

> UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF

**Annual Report** 

for the financial year ended 30 June 2024



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#### **UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF**

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#### A) Fund Performance

Fund Performance/ Benchmark Returns	3 mth % Growth	6 mth % Growth	1 yr % Growth	3 yr Ann Comp Ret	5 yr Ann Comp Ret	10 yr Ann Comp Ret	Since Inception 14 November 2022 Ann Comp Ret
UOBAM Ping An ChiNext							
ETF	-10.14	-15.18	-26.90	N/A	N/A	N/A	-22.57
Benchmark	-6.53	-9.77	-22.97	N/A	N/A	N/A	-20.35

Source: Morningstar.

Note: The performance returns of the Fund are in Singapore Dollar based on a NAV-to-NAV basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any.

The benchmark of the Fund: ChiNext Index.

For the twelve months ending 30 June 2024, the net asset value (NAV) of the Fund fell 26.90% in Singapore dollar (SGD) terms compared to the 22.97% fall for the benchmark ChiNext Index over the same period.

#### **Economic and Market Review**

In the twelve-month period under review ended 30 June 2024, China market bottomed out in mid-January on the back of incremental easing measures and improving macroeconomic conditions. Rally appeared to be losing momentum amidst market concerns over the size and implementation of the People's Bank of China (PBOC)'s relending policy for local governments to act as the buyer of last resort to clear property inventory. Defensive dividend plays have worked out well in this environment with high dividend stocks such as banks, telecom, energy, and utility companies getting bid up by investors.

In the economic data released in June, indicators such as social financing and credit fell short of expectations. The Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) remained in the contraction zone while both Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI) showed no signs of reflation. Coupled with a significant decline in real estate investment growth, this led the market to hold an even more pessimistic outlook for China's economy in the second half of the year. The market is still anticipating positive outcomes from the Third Plenary Session of the Central Committee in mid-July, but considering the limited room for maneuver in fiscal, monetary, and industrial policies, there might not be huge surprises. Therefore, we need to be more patient and wait for better policy signals.

From its inception on 14 November 2022, the UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF tracked the ChiNext Index very closely with only very minor performance deviations that was a result of fees and initial deployment.

Since inception till June 2024, the Fund declined 22.57% (in SGD terms). Its benchmark index fell by 20.35%

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#### A) Fund Performance (continued)

In June 2024, the ChiNext Index replaced seven index stocks, among which four stocks from Information Technology and three stocks from Healthcare were included, while two stocks from Information Technology, one stock from Materials, and three stocks from Healthcare were removed.

cks Included		
Securities code	Securities abbreviation	Industry sector
300002	Beijing Ultrapower Software	Information Technology
300017	Wangsu Science & Technology	Information Technology
300442	Range Intelligent Computing	Information Technology
300476	Victory Giant Technology	Information Technology
300573	Shenyang Xingqi Pharmaceutical	Health Care
300765	Cspc Innovation Pharmaceutical	Health Care
301301	Yili Chuanning Biotechnolology	Health Care

Stocks Removed		
Securities code	Securities abbreviation	Sector
300171	Tofflon Science & Technolology	Health Care
300244	Dian Diagnostics Group Co	Health Care
300363	Porton Pharma Solutions	Health Care
300438	Guangzhou Great Power Energy	Industrials
300726	Zhuzhou Hongda Electronics	Information Technology
300777	Sinofibers Technology Co	Materials
301095	Semitronix Corp	Information Technology

In December 2023, the ChiNext Index replaced six index stocks, among which four stocks from Information Technology, one stock from Healthcare, one stock from Industrials were included, while three stocks from Industrials, one stock from Information Technology, one stock from Consumer Discretionary and one stock from Healthcare were removed.

tocks Included		
Securities code	Securities abbreviation	Industry sector
300114	Zhonghang Electronic Measuring	Information Technology
300394	TFC	Information Technology
300502	Eoptolink	Information Technology
300567	Jingce Electronic	Information Technology
301267	Huaxia Eye	Healthcare
301358	Hunan Yuneng	Industrials

### A) Fund Performance (continued)

ocks Removed		
Securities code	Securities abbreviation	Sector
300088	Token Science	Information Technology
300432	Fulin Precision	Consumer Discretionary
300677	Intco Medical	Healthcare
300850	Xinqianglian	Industrials
301155	Haili Wind Power	Industrials
301268	Minglida	Industrials

#### Outlook and Fund Strategy

We remain optimistic about the fundamentals and prospects of China 'A' shares.

Overall, we believe that investment opportunities in the A-share market could continue to run along two main themes:

- 1. Central state-owned enterprises and dividend plays with good cashflow
- 2. Artificial intelligence supply chain

The volatility of the index is expected to stabilise, and structural investment opportunities will continue to be present in the future.

The ChiNext Index mainly focuses on advanced manufacturing, pharmaceutical and medical sectors. We remain confident in the development of high growth companies on the back of China's economic transformation and supply chain upgrade. From a valuation perspective, the index has undergone a period of market correction. The index is currently trading at a relatively low valuation with Price-to-Earnings (PER) ratio as of end June 2024 at more than one standard deviation below its 5-year historical mean, which provides a good margin of safety.

Key downside risks to our cautiously optimistic stance on China market include escalation of US/China/Taiwan geopolitics in view of upcoming US elections and weaker-than-expected China macroeconomic/property sector recovery.

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#### B) Investments at fair value and as a percentage of net asset value ("NAV") as at 30 June 2024 under review classified by

#### Country i)

	Fair Value (S\$)	% of NAV
China	1,727,561	101.50
Portfolio of investments	1,727,561	101.50
Other net assets/(liabilities)	(25,609)	(1.50)
Total	1,701,952	100.00

#### ii) Industry

N/A

#### iii) Asset Class

	Fair Value (S\$)	% of NAV
Quoted unit trusts	1,727,561	101.50
Other net assets/(liabilities)	(25,609)	(1.50)
Total	1,701,952	100.00

#### iv) Credit rating of quoted bonds

N/A

#### C) Top Ten Holdings

10 largest holdings as at 30 June 2024

	Fair Value (S\$)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
PING AN CHINEXT ETF	1,727,561	101.50

There was only 1 holding as at 30 June 2024.

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#### C) Top Ten Holdings (continued)

10 largest holdings as at 30 June 2023

Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders % (S\$)

98.43

Fair Value

11.969.924

PING AN CHINEXT FTF

There was only 1 holding as at 30 June 2023.

#### D) Exposure to derivatives

The global exposure relating to derivative instruments is calculated using the commitment approach:

- (i) the absolute value of the exposure of each individual financial derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangements;
- (ii) the absolute value of the net exposure of each individual financial derivative after netting or hedging arrangements: and
- (iii) the sum of the values of cash collateral received under certain cases.
- i) Fair value of derivative contracts and as a percentage of NAV as at 30 June 2024

N/A

- There was a net realised loss of SGD 10,140 on derivative contracts during the financial year ended 30 June 2024.
- iii) Net gains/(losses) on outstanding derivative contracts marked to market as at 30 June 2024 N/A
- E) Amount and percentage of NAV invested in other schemes as at 30 June 2024

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio.

F) Amount and percentage of borrowings to NAV as at 30 June 2024

N/A

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G) Amount of redemptions and subscriptions for the financial year ended 30 June 2024

Total amount of redemptions	SGD	7,958,300
Total amount of subscriptions	SGD	142.540

H) The amount and terms of related-party transactions for the financial year ended 30 June 2024

Please refer to Note 9 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Expense ratios** I)

Please refer to Note 11 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

J) Turnover ratios

Please refer to Note 11 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

K) Any material information that will adversely impact the valuation of the scheme such as contingent liabilities of open contracts

N/A

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- For schemes which invest more than 30% of their deposited property in another scheme, the following key information on the second-mentioned scheme ("the underlying scheme")<sup>1</sup> should be disclosed as well
- i) Top 10 holdings at fair value and as percentage of NAV as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023 10 largest holdings as at 30 June 2024

	Ping An Chinext ETF		
	Fair Value (RMB)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %	
CONTEMPORARY AMPEREX TECHNOLOGY CO LTD	77,589,329	17.57	
SHENZHEN MINDRAY BIO-MEDICAL ELECTRONICS CO			
LTD	28,802,417	6.52	
EAST MONEY INFORMATION CO LTD	21,872,020	4.95	
ZHONGJI INNOLIGHT CO LTD	20,112,831	4.55	
SHENZHEN INOVANCE TECHNOLOGY CO LTD	17,870,406	4.05	
WENS FOODSTUFFS GROUP CO LTD	17,209,151	3.90	
SUNGROW POWER SUPPLY CO LTD	14,696,148	3.33	
EOPTOLINK TECHNOLOGY CO LTD	12,222,690	2.77	
EVE ENERGY CO LTD	8,002,164	1.81	
AIER EYE HOSPITAL GROUP CO LTD	7,870,858	1.78	

- L) For schemes which invest more than 30% of their deposited property in another scheme, the following key information on the second-mentioned scheme ("the underlying scheme")¹ should be disclosed as well (continued)
- Top 10 holdings at fair value and as percentage of NAV as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023 (continued)

10 largest holdings as at 30 June 2023

	Ping An Chinext ETF	
	Fair Value (RMB)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
CONTEMPORARY AMPEREY TECHNOLOGY OCLUB	,	
CONTEMPORARY AMPEREX TECHNOLOGY CO LTD	82,844,859	18.59
EAST MONEY INFORMATION CO LTD	25,604,219	5.74
SHENZHEN MINDRAY BIO-MEDICAL ELECTRONICS CO		
LTD	21,258,218	4.77
SHENZHEN INOVANCE TECHNOLOGY CO LTD	17,738,077	3.98
SUNGROW POWER SUPPLY CO LTD	16,911,350	3.79
WENS FOODSTUFFS GROUP CO LTD	14,141,831	3.17
ZHONGJI INNOLIGHT CO LTD	12,869,436	2.89
AIER EYE HOSPITAL GROUP CO LTD	11,005,344	2.47
EVE ENERGY CO LTD	10,935,678	2.45
CHONGQING ZHIFEI BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS CO LTD	7,056,530	1.58

ii) Expense ratios for the financial year/period ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023

#### Ping An Chinext ETF

30 June 2024	0.30%
30 June 2023	0.32%

iii) Turnover ratios for the financial year/period ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023

#### Ping An Chinext ETF

30 June 2024	21.85%
30 June 2023	4.34%

Where the underlying scheme is managed by a foreign manager which belongs to the same group of companies as, or has a formal arrangement or investment agreement with, the Singapore manager, the above information should be disclosed on the underlying scheme. In other cases, such information on the underlying scheme should be disclosed only if it is readily available to the Singapore manager.

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#### M) Soft dollar commissions/arrangements

UOB Asset Management has entered into soft dollars arrangements with selected brokers from whom products and services are received from third parties. The products and services relate essentially to computer hardware and software to the extent that they are used to support the investment decision making process, research and advisory services, economic and political analyses, portfolio analyses including performance measurements, market analyses, data and quotation services, all of which are believed to be helpful in the overall discharge of UOB Asset Management's duties to clients. As such services generally benefit all of UOB Asset Management's clients in terms of input into the investment decision making process, the soft credits utilised are not allocated on a specific client basis. The Manager confirms that trades were executed on a best execution basis and there was no churning of trades.

N) Where the scheme offers pre-determined payouts, an explanation on the calculation of the actual payouts received by participants and any significant deviation from the pre-determined payouts

N/A

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#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

The Trustee is under a duty to take into custody and hold the assets of the sub-fund of United ETF Series 1, namely UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF (the "Sub-Fund") in trust for the unitholders. In accordance with the Securities and Futures Act 2001, its subsidiary legislation and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes, the Trustee shall monitor the activities of the Manager for compliance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers as set out in the Trust Deed in each annual accounting year/period and report thereon to unitholders in an annual report.

To the best knowledge of the Trustee, the Manager has, in all material respects, managed the Sub-Fund during the financial year/period covered by these financial statements, set out on pages 17 to 42, in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed.

For and on behalf of the Trustee STATE STREET TRUST (SG) LIMITED

Authorised signatory 20 September 2024

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#### STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

In the opinion of UOB Asset Management Ltd, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 17 to 42, comprising the Statement of Total Return, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds, Statement of Portfolio and Notes to the Financial Statements are drawn up so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial positions and portfolio holdings of the sub-fund of United ETF Series 1, namely UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF (the "Sub-Fund") as at 30 June 2024, and the financial performance and movements of unitholders' funds for the financial year then ended in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Sub-Fund will be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they materialise.

For and on behalf of the Manager UOB ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD

THIO BOON KIAT Authorised signatory 20 September 2024

#### **Our Opinion**

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the sub-fund of United ETF Series 1, namely UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF (the "Sub-Fund"), are properly drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants ("RAP 7"), so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial positions and portfolio holdings of the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2024, and the financial performance and movements of unitholders' funds for the financial year ended on that date.

#### What we have audited

The financial statements of the Sub-Fund comprise:

- the Statement of Total Return for the financial year ended 30 June 2024;
- the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024:
- the Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds for the financial year then ended;
- the Statement of Portfolio as at 30 June 2024; and
- the Notes to the Financial Statements, including material accounting policy information.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Sub-Fund in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities ("ACRA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code.

#### Our Audit Approach

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the accompanying financial statements. In particular we considered where management made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud

#### Key Audit Matters

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our report.

#### Other Information

The Sub-Fund's manager (the "Manager") is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the sections of the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of the Manager for the Financial Statements

The Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of RAP 7 and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Sub-Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to terminate the Sub-Fund or to cease the Sub-Fund's operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Manager's responsibilities include overseeing the Sub-Fund's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not
  detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error,
  as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override
  of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the Sub-Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Sub-Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Sub-Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the
  disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and
  events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

We also provide the Manager with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Manager, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Lim Kheng Wah.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants

Singapore, 20 September 2024

#### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

		UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
			For the financial period from 14 November 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June
		2024	2023
	Note	\$	\$
Income			
Interest		121	643
Total		121	643
Less: Expenses			
Management fee	9	42,144	42,312
Trustee fee	9	5,003	3,149
Audit fee	10	14,619	14,000
Registrar fee	9	14,791	10,482
Valuation fee	9	10,536	10,578
Custody fee	9	7,128	8,717
Preliminary expenses		-	171,348
Transaction costs		6,850	3,015
Reimbursement of expenses by the Manager	9	(17,000)	(213,761)
Other expenses		61,651	37,018
Total		145,722	86,858
Net income/(losses)		(145,601)	(86,215)
Net gains/(losses) on value of investments and financial derivatives			
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(2,460,532)	(1,192,941)
Net gains/(losses) on financial derivatives		(10,140)	(23,007)
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		(27,066)	11,165
		(2,497,738)	(1,204,783)
Total return/(deficit) for the financial year/period before			
income tax		(2,643,339)	(1,290,998)
Less: Income tax	3	(6)	(51)
Total return/(deficit) for the financial year/period		(2,643,345)	(1,291,049)

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024

		UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
		2024	2023
	Note	\$	\$
Assets			
Portfolio of investments		1,727,561	11,969,924
Receivables	4	-	30,000
Cash and bank balances	9	4,122	198,653
Margin accounts		2,352	4,278
Total assets		1,734,035	12,202,855
Liabilities			
Payables	5	32,083	41,798
Total liabilities		32,083	41,798
Equity			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	6	1,701,952	12,161,057

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#### STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF		
		2024	For the financial period from 14 November 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023
	Note	\$	\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial year/period	11010	12,161,057	-
Operations			
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		(2,643,345)	(1,291,049)
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units		142,540	15,654,695
Cancellation of units		(7,958,300)	(2,202,589)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		(7,815,760)	13,452,106
Total increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders		(10,459,105)	12,161,057
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial year/period	6	1,701,952	12,161,057

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#### STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 30 June 2024

## **UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF**

	Holdings at 30 June 2024	Fair value at 30 June 2024 \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2024 %
By Geography - Primary			
Quoted unit trusts			
CHINA			
PING AN CHINEXT ETF	8,581,400	1,727,561	101.50
Portfolio of investments		1,727,561	101.50
Other net assets/(liabilities)		(25,609)	(1.50)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		1,701,952	100.00

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#### STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 30 June 2024

By Geography - Primary (Summary)	UOBAM Ping A Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2024 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %
Quoted unit trusts		
China	101.50	98.43
Portfolio of investments	101.50	98.43
Other net assets/(liabilities)	(1.50)	1.57
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

As the Sub-Fund is invested wholly into quoted unit trusts, it is not meaningful to classify the investments into industry segment.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

#### 1 General

United ETF Series 1 is a Singapore-registered umbrella fund, which currently offers one sub-fund, namely UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF (the "Sub-Fund"). The Sub-Fund is constituted under a Trust Deed between UOB Asset Management Ltd (the "Manager") and State Street Trust (SG) Limited (the "Trustee"). The Trust Deed is governed by the laws of the Republic of Singapore.

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to provide investment results that, before fees, costs and expenses (including any taxes and withholding taxes), closely correspond to the performance of the ChiNext Index.

The following classes of units have been established within the Sub-Fund:

- SGD Class Units (denominated in SGD)
- RMB Class Units (denominated in RMB)\*

\*The RMB Class Units are not available for subscription at the current date.

Subscriptions and redemptions of the units are denominated in the Singapore Dollar, the United States Dollar and the Renminbi Yuan.

#### 2 Material accounting policy information

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial instruments at fair value, and in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" ("RAP 7") revised and issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants in August 2023 for the financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

The adoption of the revised RAP 7 did not result in substantial changes to the accounting policies of the Sub-Fund and had no material effect on the amounts reported for the current or prior years.

#### (b) Recognition of income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established. Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.

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#### 2 Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### (c) Investments

Investments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

#### (i) Initial recognition

Purchases of investments are recognised on the trade date. Investments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition.

#### (ii) Subsequent measurement

Investments are subsequently carried at fair value. Net changes in fair value on investments are included in the Statement of Total Return in the year/period in which they arise.

#### (iii) Derecognition

Investments are derecognised on the trade date of disposal. The resultant realised gains and losses on the sale of investments are computed on the basis of the difference between the weighted average cost and selling price gross of transaction costs, and are taken up in the Statement of Total Return.

#### (d) Basis of valuation of investments

The fair value of investments held in the Investee Fund is the quoted net asset value of the Investee Fund as determined by the Investee Fund's administrator. Net changes in fair value of investments are included in the Statement of Total Return in the year/period in which they arise.

#### (e) Foreign currency translation

#### (i) Functional and presentation currency

The performance of the Sub-Fund is measured and reported to the investors in the Singapore Dollar. The Manager considers the Singapore Dollar as the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Sub-Fund operates. The financial statements are presented in the Singapore Dollar, which is the Sub-Fund's functional and presentation currency.

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#### 2 Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### (e) Foreign currency translation (continued)

#### (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year/period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Total Return within "Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)". Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities are also recognised in the Statement of Total Return within "Net gains/(losses) on investments".

#### (f) Receivables

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Receivables are initially recognised at their fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less accumulated impairment losses.

#### (g) Sales and purchases awaiting settlement

Sales and purchases awaiting settlement 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 Financial Position date respectively. These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### (h) Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances comprise cash at banks which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value

#### (i) Payables

Payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### (j) Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Total Return as the related services are performed.

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#### 2 Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### (k) Management fee

Management fee expense is recognised on an accrual basis and in accordance with the Prospectus. Management fee is recognised as an expense over the period for which the service is provided.

#### (I) Financial derivatives

Financial derivatives including forwards and swaps may be entered into for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, tactical asset allocation or specific hedging of financial assets held as determined by the Manager and in accordance with the provision of the Trust Deed and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes.

Financial derivatives outstanding on the financial year/period end date are valued at the forward rate or at the current market prices using the "mark-to-market" method, as applicable, and the resultant gains and losses are taken up in the Statement of Total Return.

When a financial derivative expires, or is sold or terminated, the gains or losses are taken up in the Statement of Total Return.

#### (m) Distributions

The Manager has the absolute discretion to determine whether a distribution is to be made. In such an event, an appropriate amount will be transferred to a distribution account, to be paid out on the distribution date. The amount shall not be treated as part of the property of the Sub-Fund. Distributions are accrued for at the financial year/period end date if the necessary approvals have been obtained and a legal or constructive obligation has been created.

#### (n) Preliminary expenses

Preliminary expenses are expensed off in the Statement of Total Return as and when incurred.

#### (o) Creation and cancellation of units

Units are issued and redeemed at the prices based on the Sub-Fund's net asset value per unit at the time of issue or redemption for each respective class. The Sub-Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net asset attributable to the holders of each class of units with the total number of outstanding units for each respective class.

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2 Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### (p) Structured entities

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements. A structured entity often has some or all of the following features or attributes: (a) restricted activities, (b) a narrow and well-defined objective, such as to provide investment opportunities for investors by passing on risks and rewards associated with the assets of the structured entity to investors, (c) insufficient equity to permit the structured entity to finance its activities without subordinated financial support and (d) financing in the form of multiple contractually linked instruments to investors that create concentrations of credit or other risks (tranches).

The Sub-Fund considers its investments in another fund ("Investee Fund") to be investments in unconsolidated structured entities. The Sub-Fund invests in Investee Fund whose objective is to track the Index by adopting a full replication strategy, with minimum tracking error. The Investee Fund is managed by unrelated asset managers and the Investee Fund applies various investment strategies to accomplish its investment objective. The Investee Fund finances its operations by issuing redeemable shares which are puttable at the holder's option and entitles the holder to a proportional stake in the respective fund's net assets. The Sub-Fund holds redeemable shares in the Investee Fund.

The change in fair value of the Investee Fund is included in the Statement of Total Return within "Net gains/(losses) on investments".

#### (q) Income taxes

Current income tax for current year/period is recognised at the amount expected to be paid to or recovered from the tax authorities, using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date. The Manager periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions, where appropriate, on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred income tax is recognised for all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements except when the deferred income tax arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss at the time of the transaction.

Deferred income tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date.

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#### 2 Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### (q) Income taxes (continued)

Current and deferred income taxes are recognised as income or expenses in the Statement of Total Return, except to the extent that the tax arises from a transaction which is recognised directly in net assets attributable to unitholders

#### 3 Income tax

		UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
	2024 \$	For the financial period from 14 November 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023	
Tax expense attributable to profit is made up of: - Current income tax Singapore income tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Add: - Overseas income tax Total income tax	<u>6</u>	<u>51</u> 51	

The Sub-Fund is not under the Designated Unit Trust ("DUT") Scheme or the Enhanced-Tier Fund ("ETF") Scheme.

The overseas income tax represents tax withheld on foreign sourced income.

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#### 3 Income tax (continued)

#### (a) Income tax expense

The tax on profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the Singapore standard rate of income tax as follows:

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
		For the financial period from 14 November 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Profit before tax	(2,643,339)	(1,290,998)
Tax calculated at tax rate of 17%	(449,368)	(219,470)
Effects of: - unutilised tax losses not recognised as deferred tax assets Tax charge	449,368 -	219,470 

#### 4 Receivables

	UOBAM Ping	g An ChiNext ΓF
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Receivables for reimbursement of expenses by the Manager	_	30.000

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## 5 Payables

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Amount due to the Manager	5,050	19,651
Amount due to Trustee	2,500	1,247
Other creditors and accrued expenses	24,533	20,900
	32,083	41,798

#### 6 Units in issue

During the financial year/period ended 30 June 2024 and 2023, the numbers of units issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follows:

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
		For the financial period from 14 November 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June
	2024	2023
Units at the beginning of the financial year/period	13,585,900	-
Units created	200,000	15,799,900
Units cancelled	(11,000,000)	(2,214,000)
Units at the end of the financial year/period	2,785,900	13,585,900
	\$	\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders Net assets value per unit	1,701,952 0.6109	12,161,057 0.8951

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#### 6 Units in issue (continued)

A reconciliation of the net assets attributable to unitholders per unit per the financial statements and the net assets attributable to unitholders per unit for issuing/redeeming units at the financial year/period end date is prepared below:

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	ETF	
	2024 \$	For the financial period from 14 November 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023
Net assets attributable to unitholders per financial statements per unit	0.6109	0.8951
Effect of adjustment of reimbursement of expenses by the Manager	-	(0.0135)
Effect of movement in the net asset value between the last dealing	0.0001	
date and the end of the reporting period*		- 0.0110
Effect of preliminary expenses	0.0415	0.0110
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	0.6525	0.8926

The net asset value for the purpose of processing unit subscription and redemption was established in accordance with the methodology indicated in the Sub-Fund's Prospectus. This item reflects the movement in net asset value between such date and the end of the financial year/period.

#### 7 Financial risk management

The Sub-Fund's activities expose it to a variety of market risk (including foreign exchange risk, price risk and interest rate risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The Sub-Fund's overall risk management programme seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Sub-Fund's financial performance. The Sub-Fund may use financial futures contracts, financial options contracts and/or foreign currency contracts subject to the terms of the Trust Deed to moderate certain risk exposures. Specific guidelines on exposures to individual securities and certain industries are in place for the Sub-Fund at any time as part of the overall financial risk management to reduce the Sub-Fund's risk exposures.

The Sub-Fund's assets principally consist of financial instruments such as investments into other funds and cash. They are held in accordance with the published investment policies of the Sub-Fund. The allocation of assets between the various types of investments is determined by the Manager to achieve its investment objectives.

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#### 7 Financial risk management (continued)

#### (a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from uncertainty concerning movements in market prices and rates, including observable variables such as interest rates, credit spreads, exchange rates, and others that may be only indirectly observable such as volatilities and correlations. Market risk includes such factors as changes in economic environment, consumption pattern and investor's expectation etc. which may have significant impact on the value of the investments. The Sub-Fund investments are substantially dependent on changes in market prices and are monitored by the Manager on a regular basis so as to assess changes in fundamentals and valuation. Although the Manager makes reasonable efforts in the choice of investments, events beyond reasonable control of the Manager could affect the prices of the underlying investments and hence the asset value of the Sub-Fund. Guidelines are set to reduce the Sub-Fund risk exposures to market volatility such as diversifying the portfolio by investing in Investee Fund with a diversified portfolio of investments. Alternatively, the Sub-Fund may be hedged using derivative strategies.

#### (i) Foreign exchange risk

The Sub-Fund has monetary financial assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Singapore Dollar and it may be affected favourably or unfavourably by exchange rate regulations or changes in the exchange rates between the Singapore Dollar and such other currencies. The Manager may at his discretion, implement a currency management strategy either to reduce currency volatility or to hedge the currency exposures of the Sub-Fund.

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#### 7 Financial risk management (continued)

- (a) Market risk (continued)
- (i) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

The tables below summarise the Sub-Fund's exposures to foreign currencies at the end of the financial year/period.

#### **UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF**

#### As at 30 June 2024

AS at 30 Julie 2024	RMB \$	SGD \$	Total \$
Assets Portfolio of investments Cash and bank balances Margin accounts Total Assets	1,727,561 270 2,352 1,730,183	3,852 - 3,852	1,727,561 4,122 2,352 1,734,035
Liabilities Payables Total Liabilities  Net currency exposure	1,730,183	32,083 32,083 (28,231)	32,083 32,083

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#### 7 Financial risk management (continued)

- (a) Market risk (continued)
- (i) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

### UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF

As at 30 June 2023

	RMB	SGD	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Assets			
Portfolio of investments	11,969,924	-	11,969,924
Receivables	-	30,000	30,000
Cash and bank balances	11,993	186,660	198,653
Margin accounts	4,278		4,278
Total Assets	11,986,195	216,660	12,202,855
Liabilities			
Payables		41,798	41,798
Total Liabilities		41,798	41,798
Net currency exposure	11,986,195	174,862	

Investments, which is the significant item in the Statement of Financial Position, is exposed to foreign exchange risk and other price risk. Other price risk sensitivity analysis includes the impact of foreign exchange risk on non-monetary investments. The Sub-Fund's net financial assets comprise significantly of non-monetary investments, hence foreign exchange risk sensitivity analysis has not been presented on the remaining financial assets.

#### (ii) Price risk

Price risk is the risk of potential adverse changes to the value of financial investments because of changes in market conditions and volatility in security prices.

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- 7 Financial risk management (continued)
- (a) Market risk (continued)
- (ii) Price risk (continued)

The table below summarises the impact of increases/decreases from the Sub-Fund's investments in Investee Fund on the Sub-Fund's net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2024 and 2023. The analysis is based on the assumption that the index components within the benchmark and the price of the Investee Fund increased/decreased by a reasonable possible shift, with all other variables held constant and that the price of the Investee Fund moved according to the historical correlation with the index.

	2024		2023	
Benchmark component	Volatility %	Net impact to net assets attributable to unitholders \$	Volatility %	Net impact to net assets attributable to unitholders
UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF				
ChiNext Index	25	382,893	20	2,315,502

#### (iii) 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.

Investment funds that invest in equity securities may be subject to interest rate risk as any interest rate change may affect the equity risk premium though at varying degrees. To manage this risk, the Manager analyses how interest rate changes may affect different industries and securities and then seeks to adjust the Sub-Fund's portfolio investments accordingly. However, the effects of changes in interest rates in the Sub-Fund's portfolio may not be quantified as the relationship between the interest rates and the value of equity securities is indirect.

Other than cash and bank balances and margin accounts which are at short term market interest rates, and therefore subject to insignificant interest rate risk, the Sub-Fund's financial assets and liabilities are largely non-interest bearing.

Hence, no sensitivity analysis has been presented separately.

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## 7 Financial risk management (continued)

# (b) Liquidity risk

The Sub-Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions and disbursements for the settlements of purchases. The Manager therefore ensures that the Sub-Fund maintains sufficient cash and bank balances and that it is able to obtain cash from the sale of investments held to meet its liquidity requirements. Reasonable efforts will be taken to invest in securities which are traded in a relatively active market and which can be readily disposed of.

The Sub-Fund's investments in the Investee Fund are considered to be readily realisable as the net asset value is struck daily, and units are redeemable on demand at the published price.

The Manager may from time to time employ derivatives to implement a portfolio strategy to reduce risk or for the purpose of efficient portfolio management. Market liquidity of complex derivatives are significantly less than traditional investment instruments and such positions may therefore require a longer time to reverse than would typically be expected for traditional investment instruments. No such investments were held at the financial year/period end date.

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

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF			
	Less than 3 months \$	3 months to 1 year \$	Over 1 year \$	
As at 30 June 2024				
Payables	32,083	-	-	
	Less than 3 months \$	3 months to 1 year \$	Over 1 year \$	
As at 30 June 2023				
Payables	41,798	-	-	

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## 7 Financial risk management (continued)

# (c) Credit risk

The Sub-Fund takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. The Sub-Fund's credit risk is concentrated on cash and bank balances, margin accounts and amounts or securities receivable on the sale and purchase of investments respectively. In order to mitigate exposure to credit risk, all transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery and transacted with approved counterparties using an approved list of brokers that is regularly assessed and updated by the Manager.

The table below summarises the credit rating of banks and custodians in which the Sub-Fund's assets are held as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

The credit ratings are based on the Viability ratings published by Fitch.

### **UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF**

·	Credit rating as at 30 June 2024	Credit rating as at 30 June 2023
Bank and custodian State Street Bank and Trust Company	aa-	aa-
Margin accounts Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited	bbb	bbb

The custodian of the Investee Fund is Bank of China. As at 30 June 2024, Bank of China is rated bbb (30 June 2023: bbb) based on the Viability ratings by Fitch.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the year/period end date is the carrying amount of the portfolio of investments, cash and bank balances and margin accounts as presented in Statement of Financial Position.

For purposes of impairment assessment, the Sub-Fund's assets which are measured at amortised cost are considered to have low credit risk as they are not due for payment at the end of the reporting period and there has been no significant increase in the risk of default on the receivables since initial recognition. Accordingly, for the purpose of impairment assessment for these receivables, the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses ("ECL"). The ECL for these assets as at the end of the reporting period is not significant.

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# 7 Financial risk management (continued)

# (d) Capital management

The Sub-Fund's capital is represented by the net assets attributable to unitholders. The Sub-Fund strives to invest the subscriptions of redeemable participating units in investments that meet the Sub-Fund's investment objectives while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet unitholder redemptions.

#### (e) Fair value estimation

The Sub-Fund classifies 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:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

The following tables analyse within the fair value hierarchy, the Sub-Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value at 30 June 2024 and 2023:

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at 30 June 2024				
Assets				
Portfolio of investments				
<ul> <li>Quoted unit trusts</li> </ul>	1,727,561	<u>-</u> .		1,727,561
Total	1,727,561	<u>-</u>	_	1,727,561
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at 30 June 2023 Assets				
Portfolio of investments				
- Quoted unit trusts	11,969,924		<u> </u>	11,969,924
Total	11,969,924	_		11,969,924

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#### 7 Financial risk management (continued)

# (e) Fair value estimation (continued)

Investments in open-ended investment funds whose net assets value are struck daily, price information is published and readily available and units are subscribed and redeemable on demand at the published price, are classified within Level 1. The quoted price for these financial instruments is not adjusted.

The assets and liabilities included in the Statement of Financial Position except portfolio of investments are carried at amortised cost; their carrying values are reasonable approximation of fair value.

#### 8 Structured entities

The Sub-Fund's investments in the Investee Fund are subject to the terms and conditions of the Investee Fund's offering documentation and is susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future value of the Investee Fund. The Manager makes investment decisions after extensive due diligence of the Investee Fund, its strategy and the overall quality of the Investee Fund's manager. The Investee Fund's portfolio manager is compensated by the Investee Fund for its services. Such compensation generally consists of an asset based fee and is reflected in the valuation of the Sub-Fund's investments in the Investee Fund.

The Sub-Fund has the right to request redemption of its investment in the Investee Fund on a daily basis.

The exposure to investments in the Investee Fund at fair value is disclosed under the Statement of Portfolio. These investments are included within "Portfolio of Investments" in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Sub-Fund's holdings in an Investee Fund, as a percentage of the Investee Fund's total net asset value, will vary from time to time, dependent on the volume of subscriptions and redemptions at the Investee Fund level. It is possible that the Sub-Fund may, at any point in time, hold a majority of an Investee Fund's total units in issue.

The Sub-Fund's maximum exposure to loss from its interests in the Investee Fund is equal to the total fair value of its investments in the Investee Fund.

Once the Sub-Fund has disposed of its shares in the Investee Fund, the Sub-Fund ceases to be exposed to any risk from it.

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#### 9 Related party transactions

(a) The Manager and the Trustee of the Sub-Fund are UOB Asset Management Ltd and State Street Trust (SG) Limited, respectively. The Manager is a subsidiary of United Overseas Bank Limited while the Trustee is a subsidiary of State Street Bank and Trust Company.

Management fee and valuation fee are paid to the Manager for the financial year/period. Trustee fee is paid to the Trustee while registrar fee and custody fee are paid to State Street Bank and Trust Company, Singapore Branch. During the financial year/period ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023, the Manager has absorbed certain expenses of the Sub-Fund.

These fees paid or payable by the Sub-Fund shown in the Statement of Total Return and in the respective Notes to the Financial Statements are on terms set out in the Trust Deed. All other related party transactions are shown elsewhere in the financial statements.

(b) As at the end of the financial year/period, the Sub-Fund maintained the following accounts with their related parties:

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
State Street Bank and Trust Company, Singapore Branch		
Cash and bank balances	4,122	198,653

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# 9 Related party transactions (continued)

(c) The following transactions took place during the financial year/period between the Sub-Fund and related parties at terms agreed between the parties:

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
	2024 \$	For the financial period from 14 November 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023
State Street Bank and Trust Company, Singapore Branch Interest income	121	643
United Overseas Bank Limited Bank charges	725	

# 10 Auditors' remuneration

During the financial year/period ended 30 June 2024 and 2023, the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the Sub-Fund.

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Auditors' remuneration paid/payable to		
- Auditor of the Sub-Fund	14,619	14,000
- Other auditors – other PwC Network firms	-	-
Other fees paid/payable to		
- Auditor of the Sub-Fund	-	-
- Other auditors – other PwC Network firms		
	14,619	14,000

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# 11 Financial ratios

Prior year disclosure for the Sub-Fund is covering the period from 14 November 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023.

	UOBAM Ping An ChiNext ETF	
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Total operating expenses (excluding preliminary expenses) Total operating expenses (including preliminary expenses) Average daily net assets value Investee Fund's expense ratio Expense ratio (excluding preliminary expenses) (annualised) <sup>1</sup> Expense ratio (including preliminary expenses) (annualised) <sup>1</sup>	138,872 138,872 8,447,131 0.30% 1.94%	(87,505) 83,843 13,516,101 0.32% 0.12% 1.39%
Lower of total value of purchases or sales Average daily net assets value Turnover ratio <sup>2</sup>	186,601 <u>8,447,131</u> 2.21%	1,530,057 13,516,101 11.32%

The expense ratio has been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the Investment Management Association of Singapore ("IMAS"). This is the sum of the Sub-Fund's expense ratio and the Investee Fund's unaudited expense ratios. The unaudited expense ratio of the Investee Fund is obtained from Investee Fund's manager. The calculation of the Sub-Fund's expense ratio at financial yearlperiod end was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net assets value respectively for the financial yearlperiod. The total operating expenses do not include (where applicable) brokerage and other transactions costs, 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 Sub-Fund does not pay any performance fee. The average net assets value is based on the daily balances.

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

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# 12 Comparative

The financial statements for the Sub-Fund for the current period are for the financial year ended 30 June 2024. The comparatives are for the financial period from 14 November 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023. The comparative figures for Statement of Total Return, Statement of Movement of Unitholders' Funds and related notes are therefore not comparable.

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