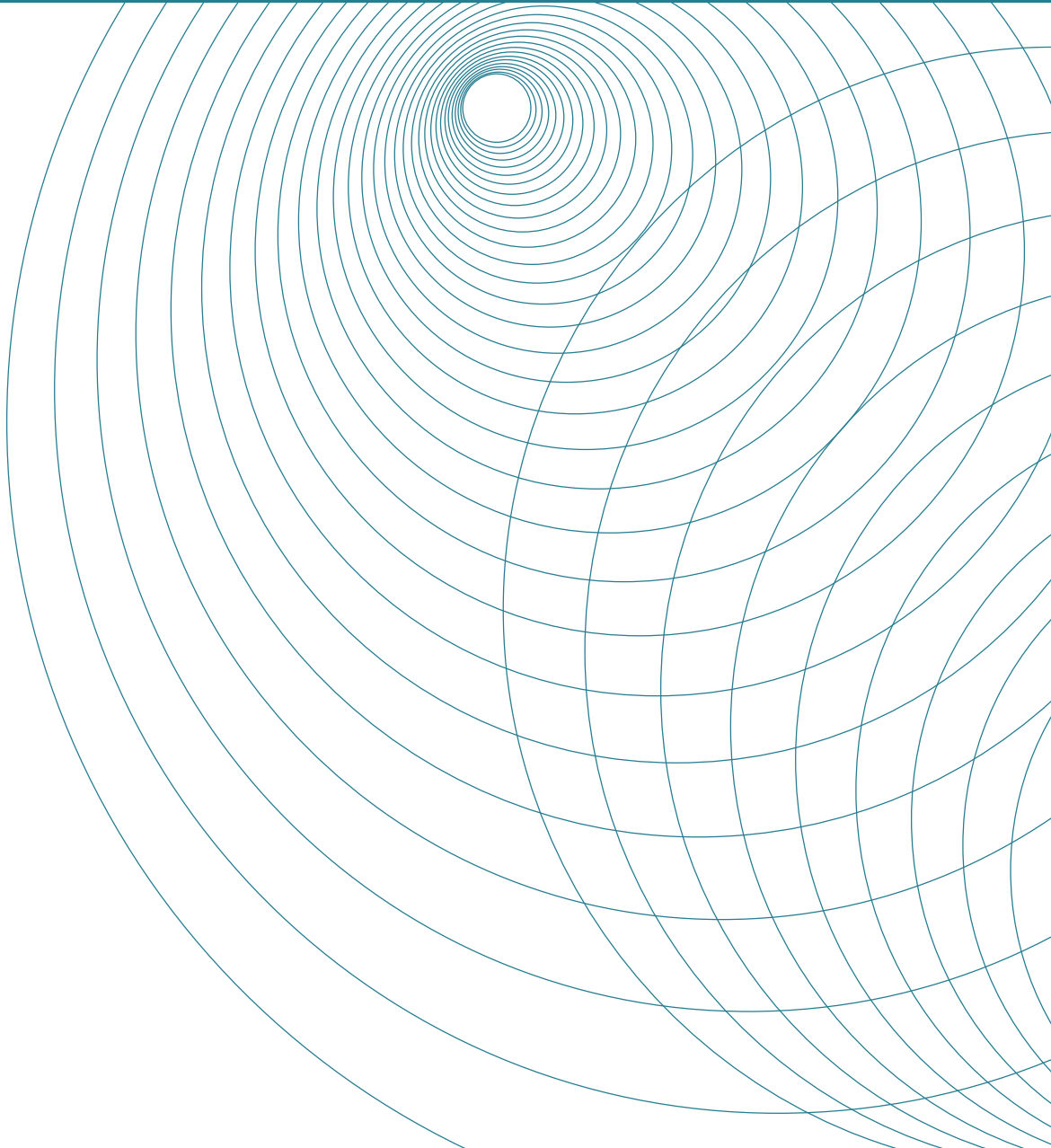

ANNUAL REPORT
NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT ETF

Financial year ended 30 June 2023



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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

<i>Returns (%)</i>	<i>3 Mth</i>	<i>6 Mth</i>	<i>1 Yr</i>	<i>3 Yr</i>	<i>5 Yr</i>	<i>10 Yr</i>	<i>Since Inception</i>
NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT ETF ¹	-3.77	-1.88	-11.08	-2.86	0.26	N/A	2.13
Benchmark ²	-3.70	-1.71	-10.71	-2.04	1.00	N/A	2.88

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited & FTSE International Ltd. Returns as at 30 June 2023. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, in SGD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested if any. Returns for periods in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Note:

- (1) With effect from 31 January 2018, SRE Capital Pte. Ltd. has ceased to be the Investment Adviser to Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited in respect of the NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT ETF.
- (2) The benchmark against which the performance of the Fund will be measured is the FTSE EPRA Nareit Asia ex Japan REITS 10% Capped Index (formerly known as FTSE EPRA Nareit Asia ex Japan Net Total Return REIT Index prior to 20 July 2020 and FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Asia ex Japan Net Total Return REIT Index prior to 3 September 2018). Benchmark returns are using the net total return version.

Inception date: 29 March 2017

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About NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT ETF

The NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT 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 27 February 2017 made between Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited as manager, and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited as trustee, of the Fund.

The investment objective of the Fund is to replicate as closely as possible, before expenses, the performance of the FTSE EPRA Nareit Asia ex Japan Net Total Return REIT Index (the “Index”), or upon the Manager giving three (3) months’ prior written notice to the Trustee and the Holders, such other index that gives, in the opinion of the Manager, the same or substantially similar exposure as the Index. 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 investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in Index Securities in substantially the same weightings as reflected in the Index (i.e. using a full replication strategy).

The Fund is designed for investors who seek an “index-based” approach to investing in a portfolio of Asia ex Japan listed REIT or REIT-type 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 on the Fund.

This document is purely for informational purposes only with no consideration given to the specific investment objective, financial situation and particular needs of any specific person. It should not be relied upon as financial advice. Any securities mentioned herein are for illustration purposes only and should not be construed as a recommendation for investment. **You should seek advice from a financial adviser before making any investment. In the event that you choose not to do so, you should consider whether the investment selected is suitable for you.** Investments in funds are not deposits in, obligations of, or guaranteed or insured by Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited (“Nikko AM Asia”).

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

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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 NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT 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 29, 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
HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited

Authorised signatory
28 September 2023

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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 29, 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 portfolio holdings of NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT ETF (the "Fund") as at 30 June 2023 and the financial performance and movements in unitholders' funds for the financial year then ended in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the 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 NIKKOAM-STRAITSTRADING ASIA EX JAPAN ETF**
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Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT 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.

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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 on the other information, 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.

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

- 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.
- 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

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN
For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Income			
Dividends		20,758,552	14,898,075
Interest on cash and cash equivalents		5,893	6
Other income		32,752	28,438
		<u>20,797,197</u>	<u>14,926,519</u>
Less: Expenses			
Administrator fee		87,704	94,393
Audit fee		19,800	19,803
Management fee		1,948,976	1,744,435
Expenses reimbursement		(540,739)	(462,653)
Trustee fee		77,959	88,518
Custody fee		71,792	74,243
Registrar fee		2,440	8,794
Transaction costs		185,825	437,434
Other expenses		482,283	461,893
		<u>2,336,040</u>	<u>2,466,860</u>
Net income		<u>18,461,157</u>	<u>12,459,659</u>
Net gains or losses on value of investments			
Net losses on investments		(64,860,595)	(31,595,350)
Net foreign exchange (losses)/gains		(163,124)	55,643
		<u>(65,023,719)</u>	<u>(31,539,707)</u>
Total deficit for the financial year before income tax		<u>(46,562,562)</u>	<u>(19,080,048)</u>
Less: Income tax	3	<u>(146,136)</u>	<u>(78,098)</u>
Total deficit for the financial year after income tax		<u>(46,708,698)</u>	<u>(19,158,146)</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
ASSETS			
Portfolio of investments		388,727,891	407,631,943
Sales awaiting settlement		14,783	427,356
Receivables	4	2,832,195	3,031,379
Cash and cash equivalents		759,031	247,448
Total assets		392,333,900	411,338,126
LIABILITIES			
Payables	5	525,039	484,796
Purchases awaiting settlement		1,820,752	-
Distribution payable	6	5,694,655	4,848,890
Total liabilities		8,040,446	5,333,686
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	7	384,293,454	406,004,440

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

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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		406,004,440	344,037,764
Operations			
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		(46,708,698)	(19,158,146)
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units		60,910,086	172,616,918
Cancellation of units		(14,342,300)	(74,742,510)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		46,567,786	97,874,408
Distributions	6	(21,570,074)	(16,749,586)
Total (decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to unitholders		(21,710,986)	61,966,676
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial year	7	384,293,454	406,004,440

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 30 June 2023

By Geography (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 Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)			
HONG KONG SAR			
Champion REIT	9,313,000	4,567,624	1.19
Fortune Real Estate Investment Trust	6,926,000	6,745,964	1.76
Link REIT	4,785,900	35,953,013	9.36
Prosperity Real Estate Investment Trust	5,977,000	1,816,680	0.47
Sunlight Real Estate Investment Trust	5,395,000	2,683,282	0.70
Yuexiu Real Estate Investment Trust	9,252,990	2,668,585	0.69
Total Hong Kong SAR		54,435,148	14.17
INDIA			
Brookfield India Real Estate Trust	765,510	3,375,372	0.88
Embassy Office Parks REIT	3,076,175	14,801,039	3.85
Mindspace Business Parks REIT	617,787	3,150,228	0.82
Total India		21,326,639	5.55
INDONESIA			
First Real Estate Investment Trust	5,826,614	1,514,920	0.39
Total Indonesia		1,514,920	0.39
MALAYSIA			
Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	6,689,800	3,549,686	0.92
Sunway Real Estate Investment Trust	9,858,000	4,459,017	1.16
Total Malaysia		8,008,703	2.08
PHILIPPINES			
AREIT Inc.	3,530,500	3,003,590	0.78
MREIT Inc.	4,713,800	1,680,391	0.44
Total Philippines		4,683,981	1.22
SINGAPORE			
AIMS APAC REIT Management Limited	2,948,651	3,656,327	0.95
CapitaLand Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	14,766,890	40,165,941	10.45
CapitaLand Ascott Trust	10,768,500	11,629,980	3.03
CapitaLand Mall Trust Real Estate Investment Trust	19,876,200	37,963,542	9.88
CapitaLand Retail China Trust	5,770,170	5,885,573	1.53
CDL Hospitality Trusts	4,431,100	5,405,942	1.41
Cromwell European Real Estate Investment Trust	1,604,300	3,695,260	0.96
ESR-Logos REIT	31,047,828	10,401,022	2.71
Far East Hospitality Trust	4,933,600	3,108,168	0.81
Frasers Centrepoint Trust	5,452,929	11,941,915	3.11
Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust	14,398,800	17,998,500	4.68
Keppel DC REIT	6,444,177	13,919,422	3.62
Keppel REIT	10,958,900	9,863,010	2.57
Keppel Pacific Oak US REIT	4,318,300	1,840,914	0.48
Lendlease Global Commercial REIT	9,418,849	6,216,440	1.62
Manulife US REIT	8,298,000	1,942,807	0.50

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

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By Geography (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 Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS) (continued)			
SINGAPORE (continued)			
Mapletree Industrial Trust	9,616,500	21,252,465	5.53
Mapletree Logistics Trust	16,747,687	27,131,253	7.06
Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust	11,535,839	18,688,059	4.86
QUE Commercial Real Estate Investment Trust	10,782,100	3,558,093	0.93
Paragon REIT	5,509,200	5,261,286	1.37
Parkway Life Real Estate Investment Trust	1,962,600	7,654,140	1.99
Sasseur REIT	2,630,800	1,854,714	0.48
Starhill Global REIT	7,206,700	3,711,451	0.97
Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	10,609,700	13,686,513	3.56
Total Singapore		288,432,737	75.06
SOUTH KOREA			
ESR Kendall Square REIT Company Limited	609,671	2,511,019	0.65
JR Global REIT	587,258	2,584,579	0.67
Lotte REIT Company Limited	606,203	2,275,703	0.59
SK REIT Company Limited	562,921	2,954,462	0.77
Total South Korea		10,325,763	2.68
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)		388,727,891	101.15
Portfolio of investments		388,727,891	101.15
Other net liabilities		(4,434,437)	(1.15)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		384,293,454	100.00

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

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By Geography (Summary)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2023 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2022 %
Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)		
Hong Kong SAR	14.17	15.29
India	5.55	5.09
Indonesia	0.39	0.37
Malaysia	2.08	1.96
Philippines	1.22	0.62
Singapore	75.06	75.41
South Korea	2.68	1.66
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)	101.15	100.40
Portfolio of investments	101.15	100.40
Other net liabilities	(1.15)	(0.40)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

Information on investment portfolio by industry segments is not presented as the Fund invests only into Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS).

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

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

1. General

NikkoAM-StraitsTrading Asia ex Japan REIT ETF (the “Fund”) is a Singapore domiciled fund constituted by a Trust Deed dated 27 February 2017 as amended by Supplemental Deed and Amending and Restating Deeds (collectively referred to as the “Deeds”). The Deeds are governed by the laws of the Republic of Singapore. The Trustee of the Fund is HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) 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”) issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants.

(b) Recognition of income

Dividend income from investment is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

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.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Foreign currency translation (continued)

(i) *Functional and presentation currency* (continued)

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.

(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.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Investments (continued)

(iii) *Derecognition*

Investments are derecognised on the trade date of disposal. The resultant realised gains and 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 used for investments held by the Fund is the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

(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.

(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.

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3. Income tax

The Manager and Trustee of the Fund have assessed and are satisfied that the Fund has met the requisite conditions under the Designated Unit Trust ("DUT") Scheme for the current financial year. The Manager and Trustee of the Fund will ensure that the Fund fulfils its reporting obligations under the DUT Scheme.

Under the DUT Scheme, certain income of the DUT Fund is not taxable in accordance with Sections 35(12) and 35(12A) of the Income Tax Act 1947. Such income includes:

- (a) gains or profits derived from Singapore or elsewhere from the disposal of securities;
- (b) interest (other than interest for which tax has been deducted under section 45 of the Income Tax Act 1947);
- (c) dividends derived from outside Singapore and received in Singapore;
- (d) gains or profits derived from foreign exchange transactions, transactions in futures contracts, transactions in interest rate or currency forwards swaps or option contracts and transactions in forwards, swaps or option contracts relating to any securities or financial index;
- (e) discount prepayment fee, redemption premium and break cost from qualifying debt securities issued during the prescribed period; and
- (f) distributions from foreign unit trusts derived from outside Singapore and received in Singapore.

Income tax for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and 2022 comprises:

	2023	2022
	S\$	S\$
Singapore income tax	9,264	-
Overseas income tax	136,872	78,098
	146,136	78,098

The Singapore income tax represents tax charge on other income earned by the Fund. The overseas income tax represents tax deducted at source on dividends derived from outside Singapore.

The Fund is also approved for tax transparency treatment under Section 43(2) of the Income Tax Act. Subject to meeting the terms and conditions of the tax transparency treatment, the Fund may not be taxed on the distributions received which are made out of the qualifying income of REITs listed on the Singapore Exchange ("S- REIT").

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4. Receivables

	2023	2022
	S\$	S\$
Amount due from unitholders	1,394,080	1,974,500
Dividends receivable	1,428,691	1,042,808
Other receivables	9,424	14,071
	<u>2,832,195</u>	<u>3,031,379</u>

5. Payables

	2023	2022
	S\$	S\$
Amount due to the Manager	366,191	349,399
Amount due to the Trustee	6,334	6,515
Provision for audit fee	19,801	19,801
Valuation fee payable	7,125	7,330
Other payables	125,588	101,751
	<u>525,039</u>	<u>484,796</u>

Amount due to the Manager comprises management fee payable to Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Amount due to the Trustee comprises of trustee fee and registrar fee payable to HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited. Valuation fee is payable to HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited.

6. Distributions

	2023	2022
	S\$	S\$
July final distribution of S\$1.27 per 100 units in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2023	5,694,655	-
April interim distribution of S\$1.23 per 100 units in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2023	5,234,450	-
January interim distribution of S\$1.30 per 100 units in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2023	5,413,646	-
October interim distribution of S\$1.27 per 100 units in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2023	5,227,323	-
July final distribution of S\$1.22 per 100 units in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2022	-	4,848,890
April interim distribution of S\$1.27 per 100 units in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2022	-	4,203,065
January interim distribution of S\$1.25 per 100 units in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2022	-	3,983,006
October interim distribution of S\$1.25 per 100 units in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2022	-	3,714,625
	<u>21,570,074</u>	<u>16,749,586</u>

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7. Units in issue

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

	2023	2022
Units at beginning of the financial year	397,450,000	306,485,000
Units created	65,498,000	159,165,000
Units cancelled	(15,250,000)	(68,200,000)
Units at end of the financial year	447,698,000	397,450,000
Net assets attributable to unitholders – S\$	384,293,454	406,004,440
Net asset value per unit – S\$	0.8584	1.0215

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	2022
	S\$	S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders as per financial statements per unit	0.8584	1.0215
Effect of movement in the net asset value between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period [^]	0.0002	(0.0001)
Effect of distribution per unit	0.0127	0.0122
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	0.8713	1.0336

[^] The net asset value for the purposes of processing unit subscription and redemption was established in accordance with the methodology indicated in the Fund's Prospectus. This item reflects the movement in net asset value between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period.

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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 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 exposures to these risks.

The investment objective of the Fund is to replicate as closely as possible the performance of the FTSE EPRA Nareit Asia ex Japan REITS 10% Capped Index (the "Index") before expenses.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in Index Securities in substantially the same weightings as reflected in the Index. The Manager may in its discretion also invest in non-Index Securities to achieve the Fund's investment objective. The Manager will rebalance the Fund's investment from time to time to reflect any changes to the composition of, or the weighting of securities in, the Index with a view to minimise tracking error of the Fund's overall returns relative to the performance of the Index.

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 the 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.

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk - Price risk (continued)

As at 30 June 2023, an increase/decrease of the Index by 15% (2022: 14%), with all other variables remaining constant, the net asset attributable to unitholders for the year would increase/decrease by approximately 15% (2022: 13%). The analysis was based on the assumptions that the index components within the Index increased/decreased by a reasonable possible shift, with all other variables held constant and that the fair value of Fund's investments moved according to the beta. Reasonable possible changes in market index percentage are revised annually depending on the Manager's current view on the market volatility and other relevant factors.

(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).

Investment funds that invest in securities may be subject to interest rate risk as any interest rate change may affect the risk premium though at varying degrees. To manage this risk, the Manager analyses how interest rate changes may affect different industries and securities and then seeks to adjust the Fund's portfolio investments accordingly.

However, the effects of changes in interest rates on the Fund's portfolio may not be quantified as the relationship between the interest rates and the value of securities is indirect. Hence, no sensitivity analysis has been presented separately.

(c) Market risk - Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to 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.

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk - Currency risk (continued)

The tables below summarise the Fund's exposure to currency risks.

	SGD S\$	USD S\$	HKD S\$	MYR S\$	INR S\$	KRW S\$	Other S\$	Total S\$
As at 30 June 2023								
Assets								
Portfolio of investments	282,468,676	3,783,721	54,435,148	8,008,703	21,326,639	10,325,763	8,379,241	388,727,891
Sales awaiting settlement	14,783	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,783
Receivables	1,657,819	9,424	968,718	-	165,183	31,051	-	2,832,195
Cash and cash equivalents	757,989	594	3	-	-	2	443	759,031
Total assets	284,899,267	3,793,739	55,403,869	8,008,703	21,491,822	10,356,816	8,379,684	392,333,900
Liabilities								
Payables	513,660	11,352	-	27	-	-	-	525,039
Purchase awaiting settlement	1,534,544	74,697	119,515	54,634	-	37,362	-	1,820,752
Distribution payable	5,694,655	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,694,655
Total liabilities	7,742,859	86,049	119,515	54,661	-	37,362	-	8,040,446
Net currency exposure	277,156,408	3,707,690	55,284,354	7,954,042	21,491,822	10,319,454	8,379,684	
	SGD S\$	USD S\$	HKD S\$	MYR S\$	INR S\$	KRW S\$	Other S\$	Total S\$
As at 30 June 2022								
Assets								
Portfolio of investments	290,627,988	12,777,318	62,084,159	7,941,390	20,666,304	6,729,421	6,805,363	407,631,943
Sales awaiting settlement	-	-	427,356	-	-	-	-	427,356
Receivables	1,974,500	14,071	989,067	-	53,741	-	-	3,031,379
Cash and cash equivalents	246,124	1,177	-	-	-	-	147	247,448
Total assets	292,848,612	12,792,566	63,500,582	7,941,390	20,720,045	6,729,421	6,805,510	411,338,126
Liabilities								
Payables	470,580	14,216	-	-	-	-	-	484,796
Distribution payable	4,848,890	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,848,890
Total liabilities	5,319,470	14,216	-	-	-	-	-	5,333,686
Net currency exposure	287,529,142	12,778,350	63,500,582	7,941,390	20,720,045	6,729,421	6,805,510	

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) **Market risk - Currency risk** (continued)

Portfolio of investment, which is a significant item in the Statement of Financial Position, is exposed to currency risk and other price risk. The Manager has considered the impact of currency risk sensitivity on non-monetary assets, which include listed real estate investment trusts, as part of price risk sensitivity analysis.

As of 30 June 2023 and 2022, the Fund does not hold substantial monetary assets/liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. Changes in foreign exchange rates on monetary assets/liabilities will not result in a significant change in the net asset value of the Fund. Hence, no separate sensitivity analysis on foreign currency risk has been presented.

(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 unitholders. However, in accordance with the Fund's prospectus, minimum holdings and redemption size are 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 securities are considered readily realisable, as all the securities are listed on a recognised stock exchange.

The Fund's financial liabilities are analysed for maturity groupings using contractual undiscounted cashflows 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 on demand or due in less than 3 months. The impact of discounting is not significant.

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Liquidity risk (continued)

	<u>Less than 3 months</u>	
	As at 30 June 2023 S\$	As at 30 June 2022 S\$
Distribution payable	5,694,655	4,848,890
Payables	525,039	484,796
Purchases awaiting settlement	1,820,752	-
Contractual cash outflows	8,040,446	5,333,686

(e) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that 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.

All trade settlements 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 equivalents, and outstanding and committed transactions with brokers. The table below summarises the credit rating of the bank and custodian in which the Fund's assets are held as at 30 June 2023 and 2022.

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(e) **Credit risk (continued)**

	Credit rating as at 30 June 2023	Credit rating as at 30 June 2022
Bank and custodian		
- The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Aa3	AA-

As at 30 June 2023, the credit ratings are based on 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.

(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).

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(g) Fair value estimation (continued)

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:

As at 30 June 2023	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted real estate investment trusts	388,727,891	-		- 388,727,891

As at 30 June 2022	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted real estate investment trusts	407,631,943	-		- 407,631,943

Investments, whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and therefore classified within Level 1, include active listed real estate investment trusts. The Fund does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments.

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.

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	759,031	247,448

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10. Financial ratios

Expense ratio

	2023	2022
Total operating expenses	S\$ 2,150,215	2,029,426
Average daily net asset value	S\$ 389,876,777	348,919,320
Total expense ratio¹	% 0.55	0.58

Turnover ratio

	2023	2022
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$ 59,158,221	167,584,690
Average daily net asset value	S\$ 389,876,777	348,919,320
Total turnover ratio²	% 15.17	48.03

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 15.

2. Credit rating of debt securities

Nil

3. Top 10 holdings

10 largest holdings at 30 June 2023

	Cost S\$	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
CapitaLand Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	42,058,159	40,165,941	10.45
CapitaLand Mall Trust Real Estate Investment Trust	41,592,982	37,963,542	9.88
Link REIT	52,743,743	35,953,013	9.36
Mapletree Logistics Trust	29,398,294	27,131,253	7.06
Mapletree Industrial Trust	24,456,246	21,252,465	5.53
Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust	22,042,076	18,688,059	4.86
Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust	18,497,326	17,998,500	4.68
Embassy Office Parks REIT	17,022,490	14,801,039	3.85
Keppel DC REIT	14,454,765	13,919,422	3.62
Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	16,884,495	13,686,513	3.56

10 largest holdings at 30 June 2022

	Cost S\$	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	42,984,994	42,178,547	10.39
CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust	40,067,082	40,923,379	10.08
Link REIT	41,937,731	38,712,881	9.54
Mapletree Logistics Trust	27,655,055	25,575,122	6.30
Mapletree Industrial Trust	22,770,707	22,907,820	5.64
Mapletree Commercial Trust	20,447,312	19,169,321	4.72
Frasers Logistics & Industrial Trust	17,546,678	17,809,897	4.39
Embassy Office Parks REIT	15,951,735	16,646,666	4.10
Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	16,256,861	16,119,972	3.97
Keppel DC REIT	14,067,610	11,876,297	2.93

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4. Exposure to derivatives

Nil

5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

Nil

6. Collateral

Nil

7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions

(a) Transferable securities lent

As at 30 June 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	Keppel DC REIT	139,213	0.04	0.04
BNP Paribas Arbitrage - United Kingdom	Lendlease Global Commercial REIT	212,000	0.05	0.06
BNP Paribas Arbitrage - United Kingdom	Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	414,400	0.11	0.11
BNP Paribas Arbitrage - United Kingdom	Yuexiu Real Estate Investment Trust	415,337	0.11	0.11
Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom	Keppel DC REIT	400,285	0.10	0.10
Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom	Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	844,153	0.22	0.22
Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom	Yuexiu Real Estate Investment Trust	72,444	0.02	0.02
Goldman Sachs International - United States	CapitaLand Retail China Trust	152,250	0.04	0.04
Goldman Sachs International - United States	Champion REIT	3,631,358	0.93	0.94

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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 %
Goldman Sachs International - United States	ESR-Logos REIT	1,100,588	0.28	0.29
Goldman Sachs International - United States	Keppel DC REIT	286,303	0.07	0.07
Goldman Sachs International - United States	Parkway Life Real Estate Investment Trust	206,435	0.05	0.05
Goldman Sachs International - United States	Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	1,353,275	0.35	0.35
Merrill - United States	Capitaland Integrated Commercial Trust	4,094,341	1.05	1.07
Merrill - United States	CDL Hospitality Trusts	162,810	0.04	0.04
Merrill - United States	ESR-Logos REIT	1,567,639	0.40	0.41
Merrill - United States	Frasers Centrepoint Trust	93,846	0.02	0.02
Merrill - United States	Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust	714,630	0.18	0.19
Merrill - United States	Keppel DC REIT	838,265	0.22	0.22
Merrill - United States	Parkway Life Real Estate Investment Trust	122,619	0.03	0.03
Merrill - United States	Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	1,544,935	0.40	0.40
Merrill - United States	Yuexiu Real Estate Investment Trust	914,485	0.24	0.24
UBS - Switzerland	Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	533,602	0.14	0.14
UBS - Switzerland	Frasers Centrepoint Trust	699,200	0.18	0.18
UBS - Switzerland	Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	3,936,800	1.01	1.02
UBS - Switzerland	Yuexiu Real Estate Investment Trust	173,034	0.04	0.05
		24,624,247	6.32	6.41

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7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions (continued)

(b) Collateral for securities lending transactions

As at 30 June 2023

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

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	Aa3	Government bond	2,862,278	0.74
Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom	A1	Government bond	1,628,528	0.42
Goldman Sachs International - United States	A1	Government bond	8,078,234	2.10
Merrill - United States	Not rated	Government bond	11,678,137	3.05
UBS - Switzerland	Aa3	Government bond	5,619,434	1.46

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 0.800 03/20/58	A1	JPY	2,862,278	0.74
			2,862,278	0.74

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 2.100 03/20/27	A1	JPY	1,272,754	0.33
JAPAN JPGV 2.100 06/20/25	A1	JPY	355,774	0.09
			1,628,528	0.42

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(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 %
JAPAN JPGV 09/25/23	A1	JPY	4,476,525	1.16
US TREASURY UST 0.375 07/15/27	Aaa	USD	3,601,709	0.94
			8,078,234	2.10

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 %
UK TREASURY UKT 3 1/4 01/22/44	AA3	GBP	1,099,193	0.29
JAPAN JPGV 0.300 12/20/39	A1	JPY	6,031	-*
JAPAN JPGV 0.600 09/20/37	A1	JPY	1,113,954	0.29
JAPAN JPGV 1.900 06/20/31	A1	JPY	99,424	0.03
JAPAN JPGV 1.900 06/20/43	A1	JPY	7,668,114	2.00
JAPAN JPGV 2.300 03/20/39	A1	JPY	39,230	0.01
JAPAN JPGV 2.500 03/20/38	A1	JPY	1,652,191	0.43
			11,678,137	3.05

* Denotes amount less than 0.01%

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7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions (continued)

(b) Collateral for securities lending transactions (continued)

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 %
CANADA CAGV 1.500 04/01/25	Aaa	CAD	1,109,626	0.29
SWITZERLAND CHGV 4.000 01/06/49	Aaa	CHF	1,104,299	0.29
JAPAN JPGV 0.300 09/20/39	A1	JPY	2,534,277	0.66
JAPAN JPGV 1.500 12/20/44	A1	JPY	63,435	0.02
JAPAN JPGV 2.000 12/20/30	A1	JPY	11,464	-*
JAPAN JPGV 2.100 12/20/26	A1	JPY	6,377	-*
US TREASURY UST 2.000 06/30/24	Aaa	USD	278,229	0.07
US TREASURY UST 4.375 05/15/41	Aaa	USD	511,727	0.13
			5,619,434	1.46

* Denotes amount less than 0.01%

Top 10 collateral securities at 30 June 2023

	Fair value of collateral S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
JAPAN JPGV 1.900 06/20/43	7,668,114	2.00
JAPAN JPGV 09/25/23	4,476,525	1.16
US TREASURY UST 0.375 07/15/27	3,601,709	0.94
JAPAN JPGV 0.800 03/20/58	2,862,278	0.74
JAPAN JPGV 0.300 09/20/39	2,534,277	0.66
JAPAN JPGV 2.500 03/20/38	1,652,191	0.43
JAPAN JPGV 2.100 03/20/27	1,272,754	0.33
JAPAN JPGV 0.600 09/20/37	1,113,954	0.29
CANADA CAGV 1.500 04/01/25	1,109,626	0.29
SWITZERLAND CHGV 4.000 01/06/49	1,104,299	0.29

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7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions (continued)

(c) Custodians and the amount of assets held by each custodian

As at 30 June 2023	Fair value S\$
Custodian of collateral securities HSBC Bank Plc	<u>29,866,611</u>
Custodian of securities lent HSBC Bank Plc	<u>24,624,247</u>

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

(d) Revenue earned

Securities lending income of \$32,752 earned for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

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

100% from securities lending.

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

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 13 to 15.

9. Borrowings

Nil

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

	S\$
Units created	60,910,086
Units cancelled	<u>(14,342,300)</u>

11. Turnover ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 29.

12. Expense ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 29.

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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 commissions or arrangements.

The managers of the REITs into which the Fund may invest more than 10% of its asset value from time to time do not receive or intend to enter into soft dollar commissions or arrangements in their management of their REITs.

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