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令和6年2月29日

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I ファンドの運用状況

1. 令和5年12月中間期の運用状況 (令和5年7月1日～令和5年12月31日)

(1) 資産内訳

(百万円未満切捨て)

	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	%
令和5年12月中間期	528,145	(100)	△131	(0)	528,013	(100)
令和5年6月期	504,612	(100)	124	(0)	504,736	(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)	当中間計算期間末 発行済口数 (①+②-③)
	千口	千口	千口	千口
令和5年12月中間期	31,342	528	70	31,800

(3) 基準価額

(百万円未満切捨て)

	総資産 (①)	負債 (②)	純資産 (③) (①-②)	1口当たり基準価額 (③/当中間計算期間末 (前計算期間末)発行済口数×1口)
	百万円	百万円	百万円	円
令和5年12月中間期	535,042	7,028	528,013	16,604
令和5年6月期	513,664	8,927	504,736	16,104

(注) 日本円への換算は、1米ドル=150.55円の換算率(令和6年2月22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  
 ② ①以外の会計方針の変更

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## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

As at 31st December 2023 (Unaudited)

		As at 31.12.2023	As at 30.06.2023	As at 31.12.2022	As at 30.06.2022
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>US\$</i>	<i>US\$</i>	<i>US\$</i>	<i>US\$</i>
<b>Assets</b>					
Investments	<i>6(f)</i>	3,508,108,208	3,351,791,410	3,328,514,610	3,275,984,221
Amounts due from brokers		32,749,071	43,527,156	12,591,953	40,663,577
Interest receivables	<i>6(e)</i>	3,022	3,204	888	20
Other receivables		621,846	227,898	1,051,478	239,933
Cash at banks	<i>6(e)</i>	<u>12,436,907</u>	<u>16,369,085</u>	<u>25,189,311</u>	<u>11,886,219</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>3,553,919,054</u>	<u>3,411,918,753</u>	<u>3,367,348,240</u>	<u>3,328,773,970</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Amounts due to brokers		39,351,305	52,237,240	30,345,244	47,254,388
Audit fee payable		118,600	82,546	19,059	65,154
Trustee fee payable	<i>6(d)</i>	146,339	139,070	140,440	135,703
Management fee payable	<i>6(c)</i>	631,427	651,960	602,701	629,478
Index license fee payable		352,876	264,658	87,260	86,301
Other payables		<u>6,087,031</u>	<u>5,924,619</u>	<u>6,130,614</u>	<u>6,313,848</u>
<b>Liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)</b>		<u>46,687,578</u>	<u>59,300,093</u>	<u>37,325,318</u>	<u>54,484,872</u>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<i>3</i>	<u>3,507,231,476</u>	<u>3,352,618,660</u>	<u>3,330,022,922</u>	<u>3,274,289,098</u>
Number of units in issue	<i>3</i>	<u>31,800,594</u>	<u>31,342,354</u>	<u>30,870,064</u>	<u>30,447,894</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders per unit	<i>3</i>	<u>110.29</u>	<u>106.97</u>	<u>107.87</u>	<u>107.54</u>

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**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

For the period from 1st July 2023 to 31st December 2023 (Unaudited)

	Notes	01.07.2023 to 31.12.2023 US\$	01.07.2022 to 31.12.2022 US\$
<b>Income</b>			
Interest income on bank deposits	6(e)	38,008	17,144
Net gains on investments	4	164,285,354	67,977,529
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		70,515	(268,534)
Security lending income		151,772	186,831
Other income		769	913
		<u>164,546,418</u>	<u>67,913,883</u>
<b>Total investment income</b>			
		<u>164,546,418</u>	<u>67,913,883</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fee	6(c)	(1,897,304)	(1,803,983)
Trustee fee	6(d)	(845,567)	(810,316)
Index license fee		(176,438)	(176,438)
Publication and printing expenses	6(i)	(8,932)	(15,513)
Audit fee		(36,054)	(36,450)
Processing agent fee		(7,860)	(8,105)
Safe custody and bank charges	6(i)	(2,228)	(2,208)
Transaction handling fee	6(i)	(12,750)	(16,545)
Legal and professional fees	6(i)	(116,045)	(77,394)
Other operating expenses	6(i)	(6,233)	(6,301)
		<u>(3,109,411)</u>	<u>(2,953,253)</u>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>			
		<u>(3,109,411)</u>	<u>(2,953,253)</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>			
		<u>161,437,007</u>	<u>64,960,630</u>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Distributions to unitholders	8	(53,595,425)	(50,831,283)
Interest expense	6(e)	(19,810)	(8,815)
		<u>(53,615,235)</u>	<u>(50,840,098)</u>
<b>Profit after distributions and before tax</b>			
		107,821,772	14,120,532
Taxation	5	(2,432,353)	(2,982,029)
<b>Profit after distributions and tax/increase in net assets attributable to unitholders from operations</b>			
		<u>105,389,419</u>	<u>11,138,503</u>

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

*For the period from 1st July 2023 to 31st December 2023 (Unaudited)*

	01.07.2023 to 31.12.2023 <i>US\$</i>	01.07.2022 to 31.12.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Balance at beginning of the period	3,352,618,660	3,274,289,098
Issuance of units	56,661,510	49,838,286
Redemption of units	<u>(7,438,113)</u>	<u>(5,242,965)</u>
Net issuance of units	49,223,397	44,595,321
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	<u>105,389,419</u>	<u>11,138,503</u>
Balance at the end of the period	<u><u>3,507,231,476</u></u>	<u><u>3,330,022,922</u></u>

**Number of units in issue**

	01.07.2023 to 31.12.2023 <i>Units</i>	01.07.2022 to 31.12.2022 <i>Units</i>
Units in issue at the beginning of the period	31,342,354	30,447,894
Issuance of units	528,240	472,170
Redemption of units	<u>(70,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>
Units in issue at the end of the period	<u><u>31,800,594</u></u>	<u><u>30,870,064</u></u>

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**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the period from 1st July 2023 to 31st December 2023 (Unaudited)

	01.07.2023 to 31.12.2023 US\$	01.07.2022 to 31.12.2022 US\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	105,389,419	11,138,503
Adjustment for:		
Interest income on bank deposits	(38,008)	(17,144)
Interest expense	19,810	8,815
Distributions to unitholders	53,595,425	50,831,283
Taxation	2,432,353	2,982,029
Revaluation (gain)/loss in foreign exchange	(69,274)	700
	<u>161,329,725</u>	<u>64,944,186</u>
<b>Operating profit before working capital changes</b>	161,329,725	64,944,186
Net increase in investments	(156,316,798)	(52,530,389)
Net decrease in amounts due from brokers	10,778,085	28,071,624
Net increase in other receivable	(393,948)	(811,545)
Net decrease in amounts due to brokers	(12,885,935)	(16,909,144)
Net increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	133,564	(76,532)
	<u>2,644,693</u>	<u>22,688,200</u>
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	2,644,693	22,688,200
Interest income on bank deposits received	38,190	16,276
Taxes paid	(2,292,497)	(3,155,907)
	<u>390,386</u>	<u>19,548,569</u>
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	390,386	19,548,569
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Distributions paid to unitholders	(53,595,425)	(50,831,283)
Interest expense paid	(19,810)	(8,815)
Issuance of units	56,661,510	49,838,286
Redemption of units	(7,438,113)	(5,242,965)
	<u>(4,391,838)</u>	<u>(6,244,777)</u>
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	(4,391,838)	(6,244,777)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(4,001,452)	13,303,792
Effect of currency translation	69,274	(700)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	16,369,085	11,886,219
	<u>12,436,907</u>	<u>25,189,311</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	12,436,907	25,189,311
<b>Analysis of balance of cash and cash equivalents:</b>		
<b>Cash at banks</b>	<u>12,436,907</u>	<u>25,189,311</u>

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**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS** *(Continued)*

*For the period from 1st July 2023 to 31st December 2023 (Unaudited)*

Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

	01.07.2023 to 31.12.2023 US\$	01.07.2022 to 31.12.2022 US\$
At 1st July	----- 0	----- 0
Changes from financing cash flows		
Redemption paid	(7,438,113)	(5,242,965)
Other changes		
Redemption of units	<u>7,438,113</u>	<u>5,242,965</u>
At 31st December	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

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## **NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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### **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 and 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.

### **2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These unaudited condensed interim financial statements ("**Interim Financial Statements**") have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("**IAS**") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". The Interim Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments. The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these Interim Financial Statements are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2023.

#### **Changes to presentation and comparative information**

When the presentation or classification of items in the condensed financial statements is amended, comparative amounts have been updated to conform with the current year's presentation or classification.



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

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

Number of units in issue

	01.07.2023 to 31.12.2023 <i>units</i>	01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023 <i>units</i>	01.07.2022 to 31.12.2022 <i>units</i>
Units in issue at the beginning of the period	31,342,354	30,870,064	30,447,894
Issuance of units	528,240	482,290	472,170
Redemption of units	<u>(70,000)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>
Units in issue at the end of the period	<u><u>31,800,594</u></u>	<u><u>31,342,354</u></u>	<u><u>30,870,064</u></u>
	<i>US\$</i>	<i>US\$</i>	<i>US\$</i>
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u><u>3,507,231,476</u></u>	<u><u>3,352,618,660</u></u>	<u><u>3,330,022,922</u></u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders (per unit)	<u><u>110.29</u></u>	<u><u>106.97</u></u>	<u><u>107.87</u></u>
Net asset value per Creation unit (1 Creation unit is equivalent to 10,000 units)	<u><u>1,102,882</u></u>	<u><u>1,069,677</u></u>	<u><u>1,078,722</u></u>

**4. NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS**

	01.07.2023 to 31.12.2023 <i>US\$</i>	01.07.2022 to 31.12.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Change in unrealised gains in value of investments	137,052,975	75,529,664
Realised gains/(losses) on sale of investments	<u>27,232,379</u>	<u>(7,552,135)</u>
	<u><u>164,285,354</u></u>	<u><u>67,977,529</u></u>

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

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**5. TAXATION**

The Fund had incurred taxes of US\$2,432,353 (6 months to 31st December 2022: US\$2,982,029) during the period ended 31st December 2023. The amount includes withholding taxes from China, Philippines and Indonesia totaling US\$2,424,189 and the remaining portion of US\$8,164 relates to payments of Singapore corporate income tax and other taxes.

On 7th November 2018, the PRC Ministry of Finance ("**MoF**") and the PRC State Taxation Administration ("**STA**") jointly issued a notice Caishui [2018] No.108 ("**Circular 108**") which stipulates that foreign institutional investors are temporarily exempted from PRC withholding tax 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 withholding tax 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 31st December 2023, the Fund made provision of US\$3,758,259 (equivalent to RMB27,285,160) for 10% withholding income tax on interest income from PRC non-government securities received up to 6th November 2018 (as at 30th June 2023: US\$3,676,262 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 Statement of Net Assets. In addition, according to Circular 36, interest received from government bonds and local government bonds are exempted from VAT. 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.

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

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**5. TAXATION** *(Continued)*

For VAT related taxes (including Urban Construction and Maintenance Tax (“**UCMT**”), Education Surcharge (“**ES**”) and Local Education Surcharge (“**LES**”)), 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 our 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 is 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 31st December 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\$1,012,250 (equivalent to RMB7,348,992) (as at 30th June 2023: US\$990,165 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.

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**6. 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 period 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.

**(a) Foreign currency transactions with Connected Person of the Manager and the Trustee**

During the period ended 31st December 2023, the Manager transacted in foreign currency transactions totaling US\$261,157,205 (6 months to 31st December 2022: US\$394,256,542) 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 purpose. The amount represents 100% (6 months to 31st December 2022: 100%) of the Fund’s foreign currency transactions during the period ended 31st December 2023.

Name of company	Aggregate value of foreign currency transactions US\$	% of total foreign currency translations %
For the period ended 31.12.2023		
State Street Global Markets, LLC	22,806,133	8.74
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	49,683,471	19.02
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Sydney Branch	188,667,601	72.24
For the period ended 31.12.2022		
State Street Global Markets, LLC	27,750,000	7.04
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	70,650,000	17.92
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Sydney Branch	295,856,542	75.04

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

**(a) Foreign currency transactions with Connected Person of the Manager and the Trustee** *(Continued)*

During the period ended 31st December 2023 and 2022, the Connected Persons of the Manager and the Trustee as listed above had included normal bid-offer spread 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 commission paid to Connected Persons of the Manager or the Trustee during the period ended 31st December 2023 and 2022.

**(b) Holdings of units**

As at 31st December 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 30,440,713 units (30th June 2023: 29,984,000 units) of the Fund as nominee on behalf of its clients, representing 95.72% (2022: 95.66%) 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 following annual rates:

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 CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(Continued)*

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

**(e) Bank balances and Interest receivable**

The bank balance and Interest receivable of the Fund is 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 31.12.2023 <i>US\$</i>	As at 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>
Bank balances	12,436,907	16,369,085
Interest receivables	3,022	–
	<u>12,439,929</u>	<u>16,369,085</u>

During the periods ended 31st December 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 period ended 31.12.2023 <i>US\$</i>	For the period ended 31.12.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Interest income	38,008	17,144
Interest expense	19,810	8,815
	<u>18,198</u>	<u>25,959</u>

**(f) Investments**

During the period/year ended 31st December 2023 and 30th June 2023, 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 31.12.2023 <i>US\$</i>	As at 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>
Investments	3,508,108,208	3,351,791,410
	<u>3,508,108,208</u>	<u>3,351,791,410</u>

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

(g) Security Lending Arrangement

During the period ended 31st December 2023 and 2022, the Fund put 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 period ended 31.12.2023 <i>US\$</i>	For the period ended 31.12.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Aggregate securities lending transactions through HSBC Bank Plc	305,916,730	218,936,019

The details of collateral held at the end of the period/year are as follows:

	As at 31.12.2023 <i>US\$</i>	As at 30.06.2023 <i>US\$</i>
Collateral held by HSBC Bank Plc in segregated accounts	108,797,707	353,097,547

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**6. 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

- (i) During the periods ended 31st December 2023 and 2022, the Fund transacted in bond trades through Trustee's affiliated party as buyers or sellers as follows:

Name of company	Aggregate value of purchase transactions <i>US\$</i>	Aggregate value of sale transactions <i>US\$</i>
For the period ended 31.12.2023		
HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited	12,222,330	1,364,699
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	633,596	–
For the period ended 31.12.2022		
HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited	17,613,781	2,917,324
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	2,178,832	–



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**6. 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 periods ended 31st December 2023 and 2022, the Fund transacted in bond trades through Trustee's affiliated party as delivering or receiving agents as follows:

Name of company	Aggregate value of transactions 31.12.2023 US\$	Aggregate value of transactions 31.12.2022 US\$
HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited	13,587,029	20,531,105
HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad	1,888,510	11,159,264
PT Bank HSBC Indonesia	12,991,685	16,827,480
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	43,935,324	102,402,845
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Bangkok	29,524,699	22,520,385
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Seoul Branch	24,941,116	33,889,760
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Singapore	33,850,779	35,206,961
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd – Philippine Branch	3,102,292	5,811,782

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**6. 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 period ended 31 December 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:

	01.07.2023 to 31.12.2023 US\$	01.07.2022 to 31.12.2022 US\$
Publication and printing expenses	–	108
Safe custody and bank charges	614	559
Transaction handling fee*	12,750	16,545
Legal and professional fees	1,013	3,988
Other operating expenses	6,233	6,301

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

- (ii) During the period ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, other than Management fee paid to the Manager no other respective amounts were paid to the Manager or its Connected Persons.

**7. SOFT DOLLAR PRACTICES**

The Manager may effect transactions, provided that any such transaction is 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 period ended 31st December 2023 and 31st December 2022.

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### 8. DISTRIBUTION

	01.07.2023 to 31.12.2023 <i>US\$</i>	01.07.2022 to 31.12.2022 <i>US\$</i>
Final distribution		
– US\$1.71 on 31,342,354 units paid on 3rd August 2023	53,595,425	–
– US\$1.67 on 30,437,894 units paid on 3rd August 2022	–	50,831,283
	–	50,831,283

### 9. SUPPLEMENTAL RATIOS

	Period from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023	Period from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022
Expense ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	0.18%	0.18%
Turnover ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	9.76%	15.45%

*Notes:*

- 1 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 the period end was based on total operating expenses for the period from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 of US\$6,238,354 (from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022: US\$6,051,402) divided by the average net asset value for the period from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 of US\$3,378,516,994 (from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022: US\$3,352,498,559). 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.
  
- 2 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\$327,192,629 (2022: sales of US\$496,519,190) of the underlying investments, divided by the average daily net asset value of US\$3,353,658,223 (2022: US\$3,213,305,116). In line with the recommendation of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 “Reporting framework for Unit Trusts” (“**RAP 7**”) issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, total value of purchases or sales for the current period do not include brokerage and other transaction costs.

### 10. EVENT OCCURRING AFTER STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS DATE

Subsequent to the period end, the Fund announced a dividend distribution of US\$1.71 per unit on 12th January 2024. The dividend was paid on 1st February 2024. The net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31st December 2023 has not accrued the dividend distribution payable as mentioned above.