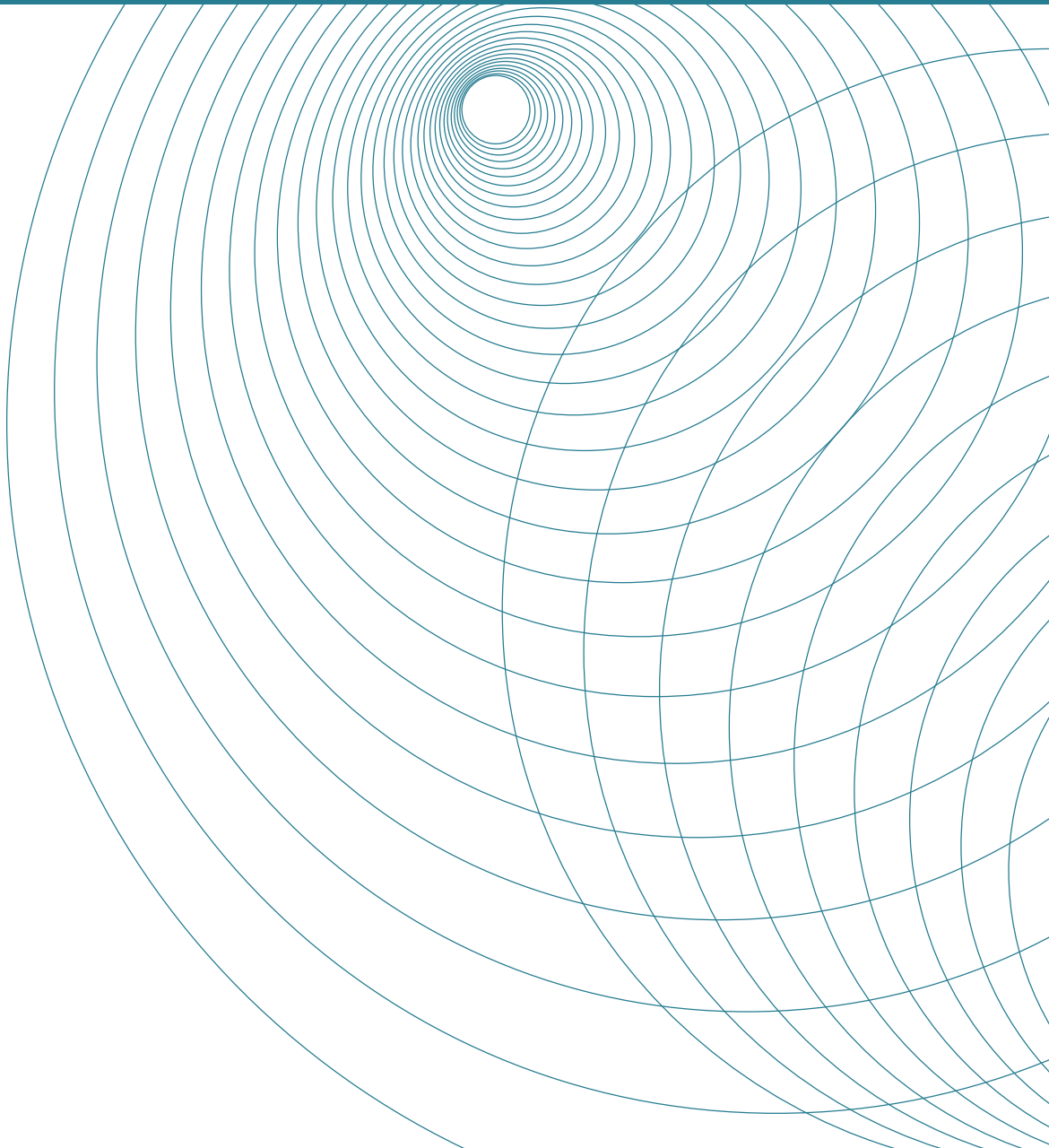

ANNUAL REPORT
Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF
Financial year ended 30 June 2023



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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	2.25	4.27	1.49	-0.76	N/A	N/A	1.13
iBoxx SGD Non-Sovereigns Large Cap Investment Grade Index	2.21	4.27	1.67	-0.53	N/A	N/A	1.47

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited & Markit Indices Limited. Returns as at 30 June 2023. 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 annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Note:

(1) Nil subscription fee or preliminary charge

Inception date: 27 August 2018

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About Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF

The Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF (the “Fund”) is a collective investment scheme authorised under Section 286 of the Securities and Futures Act and is established under the terms of a trust deed dated 13 July 2018 made between Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited as manager, and DBS Trustee Limited as trustee, of the Fund.

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide investors with investment returns that correspond closely to the total return of the iBoxx SGD Non-Sovereigns Large Cap Investment Grade Index (the “Index”), 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 SGD denominated investment grade bonds excluding Singapore Government Securities (“SGD-denominated Investment Grade Bonds”), before fees and expenses. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective or that it will be able to fully track the performance of the Index.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by adopting a representative sampling strategy or similar strategy. Representative sampling is a strategy of investing in a representative sample of securities in the Index which have a similar investment profile as that of the Index. The Manager may invest in certain securities that are not included in the Index (“non-Index Securities”) but have aggregate characteristics (such as yield and duration) similar to those of the Index. The Fund can invest up to 20% of its total net asset value in such non-Index Securities, that should meet at least one of the following criteria:

- SGD denominated bonds in which the bond or its issuer are rated as investment grade by S&P, Moody’s or Fitch, and have a minimum issuance size of SGD 100 million;
- SGD denominated bonds by prevailing issuers of the Index with a minimum issuance size of SGD 100 million; or
- Singapore Government Securities (SGS).

The Fund will generally not hold all the securities that are included in the Index. The Fund is designed for investors who seek an “index-based” approach to investing in a portfolio of SGD-denominated Investment Grade Bonds in a cost effective and easy to access manner. Units may also be used as an asset allocation tool or as a trading instrument.

With effect from 22 April 2020, the Fund is included under the Central Provident Fund (“CPF”) Investment Scheme (“CPFIS”) – Ordinary Account (the “CPF Ordinary Account”) for subscription by members of the public using their CPF monies and is classified under the category of Low to Medium Risk – Narrowly Focused – Country – Singapore.

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 performance of the ETF's price on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“SGX-ST”) may be different from the net asset value per unit of the ETF. The ETF may also be suspended or delisted from the SGX-ST. Listing of the units does not guarantee a liquid market for the units. Investors should note that the ETF differs from a typical unit trust and units may only be created or redeemed directly by a participating dealer in large creation or redemption units.

(Where relevant – for funds included under CPFIS) 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.

Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Registration Number 198202562H

NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF

(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

The Trustee is under a duty to take into custody and hold the assets of Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF (the “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 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 Fund during the financial year covered by these financial statements, set out on pages 10 to 28, 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
DBS Trustee Limited

Authorised signatory
28 September 2023

NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF

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STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

In the opinion of Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 10 to 28, 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 position and the portfolio holdings of Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF (the "Fund") as at 30 June 2023, and the financial performance and movements in unitholders' funds for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 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 Fund will be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they materialise.

For and on behalf of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited

Authorised signatory
28 September 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF

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Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF (the "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, so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and portfolio holdings of the Fund as at 30 June 2023, 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 Fund comprise:

- the Statement of Total Return for the financial year ended 30 June 2023;
- the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023;
- the Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds for the financial year ended 30 June 2023;
- the Statement of Portfolio as at 30 June 2023; and
- the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

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 audit opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF

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Other Information

The 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 Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants 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 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 management either intends to terminate the Fund or to cease the Fund's operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Manager's responsibilities include overseeing the 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 Fund's internal control.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE
BOND ETF**

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

- 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 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 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.

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, 28 September 2023

NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN***For the financial year ended 30 June 2023*

	Note	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Income			
Interest on cash and cash equivalents		<u>4,900</u>	-
Expenses			
Administrator fee		56,410	62,014
Audit fee		26,412	30,185
Custody fee		78,348	103,546
Management fee		786,030	885,094
Transaction costs		7,975	8,700
Trustee fee		104,804	118,012
Other expenses		295,128	324,716
		<u>1,355,107</u>	<u>1,532,267</u>
Net losses		<u>(1,350,207)</u>	<u>(1,532,267)</u>
Net gains or losses on value of investments			
Net gains/(losses) on investments		9,346,388	(36,995,355)
		<u>9,346,388</u>	<u>(36,995,355)</u>
Total return/(deficit) for the financial year before income tax			
		7,996,181	(38,527,622)
Less: Income tax	3	-	-
Total return/(deficit) for the financial year after income tax		<u>7,996,181</u>	<u>(38,527,622)</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION***As at 30 June 2023*

	Note	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
ASSETS			
Portfolio of investments		529,617,665	561,113,313
Sales awaiting settlement		-	4,158,212
Cash and cash equivalents		3,634,341	4,505,604
Receivables	4	-	191,640
Prepayments		1,120	1,099
Total assets		533,253,126	569,969,868
LIABILITIES			
Distributions payable	6	8,744,243	7,941,154
Purchases awaiting settlement		736,976	6,040,305
Payables	5	330,007	297,509
Total liabilities		9,811,226	14,278,968
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	7	523,441,900	555,690,900

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS***For the financial year ended 30 June 2023*

	Note	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of financial year		555,690,900	605,976,192
Operations			
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		7,996,181	(38,527,622)
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units		40,782,611	47,392,943
Cancellation of units		(64,184,910)	(43,136,342)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		(23,402,299)	4,256,601
Distributions	6	(16,842,882)	(16,014,271)
Total decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders		(32,249,000)	(50,285,292)
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial year	7	523,441,900	555,690,900

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 30 June 2023

By Industry (Primary)	Holdings at 30 June 2023	Fair value at 30 June 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities			
Air Transport			
Changi Airport Group 1.88% 12/05/2031	11,500,000	10,010,427	1.91
Singapore Airlines Limited MTN 3.13% 17/11/2026	2,500,000	2,418,189	0.46
Singapore Airlines Limited MTN 3.5% 02/12/2030	2,500,000	2,359,111	0.45
Singapore Airlines Limited MTN 3.035% 11/04/2025	4,250,000	4,161,688	0.80
Singapore Airlines Limited MTN 3.13% 23/08/2027	4,500,000	4,330,114	0.83
		<u>23,279,529</u>	<u>4.45</u>
Banking			
ABN AMRO Bank NV 5.5% 05/10/2032 MTN FRN	11,000,000	11,157,666	2.13
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd 4.5% 02/12/2032 FRN	9,500,000	9,450,916	1.80
Aviva Singlife Holdings Pte. Ltd. 3.375% 24/02/2031	8,000,000	7,737,554	1.47
BNP Paribas SA 5.25% 12/07/2032 MTN	2,750,000	2,761,076	0.53
BNP Paribas SA 3.125% 22/02/2032 MTN FRN	6,500,000	6,044,719	1.15
China Construction Bank (Singapore) 2.85% 13/06/2024	2,000,000	1,969,360	0.38
Commerzbank AG 5.7% 3/05/2033 MTN	3,000,000	2,963,914	0.57
Credit Agricole SA MTN 3.8% 27/02/2033	5,500,000	5,438,628	1.04
Credit Agricole SA MTN 3.8% 30/04/2031	5,750,000	5,490,356	1.05
DBS Group Holdings Limited MTN 3.98% Perpetuity	13,750,000	13,648,227	2.61
Deutsche Bank AG 5% 5/09/2026 FRN	6,000,000	5,952,535	1.14
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited MTN 3.9% Perpetuity 27 FRN	8,250,000	8,120,750	1.55
PSA Treasury Private Limited 2.88% 27/04/2027	3,000,000	2,883,110	0.55
Swiss Re Finance (UK) Plc 3.125% 03/07/2035	6,000,000	5,794,886	1.11
United Overseas Bank Limited MTN 2.55% 22/06/2028	12,000,000	10,924,800	2.09
United Overseas Bank Limited MTN 3.58% Perpetuity	10,750,000	10,503,141	2.01
United Overseas Bank Ltd 4.25% 04/10/2027 FRN	3,000,000	2,987,975	0.57
United Overseas Bank Ltd 5.25% 19/01/2028 FRN	7,750,000	8,022,165	1.53
Westpac Banking Corporation 4.65% 7/09/2032 FRN	6,500,000	6,485,639	1.24
		<u>128,337,417</u>	<u>24.52</u>
Building			
Surbana Jurong Private Limited 2.48% 10/02/2031	1,500,000	1,325,881	0.25
Surbana Jurong Private Limited 4.11% 03/10/2025	2,250,000	2,233,831	0.43
		<u>3,559,712</u>	<u>0.68</u>
Conglomerate/Diversified			
Keppel Corporation Limited MTN 4% 07/09/2042	2,000,000	1,880,641	0.36
		<u>1,880,641</u>	<u>0.36</u>
Education			
Nanyang Technological University MTN 2.185% 20/10/2036	5,750,000	4,680,616	0.89
Nexus International School Singapore Pte Ltd 3.15% 03/12/2031	1,000,000	942,014	0.18
		<u>5,622,630</u>	<u>1.07</u>

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NIKKO AM SGD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 30 June 2023*

By Industry (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 30 June 2023	Fair value at 30 June 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)			
Retail			
NTUC FairPrice Cooperative 3.46% 24/05/2029	1,000,000	967,400	0.18
		<u>967,400</u>	<u>0.18</u>
Finance			
CapitaLand Treasury Limited MTN 2.9% 21/09/2032	5,500,000	5,051,053	0.96
CapitaLand Treasury Limited MTN 3.08% 19/10/2027	4,000,000	3,881,156	0.74
CapitaLand Treasury Limited MTN 3.8% 28/08/2024	2,000,000	1,992,778	0.38
CLI Treasury Limited 4.2% 12/04/2030	1,000,000	999,419	0.19
CLI Treasury Limited MTN 3.33% 12/04/2027	6,500,000	6,330,362	1.21
Eastern Air Overseas (Hong Kong) Corporation Limited 2% 15/07/2026	7,500,000	7,035,275	1.34
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.265% 24/06/2030	2,000,000	1,687,666	0.32
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.3% 03/12/2035	6,000,000	4,434,292	0.85
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.37% 16/3/2028	1,750,000	1,565,990	0.30
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.54% 12/10/2028	2,500,000	2,228,927	0.43
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.645% 23/11/2026	750,000	697,934	0.13
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.73% 19/5/2031	3,250,000	2,786,812	0.53
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.75% 25/11/2024	1,000,000	968,665	0.19
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.76% 24/02/2027	4,750,000	4,415,440	0.84
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.845% 15/03/2027	2,250,000	2,095,716	0.40
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.865% 21/07/2033	3,000,000	2,494,734	0.48
Housing & Development Board MTN 1.971% 25/01/2029	1,000,000	907,606	0.17
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.035% 16/09/2026	5,750,000	5,438,208	1.04
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.25% 21/11/2024	2,500,000	2,438,802	0.47
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.27% 16/07/2029	3,750,000	3,436,454	0.66
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.315% 18/09/2034	2,750,000	2,346,935	0.45
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.32% 24/01/2028	3,000,000	2,811,214	0.54
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.35% 25/05/2027	8,250,000	7,806,120	1.49
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.495% 11/03/2026	4,750,000	4,581,451	0.88
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.505% 27/06/2024	3,000,000	2,953,045	0.56
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.545% 04/07/2031	2,500,000	2,277,953	0.44
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.598% 30/10/2029	6,000,000	5,586,120	1.07
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.625% 17/09/2025	6,750,000	6,560,149	1.25
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.675% 22/01/2029	6,250,000	5,891,417	1.13
Housing & Development Board MTN 2.94% 13/07/2027	4,000,000	3,865,279	0.74
Housing & Development Board MTN 3.08% 31/05/2030	2,500,000	2,385,992	0.46
Housing & Development Board MTN 3.1% 24/07/2024	4,500,000	4,452,149	0.85
Housing & Development Board MTN 3.22% 01/12/2026	3,500,000	3,429,962	0.66
Housing & Development Board MTN 3.437% 13/09/2029	2,000,000	1,956,311	0.37
Housing & Development Board MTN 3.948% 29/01/2029	3,250,000	3,268,613	0.62
Housing & Development Board MTN 3.995% 6/12/2029	3,250,000	3,278,915	0.63
Housing & Development Board MTN 4.09% 26/10/2027	1,750,000	1,766,844	0.34
HSBC Holdings PLC 5.3% 14/03/2033 FRN	10,500,000	10,715,772	2.05
HSBC Holdings PLC 5.25% 27/06/2032 FRN	13,250,000	13,387,086	2.56
HSBC Holdings PLC 4.5% 7/06/2029 FRN	2,000,000	1,999,773	0.38
Lendlease Finance Limited MTN 3.9% 27/04/2027	6,000,000	5,870,731	1.12
Macquarie Group Ltd 4.5% 18/08/2026 FRN	6,500,000	6,512,002	1.24
Mapletree Treasury Services Limited MTN 2.85% 29/08/2025	2,500,000	2,429,578	0.46

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By Industry (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 30 June 2023	Fair value at 30 June 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)			
Finance (continued)			
Mapletree Treasury Services Limited MTN 3.15% 03/09/2031	1,000,000	934,114	0.18
Mapletree Treasury Services Limited MTN 3.4% 03/09/2026	2,500,000	2,448,493	0.47
Mapletree Treasury Services Limited MTN 3.58% 13/03/2029	2,500,000	2,432,551	0.46
Panther Ventures Ltd 3.38% 30/09/2024	4,750,000	4,559,677	0.87
Sembcorp Financial Services Private Limited 2.45% 09/06/2031	9,250,000	8,075,104	1.54
Sembcorp Financial Services Private Limited 3.735% 20/04	2,000,000	1,937,000	0.37
Sembcorp Financial Services Private Limited 4.6% 15/03/2030	3,000,000	3,047,413	0.58
Temasek Financial (I) Limited 4.2% 02/08/2050	5,750,000	6,102,188	1.17
Temasek Financial (I) Limited MTN 2.8% 17/08/2071	19,750,000	15,279,538	2.92
Temasek Financial (I) Limited MTN 3.785% 05/03/2025	6,500,000	6,486,819	1.24
Temasek Financial (I) Limited MTN 4% 07/12/2029	1,250,000	1,272,238	0.24
Temasek Financial (I) Limited MTN 4.0475% 05/03/2035	6,000,000	6,166,092	1.17
		<u>225,761,927</u>	<u>43.13</u>
Government			
National Environment Agency of Singapore 1.67% 15/09/2031	5,500,000	4,608,288	0.88
National Environment Agency of Singapore 2.5% 15/09/2051	10,750,000	8,342,008	1.59
		<u>12,950,296</u>	<u>2.47</u>
Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure			
Shangri-La Hotel Ltd MTN 4.5% 12/11/2025	1,250,000	1,251,872	0.24
		<u>1,251,872</u>	<u>0.24</u>
Industrial			
STT GDC Pte. Ltd. 3.13% 28/07/2028	3,250,000	3,090,593	0.59
		<u>3,090,593</u>	<u>0.59</u>
Insurance			
AIA Group Ltd 2.9% 11/06/2031 FRN	7,500,000	6,217,381	1.19
Manulife Financial Corporation FRN 3% 21/11/2029	7,500,000	7,238,045	1.38
NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited FRN3.1% 20/07/2050	11,750,000	10,264,138	1.96
		<u>23,719,564</u>	<u>4.53</u>
Oil and Gas			
Keppel Corporation Limited MTN 3.66% 07/05/2029	2,250,000	2,186,171	0.42
		<u>2,186,171</u>	<u>0.42</u>

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By Industry (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 30 June 2023	Fair value at 30 June 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)			
Real Estate Investment Trust			
CapitalLand Ascendas REIT 2.9% 21/09/2032	4,000,000	3,817,806	0.73
CapitalLand Treasury Limited MTN 3.15% 29/08/2029	5,250,000	5,036,500	0.96
City Developments Limited 2.3% 23/03/2026 MTN	1,250,000	1,181,225	0.23
City Developments Limited 2.7% 23/01/2025 MTN	1,000,000	973,954	0.19
CMT MTN Private Limited MTN 2.1% 8/3/2028	9,250,000	8,540,421	1.63
CMT MTN Private Limited MTN 3.48% 06/08/2024	5,000,000	4,969,651	0.95
CMT MTN Private Limited MTN 3.938% 19/06/2030	3,500,000	3,489,677	0.67
Frasers Property Treasury Pte Ltd 4.15% 23/02/2027	1,000,000	989,654	0.18
Mapletree Industrial Trust 3.15% 11/05/2026 FRN	7,000,000	6,438,950	1.23
Mapletree Logistics Trust 3.725% 02/11/2026 FRN	6,500,000	6,049,497	1.16
UOL Treasury Services Pte Ltd 2.33% 31/08/2028	5,000,000	4,568,201	0.87
		46,055,536	8.80
Telecommunications			
Singapore Technologies Telemedia Private Limited MTN 4.05% 02/12/2025	2,000,000	1,986,603	0.38
Singtel Group Treasury 3.3% 14/07/2031	8,000,000	7,118,201	1.35
Starhub Limited MTN 3.55% 08/06/2026	2,000,000	1,965,034	0.38
		11,069,838	2.11
Transportation			
Land Transport Authority 3.51% 18/09/2030	1,500,000	1,454,430	0.28
Land Transport Authority 3.35% 19/03/2048	4,250,000	3,909,121	0.75
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.38% 30/01/2059	4,750,000	4,079,058	0.78
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.45% 30/07/2058	8,750,000	7,666,162	1.46
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.43% 30/10/2053	2,500,000	2,284,690	0.44
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.3% 03/06/2054	4,500,000	3,985,578	0.76
Land Transport Authority 3.09% 31/08/2027	500,000	486,958	0.09
Land Transport Authority MTN 3.275% 29/10/2025	2,500,000	2,459,726	0.47
		26,325,723	5.03
Utilities-Water			
Public Utilities Board 3.01% 18/07/2033	3,250,000	2,971,562	0.57
Public Utilities Board 3.433% 30/08/2052	750,000	661,388	0.13
Public Utilities Board 3.62% 12/10/2027	5,250,000	5,173,127	0.99
		8,806,077	1.69
Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities		524,864,926	100.27
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities		4,752,739	0.91
Portfolio of investments		529,617,665	101.18
Other net liabilities		(6,175,765)	(1.18)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		523,441,900	100.00

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	Fair value at 30 June 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2022 %
Air Transport	23,279,529	4.45	5.76
Banking	128,337,417	24.52	24.41
Building	3,559,712	0.68	0.41
Conglomerate/Diversified	1,880,641	0.36	0.49
Education	5,622,630	1.07	0.82
Retail	967,400	0.18	-
Finance	225,761,927	43.13	44.66
Government	12,950,296	2.47	-
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	1,251,872	0.24	0.70
Industrial	3,090,593	0.59	0.69
Insurance	23,719,564	4.53	6.04
Oil and Gas	2,186,171	0.42	0.93
Real Estate Investment Trust	46,055,536	8.80	6.98
Telecommunications	11,069,838	2.11	2.61
Transportation	26,325,723	5.03	4.47
Utilities-Electricity	-	-	0.09
Utilities-Water	8,806,077	1.69	1.08
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	4,752,739	0.91	0.84
Portfolio of investments	529,617,665	101.18	100.98
Other net liabilities	(6,175,765)	(1.18)	(0.98)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	523,441,900	100.00	100.00

By Geography (Secondary)

	Fair value at 30 June 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2022 %
Australia	28,319,288	5.41	1.45
British Virgin Islands	4,559,677	0.87	2.47
Canada	7,238,045	1.38	1.68
Europe	39,808,895	7.61	2.11
Hong Kong	13,252,657	2.53	2.96
Singapore	431,686,364	82.47	89.47
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	4,752,739	0.91	0.84
Portfolio of investments	529,617,665	101.18	100.98
Other net liabilities	(6,175,765)	(1.18)	(0.98)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	523,441,900	100.00	100.00

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

1. General

Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF (the “Fund”) is a Singapore domiciled fund constituted under a Trust Deed dated 13 July 2018 (referred to as the “Deed”). The Deed is governed by the laws of the Republic of Singapore. The Trustee of the Fund is DBS Trustee Limited (the “Trustee”). The Manager of the Fund is Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited (the “Manager”).

2. Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, 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.

(b) Recognition of income

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest rate method.

(c) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

The Fund qualifies as an authorised scheme under the Securities and Futures Act 2001 (“SFA”) of Singapore and is offered to retail investors in Singapore. The Fund’s activities are substantially based in Singapore, with subscriptions and redemptions of the units of the Fund being denominated in Singapore Dollar.

The performance of the Fund is measured and reported to the investors in Singapore Dollar. The Manager considers the Singapore Dollar as the currency which most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The financial statements are expressed in Singapore Dollar, which is the Fund’s functional and presentation currency.

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Singapore Dollar at the rates of exchange prevailing at the date of the Statement of Financial Position. The net unrealised gain or loss is taken to the Statement of Total Return. Transactions during the year are recorded in Singapore Dollar at the rates of exchange ruling on transaction dates. All realised gains or losses are recognised in the Statement of Total Return.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) 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 on the distribution date. The amount shall not be treated as part of the property of the Fund. Distributions are accrued for at the point in time when the necessary approvals have been obtained and a legal or constructive obligation has been created.

(e) 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 change in fair value on investments are included in the Statement of Total Return in the year in which they arise.

(iii) Derecognition

Investments are derecognised on the trade date of disposal. The resultant realised gains or losses on the sales 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.

(f) Basis of valuation of investments

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The quoted market price for these investments held by the Fund is the current market quoted bid price furnished by the index provider, a pricing service approved by the Manager and the Trustee. Accrued interest or discount or premium on fixed income securities at financial year end date is included in the fair value of fixed income securities. Interest income on fixed income securities is presented within "Net gains/(losses) on investments" in the Statement of Total Return.

(g) 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.

(h) 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.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at banks and on hand which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(j) Payables

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

3. Income tax

The Fund has been approved by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (“MAS”) under the Enhanced Tier Fund Scheme (Section 13U of the Income Tax Act 1947 and the relevant Regulations). Subject to certain conditions being met on an annual basis, the Fund may enjoy Singapore corporate income tax exemption on “specified income” derived from “designated investments” for the life of the Fund. The tax exemption does not apply in the year when the relevant conditions are not met. Losses from “designated investments” are correspondingly disregarded. The terms “specified income” and “designated investments” are defined in the relevant income tax regulations. The Manager and the Trustee of the Fund will ensure that the Fund fulfills its reporting obligations under the ETF Scheme.

There is no income tax for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and 2022.

4. Receivables

	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Receivable from unitholders for creation of units	-	191,640

5. Payables

	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Amount due to the Manager	200,820	212,164
Amount due to the Trustee	8,818	9,271
Provision for audit fee	25,600	26,000
Custody fee payable	5,510	5,815
Administrator fee payable	6,409	6,627
Other payables	82,850	37,632
	<u>330,007</u>	<u>297,509</u>

Amount due to the Manager comprises management fee payable to Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Trustee fee and transfer agent fee are payable to DBS Trustee Limited. Administrator fee and custody fee are payable to DBS Bank Limited.

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6. Distributions

	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Final distributions of S\$0.0155 per unit in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2023	8,744,243	-
Interim distributions of S\$0.0145 per unit in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2023	8,098,639	-
Final distributions of S\$0.0135 per unit in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2022	-	7,941,154
Interim distributions of S\$0.0137 per unit in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2022	-	8,073,117
	<u>16,842,882</u>	<u>16,014,271</u>

7. Units in issue

During the year ended 30 June 2023 and 2022, the number of units issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follow:

	2023	2022
Units at beginning of the financial year	588,233,600	583,858,600
Units created	43,940,000	46,210,000
Units cancelled	<u>(68,229,000)</u>	<u>(41,835,000)</u>
Units at end of the financial year	563,944,600	588,233,600
Net assets attributable to unitholders – S\$	523,441,900	555,690,900
Net asset value per unit – S\$	<u>0.9282</u>	<u>0.9447</u>

A reconciliation of the net asset value as reported in the Statement of Financial Position to the net asset value as determined for the purpose of processing unit subscription and redemption is provided below:

	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders per financial statements	0.9282	0.9447
Effect of distribution per unit	<u>0.0155</u>	<u>0.0135</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	<u>0.9437</u>	<u>0.9582</u>

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8. Financial risk management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of risk, including but not limited to market risk (including price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The Manager is responsible for the implementation of the overall risk management programme, which seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance. Specific guidelines on exposures to individual securities and certain industries and/or countries are in place as part of the overall financial risk management to reduce the Fund's risk exposures to these risks.

The Fund's primary objective is to provide investors with investment returns that correspond closely to the total return of the iBoxx SGD Non-Sovereigns Large Cap Investment Grade Index (the "Index") before fees and expenses.

The financial instruments are held in accordance with the published investment policies of the Fund and managed accordingly to achieve the investment objectives.

(a) Market risk – Price risk

Price risk is the risk that arises from uncertainties about future prices of financial instruments.

The Fund's investment is substantially dependent on the changes of market prices. The Fund's overall market positions are monitored regularly so as to assess changes in fundamentals and valuation. However, events beyond reasonable control of the Manager could affect the prices of the underlying investments and hence the net asset value of the Fund.

The Fund's market price risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio across various industries.

The market prices of financial assets held by the Fund are primarily dependent on prevailing market interest rates, as the Fund invests primarily in listed sovereign and quasi sovereign bonds. Hence, no separate price risk sensitivity analysis is prepared as it is covered as part of interest rate risk sensitivity analysis.

(b) Market risk – 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 (fair value risk).

The Manager will regularly assess the economic condition, monitor changes in interest rates outlook and take appropriate measures accordingly to control the impact of interest rate risk. The Fund's overall market positions are monitored frequently and are reviewed formally on a quarterly basis by the Manager.

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk – Interest rate risk (continued)

The tables below summarise the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk. They include the Fund's assets and liabilities categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

As at 30 June 2023

	<u>Floating rate</u>	←	<u>Fixed rate</u>	→	<u>Non-interest bearing</u>	Total
	S\$	Up to 1 year	1-5 years	Over 5 years	S\$	S\$
		S\$	S\$	S\$		
Assets						
Portfolio of investments	187,095,439	4,922,404	139,933,946	192,913,137	4,752,739	529,617,665
Cash and cash equivalents	3,634,341	-	-	-	-	3,634,341
Prepayments	-	-	-	-	1,120	1,120
Total assets	190,729,780	4,922,404	139,933,946	192,913,137	4,753,859	533,253,126
Liabilities						
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	-	-	-	736,976	736,976
Payables	-	-	-	-	330,007	330,007
Distributions payable	-	-	-	-	8,744,243	8,744,243
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	9,811,226	9,811,226

As at 30 June 2022

	<u>Floating rate</u>	←	<u>Fixed rate</u>	→	<u>Non-interest bearing</u>	Total
	S\$	Up to 1 year	1-5 years	Over 5 years	S\$	S\$
		S\$	S\$	S\$		
Assets						
Portfolio of investments	185,603,318	-	164,119,003	206,714,644	4,676,348	561,113,313
Sales awaiting settlement	-	-	-	-	4,158,212	4,158,212
Cash and cash equivalents	4,505,604	-	-	-	-	4,505,604
Receivables	-	-	-	-	191,640	191,640
Prepayments	-	-	-	-	1,099	1,099
Total assets	190,108,922	-	164,119,003	206,714,644	9,027,299	569,969,868
Liabilities						
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	-	-	-	6,040,305	6,040,305
Payables	-	-	-	-	297,509	297,509
Distributions payable	-	-	-	-	7,941,154	7,941,154
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	14,278,968	14,278,968

As at 30 June 2023, an increase/decrease of interest rates by 1% (2022: 1%), with all other variables remaining constant, would result in a decrease/ increase of the net assets attributable to unit holders by approximately 6% (2022: 6%). Changes in interest rates are revised annually depending on the Manager's current view of market volatility and other factors.

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk – Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

To minimise currency risk, the Fund mainly holds its excess cash in its functional currency. For hedging purposes, the Fund may also enter into forward foreign exchange contracts.

The Manager does not consider currency risk to be significant as all of the financial assets and financial liabilities of the Fund are denominated in Singapore Dollar, which is the functional currency of the Fund.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of loss arising from the inability of the Fund to meet its obligations as and when they fall due without incurring unacceptable cost or losses.

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions from unit holders. However, in accordance with the Fund's prospectus, minimum redemption size is set.

To manage the liquidity risk, a cash buffer is maintained in the Fund and monitored for minimum cash balances to prevent any extensive disposition of assets which may occur at lower prices and overdraft situations to meet trade settlements and obligations.

The Fund's financial liabilities are analysed using contractual undiscounted cash flows for maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the Statement of Financial Position date to the contractual maturity date. As at 30 June 2023 and 2022, all liabilities are either payable upon demand or due in less than 3 months. The impact of discounting is not significant.

	<u>Less than 3 months</u>	
	As at	As at
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$	S\$
Purchases awaiting settlement	736,976	6,040,305
Payables	330,007	297,509
Distributions payable	8,744,243	7,941,154
Contractual cash out flows	9,811,226	14,278,968

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to fulfil its obligation to the Fund in part or in full as and when they fall due.

Concentrations of credit risk are minimised primarily by:

- ensuring counterparties as well as the respective credit limits are approved;
- ensuring there are controls in place to identify and assess the creditworthiness of counterparties and review such controls on a semi-annual basis; and
- ensuring that transactions are undertaken with a large number of counterparties.

The Fund is also exposed to counterparty credit risk on its financial assets held at amortised cost. As at 30 June 2023 and 2022, the Fund's financial assets held at amortised cost as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position are realisable within three months. The Manager considers the probability of default to be insignificant as the counterparties generally have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. Hence, no loss allowance has been recognised based on the 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be insignificant to the Fund.

The tables below analyse the Fund's investments by credit ratings. The credit ratings are reviewed regularly.

	Fair value at 30 June 2023	
	Floating rate securities S\$	Fixed rate securities S\$
Aaa *	-	185,945,433
Aa1	-	2,883,110
A1	-	9,004,635
A2	12,729,383	4,559,677
A3	14,912,860	16,999,749
Baa1	97,740,905	13,387,086
Baa2	21,020,192	2,761,076
Baa3	10,701,468	5,870,730
Not rated **	29,990,631	96,357,991
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	2,014,875	2,737,864
Total	189,110,314	340,507,351

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	Fair value at 30 June 2022	
	Floating rate securities S\$	Fixed rate securities S\$
AAA*	-	183,856,270
AA+	-	495,999
AA	-	1,928,585
AA-	107,964,383	-
A+	20,713,821	-
A	9,363,003	-
A-	-	6,247,445
BBB	9,939,140	-
BBB-	17,334,024	13,455,790
Not rated	20,288,947	164,849,558
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	1,819,705	2,856,643
Total	187,423,023	373,690,290

* The balance includes securities that are issued by government agencies of governments that have Aaa rating as rated by Moody's (2022: AAA rating as rated by a well-known rating agency).

** Not rated securities are supported by internal and other rating agencies credit ratings but are not disclosed due to licencing restrictions. Following a change in the use of credit rating agencies during the financial year ended 30 June 2023 whereby historical credit ratings cannot be retrieved, the comparative amounts for the credit ratings table above are not entirely comparable.

All trade settlement with approved counterparties are on Delivery versus Payment and/or Receipt versus Payment basis, with the exception of initial public offerings, new issues and placement transactions.

Credit risk also arises from cash and cash balances and outstanding and committed transactions with brokers. The table below summarises the credit rating of bank and custodian in which the Fund's assets are held as at 30 June 2023 and 2022.

	Credit rating as at 30 June 2023	Credit rating as at 30 June 2022
Bank and custodian		
- DBS Bank Limited	Aa1	AA-

As at 30 June 2023, the credit ratings are based on the Local Long-Term Bank Deposits from Moody's (2022: Long-Term Local Issuer Ratings from a well-known rating agency).

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of the financial assets.

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Capital management

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

(g) Fair value estimation

The 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 Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value at 30 June 2023 and 2022:

	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
As at 30 June 2023				
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted fixed income securities	-	529,617,665	-	529,617,665

	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
As at 30 June 2022				
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted fixed income securities	-	561,113,313	-	561,113,313

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within level 2. These include investment-grade corporate and government agencies bonds.

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.

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9. Related party transactions

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

	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee	3,634,341	4,505,604

10. Financial ratios

Expense ratio

		2023	2022
Total operating expenses	S\$	1,347,132	1,523,567
Average daily net asset value	S\$	523,903,204	590,174,356
Total expense ratio¹	%	0.26	0.26

Turnover ratio

		2023	2022
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	151,587,892	227,289,454
Average daily net asset value	S\$	523,903,204	590,174,356
Total turnover ratio²	%	28.93	38.51

¹ The expense ratio has been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the Investment Management Association of Singapore ("IMAS"). The calculation of the expense ratio at financial year end was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net asset value for the year. The total operating expenses do not include (where applicable) brokerage and other transactions costs, performance fee, interest expense, distribution paid out to unitholders, foreign exchange gains/losses, front or back end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds and tax deducted at source or arising out of income received. The Fund does not pay any performance fee. The average net asset value is based on the daily balances.

² The portfolio turnover ratio is calculated in accordance with the formula stated in the Code on Collective Investment Schemes. The calculation of the portfolio turnover ratio was based on the lower of the total value of purchases or sales of the underlying investments, divided by the average daily net asset value.

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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 13 to 17.

2. Credit rating of debt securities

	Fair value at 30 June 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %
Aaa	185,945,433	35.52
Aa1	2,883,110	0.55
A1	9,004,635	1.72
A2	17,289,060	3.30
A3	31,912,609	6.10
Baa1	111,127,991	21.23
Baa2	23,781,268	4.54
Baa3	16,572,198	3.17
Not rated	126,348,622	24.14
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	4,752,739	0.91
Total	529,617,665	101.18

3. Top 10 holdings

10 largest holdings at 30 June 2023

	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Temasek Financial (I) Limited MTN 2.8% 17/08/2071	15,279,538	2.92
DBS Group Holdings Limited MTN 3.98% Perpetuity	13,648,227	2.61
HSBC Holdings PLC 5.25% 27/06/2032 FRN	13,387,086	2.56
ABN AMRO Bank NV 5.5% 05/10/2032 MTN FRN	11,157,666	2.13
United Overseas Bank Limited MTN 2.55% 22/06/2028	10,924,800	2.09
HSBC Holdings PLC 5.3% 14/03/2033 FRN	10,715,772	2.05
United Overseas Bank Limited MTN 3.58% Perpetuity	10,503,141	2.01
NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited FRN 3.1% 20/07/2050	10,264,138	1.96
Changi Airport Group 1.88% 12/05/2031	10,010,427	1.91
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd 4.5% 02/12/2032 FRN	9,450,916	1.80

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3. Top 10 holdings (continued)

10 largest holdings at 30 June 2022

	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited MTN 4% Perpetuity	20,051,258	3.61
DBS Group Holdings Limited MTN 3.98% Perpetuity	19,784,347	3.56
United Overseas Bank Limited MTN 3.58% Perpetuity	18,091,356	3.25
United Overseas Bank Limited MTN 3.5% 27/02/2029	15,948,752	2.87
NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited FRN 3.1% 20/07/2050	15,206,419	2.74
Temasek Financial (I) Limited MTN 2.8% 17/08/2071	13,513,146	2.43
Changi Airport Group 1.88% 12/05/2031	12,787,249	2.30
United Overseas Bank Limited MTN 2.55% 22/06/2028	11,896,083	2.15
Temasek Financial (I) Limited MTN 4.0475% 05/03/2035	11,560,663	2.08
Aviva Singlife Holdings Pte. Ltd. 3.375% 24/02/2031	10,643,616	1.92

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.

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10. Amount of units created and cancelled for the financial year ended 30 June 2023

	S\$
Units created	40,782,611
Units cancelled	<u>(64,184,910)</u>

11. Turnover ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 28.

12. Expense ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 28.

13. Related party transactions

Please refer to Note 9 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 28.

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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