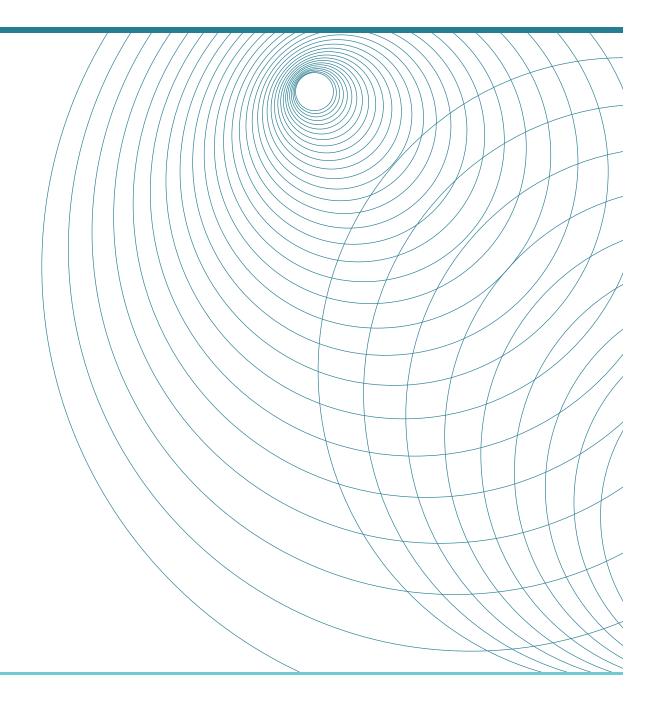




# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF

Financial period ending 31 December 2023



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# PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF <sup>1</sup>	1.27	3.41	4.34	8.38	4.82	3.63	7.97
Straits Times Index	1.37	3.54	4.75	8.84	5.34	4.12	8.66

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited & FTSE International Ltd. Returns as at 31 December 2023. Benchmark returns are calculated on a total return basis. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV<sup>2</sup> basis, in SGD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## Note:

- (1) With effect from 17 October 2011, the Fund (formerly known as "DBS Singapore STI ETF") has been renamed "Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF".
- (2) Nil subscription fee or preliminary charge.

## Inception date: 24 February 2009

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The Fund's investment objective is to replicate as closely as possible, before expenses, the performance of the Straits Times Index (STI) or upon the Manager giving three (3) months' prior written notice to the Trustee and the Holders, such other index which tracks the performance of Singapore listed equity securities. The current benchmark for the Fund is the Straits Times Index (STI). There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in Index Shares in substantially the same weightings as reflected in the Index (i.e. using a full replication strategy). Various circumstances may make it impossible or impracticable to purchase each component Index Share in the same weightings as reflected in the Index. In those circumstances, the Manager may employ a combination of one or more investment techniques in seeking to closely track the Index. In addition, given that Index Shares may be and are added to or removed from the Index from time to time, the Manager may sell or purchase securities that are not yet represented in the Index in anticipation of their removal from or addition to the Index.

The Fund is designed for investors who seek an "index-based" approach to investing in a portfolio of Singapore listed securities in a cost effective and easy to access manner. Units may also be used as an asset allocation tool or as a trading instrument.

Note: Investors are advised to refer to the Fund's prospectus for more details of the Fund.

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## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

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

<b>Income</b> Dividends Other income	31 December 2023 S\$ 15,897,504 92,541 15,990,045	31 December 2022 S\$ 12,508,646 23,181 12,531,827
Less: Expenses	73,855	70,481
Administrator fee	9,678	9,680
Audit fee	656,489	626,500
Management fee	(183,996)	(125,298)
Expense reimbursement	65,649	62,650
Trustee fee	54,533	50,693
Custody fee	73,853	102,247
Transaction costs	239,889	207,555
Other expenses	989,950	1,004,508
Net income	15,000,095	11,527,319
<b>Net gains or losses on value of investments</b>	7,784,257	28,142,148
Net gains on investments	(7,040)	<u>1,478</u>
Net foreign exchange (losses)/gains	7,777,217	28,143,626
Total return for the financial period before income tax	22,777,312	39,670,945
Less: Income tax	(138,490)	(236,691)
Total return for the financial period after income tax	22,638,822	39,434,254

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	31 December 2023 S\$	30 June 2023 S\$
Portfolio of investments	686,595,983	646,771,727
Receivables	59,679	277,245
Cash and cash equivalents	148,325	655,680
Total assets	686,803,987	647,704,652
<b>LIABILITIES</b> Payables Purchases awaiting settlement	316,662	372,018 562,396
Distribution payable	15,716,383	13,051,411
Total liabilities	16,033,045	13,985,825
EQUITY Net assets attributable to unitholders	670,770,942	633,718,827

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## STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

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

	31 December 2023 S\$	30 June 2023 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of financial period/year	633,718,827	582,057,570
<b>Operations</b> Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations	22,638,822	45,414,161
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals) Creation of units Cancellation of units	43,600,466 (13,470,790)	110,220,109 (78,818,494)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units	30,129,676	31,401,615
Distributions	(15,716,383)	(25,154,519)
Total increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	37,052,115	51,661,257
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial period/year	670,770,942	633,718,827

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## STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

By Geography (Primary)	Holdings at 31 December 2023	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	
Quoted Equities		Οψ	70
HONG KONG SAR DFI Retail Group Holdings Limited Hongkong Land Holdings Limited Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited Total Hong Kong SAR	680,300 2,489,566 445,400	2,153,721 11,428,273 24,211,994 37,793,988	0.32 1.70 <u>3.61</u> 5.63
PHILIPPINES Emperador Incorporation Total Philippines	7,147,800	3,788,334 3,788,334	0.56 0.56
SINGAPORE CapitaLand Limited City Developments Limited DBS Group Holdings Limited Genting Singapore Limited Jardine Cycle & Carriage Limited Keppel Corporation Limited Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited SATS Limited Seatrium Limited Sembcorp Industries Limited Singapore Airlines Limited Singapore Exchange Limited Singapore Technologies Engineering Limited Singapore Telecommunications Limited United Overseas Bank Limited UOL Group Limited Venture Corporation Limited Wilmar International Limited Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings Limited <b>Total Singapore</b>	5,731,653 1,057,537 4,104,191 13,160,248 223,441 3,140,409 7,945,670 2,011,202 91,652,600 2,050,933 3,108,070 1,852,051 3,442,815 16,986,177 2,748,607 1,115,819 591,200 4,724,815 5,699,482	18,112,024 7,032,621 137,121,021 13,160,248 6,649,604 22,202,692 103,293,710 5,530,806 10,815,007 10,890,454 20,388,939 18,205,661 13,392,550 41,955,857 78,197,869 7,007,343 8,046,232 16,867,590 8,492,228 547,362,456	2.70 1.06 20.44 1.96 0.99 3.31 15.40 0.83 1.61 1.62 3.04 2.71 2.00 6.25 11.66 1.04 1.20 2.51 1.27 81.60
<b>THAILAND</b> Thai Beverage Public Company Limited <b>Total Thailand</b>	18,413,416	9,667,043 9,667,043	<u>1.45</u> 1.45
Total Quoted Equities		598,611,821	89.24

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## STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

By Geography (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2023	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	
Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)			
SINGAPORE CapitaLand Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust CapitaLand Mall Trust Real Estate Investment	8,133,054	24,643,154	3.67
Trust	11,531,136	23,754,140	3.54
Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust	6,445,600	7,412,440	1.11
Mapletree Industrial Trust	4,422,075	, ,	1.66
Mapletree Logistics Trust	7,474,000	13,004,760	1.94
Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust	5,140,293	8,070,260	1.20
Total Singapore		87,984,162	13.12
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)	;	87.984.162	13.12
		07,004,102	10.12
Portfolio of investments		686,595,983	102.36
Other net liabilities		(15,825,041)	(2.36)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		670,770,942	100.00

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## STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

By Geography (Summary)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %	total net assets attributable to
Quoted Equities Hong Kong SAR	5.63	6.93
Philippines	0.56	0.56
Singapore	81.60	80.46
Thailand	1.45	1.92
Total Quoted Equities	89.24	89.87
Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)		
Singapore	13.12	12.19
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)	13.12	12.19
Portfolio of investments	102.36	102.06
Other net liabilities	(2.36)	(2.06)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

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## STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

By Industry (Secondary)	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %	total net assets
Agriculture	16,867,590	2.51	2.69
Airlines	20,388,939	3.04	3.10
Automotive	6,649,604	0.99	1.17
Banks & Finance	354,930,285	52.91	51.21
Brewery	13,455,377	2.01	2.48
Capital Goods	24,211,994	3.61	4.58
Electric	8,046,232	1.20	1.31
Energy	10,815,007	1.61	1.71
Engineering/Machine	10,890,454	1.62	1.77
Entertainment	13,160,248	1.96	1.85
Foods	2,153,721	0.32	0.38
Real Estate	25,468,237	3.80	4.13
Real Estate Investment Trust (REITS)	87,984,162	13.12	12.19
Ship Building	30,694,920	4.58	4.45
Technology	13,392,550	2.00	1.91
Telecom Service	41,955,857	6.25	6.39
Transport – Air	5,530,806	0.83	0.74
Portfolio of investments	686,595,983	102.36	102.06
Other net liabilities	(15,825,041)	(2.36)	(2.06)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	670,770,942	100.00	100.00

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The following contains additional information relating to the Fund.

# 1. Distribution of investments

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 8 to 11.

# 2. Credit rating of debt securities

Nil.

# 3. Top 10 holdings

# 10 largest holdings at 31 December 2023

	Cost S\$	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
DBS Group Holdings Limited	109,693,086	137,121,021	20.44
Oversea-Chinese Banking			
Corporation Limited	87,763,326	103,293,710	15.40
United Overseas Bank Limited	68,883,599	78,197,869	11.66
Singapore Telecommunications			
Limited	46,505,390	41,955,857	6.25
CapitaLand Ascendas Real Estate			
Investment Trust	22,868,467	24,643,154	3.67
Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited	33,047,011	24,211,994	3.61
CapitaLand Mall Trust Real Estate			
Investment Trust	23,393,937	23,754,140	3.54
Keppel Corporation Limited	13,687,978	22,202,692	3.31
Singapore Airlines Limited	17,084,157	20,388,939	3.04
Singapore Exchange Limited	16,569,892	18,205,661	2.71

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# 3. Top 10 holdings (continued)

10 largest holdings at 31 December 2022

	Cost S\$	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
DBS Group Holdings Limited	94,964,921	127,138,639	20.36
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation			
Limited	77,916,472	88,712,665	14.21
United Overseas Bank Limited	64,795,843	81,984,565	13.13
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	43,648,508	39,966,268	6.40
Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited	31,177,793	27,791,528	4.45
CapitaLand Mall Trust Real Estate			
Investment Trust	21,716,721	21,559,609	3.45
Keppel Corporation Limited	17,925,180	20,891,441	3.35
CapitaLand Ascendas Real Estate			
Investment Trust	20,287,788	19,604,300	3.14
CapitaLand Limited	12,932,035	19,499,196	3.12
Wilmar International Limited	17,904,688	18,149,154	2.91

# 4. Exposure to financial derivatives

Nil.

# 5. Global exposure financial derivatives

Nil.

## 6. Collateral

Nil.

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# 7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions

(a) Transferable securities lent

## As at 31 December 2023

Absolute amounts of the repurchase transactions - Nil

_	Counterparty	Security	Fair value of securities lent S\$	Percentage of total lendable assets %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
	BNP Paribas Arbitrage - United Kingdom Citigroup Global	Singapore Airlines Limited	10,531,980	1.53	1.57
	Markets (International) - United Kingdom Citigroup Global	Singapore Exchange Limited	157,040	0.02	0.02
	Markets (International) - United Kingdom Goldman Sachs	UOL Group Limited	210,677	0.03	0.03
	International - United States	City Developments Limited Dairy Farm	1,603,855	0.23	0.24
	Goldman Sachs International - United States	International Holdings Limited (Singapore)	507,854	0.07	0.08
	Goldman Sachs International - United States Goldman Sachs	Jardine Cycle & Carriage Limited	5,264,865	0.77	0.79
	International - United States Goldman Sachs	Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust	461,675	0.07	0.07
	International - United States Goldman Sachs	SATS Limited	205,875	0.03	0.03
	International - United States Goldman Sachs	Sembcorp Industries Limited	7,186,800	1.05	1.07
	International - United States Goldman Sachs	Singapore Airlines Limited	4,643,688	0.68	0.69
	International - United States	Singapore Exchange Limited CapitaLand	4,043,780	0.59	0.60
	Merrill - United States	Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust CapitaLand Integrated	11,216,924	1.63	1.67
	Merrill - United States	Commercial Trust CapitaLand	1,473,435	0.21	0.22
	Merrill - United States	Investment Limited	10,200,932	1.49	1.52

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# 7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions (continued)

(a) Transferable securities lent (continued)

Counterparty	Security	Fair value of securities lent S\$	Percentage of total lendable assets %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
	Oite Developments			
Merrill - United States	City Developments Limited Keppel Corporation	3,915,715	0.57	0.58
Merrill - United States	Limited Mapletree Industrial	2,202,720	0.32	0.33
Merrill - United States	Trust Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	1,364,428	0.20	0.20
Merrill - United States	Limited	4,819,290	0.70	0.72
Merrill - United States	Seatrium Limited Thai Beverage Public	1,459,116	0.21	0.22
Merrill - United States	Company Limited	1,226,127	0.18	0.18
Merrill - United States	UOL Group Limited Wilmar International	5,342,541	0.78	0.80
Merrill - United States	Limited Dairy Farm International Holdings	5,507,925	0.80	0.82
UBS - Switzerland	Limited (Singapore)	725.505	0.11	0.11
UBS - Switzerland	SATS Limited Singapore Airlines	549,000	0.08	0.08
UBS - Switzerland	Limited Thai Beverage Public	1,110,225	0.16	0.17
UBS - Switzerland	Company Limited	6,427,852	0.94	0.96
		92,359,824	13.45	13.77

## (b) Collateral for securities lending transactions

	As at 31	December	2023
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Cash collateral	Nil
Collateral has been re-used or re-hypothecated	Nil
Proportion of cash versus non-cash collateral	Nil
Collateral type	Government bonds
Maturity tenor	Open tenor
Settlement/clearing	Bilateral

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# 7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions (continued)

(b) Collateral for securities lending transactions (continued)

Collateral provider	Credit rating of the collateral provider by Moody's	Nature of the collateral	Fair value of collateral S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
BNP Paribas Arbitrage - United Kingdom Citigroup Global Markets	Aa3	Government bond	11,060,071	1.65
(International) - United Kingdom Goldman Sachs	A1	Government bond	386,423	0.06
International - United States	A1	Government bond Government	26,328,112	3.92
Merrill - United States	Not rated	bond Government	51,484,413	7.67
UBS - Switzerland	Aa3	bond	9,253,884	1.38

## **BNP Paribas Arbitrage - United Kingdom**

Government bond	Credit rating of the collateral by Moody's	Currency	Fair value of collateral S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
JAPAN JPGV 2.200 03/20/28	A1	JPY	11,060,071	1.65
			11,060,071	1.65

## Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom

Government bond	Credit rating of the collateral by Moody's	Currency	Fair value of collateral S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
JAPAN JPGV 1.800 12/20/31	A1	JPY	386,423	0.06
			386,423	0.06

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# 7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions (continued)

(b) Collateral for securities lending transactions (continued)

## Goldman Sachs International - United States

Government bond	Credit rating of the collateral by Moody's	Currency	Fair value of collateral S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
FRANCE FRGV 1.800 07/25/40	Aa2	EUR	3,659,589	0.55
JAPAN JPGV 0.100 03/10/26	A1	JPY	1,902,652	0.28
JAPAN JPGV 1.900 09/20/42	A1	JPY	8,718,752	1.30
JAPAN JPGV 2.300 03/20/39	A1	JPY	893,641	0.13
JAPAN JPGV 2.400 03/20/37	A1	JPY	11,153,478	1.66
			26,328,112	3.92

## Merrill - United States

Government bond	Credit rating of the collateral by Moody's	Currency	Fair value of collateral S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
JAPAN JPGV 0.700 12/20/48	A1	JPY	13,843,618	2.06
JAPAN JPGV 1.900 06/20/31	A1	JPY	37,640,795	5.61
			51,484,413	7.67

## UBS - Switzerland

Government bond	Credit rating of the collateral by Moody's	Currency	Fair value of collateral S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
JAPAN JPGV 2.000 12/20/30	AAA	JPY	9,253,884	1.38
			9,253,884	1.38

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# 7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions (continued)

(b) Collateral for securities lending transactions (continued)

## Top 10 collateral securities at 31 December 2023

	Fair value of collateral S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
JAPAN JPGV 1.900 06/20/31	37,640,795	5.61
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JAPAN JPGV 2.300 03/20/39	893,641	0.13
JAPAN JPGV 1.800 12/20/31	386,423	0.06

## (c) Custodian and the amounts of assets held by each custodian

As at 31 December 2023	Fair value S\$
Custodian of collateral securities HSBC Bank Plc	98,512,903
Custodian of securities lent HSBC Bank Plc	92,359,824

All securities lending transactions arranged and collateral held are under fully segregated model. HSBC Bank Plc as the securities lending agent arranges the loan transactions and collateral management.

(d) Revenue earned

Security lending income of \$92,541 earned for the financial period ended 31 December 2023.

(e) Split between the return from securities lending and repurchase transactions and the return from cash collateral reinvestment

100% from securities lending.

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

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 8 to 11.

## 9. Borrowings

Nil.

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

Units created	43,600,466
Units cancelled	(13,470,790)

S\$

## 11. Financial ratios

Expense ratio		31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Total operating expenses	S\$	1,838,726	1,845,060
Average daily net asset value	S\$	645,199,902	616,304,113
<b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>1</sup>	%	0.28	0.30
Turnover ratio		31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	153,131,621	56,330,511
Average daily net asset value	S\$	651,024,942	621,976,800
<b>Total turnover ratio</b> <sup>2</sup>	%	23.52	9.06

<sup>1</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 31 December 2023 was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net asset value for the year. The total operating expenses do not include 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>2</sup> The portfolio turnover ratio is calculated in accordance with the formula stated in the Code on Collective Investment Schemes. The calculation of the portfolio turnover ratio was based on the lower of the total value of purchases or sales of the underlying investments, divided by the average daily net asset value.

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## 12. Related party transactions

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

Management fee is payable to the Manager. Administrator fee and trustee fee are payable to the Trustee. Custody fee is payable to a related company of the Trustee, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited.

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

	31 December 2023 S\$	30 June 2023 S\$
Bank balances held with a related party of the Trustee	148,325	655,680

# 13. Any other material information that will adversely impact the valuation of the Fund

Nil.

## 14. Soft dollar commissions/arrangements

In its management of the Fund, the Manager currently does not receive or enter into any soft dollar commissions or arrangements.

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