 1st July	----- -	----- 32,939,703
Changes from financing cash flows		
Redemptions paid	(6,318,220)	(141,393,090)
Other changes		
Redemption of units	<u>6,318,220</u>	<u>108,453,387</u>
At 30th June	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

ABF Pan Asia Bond Index Fund (the “**Fund**”) is a Singapore unit trust authorised under Section 286 of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore and Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong. The Fund was constituted by a trust deed dated 21st June 2005 between State Street Global Advisors Singapore Limited and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (the “**Trust Deed**”). The Trust Deed was amended and restated by an Amending and Restating Deed on 28th June 2006, a Second Amending and Restating Deed dated 28th June 2007, a supplemental deed dated 27th June 2008, a Third Amending and Restating Deed dated 24th June 2011, a Fourth Amending and Restating Deed dated 10th July 2018, a Fifth Amending and Restating Deed dated 27th December 2019 and a Sixth Amending and Restating deed dated 17th August 2020. The Trust Deed and all supplemental deeds are governed in accordance with the laws of Singapore. The Fund is also listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and Tokyo Stock Exchange. The date of commencement of operation of the Fund was 29th June 2005.

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investment results that correspond closely to the total return of the Markit iBoxx ABF Pan-Asia Index (the “**Underlying Index**”), before fees and expenses. The Underlying Index is determined and composed by Markit Indices GmbH (the “**Index Provider**”). The Underlying Index is an indicator of investment returns of debt obligations denominated in China Renminbi, Hong Kong Dollar, Indonesian Rupiah, Korean Won, Malaysian Ringgit, Philippine Peso, Singapore Dollar or Thai Baht (each an “**Asian Currency**”) issued or guaranteed by government, quasi-government organisations or supranational financial institutions, in each case as determined by the Index Provider and which are for the time being constituent securities of the Underlying Index.



## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **(a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRSs**”). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgment in the process of applying the Fund’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

#### *Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1st July 2022*

There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1st July 2022 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### *New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1st July 2022 and have not been early adopted*

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1st July 2022, and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(Continued)*

#### **(b) Investments**

##### Classification

##### Assets

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

As such, the Fund classifies all of its investment portfolio as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

##### Recognition, derecognition and measurement

Purchases and sales of investments are accounted for on the trade date basis – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the investment. Investments are initially recognised at fair value, excluding transaction costs which are expensed as incurred, and are subsequently re-measured at fair value. Realised gains and losses on investments represent the difference between the investments' initial carrying amounts and disposal amounts, and interest income. Net change in unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of investments for the period and from reversal of the prior period's unrealised gains and losses for investments which were realised in the reporting period. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they arise. Investments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the "financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss" category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within net gains/(losses) on investments in the period in which they arise.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(Continued)*

#### **(b) Investments** *(Continued)*

##### Fair value estimation

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market and participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date.

Investments that are listed or traded on an exchange are fair valued based on quoted bid prices. Investments which are not listed on an exchange are valued by using quotes from brokers. The investments are fair valued based on quoted bid prices inclusive of accrued interest.

##### Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the beginning of the reporting period.

#### **(c) Income**

Interest income on bank deposits is recognised on a time-proportionate basis using the effective interest method. Interest income on investments is accounted for as part of net gains/losses on investments in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Security lending income and other income are accounted for in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accrual basis.

#### **(d) Expenses**

Expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accrual basis. Interest expenses is recognized on a time-proportionate basis using the effective interest method.

#### **(e) Taxation**

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Fund was authorised as a collective investment scheme under Section 104 of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance and is therefore exempted from profits tax under Section 26A(1A) of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance.

The Fund may potentially be liable to pay PRC withholding income tax on the PRC sourced capital gains and interest income, unless reduced or exempted under relevant tax treaty. Withholding taxes are disclosed separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(Continued)*

**(f) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and demand deposits with original maturities of three months or less.

**(g) Amounts due from and to brokers**

Amounts due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the Statement of Net Assets date respectively. The amounts due from brokers balance is held for collection.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from brokers at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant known financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. For the purposes of measurement for presentation in the financial statements, a significant increase in credit risk is defined as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due, and any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired. The Manager has measures in place to monitor exposures and increase in credit risk.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(Continued)*

#### **(h) Securities lending**

Securities on loan are included in the investment portfolio of the Fund as the Fund is entitled to the interest income from the fixed income securities on loan and retain substantially all the risks and rewards. Relevant securities lending income received by the Fund is included in security lending income in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Collateral received for the purpose of securities on loan generally consists of fixed income securities collateral. Fixed income securities collateral received is treated as an off-balance sheet transaction and is therefore not included in the Statement of Net Assets because the Fund is not entitled to the interest income from the fixed income securities collateral and do not retain substantially all the risks and rewards. Interest received from fixed income securities collateral is paid to the counterparty that provides the collateral to the Fund.

#### **(i) Translation of foreign currencies**

##### *Functional and presentation currency*

The Fund's subscription and redemption of units are denominated in United States Dollar ("US\$"). The performance of the Fund is measured and reported to the investors in the United States Dollar, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

##### *Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate prevailing at the year-end date.

Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from translation are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income within 'net foreign exchange losses'.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(Continued)*

#### **(j) Redeemable units**

The Fund issues redeemable units, which are redeemable at the unitholder's option and are classified as financial liabilities. Redeemable units can be put back to the Fund for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value. The redeemable unit is carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of redemption if the unitholder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

Redeemable units are issued and redeemed at the unitholder's option at prices based on the Fund's net asset value per unit at the time of issue or redemption. The Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to the unitholders with the total number of outstanding redeemable units.

#### **(k) Segmental information**

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting used by the chief operating decision-maker. The Manager, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the chief operating decision-maker that makes strategic decisions.

#### **(l) Distributions**

Proposed distributions to unitholders are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when they are appropriately authorised. The distribution to unitholders of redeemable units is recognised as a finance cost in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**3. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AND NUMBER OF UNITS IN ISSUE**

**Net assets attributable to unitholders**

The Fund's capital is represented by the units in the Fund, and is shown as net assets attributable to unitholders in the Statement of Net Assets. In accordance with the Fund's Trust Deed, redeemable units are generally only issued and redeemed in blocks of 10,000 units with effect from 20th June 2013 or in whole multiples thereof. Subscriptions and redemptions of units during the year are shown in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders. In order to achieve the investment objectives, the Fund endeavors to invest its capital in accordance with the defined investment policies, whilst maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemption requests.

Net assets attributable to unitholders represent a liability in the Statement of Net Assets, carried at the redemption amount that would be payable at the Statement of Net Assets date if the unitholders exercised the right to redeem units in the Fund.

**Number of units in issue**

	30.06.2023 <i>units</i>	30.06.2022 <i>units</i>
Units in issue at the beginning of the year	30,447,894	30,666,004
Issuance of units	954,460	721,890
Redemption of units	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>(940,000)</u>
Units in issue at the end of the year	<u><u>31,342,354</u></u>	<u><u>30,447,894</u></u>
	2023 <i>US\$</i>	2022 <i>US\$</i>
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u><u>3,352,618,660</u></u>	<u><u>3,274,289,098</u></u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders (per unit)	<u><u>106.97</u></u>	<u><u>107.54</u></u>
Net asset value per Creation unit (1 Creation unit is equivalent to 10,000 units)	<u><u>1,069,677</u></u>	<u><u>1,075,375</u></u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The Manager makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. Estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Manager is of the opinion that the Fund had no critical accounting estimates and assumptions during the financial year.

### 5. SECURITY LENDING INCOME AND OTHER INCOME

Security lending income is calculated daily, determined on the closing value of loaned securities at the agreed lending fee rate.

“Other income” in the Statement of Comprehensive Income primarily includes transaction fees received by the Fund.

For each application for the subscription or redemption of units, the Fund is entitled to receive a transaction fee of HK\$1,000 (approximately US\$128) per application and 0.23% for creation of units and 0.29% for redemption of units dilution charges from authorised participants.

### 6. NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS

	2023 <i>US\$</i>	2022 <i>US\$</i>
Change in unrealised gains/(losses) in value of investments	54,854,001	(432,460,466)
Realised gains on sale of investments	<u>38,508,303</u>	<u>91,582,376</u>
	<u><u>93,362,304</u></u>	<u><u>(340,878,090)</u></u>

During the year ended 30th June 2023, the Fund received interest from investments of US\$112,837,563 (2022: US\$121,460,830).



## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **7. TAXATION**

#### **Hong Kong tax**

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Fund is authorised as a collective investment scheme under Section 104 of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance and is therefore exempted from profits tax under Section 26A(1A) of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance.

#### **Singapore tax**

The Fund was granted the status of Designated Unit Trust ("**DUT**") in Singapore. With effect from 1 September 2014, the DUT scheme is administered on a self-assessment basis. The Manager and the Trustee of the Fund will ensure that the Fund fulfills the conditions and its reporting obligations under the DUT Scheme.

Under the DUT Scheme, subject to certain conditions and reporting obligations being met, certain income of the DUT fund is not taxable at the level of the DUT fund in accordance with sections 35(12) and 35(12A) of the Income Tax Act 1947 ("**ITA**"). Such income includes:

- (a) gains or profits derived from Singapore or elsewhere from the disposal of securities;
- (b) interest (other than interest for which tax has been deducted under section 45 of the ITA);
- (c) dividends derived from outside Singapore and received in Singapore;
- (d) gains or profits derived from foreign exchange transactions, transactions in futures contracts, transactions in interest rate or currency forwards, swaps or option contracts and transactions in forwards, swaps or option contracts relating to any securities or financial index; and
- (e) distributions from foreign unit trusts derived from outside Singapore and received in Singapore.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 7. TAXATION *(Continued)*

#### People's Republic of China tax

The Fund invests in debt securities in People's Republic of China ("**PRC**") and therefore subject to a) withholding income tax on capital gains derived from disposal of debt securities, b) withholding income tax on interest income received from its debt securities and c) value-added tax on capital gains and interest income received from its debt securities.

#### (a) Withholding income tax on capital gains on debt securities in PRC

Under the general tax provision of PRC Corporate Income Tax Law ("**PRC CIT Law**"), the non-PRC residents with no place of effective management, establishment or place of business in the PRC may be subject to 10% PRC withholding income tax ("**WIT**") on the capital gain derived from disposal of securities, unless exempt or reduced under current PRC tax laws and regulations or relevant tax treaties.

The Fund invests in RMB denominated bonds ("**RMB bonds**") in the China Interbank Bond Market ("**CIBM**") in the PRC. Under the prevailing PRC tax regulations, there are no specific rules or regulations governing the taxation of the disposal of RMB bonds by foreign institutional investors. Under the general taxing provision of the Corporate Income Tax Law, the Fund may potentially be liable to pay PRC WIT on the PRC sourced capital gains at the rate of 10%, unless reduced or exempted under relevant tax treaty. Based on the current verbal interpretation of the PRC State Taxation Administration ("**STA**") and the local PRC tax authorities, the authorities are with the view that capital gains derived by foreign institutional investors from disposal of PRC debt securities should not be treated as PRC sourced income and thus should not be subject to PRC WIT. However, there are no written tax regulations issued by the PRC tax authorities to confirm this interpretation. As a matter of practice, PRC WIT on capital gains realised by non-PRC tax resident enterprises from the trading of debt securities has not been strictly enforced by the PRC tax authorities.

The Manager has assessed the likelihood of such exposure and believes that there is no material tax exposure on the basis that no collection has been made by the China tax authority since the commencement of operations of the Fund. As such, no provision was made for taxation from such gains in the financial statements.

However, there is a possibility that the PRC tax authorities may change their current interpretation or issue specific regulation to clarify the tax treatment on bond trading gains. The Manager continues to monitor the position and will make an appropriate adjustment if and when it is considered that there are sufficient grounds to do so.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **7. TAXATION** *(Continued)*

#### **People's Republic of China tax** *(Continued)*

##### **(b) Withholding income tax on interest income on debt securities in PRC**

The non-PRC residents with interest income derived from the debt securities will be subject to 10% WIT. Pursuant to the PRC CIT Law, debt securities issuers in the PRC are obligated to withhold the 10% PRC WIT on interest income for those foreign debt securities holders. However, interest income derived from government bonds issued by the State Council's finance departments and/or local government bonds approved by the State Council is exempt from PRC WIT under the PRC CIT Law.

On 7th November 2018, the Ministry of Finance ("**MoF**") and the PRC STA jointly issued a notice Caishui [2018] No.108 ("**Circular 108**") which stipulates that foreign institutional investors are temporarily exempted from PRC WIT and Value Added Tax ("**VAT**") in respect of PRC non-government bond interest income received from 7th November 2018 to 6th November 2021. Further on 22nd November 2021, the MoF and the STA jointly issued a Public Notice [2021] No.34 ("**Circular 34**") which stipulates that the temporary tax exemption granted by Circular 108 is now extended to 31st December 2025.

Pursuant to the letter to the unitholders of the Fund dated 28th February 2020 the Manager and the Trustee have decided to change the tax provision policy of the Fund and ceased to make provisions for PRC WIT and VAT on the interest income received from PRC non-government bonds from 7th November 2018 to 6th November 2021. Further to the issuance of Circular 34, the exemption will be extended to 31st December 2025. The Manager will retain the PRC withholding tax provision in respect of PRC non-government bond interest income received before 7th November 2018 until new developments and interpretation of the relevant regulations are available.

As at 30th June 2023, the provision of US\$3,676,262 (equivalent to RMB27,285,160) is made for 10% withholding income tax on interest income from PRC non-government securities received up to 6th November 2018 (2022: US\$3,981,670, equivalent to RMB27,285,160). Movement of the provision was due to the exchange difference arising from translation. The amount is included in "Other payables" in the Statement of Net Assets.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 7. TAXATION *(Continued)*

#### People's Republic of China tax *(Continued)*

##### (c) Value added tax on capital gains and interest income on debt securities in PRC

According to the notice Caishui [2016] No. 36 ("**Circular 36**"), VAT at 6% shall be levied on the difference between the selling and buying prices of those marketable securities effective from 1st May 2016. In addition, if VAT is applicable, local surtaxes including Urban Maintenance and Construction Tax ("**UMCT**") (currently at the rate ranging from 1% to 7%), Education Surcharge ("**ES**") (currently at the rate of 3%) and Local Education Surcharge ("**LES**") (currently at the rate of 2%) are imposed based on the VAT liabilities (the "**VAT related taxes**"). However, the gains derived from trading of RMB denominated debt securities by the foreign institutional investors recognised by People's Bank of China in CIBM are exempted from VAT in the PRC under Circular 36 and Caishui [2016] No. 70.

According to Circular 36, interest received from government bonds and local government bonds are exempted from VAT. As mentioned above, according to Circular 108, foreign institutional investors are temporarily exempted from VAT in respect of PRC non-government bond interest income received from 7th November 2018 to 6th November 2021 and according to Circular 34, the aforesaid temporary exemption is extended up to 31st December 2025. However, the prevailing VAT regulations do not specifically exempt VAT on interest received by foreign institutional investors for the period from 1st May 2016 to 6th November 2018. Hence, interest income derived during the period from 1st May 2016 to 6th November 2018 on non-government bonds (including corporate bonds) would still be subject to 6% VAT.

For VAT related taxes, pursuant to the UCMT Law and Public Notice [2021] No. 28 jointly issued by the MoF and the STA, UCMT, ES and LES would no longer be levied with effect from 1st September 2021 on the VAT paid for the service provisions and sale of intangible assets in China by overseas parties to PRC enterprises. Based on the Manager and its tax advisor's understanding on the prevailing practice, Shanghai tax authorities currently do not enforce the collection of these taxes from VAT paid on interest income derived by foreign investors. In view of the above, the Manager has assessed the risk of being challenged by the PRC tax authorities on the VAT related taxes as not high and hence determined to reverse the 0.72% VAT related taxes provided for interest income derived during the period from 1st May 2016 to 6th November 2018 on 24th January 2022.

Pursuant to the letter to the unitholders of the Fund dated 28th February 2020, the Manager has considered the current PRC tax provisioning policy of the Trust and after consultation with an independent and professional tax advisor. As at 30th June 2023, the VAT provision for the bond interest income received from the Fund's investments in PRC non-government bonds during the period between 1st May 2016 and 6th November 2018 was US\$990,165 (equivalent to RMB7,348,992) (as at 30th June 2022: US\$1,072,424 equivalent to RMB7,348,992). Movement of the provision was due to the exchange difference arising from translation. The amount is included in "Other payables" in the Statement of Net Assets.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**7. TAXATION** *(Continued)*

**Other taxes**

The Fund invests in debt securities in Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia and therefore is subject to withholding income tax on interest income.

**Overall tax exposure**

The Fund had incurred taxes of US\$5,500,450 (2022: US\$7,489,507) during the year ended 30th June 2023. The amount includes withholding taxes from China, Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia totalling US\$5,490,946 (2022: US\$7,434,980) and the remaining portion of US\$9,504 (2022: US\$54,527) relates to payments of Singapore corporate income tax and other taxes.

During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, the movement in current tax liabilities for the Fund are as follows:

	2023 US\$	2022 US\$
<b>Current tax liabilities</b>		
At 1st July	6,243,385	7,019,503
Charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	5,500,450	7,489,507
Tax paid	(5,902,937)	(8,265,625)
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At 30th June	<u>5,840,898</u>	<u>6,243,385</u>

As at 30th June 2023, the tax liabilities for the Fund were US\$4,850,733 (2022: US\$5,170,961) and US\$990,165 (2022: US\$1,072,424) in relation to withholding taxes on interest income and PRC VAT provision on capital gains and interest income. These balances of tax liabilities are included in "Other payables" in the Statement of Net Assets.

**8. TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES INCLUDING THE MANAGER, TRUSTEE AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS**

Connected Persons of the Manager or Trustee are those as defined in the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds established by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "**SFC Code**"). The Manager and the Trustee of the Fund are State Street Global Advisors Singapore Limited and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited respectively. State Street Global Advisors Singapore Limited is a subsidiary of State Street Corporation. HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited is a subsidiary of HSBC Holdings Plc. All transactions entered into during the year between the Fund and the related parties including the Manager, Trustee and their Connected Persons were carried out in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms. To the best of the Manager and Trustee's knowledge, the Fund does not have any other transactions with the Connected Persons of the Manager or Trustee except for those disclosed below.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**8. TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES INCLUDING THE MANAGER, TRUSTEE AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS** *(Continued)*

(a) Foreign currency transactions with connected persons of the Manager and the Trustee

During the year ended 30th June 2023, the Manager transacted in foreign currency transactions totalling US\$673,167,539 (2022: US\$705,065,386) through its affiliated party, State Street Global Markets, LLC and the Trustee's affiliated parties, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited Sydney Branch, for the Fund's investments and settlement purposes. The amount represents 100% (2022: 100%) of the Fund's foreign currency transactions during the year ended 30th June 2023.

Name of counterparty	Aggregate value of foreign currency transactions <i>US\$</i>	% of total foreign currency transactions <i>%</i>
2023		
State Street Global Markets, LLC	36,790,070	5.47
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	125,340,074	18.62
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Sydney Branch	511,037,395	75.91
2022		
State Street Global Markets, LLC	44,160,028	6.26
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	150,430,000	21.34
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Sydney Branch	510,475,358	72.40

During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Connected Persons of the Manager and the Trustee as listed above had included normal bid-offer spreads for the foreign currency transactions entered with the Fund, which were carried out in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms. There were no direct commissions paid to Connected Persons of the Manager or the Trustee during the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**8. TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES INCLUDING THE MANAGER, TRUSTEE AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS** *(Continued)*

**(b) Holdings of units**

As at 30th June 2023, the directors and officers of the Manager did not hold any units in the Fund (2022: Nil). The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, a related party of the Trustee, held 29,984,000 units (2022: 29,108,251 units) of the Fund as a nominee on behalf of its clients, representing 95.66% (2022: 95.60%) of the Fund's net assets.

**(c) Management fee**

The Fund pays the Manager a management fee\*, monthly in arrears and accrued daily, determined on the average daily net assets of the Fund at the rate as follows:

For first US\$1 billion	0.13%
For next US\$250 million	0.12%
For next US\$250 million	0.11%
Thereafter	0.10%

\* This fee may be increased to a maximum of 0.25% per annum upon three months' notice in writing to unitholders.

**(d) Trustee fee**

The Fund pays the Trustee a trustee fee\*, monthly in arrears and accrued daily, of 0.05% per annum of the average daily net assets of the Fund.

\* This fee may be increased to a maximum of 0.15% per annum upon three months' notice in writing to unitholders.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**8. TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES INCLUDING THE MANAGER, TRUSTEE AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS** *(Continued)*

**(e) Bank balances**

The bank balances of the Fund are held with a related party of the Trustee (i.e. The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited). The details of such transactions are as follows:

	As at 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	As at 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Bank balances	<u>16,369,085</u>	<u>11,886,219</u>

During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, the below income and expenses related to the bank balance of the Fund stated in Statement of Comprehensive Income was earned/paid from/to a related party of the Trustee (i.e. The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited).

	For the year ended 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	For the year ended 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Interest income	51,429	7,133
Interest expense	<u>20,346</u>	<u>9,671</u>

**(f) Investments**

As at 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Fund placed investments with a related party of the Trustee, (i.e. HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited). The details of such investments are as follows:

	As at 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	As at 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Investments	<u>3,351,791,410</u>	<u>3,275,984,221</u>



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**8. TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES INCLUDING THE MANAGER, TRUSTEE AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS** *(Continued)*

(g) Security lending arrangement

During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Fund had in place a securities lending arrangement with a related party of the Trustee (i.e. HSBC Bank Plc) as a security lending agent. The details of such transactions are as follows:

	For the year ended 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	For the year ended 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Aggregate securities lending transactions through HSBC Bank Plc	626,337,412	299,062,141

As at 30th June 2023 and 2022, the details of collateral held are as follows

	As at 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	As at 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Collateral held by HSBC Bank Plc in segregated accounts	353,097,547	123,252,411

(h) Bond transactions with connected persons of the Manager and the Trustee

(i) During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Fund transacted in bond trades through Trustee's affiliated party as buyers or sellers as follows:

Name of counterparty	Aggregate value of purchase transactions <i>US\$</i>	Aggregate value of sale transactions <i>US\$</i>
2023		
HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited	24,162,353	10,192,617
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Singapore	2,178,832	–
2022		
HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited	–	9,445,898
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Singapore	11,100,011	–

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**8. TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES INCLUDING THE MANAGER, TRUSTEE AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS** *(Continued)*

(h) Bond transactions with connected persons of the Manager and the Trustee *(Continued)*

(ii) During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Fund transacted in bond trades through Trustee's affiliated party as delivering or receiving agents as follows:

Name of counterparty	Aggregate value of transactions 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	Aggregate value of transactions 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited	34,354,970	9,445,898
HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad	25,021,986	24,935,826
PT Bank HSBC Indonesia	45,656,455	28,625,418
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	117,064,485	44,310,395
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Bangkok	42,310,298	63,188,519
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Seoul Branch	43,880,716	24,686,632
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Singapore	112,316,152	88,191,582
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd – Philippine Branch	9,617,857	21,214,955

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**8. TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES INCLUDING THE MANAGER, TRUSTEE AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS** *(Continued)*

(i) Other respective amounts paid to the Trustee or Manager and their connected persons

- (i) During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, other than trustee fee paid to the Trustee or its Connected Persons, other respective amounts paid to the Trustee or its Connected Persons were as follows:

	For the year ended 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>	For the year ended 30.06.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Publication and printing expenses	108	52
Safe custody and bank charges	927	908
Transaction handling fee*	27,695	24,435
Legal and professional fees	6,013	500
Other operating expenses	12,500	12,359

\* Transaction handling fee is charged on purchases and sales of investments.

- (ii) During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, other than management fee paid to the Manager no other respective amounts were paid to the Manager or its Connected Persons.

**9. OTHER EXPENSES**

(a) Index license fee

The index license fee is paid to the Index Provider of the Underlying Index. The index license fee is calculated at a scale rate with a maximum of 0.0175% per annum (2022: 0.0175% per annum) on the daily average net asset value of the Fund, subject to a minimum of US\$184,000 per annum (2022: US\$184,000 per annum). The index license fee is accrued daily and is payable quarterly in arrears.

(b) Processing agent fee

The processing agent fee is paid to Hong Kong Conversion Agency Services Limited. The processing agent performs, through Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited, certain of its services in connection with the subscription and redemption of Units by authorised participants including facilitating the deposit of units into Central Clearing and Settlement System ("**CCASS**") upon creation of units and the withdrawal of units from CCASS upon redemption.

A monthly retainer fee of HK\$5,000 is also charged to the Fund.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### (a) Strategy in using financial instruments

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investment results that correspond closely to the total return of the Underlying Index, before fees and expenses. The Underlying Index is determined and composed by the Index Provider. The Underlying Index is an indicator of investment returns of Asian Currency denominated debt obligations issued or guaranteed by an Asian government, quasi Asian government organisations or supranational financial institutions, in each case as determined by the Index Provider and which are for the time being constituent securities of the Underlying Index.

The Fund is exposed to risks including market price risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and counterparty risk, liquidity risk, currency risk and emerging market risk.

These risks, and the respective risk management policies employed by the Fund to manage these risks, are discussed below.

#### (b) Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or factors affecting all instruments in the market.

The Fund is designated to track the performance of the Markit iBoxx ABF Pan-Asia Index, therefore the exposures to market risk in the Fund will be substantially the same as the tracked index. The Manager manages the Fund's exposures to market risk by ensuring that the key characteristics of the portfolio, are closely aligned with the characteristics of the tracked index. As at year-end, the overall market exposures were as follows:

	2023			2022		
	Fair value <i>US\$</i>	Cost <i>US\$</i>	% of net assets	Fair value <i>US\$</i>	Cost <i>US\$</i>	% of net assets
Investments						
– Debt securities	3,351,791,410	3,641,974,837	99.98	3,275,984,221	3,621,021,649	100.05
	<u>3,351,791,410</u>	<u>3,641,974,837</u>	<u>99.98</u>	<u>3,275,984,221</u>	<u>3,621,021,649</u>	<u>100.05</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** *(Continued)*

(b) Market price risk *(Continued)*

*Market exposures*

The following table shows the market exposure the Fund has to various markets, incorporating the underlying market risk through all financial assets held by the Fund.

	2023 <i>US\$ equivalent</i>	2022 <i>US\$ equivalent</i>
Markets exposed to		
China	861,919,341	820,293,595
Hong Kong	244,678,965	258,828,548
Indonesia	282,727,151	269,175,587
Malaysia	381,873,845	375,640,086
Philippines	220,804,394	217,882,308
Singapore	537,544,246	517,561,155
South Korea	505,523,146	505,584,831
Thailand	316,720,322	311,018,111
	<u>3,351,791,410</u>	<u>3,275,984,221</u>

There were investments issued by a single issuer with market value exceeding 10% of the Fund's net asset value at 30th June 2023 or 2022, as follows:

	2023 %	2022 %
China Government	18.60	18.44
Korea Treasury	12.93	14.24
Malaysia Government	9.75	10.36
Singapore Government	15.68	15.54

During the year ended 30th June 2023, the Underlying Index increased by 2.80% (1 year return as of 30th June 2022: decreased by 9.50%), while the returns of the Fund including distributions increased by 2.51% (1 year return as of 30th June 2022: decreased by 9.68%).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT *(Continued)*

#### (b) Market price risk *(Continued)*

##### *Market exposures (Continued)*

The table below summarises the impact on net assets attributable to unitholders as a result of increases/decreases of the Underlying Index to which the Fund is exposed. The analysis is based on the assumption that the Underlying Index had increased/decreased by the respective percentage with all other variables held constant and the Fund's investments moved according to the historical correlation with the Underlying Index.

	2023		2022	
	Change in market index	Impact	Change in market index	Impact
	%	US\$	%	US\$
	+/-	+/-	+/-	+/-
Markit iBoxx ABF Pan-Asia Index in US\$	5.00	167,589,571	5.00	163,799,211

Assumption: The change is based on the annualised return of the Underlying Index since inception and takes into consideration the Fund's historical correlation with the Underlying Index, which would be revised when there is evidence that the Underlying Index have become significantly more volatile.

The management have used their view of what would be a "reasonable shift" in each key market to estimate the change for use in the market sensitivity analysis above.

Disclosures above are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative. Changes in market index % are revised annually depending on management's current view of market volatility and other relevant factors.

#### (c) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk is generally lower for shorter-term investments and higher for longer-term investments.

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are interest bearing; as a result, the Fund is subject to significant amounts of risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. Any excess cash and cash equivalents are invested at short-term market interest rates.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** (Continued)

**10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** (Continued)

(c) Interest rate risk (Continued)

The Manager manages the investment portfolio by ensuring that the Fund replicates the Underlying Index movements effectively based on market exposures as well as duration risks across the yield curve.

The table below summarises the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk. It includes the Fund's assets and liabilities at fair values, categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates.

**As at 30.06.2023**

	Up to 1 year US\$	1-5 years US\$	Over 5 years US\$	Non-interest bearing US\$	Total US\$
<b>Assets</b>					
Investments	43,990,423	1,419,439,794	1,888,361,193	–	3,351,791,410
Amounts due from brokers	–	–	–	43,527,156	43,527,156
Interest receivables	3,204	–	–	–	3,204
Other receivables	186,541	–	–	41,357	227,898
Cash at banks	16,369,085	–	–	–	16,369,085
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>60,549,253</b>	<b>1,419,439,794</b>	<b>1,888,361,193</b>	<b>43,568,513</b>	<b>3,411,918,753</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Amounts due to brokers	–	–	–	(52,237,240)	(52,237,240)
Audit fee payable	–	–	–	(82,546)	(82,546)
Trustee fee payable	–	–	–	(139,070)	(139,070)
Management fee payable	–	–	–	(651,960)	(651,960)
Index license fee payable	–	–	–	(264,658)	(264,658)
Other payables	–	–	–	(5,924,619)	(5,924,619)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	–	–	–	(3,352,618,660)	(3,352,618,660)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(3,411,918,753)</b>	<b>(3,411,918,753)</b>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>	<b>60,549,253</b>	<b>1,419,439,794</b>	<b>1,888,361,193</b>		

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT *(Continued)*

#### (c) Interest rate risk *(Continued)*

**As at 30.06.2022**

	Up to 1 year <i>US\$</i>	1-5 years <i>US\$</i>	Over 5 years <i>US\$</i>	Non-interest bearing <i>US\$</i>	Total <i>US\$</i>
<b>Assets</b>					
Investments	70,526,511	1,397,878,633	1,807,579,077	–	3,275,984,221
Amounts due from brokers	–	–	–	40,663,577	40,663,577
Interest receivables	20	–	–	–	20
Other receivables	212,179	–	–	27,754	239,933
Cash at banks	11,886,219	–	–	–	11,886,219
	<u>82,624,929</u>	<u>1,397,878,633</u>	<u>1,807,579,077</u>	<u>40,691,331</u>	<u>3,328,773,970</u>
<b>Total assets</b>					
	<u>82,624,929</u>	<u>1,397,878,633</u>	<u>1,807,579,077</u>	<u>40,691,331</u>	<u>3,328,773,970</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Amounts due to brokers	–	–	–	(47,254,388)	(47,254,388)
Audit fee payable	–	–	–	(65,154)	(65,154)
Trustee fee payable	–	–	–	(135,703)	(135,703)
Management fee payable	–	–	–	(629,478)	(629,478)
Index license fee payable	–	–	–	(86,301)	(86,301)
Other payables	–	–	–	(6,313,848)	(6,313,848)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	–	–	–	(3,274,289,098)	(3,274,289,098)
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(3,328,773,970)</u>	<u>(3,328,773,970)</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>					
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(3,328,773,970)</u>	<u>(3,328,773,970)</u>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>					
	<u>82,624,929</u>	<u>1,397,878,633</u>	<u>1,807,579,077</u>		

At 30th June 2023, should interest rates have lowered/risen by 100 basis points (2022: 50 basis points) with all other variables remaining constant, the increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders for the year would amount to approximately US\$244,319,255 and US\$211,765,705 respectively (2022: US\$113,392,724 and US\$105,919,159), arising substantially from the increase/decrease in market values of debt securities.

Assumption: The change is based on the historical interest rate fluctuations and would be revised when there is evidence that interest rates have become significantly more volatile.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** *(Continued)*

(d) Credit and counterparty risk

Credit and counterparty risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to pay amounts in full when due.

All transactions in securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default from transactions is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made when the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase when the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

The Fund's financial assets which are potentially subject to concentration of counterparty risk consist principally of bank deposits, assets held and collateral securities held with the custodians.

The table below summarises the assets placed with banks, custodians and custodians of collateral securities at 30th June 2023 and 2022:

**As at 30.06.2023**

	US\$	Credit rating	Source of credit rating
Custodians and Banks			
The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	3,368,160,495	Aa3	Moody's
Custodians of collateral securities			
HSBC Bank Plc	353,097,547	A1	Moody's
J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A. <sup>1</sup>	198,302,119	Aa1	Moody's

**As at 30.06.2022**

	US\$	Credit rating	Source of credit rating
Custodians and Banks			
The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	3,287,870,440	Aa3	Moody's
Custodians of collateral securities			
HSBC Bank Plc	123,252,411	Aa3	Moody's
J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A. <sup>1</sup>	301,223,708	Aa1	Moody's

<sup>1</sup> J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A. is a tri-party collateral manager to whom the Securities Lending Agent, HSBC Bank Plc, delegates certain of its collateral management, margining and custodial functions.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT *(Continued)*

#### (d) Credit and counterparty risk *(Continued)*

The table below categorised the investment portfolio by credit rating sourced from Markit iBoxx.

##### *Portfolio by rating category*

Rating (Markit iBoxx)	2023 <i>% of Investments</i>	2022 <i>% of Investments</i>
AAA	15	15
AA	22	23
A	43	44
BBB	15	15
Non-rated	5	3
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Total	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Fund had in place a securities lending arrangement. Any securities lending activities for the Fund would be carried out for the sole purpose of efficient portfolio management, which aims to generate additional income for the scheme with minimal increase in risk. At the time that any securities are lent or proposed to be lent, the amount of securities of that issue being lent must not be more than 50% of the aggregate market holding of securities. The Fund will only lend securities to a borrower approved by the Trustee. Borrowers will be restricted to persons who satisfy the criteria for a counterparty to a securities lending agreement as required under all applicable laws and regulations. At present, borrowers of security lending transactions are required to have a minimum long-term rating of 'A' by Moody's, 'A' by Standard and Poor's or 'A' by Fitch. For more details, please refer to the Details of Security Lending Arrangements (Unaudited).

As part of its securities lending transactions, the Fund will receive collateral, the value of which, during the duration of the securities lending agreement, will exceed 102% of the global valuation of the securities lent, marked to market on a daily basis. The collateral that is to be acquired in respect of securities lending shall comprise securities of the underlying index, non-index securities and/or other high quality cash equivalent investments approved by the Trustee and permitted under the Trust Deed. For non-cash collateral, eligible collateral includes government debt or supranational debt with a minimum long-term rating of 'A' by Moody's, 'A' by Standard and Poor's or 'A' by Fitch. The Fund will only accept cash collateral in circumstances where collateral is accepted through the Euroclear SA collateral management system, and the collateral substitution process for the system requires the interstitial acceptance of cash collateral. No interest would be paid on such cash collateral, which would be held by HSBC Bank Plc as banker. The Fund will not reinvest collateral received in connection with its securities lending.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** *(Continued)*

(d) Credit and counterparty risk *(Continued)*

The table below categorised the securities on loan by credit rating of the collateral provider sourced from Moody's Rating Services.

**As at 30.06.2023**

Collateral provider	Credit rating of the collateral provider <sup>2</sup>	Fair value of collateral <i>US\$</i>	Securities on loan <i>US\$</i>
Credit Suisse AG Singapore Branch	A1	198,302,119	57,498,763
Nomura International PLC	Baa1	353,097,547	446,869,097
		551,399,666	504,367,860

**As at 30.06.2022**

Collateral provider	Credit rating of the collateral provider <sup>2</sup>	Fair value of collateral <i>US\$</i>	Securities on loan <i>US\$</i>
BNP Paribas London	Aa3	8,178,955	7,725,491
Credit Suisse AG Singapore Branch	A1	293,044,753	277,483,742
Nomura International PLC	Baa1	123,252,411	115,830,527
		424,476,119	401,039,760

<sup>2</sup> Credit ratings of long term counterparty risk by Moody's Rating Services

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT *(Continued)*

#### (d) Credit and counterparty risk *(Continued)*

The maximum exposure to credit and counterparty risk as at 30th June 2023 and 2022 is the carrying amount of the financial assets as set out below:

	2023	2022
	<i>US\$</i>	<i>US\$</i>
Investments	3,351,791,410	3,275,984,221
Amounts due from brokers	43,527,156	40,663,577
Interest receivables	3,204	20
Other receivables	227,898	239,933
Cash at banks	16,369,085	11,886,219
	3,411,918,753	3,328,773,970

The Manager limits the Fund's exposure to counterparty risk by transacting the majority of its securities and contractual commitment activities with broker-dealers, banks and regulated exchanges with high credit ratings and that the Manager considers to be well established.

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. At 30th June 2023 and 2022, other receivables, amounts due from brokers, interest receivables, cash at banks are due to be settled within 1 month. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

#### (e) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty or incur higher costs in settling a liability, including a redemption request.

The Fund is exposed to daily redemptions of units in the Fund. The Manager invests the majority of the Fund's assets in investments that are traded in active markets and which can be readily disposed of. During the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Fund entered into securities lending transactions. As at 30th June 2023, investments of US\$504,367,860 (2022: US\$401,039,760) were lent to the borrowers and were callable on demand.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** (Continued)

**10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** (Continued)

(e) Liquidity risk (Continued)

The table below analyses the Fund's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the year-end date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Less than 1 month US\$	1 month to less than 3 months US\$	Over 3 months US\$
<b>As at 30.06.2023</b>			
Amounts due to brokers	52,237,240	–	–
Audit fee payable	–	82,546	–
Trustee fee payable	–	139,070	–
Management fee payable	–	651,960	–
Index license fee payable	–	264,658	–
Other payables	10,742	72,979	5,840,898
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u>3,352,618,660</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
<b>Contractual cash outflows</b>	<b><u>3,404,866,642</u></b>	<b><u>1,211,213</u></b>	<b><u>5,840,898</u></b>
	Less than 1 month US\$	1 month to less than 3 months US\$	Over 3 months US\$
<b>As at 30.06.2022</b>			
Amounts due to brokers	47,254,388	–	–
Audit fee payable	–	65,154	–
Trustee fee payable	–	135,703	–
Management fee payable	–	629,478	–
Index license fee payable	–	86,301	–
Other payables	13,747	56,716	6,243,385
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u>3,274,289,098</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
<b>Contractual cash outflows</b>	<b><u>3,321,557,233</u></b>	<b><u>973,352</u></b>	<b><u>6,243,385</u></b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT *(Continued)*

#### (e) Liquidity risk *(Continued)*

Units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder's option. However, the Trustee and the Manager do not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the tables above will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as the unitholders typically retain their units for the medium to long term. At 30th June 2023, there was 1 unitholder (2022: 1), which was the nominee account unitholder of the Fund holding more than 10% of the Fund's units. Please refer to note 13 for details.

The Fund manages its liquidity risk by investing in investments that it expects to be able to liquidate within one month or less. The following table illustrates the expected liquidity of assets held:

	Less than 1 month <i>US\$</i>	1 to 12 months <i>US\$</i>
<b>As at 30.06.2023</b>		
Total assets	<u>3,411,918,753</u>	<u>–</u>
	Less than 1 month <i>US\$</i>	1 to 12 months <i>US\$</i>
<b>As at 30.06.2022</b>		
Total assets	<u>3,328,773,970</u>	<u>–</u>

#### (f) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Fund has assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than US\$, the functional currency. The Fund is therefore exposed to currency risk, as the value of the assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. Although the Fund has not actively engaged in hedging activities, the Manager may enter into spot and forward foreign exchange contracts from time to time to hedge against the fluctuations in exchange rates in relation to the settlement of subscription and redemption of units, and other operational uses such as covering the Fund's exposure to currency risk from re-balancing the portfolios prior to market closure due to holidays.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** *(Continued)*

(f) **Currency risk** *(Continued)*

The table below summarises the Fund's monetary exposure to currency risks:

	2023 <i>US\$ equivalents</i>	2022 <i>US\$ equivalents</i>
Hong Kong Dollar	270,564,095	267,008,721
Indonesian Rupiah	282,734,517	269,190,574
Malaysian Ringgit	384,303,487	375,898,762
Philippine Peso	220,481,394	217,926,881
Renminbi	835,034,480	815,923,031
Singapore Dollar	538,201,084	517,828,043
South Korean Won	503,955,477	499,014,046
Thai Baht	317,574,202	311,544,600

The table below summarises the impact on net assets attributable to unitholders as a result of increases/decreases of key exchange rates on the exposures tabled above, to which the Fund is exposed. The analysis is based on the assumption that the exchange rates had increased/decreased by the respective percentage (based on historical currency fluctuations and would be revised when the currency have become significantly more volatile) with all other variables held constant.

	2023		2022	
	Change % +/-	Impact <i>US\$</i> +/-	Change % +/-	Impact <i>US\$</i> +/-
Hong Kong Dollar	1	2,705,641	1	2,670,087
Indonesian Rupiah	2	5,654,690	12	32,302,869
Malaysian Ringgit	4	15,372,139	12	45,107,851
Philippine Peso	4	8,819,256	12	26,151,226
Renminbi	5	41,751,724	11	89,751,533
Singapore Dollar	3	16,146,033	8	41,426,243
South Korean Won	6	30,237,329	12	59,881,686
Thai Baht	5	15,878,710	12	37,385,352

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** *(Continued)*

#### **(g) Emerging market risk**

The Fund invests in certain Asian bond markets that are considered to be emerging markets. These markets are subject to special risks associated with foreign investment in these emerging markets including, but not limited to: generally less efficient securities markets; generally greater price volatility; exchange rate fluctuations and exchange controls; imposition of restrictions on the expatriation of funds or other assets; less publicly available information about issuers; the imposition of taxes; higher transaction and custody costs; settlement delays and risk of loss; difficulties in enforcing contracts; lesser regulation of securities markets; smaller market capitalisation; different accounting and disclosure standards; governmental interference; greater risk of market shutdown; the risk of expropriation of assets; higher inflation; and social, economic, political uncertainties and the risk of war.

The Fund is designed to track the performance of the Underlying Index, a broad Asian local currency bond index; therefore the exposure to emerging market risk in the Fund will be substantially the same as the Underlying Index. As an index fund, the Manager manages the Fund's exposure to emerging market risk by ensuring that the key characteristics of the Fund, such as market weights and duration, are closely aligned to the characteristics of the Underlying Index.

#### **(h) Capital risk management**

The Fund's capital is represented by the net assets attributable to unitholders. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of the unitholders. The Fund's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for the unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund's policy is to perform the following:

- monitor the level of daily subscriptions and redemptions relative to the liquid assets; and
- redeem and issue units in accordance with the Trust Deed and supplemental deeds.

The Trustee and Manager monitor capital on the basis of the value of net assets attributable to unitholders.



## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** *(Continued)*

#### **(i) Fair value estimation**

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the year end date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the current bid price.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

The carrying value less impairment provision of other receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Fund for similar financial instruments.

IFRS 13, requires the Fund to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

### 10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT *(Continued)*

#### (i) Fair value estimation *(Continued)*

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's investments measured at fair value at 30th June 2023 and 2022:

<b>As at 30.06.2023</b>	Level 1 <i>US\$</i>	Level 2 <i>US\$</i>	Level 3 <i>US\$</i>	Total <i>US\$</i>
<b>Investments</b>				
– Debt securities	–	3,351,791,410	–	3,351,791,410
	–	3,351,791,410	–	3,351,791,410
	<u>–</u>	<u>3,351,791,410</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,351,791,410</u>
<b>As at 30.06.2022</b>	Level 1 <i>US\$</i>	Level 2 <i>US\$</i>	Level 3 <i>US\$</i>	Total <i>US\$</i>
<b>Investments</b>				
– Debt securities	–	3,275,984,221	–	3,275,984,221
	–	3,275,984,221	–	3,275,984,221
	<u>–</u>	<u>3,275,984,221</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,275,984,221</u>

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets are classified within Level 1. As of 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not hold any investments classified in Level 1.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. As of 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Fund held investments in debt securities which were classified in Level 2.

Investments classified within Level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they trade infrequently. As of 30th June 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not hold any investments classified in Level 3.

There was no transfer between levels during the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022.

The assets and liabilities included in the Statement of Net Assets, except for investments, are carried at amortised cost; their carrying values are a reasonable approximation of fair value.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**11. SOFT DOLLAR PRACTICES**

The Manager may effect transactions, provided that any such transactions are consistent with standards of “best execution”, by or through the agency of another person for the account of the Fund with whom the Manager or any of its Connected Persons have an arrangement under which that party will from time to time provide to or procure for the Manager or any of its Connected Persons goods, services or other benefits (such as research and advisory services, computer hardware associated with specialised software or research services and performance measures) the nature of which is such that their provision can reasonably be expected to benefit the Fund as a whole and may contribute to an improvement in the performance of the Fund. For the avoidance of doubt, such goods and services may not include travel, accommodation, entertainment, general administrative goods or services, general office equipment or premises, membership fees, employees’ salaries or direct money payments.

The Manager has not participated in any soft dollar arrangements in respect of any transactions for the account of the Fund during the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022.

**12. DISTRIBUTIONS**

	2023 <i>US\$</i>	2022 <i>US\$</i>
Undistributed income brought forward at the beginning of the year	–	–
Net income/(loss) for the year	82,106,462	(355,478,241)
Interim distribution		
– US\$1.61 on 30,870,064 units paid on 8th February 2023	(49,700,803)	–
– US\$1.48 on 30,604,204 units paid on 8th February 2022	–	(45,294,222)
Final distribution		
– US\$1.67 on 30,437,894 units paid on 3rd August 2022	(50,831,283)	–
– US\$1.37 on 30,366,004 units paid on 3rd August 2021	–	(41,601,425)
Undistributed loss transferred from net assets attributable to unitholders for the year	<u>18,425,624</u>	<u>442,373,888</u>
Undistributed income carried forward at the end of the year	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

### **13. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Manager makes the strategic resource allocations on behalf of the Fund. The Fund has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Manager, which are used to make strategic decisions.

The Manager is responsible for the Fund's entire portfolio and considers the business to have a single operating segment. The Manager's asset allocation decisions are based on a single, integrated investment strategy and the Fund's performance is evaluated on an overall basis.

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investment results that correspond to the total return of the Markit iBoxx ABF Pan-Asia Index, before fees and expenses.

The internal reporting provided to the Manager for the Fund's assets, liabilities and performance is prepared on a consistent basis with the measurement and recognition principles of IFRSs.

There were no changes in the reportable segments during the years ended 30th June 2023 and 2022.

All activities of the Fund are in a single business of investment activities conducted mainly in the Asia Pacific region. The Fund's income is from investments in debt securities issued by government, quasi-government organisations and supranational financial institutions in the Asia Pacific region.

The Fund has no assets classified as non-current assets. The Fund has a diversified portfolio of investments. Please refer to Note 10(b) for investment holdings issued by a single issuer that account for more than 10% of the Fund's net assets.

The underlying index of the Fund namely Markit iBoxx ABF Pan-Asia Index, did not have any constituent stock that accounted for more than 10% of the index as at 30th June 2023 (2022: Nil).

The Fund also has a diversified unitholder population. As at 30th June 2023, there was one (2022: one) unitholder, which was the nominee account unitholder of the Fund holding more than 10% of the Fund's units. The nominee account unitholder holds 96% (2022: 96%) of the Fund's units as at 30th June 2023.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

**14. SUPPLEMENTAL RATIOS**

	2023	2022
Expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.18%	0.18%
Turnover ratio <sup>4</sup>	25.23%	26.18%

<sup>3</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 year end was based on total operating expenses of US\$6,082,196 (2022: US\$6,427,267) divided by the average net asset value of US\$3,306,425,805 (2022: US\$3,592,479,539) 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.

<sup>4</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, being sales of US\$834,342,148 (2022: purchases of US\$940,495,792) of the underlying investments, divided by the average daily net asset value of US\$3,306,425,805 (2022: US\$3,592,479,539). In line with Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 “Reporting Framework for Investment Funds” (“**RAP 7**”) issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, total value of purchases or sales for the current year do not include brokerage and other transaction costs.

**15. EVENT OCCURRING AFTER YEAR-END DATE**

Subsequent to the year end, the Fund announced a dividend distribution of US\$1.71 per unit on 7th July 2023. The dividend was paid on 3rd August 2023. The net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30th June 2023 has not accrued the dividend distribution payable as mentioned above.

**16. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee and the Manager on 27th September 2023.