

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

For the financial period ending 31 December 2020

ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund	0.48	1.55	8.13	4.94	4.27	3.11	3.07
iBoxx ABF Singapore Bond Index total return series	0.58	1.85	8.48	5.25	4.61	3.41	3.36

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited & Markit Indices Limited. Returns as at 31 December 2020. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV¹ basis, SGD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Note:

(1) Nil subscription fee or preliminary charge

Inception date: 31 August 2005

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The ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund (the “Fund”) is Singapore’s first exchange traded bond fund. The Fund invests in a portfolio of high quality, Singapore government and quasi government bonds. It closely tracks the basket of bonds in the iBoxx ABF Singapore Bond Index. The target tracking error of the fund is set at not more than 0.4% per annum.

The Fund is a collective investment scheme, authorised in Singapore and listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “SGX-ST”).

The Fund is an index fund which seeks investment results that correspond closely to the total return of the iBoxx ABF Singapore Bond Index before fees and expenses. The iBoxx ABF Singapore Bond Index is an indicator of investment returns of debt obligations denominated in Singapore dollars issued or guaranteed by the government of Singapore or any government of People’s Republic of China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore or Thailand (collectively, the “Asian Governments”), by an agency or instrumentality of the Singapore government (or any other Asian

Government), by a Singapore government (or any other Asian Government) sponsored entity or a quasi-Singapore government (or any other Asian Government) entity and Singapore dollar denominated debt obligations issued by supranational financial institutions. The Index Provider determines the composition of the iBoxx ABF Singapore Bond Index in accordance with its rules and procedures for the iBoxx ABF Singapore Bond Index (which may change from time to time), and publishes information regarding the composition, investment characteristics and return of the iBoxx ABF Singapore Bond Index.

The Fund is suitable for investors who seek an “index-based” approach to investing in a portfolio of Singapore government (or any other Asian Government) sovereign and quasi-sovereign bond 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. Whilst the Fund invests in a portfolio of bonds issued by the Singapore government (or any other Asian Government) and quasi-sovereign Singapore (or any other Asian Government) entities, the Fund itself is not guaranteed by the Singapore government, any Singapore government agency or any government or government agency of any other country.

Note: Investors are advised to refer to the Fund’s prospectus for more details on the Fund.

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Past performance or any prediction, projection or forecast is not indicative of future performance. The Fund or any underlying fund may use or invest in financial derivative instruments. The value of units and income from them may fall or rise. **Investments in the Fund are subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of principal amount invested.** You should read the relevant prospectus (including the risk warnings) and product highlights sheet of the Fund, which are available and may be obtained from appointed distributors of Nikko AM Asia or our website (www.nikkoam.com.sg) before deciding whether to invest in the Fund.

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The Central Provident Fund ("CPF") Ordinary Account ("OA") interest rate is the legislated minimum 2.5% per annum, or the 3-month average of major local banks' interest rates, whichever is higher, reviewed quarterly. The interest rate for Special Account ("SA") is currently 4% per annum or the 12-month average yield of 10-year Singapore Government Securities plus 1%, whichever is higher, reviewed quarterly. Only monies in excess of \$20,000 in OA and \$40,000 in SA can be invested under the CPF Investment Scheme ("CPFIS"). Please refer to the website of the CPF Board for further information. Investors should note that the applicable interest rates for the CPF accounts and the terms of CPFIS may be varied by the CPF Board from time to time.

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ABF SINGAPORE BOND INDEX FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN***For the financial period ended 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)*

	31 December 2020 S\$	31 December 2019 S\$
Income		
Interest	-	2
	-	2
Expenses		
Administrator fee	138,656	124,442
Audit fee	17,096	17,189
Custodian fee	103,132	88,740
Management fee	775,264	668,655
Legal and professional fee	9,379	15,511
Trustee fee	118,492	104,277
Transaction costs	3,000	2,590
Other expenses	35,010	118,473
	1,200,029	1,139,877
Net expenses	(1,200,029)	(1,139,875)
Net gains or losses on value of investments		
Net gains on investments	16,762,246	32,179,666
Net foreign exchange gains	2,272	78
	16,764,518	32,179,744
Total return for the financial period before income tax	15,564,489	31,039,869
Less: Income tax	-	-
Total return for the financial period after income tax	15,564,489	31,039,869

ABF SINGAPORE BOND INDEX FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION***As at 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)*

	31 December 2020 S\$	30 June 2020 S\$
ASSETS		
Portfolio of investments	1,020,852,495	988,525,027
Cash and bank balances	7,411,381	8,740,967
Receivables	441,625	2,234,880
Total assets	1,028,705,501	999,500,874
LIABILITIES		
Payables	493,935	529,791
Purchase awaiting settlement	-	2,339,000
Distribution payable	19,881,969	-
Total liabilities	20,375,904	2,868,791
EQUITY		
Net assets attributable to unitholders	1,008,329,597	996,632,083

ABF SINGAPORE BOND INDEX FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS***For the financial period ended 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)*

	31 December 2020 S\$	30 June 2020 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of financial period/year	996,632,083	837,487,786
Operations		
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations	15,564,489	90,212,817
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)		
Creation of units	38,071,594	102,460,061
Cancellation of units	(22,056,600)	(14,516,564)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units	16,014,994	87,943,497
Distributions	(19,881,969)	(19,012,017)
Total increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	11,697,514	159,144,297
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial period/year	1,008,329,597	996,632,083

ABF SINGAPORE BOND INDEX FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)***By Industry (Primary)**

	Holdings at 31 December 2020	Fair value at 31 December 2020 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities			
BANK			
Export-Import Bank of Korea EMTN 2.318% 27/09/2022	1,750,000	1,787,635	0.18
		1,787,635	0.18
ELECTRIC			
SP Power Assets Limited EMTN 3.4% 19/09/2032	2,750,000	3,168,124	0.31
		3,168,124	0.31
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION			
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.3% due 03/06/2054	7,750,000	10,132,225	1.00
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.35% 19/03/2048	14,500,000	18,922,500	1.88
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.38% due 30/01/2059	3,250,000	4,301,500	0.43
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.43% 30/10/2053	5,000,000	6,692,163	0.66
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.45% 30/07/2058	11,500,000	15,437,179	1.53
		55,485,567	5.50
FINANCE			
Temasek Fin IV PRIV Ltd 2.7% 25/10/2023	5,250,000	5,571,300	0.55
Temasek Financial I Ltd GMTN 4.0475% 05/03/2035	1,000,000	1,258,955	0.13
Temasek Financial I Ltd GMTN 3.785% 05/03/2025	4,250,000	4,764,961	0.47
Temasek Financial I Ltd GMTN 4.2% 02/08/2050	5,000,000	6,517,486	0.65
		18,112,702	1.80
REAL ESTATE			
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.265% 24/06/2030	750,000	755,430	0.07
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.164% 22/05/2024	1,000,000	1,055,756	0.10
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.2325% 21/02/2022	5,000,000	5,104,006	0.51
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.25% 21/11/2024	1,500,000	1,597,801	0.16
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.27% 16/07/2029	1,000,000	1,094,379	0.11
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.315% 18/09/2034	4,250,000	4,730,306	0.47
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.5% 29/01/2023	7,250,000	7,560,892	0.75
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.545% 04/07/2031	2,500,000	2,816,781	0.28
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.625% 17/09/2025	2,500,000	2,728,595	0.27
Housing & Development Board MTN 3.1% 24/07/2024	4,500,000	4,908,797	0.49
		32,352,743	3.21
SOVEREIGN			
Singapore Government Bond 0.5% 01/11/2025	19,000,000	19,032,015	1.89
Singapore Government Bond 1.75% 01/02/2023	46,250,000	47,601,726	4.72
Singapore Government Bond 1.75% 01/04/2022	34,800,000	35,415,281	3.51
Singapore Government Bond 1.875% 01/03/2050	31,763,000	37,451,169	3.71
Singapore Government Bond 2% due 01/02/2024	18,100,000	19,015,719	1.89
Singapore Government Bond 2.125% 01/06/2026	38,230,000	41,398,613	4.11
Singapore Government Bond 2.25% 01/08/2036	44,050,000	51,092,401	5.07
Singapore Government Bond 2.375% 01/06/2025	45,800,000	49,754,578	4.93
Singapore Government Bond 2.375% 01/07/2039	26,300,000	31,363,376	3.11
Singapore Government Bond 2.625% 01/05/2028	34,850,000	39,401,135	3.91
Singapore Government Bond 2.75% 01/03/2046	48,930,000	65,001,147	6.45

ABF SINGAPORE BOND INDEX FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)***By Industry (Primary) (continued)**

	Holdings at 31 December 2020	Fair value at 31 December 2020 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)			
SOVEREIGN (continued)			
Singapore Government Bond 2.75% 01/04/2042	34,390,000	44,006,077	4.36
Singapore Government Bond 2.75% 01/07/2023	58,150,000	61,623,323	6.11
Singapore Government Bond 2.875% 01/07/2029	51,490,000	60,199,358	5.97
Singapore Government Bond 2.875% 01/09/2030	45,685,000	54,247,557	5.38
Singapore Government Bond 3% 01/09/2024	56,500,000	61,961,465	6.15
Singapore Government Bond 3.125% 01/09/2022	60,080,000	62,850,751	6.23
Singapore Government Bond 3.375% 01/09/2033	43,580,000	55,876,467	5.54
Singapore Government Bond 3.5% 01/03/2027	55,458,000	64,833,696	6.43
		902,125,854	89.47
Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities		1,013,032,625	100.47
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities		7,819,870	0.78
Portfolio of investments		1,020,852,495	101.25
Other net liabilities		(12,522,898)	(1.25)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		1,008,329,597	100.00

By Industry (Summary)

	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2020 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities		
Bank	0.18	0.18
Electric	0.31	0.31
Engineering Construction	5.50	4.93
Finance	1.80	1.63
Real Estate	3.21	4.13
Sovereign	89.47	87.29
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	0.78	0.72
Portfolio of investments	101.25	99.19
Other net (liabilities)/assets	(1.25)	0.81
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

ABF SINGAPORE BOND INDEX FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)***By Geography (Secondary)**

	Fair value at 31 December 2020 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2020 %
Singapore	1,011,244,990	100.29	98.29
South Korea	1,787,635	0.18	0.18
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	7,819,870	0.78	0.72
Portfolio of investments	1,020,852,495	101.25	99.19
Other net (liabilities)/assets	(12,522,898)	(1.25)	0.81
Net assets attributable to unitholders	1,008,329,597	100.00	100.00

ABF SINGAPORE BOND INDEX FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS***For the financial period ended 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)*

The following contains additional information relating to the Fund.

1. Distribution of investments

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 8 to 10.

2. Credit rating of debt securities

CREDIT RATINGS	Fair value at 31 December 2020 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2020 %
AAA	1,008,076,866*	99.98	97.98
AA	4,955,759	0.49	0.49
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	7,819,870	0.78	0.72
	1,020,852,495	101.25	99.19

* The balance includes securities that are issued by government agencies of governments that have AAA rating as rated by Standard & Poor's.

3. Top 10 holdings**10 largest holdings at 31 December 2020**

	Cost S\$	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Singapore Government Bond 2.75% 01/03/2046	53,588,509	65,001,147	6.45
Singapore Government Bond 3.5% 01/03/2027	62,109,734	64,833,696	6.43
Singapore Government Bond 3.125% 01/09/2022	64,125,578	62,850,751	6.23
Singapore Government Bond 3% 01/09/2024	60,725,288	61,961,465	6.15
Singapore Government Bond 2.75% 01/07/2023	60,473,986	61,623,323	6.11
Singapore Government Bond 2.875% 01/07/2029	56,919,451	60,199,358	5.97
Singapore Government Bond 3.375% 01/09/2033	49,164,322	55,876,467	5.54
Singapore Government Bond 2.875% 01/09/2030	50,742,769	54,247,557	5.38
Singapore Government Bond 2.25% 01/08/2036	46,068,098	51,092,401	5.07
Singapore Government Bond 2.375% 01/06/2025	47,777,830	49,754,578	4.93

ABF SINGAPORE BOND INDEX FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS***For the financial period ended 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)***3. Top 10 holdings (continued)**

10 largest holdings at 31 December 2019

	Cost S\$	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Singapore Government Bond 3.5% 01/03/2027	64,708,241	65,266,957	7.32
Singapore Government Bond 3% 01/09/2024	61,413,852	61,210,602	6.87
Singapore Government Bond 2.75% 01/03/2046	55,568,448	60,634,244	6.80
Singapore Government Bond 2.75% 01/07/2023	60,285,023	60,609,509	6.80
Singapore Government Bond 1.25% 01/10/2021	58,137,344	58,463,094	6.56
Singapore Government Bond 2.25% 01/06/2021	53,368,271	52,669,424	5.91
Singapore Government Bond 3.375% 01/09/2033	46,627,681	50,010,582	5.61
Singapore Government Bond 3.125% 01/09/2022	44,938,647	43,549,389	4.89
Singapore Government Bond 2.75% 01/04/2042	38,733,251	42,736,955	4.80
Singapore Government Bond 2.875% 01/07/2029	38,041,923	38,783,788	4.35

4. Exposure to derivatives

Nil

5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

Nil

6. Collateral

Nil

7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions

Nil

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

Nil

9. Borrowings

Nil

ABF SINGAPORE BOND INDEX FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS***For the financial period ended 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)***10. Amount of units created and cancelled for the financial period ended 31 December 2020**

	S\$
Units created	38,071,594
Units cancelled	(22,056,600)

11. Financial ratios**Expense ratio**

	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Total operating expenses	S\$ 2,417,157	2,132,645
Average daily net asset value	S\$ 987,566,523	842,922,474
Total expense ratio¹	% 0.24	0.25

Turnover ratio

	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$ 201,077,934	147,305,508
Average daily net asset value	S\$ 1,025,288,255	883,789,850
Total turnover ratio²	% 19.61	16.67

¹The 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 2020 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.

²The 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 and 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 2020 S\$	30 June 2020 S\$
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee	7,411,381	8,740,967

13. Additional information

Service Providers:

Fund Manager	: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited appointed on 12 Aug 05; any retirement or removal per Clause 29 of Trust Deed
Remuneration Basis	: 0.15% p.a. on NAV
Trustee/Custodian/ Valuation Agent/ Fund Registrar	: HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited
Market Makers	: Flow Traders Asia Pte Ltd and Phillip Securities Pte Ltd
Participating Dealers	: ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V., Singapore Branch, CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd, DBS Vickers Securities (S) Pte Ltd, Deutsche Bank AG Singapore Branch, Flow Traders Asia Pte Ltd, Phillip Securities Pte Ltd and OCBC Securities Pte Ltd
Corporate Secretariat	: Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte Ltd
Auditor	: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP appointed on 12 Aug 05
Audit Partner	: Lim Kheng Wah
Tax Agent	: Ernst & Young Solutions LLP
Solicitors to Managers	: Chan & Goh LLP
Solicitors to Trustee	: Clifford Chance Pte Ltd

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

Nil

15. Soft Dollar Commissions/ Arrangements

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

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