NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT ETF – DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

SGX Stock Code: CFA

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10 April 2019 – On 15 March 2019, Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, manager of the NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT ETF (the "**Fund**"), announced a dividend distribution of S$0.0118 per unit for the period from 1 November 2018 to 31 January 2019 registered in the name of each holder of the Fund.

The dividend distribution is subject to the tax transparency treatment for distributions received by the Fund from real estate investment trusts or corporations listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited. The table below shows the breakdown of the dividend distribution that is subject to tax transparency treatment.

Subcomponents	Source of distribution	Distribution (SGD per Unit)
(1) Taxable income component[1]	Qualifying S-REIT distribution	0.0085913
(2) Capital component[2]	Capital	-
(3) Tax exempt income	Tax exempt income	0.0020993^
(4) Other income and gains[3]	Other income and gains from disposal of securities	0.0011094
Total		0.0118

^ This amount of distribution is tax-exempted. Unitholders do not have to declare this distribution in their Singapore tax returns

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[1] The beneficial owner of this distribution, other than a "Qualifying Individual", is liable to Singapore Income Tax on the amount of gross income distribution. A "Qualifying Individual" is not subject to tax on this distribution. A "Qualifying Individual" refers to an individual whose receipt of the distribution is not considered as gains or profits from any trade, business or profession carried on by him/her and is not derived from units held through a partnership in Singapore. The beneficial owner, other than a "Qualifying Individual", is required to declare the amount of gross income distribution as taxable income in the Income Tax Return for the Year of Assessment 2020, unless the beneficial owner is exempt from tax because of its own circumstances.

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Qualifying foreign non-individual investors will receive their distributions after deduction of tax at the rate of 10%. A qualifying foreign non-individual investor is a non-individual person who is not a resident in Singapore for income tax purposes and: (i) who does not have any permanent establishment in Singapore; or (ii) who carries on any operation in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore, but the funds used to acquire the units in the Fund are not obtained from that operation in Singapore.

All other investors (excluding Qualifying Investors) will receive their distributions after deduction of tax at the rate of 17%. Qualifying Investors are:

(i) Individuals (including those who purchased units in the Fund through agent banks or SRS operators which act as their nominee under the CPF Investment Scheme or the Supplementary Retirement Scheme respectively)

(ii) Companies incorporated and tax resident in Singapore;

(iii) Singapore branches of companies incorporated outside Singapore;

(iv) Bodies of persons (excluding companies or partnerships) incorporated or registered in Singapore, including charities registered under the Charities Act (Cap 37) or established by any written law, town councils, statutory boards, co-operative societies registered under the Co-operatives Societies Act (Cap 62) or trade unions registered under the Trade Unions Act (Cap 333); and

(v) International Organisations that are exempt from tax on such distributions by reason of an order made under the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Act (Cap 145).

[2] This amount of distribution is treated as a return of capital for Singapore income tax purposes. For unitholders who hold the units as trading or business assets and are liable to Singapore income tax on gains arising from the disposal of units, the amount of capital distributions should be applied to reduce the costs of the units for the purpose of calculating the amount of taxable trading gains when the units are subsequently disposed of. If the amount of capital distributions exceeds the cost of the units, the excess will be subjected to tax as trading income of such unitholders. The sale proceeds of all subsequent sales of remaining units will also be fully taxable.

[3] The Fund will be accorded tax concession under the Designated Unit Trust ("DUT") Scheme. As such, distribution of the above gains/income may be a taxable distribution on certain unitholders. Please refer to the Pro Forma Singapore Tax Voucher issued by the DUT.

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