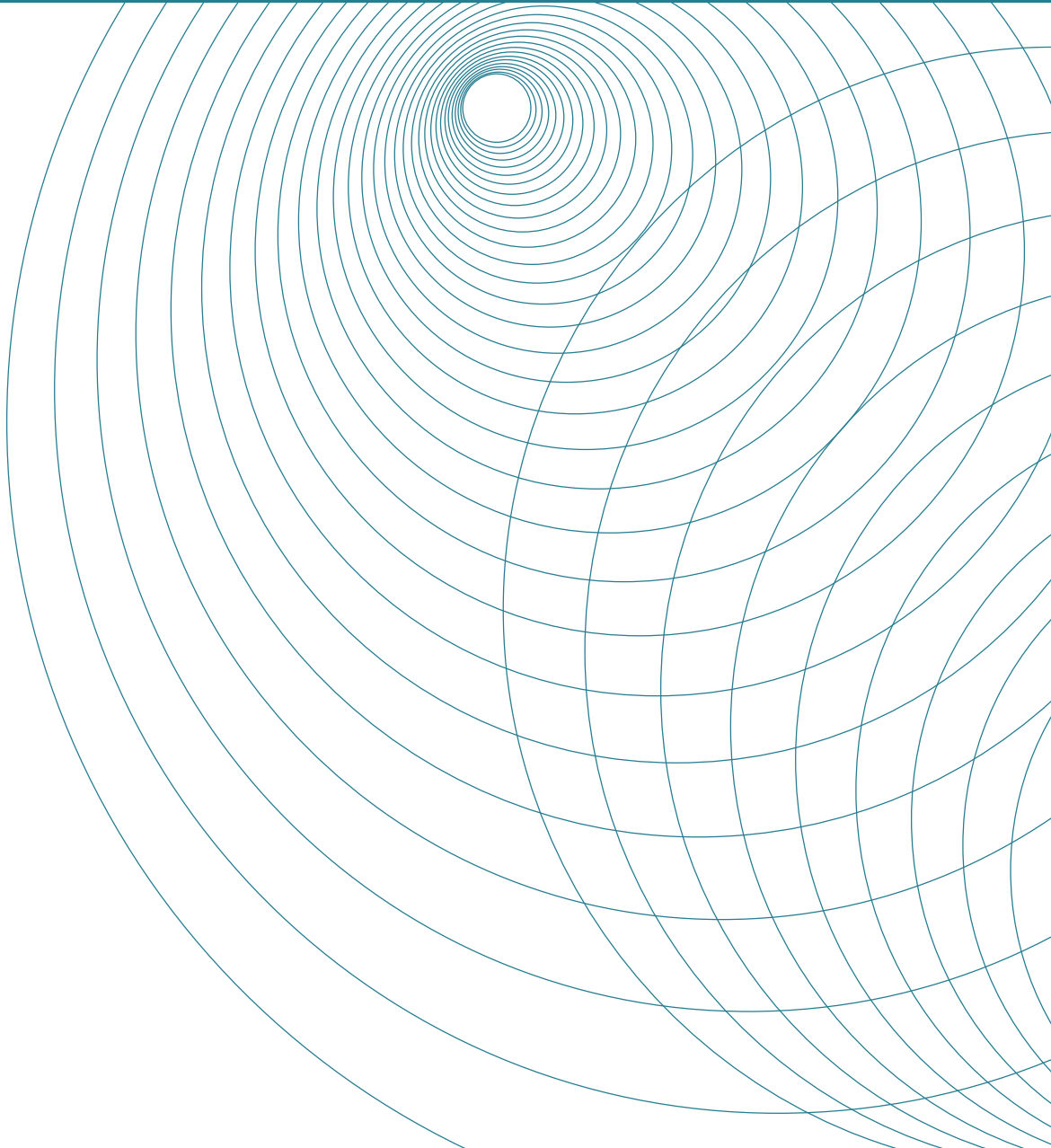

ANNUAL REPORT
Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF

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 Singapore STI ETF ¹	0.28	0.90	7.64	11.13	3.17	3.47	8.00
Straits Times Index	0.38	1.17	8.17	11.67	3.70	3.97	8.71

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited & FTSE International Ltd. Returns as at 30 June 2023. Benchmark returns are calculated on a total return basis. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV² basis, in SGD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Note:

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

Inception date: 24 February 2009

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About Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF

The Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF (the “Fund”) is an exchange traded fund (“ETF”) and a collective investment scheme, authorised in Singapore and listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange.

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

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

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

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

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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 SINGAPORE STI 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 Singapore STI 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 26, 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

NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI ETF

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

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 26, 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 Singapore STI 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 NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI ETF**
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Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Nikko AM Singapore STI 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
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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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI ETF**
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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

NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI 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			
Dividends		30,557,365	22,525,320
Interest on cash and cash equivalents		-	457
Other income		82,798	10,545
		<u>30,640,163</u>	<u>22,536,322</u>
Less: Expenses			
Administrator fee		141,823	147,988
Audit fee		19,200	19,197
Management fee		1,260,647	1,199,945
Expense reimbursement		(252,125)	(227,985)
Trustee fee		126,065	128,149
Custody fee		104,656	99,074
Transaction costs		212,411	230,759
Other expenses		424,625	421,166
		<u>2,037,302</u>	<u>2,018,293</u>
Net income		<u>28,602,861</u>	<u>20,518,029</u>
Net gains or losses on value of investments			
Net gains/(losses) on investments		17,447,783	(3,774,192)
Net foreign exchange losses		(34,065)	(4,837)
		<u>17,413,718</u>	<u>(3,779,029)</u>
Total return for the financial year before income tax		46,016,579	16,739,000
Less: Income tax	3	(602,418)	(428,463)
Total return for the financial year after income tax		<u>45,414,161</u>	<u>16,310,537</u>

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

NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI 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		646,771,727	592,379,833
Sales awaiting settlement		-	1,373,414
Receivables	4	277,245	6,771
Cash and cash equivalents		655,680	197,907
Total assets		647,704,652	593,957,925
LIABILITIES			
Payables	5	372,018	1,691,233
Purchases awaiting settlement		562,396	-
Distribution payable	6	13,051,411	10,209,122
Total liabilities		13,985,825	11,900,355
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	7	633,718,827	582,057,570

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

NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI 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		582,057,570	573,080,667
Operations			
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		45,414,161	16,310,537
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units		110,220,109	151,230,549
Cancellation of units		(78,818,494)	(139,040,160)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		31,401,615	12,190,389
Distributions	6	(25,154,519)	(19,524,023)
Total increase in net assets attributable to unitholders		51,661,257	8,976,903
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial year	7	633,718,827	582,057,570

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

NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***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 Equities			
HONG KONG SAR			
DFI Retail Group Holdings Limited	645,400	2,401,993	0.38
Hongkong Land Holdings Limited	2,365,266	12,484,027	1.97
Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited	423,200	29,009,166	4.58
Total Hong Kong SAR		43,895,186	6.93
PHILIPPINES			
Emperador Incorporation	6,785,900	3,528,668	0.56
Total Philippines		3,528,668	0.56
SINGAPORE			
CapitaLand Limited	5,472,953	18,115,474	2.86
City Developments Limited	1,014,937	6,820,377	1.08
DBS Group Holdings Limited	3,911,191	123,241,628	19.45
Genting Singapore Limited	12,481,248	11,732,373	1.85
Jardine Cycle & Carriage Limited	213,641	7,434,707	1.17
Keppel Corporation Limited	2,986,709	20,040,817	3.16
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited	7,569,470	92,953,092	14.67
SATS Limited	1,806,702	4,661,291	0.74
Seatrium Limited	86,922,100	10,865,262	1.71
Sembcorp Industries Limited	1,955,933	11,246,615	1.77
Singapore Airlines Limited	2,744,470	19,622,961	3.10
Singapore Exchange Limited	1,760,251	16,916,012	2.67
Singapore Technologies Engineering Limited	3,294,615	12,124,183	1.91
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	16,197,177	40,492,943	6.39
United Overseas Bank Limited	2,617,007	73,276,196	11.56
UOL Group Limited	1,063,519	6,827,792	1.08
Venture Corporation Limited	565,800	8,322,918	1.31
Wilmar International Limited	4,483,115	17,035,837	2.69
Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings Limited	5,442,182	8,163,273	1.29
Total Singapore		509,893,751	80.46
THAILAND			
Thai Beverage Public Company Limited	20,998,716	12,179,255	1.92
Total Thailand		12,179,255	1.92
Total Quoted Equities		569,496,860	89.87

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

NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 30 June 2023***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)			
SINGAPORE			
CapitaLand Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	7,347,254	19,984,531	3.15
CapitaLand Mall Trust Real Estate Investment Trust	10,958,836	20,931,377	3.30
Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust	6,163,700	7,704,625	1.22
Mapletree Industrial Trust	4,116,975	9,098,515	1.44
Mapletree Logistics Trust	7,140,800	11,568,096	1.82
Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust	4,930,693	7,987,723	1.26
Total Singapore		<u>77,274,867</u>	<u>12.19</u>
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)		<u>77,274,867</u>	<u>12.19</u>
Portfolio of investments		646,771,727	102.06
Other net liabilities		(13,052,900)	(2.06)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		<u>633,718,827</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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 Equities		
Hong Kong SAR	6.93	7.34
Philippines	0.56	-
Singapore	80.46	77.90
Thailand	1.92	2.20
Total Quoted Equities	<u>89.87</u>	<u>87.44</u>
Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)		
Singapore	12.19	14.33
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)	<u>12.19</u>	<u>14.33</u>
Portfolio of investments	102.06	101.77
Other net liabilities	(2.06)	(1.77)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 30 June 2023*

By Industry (Secondary)	Fair value at	Percentage of	Percentage of
	30 June	total net assets	total net assets
	2023	attributable to	attributable to
	S\$	unitholders at	unitholders at
		30 June	30 June
		2023	2022
		%	%
Agriculture	17,035,837	2.69	2.96
Airlines	19,622,961	3.10	2.27
Automotive	7,434,707	1.17	0.98
Banks & Finance	324,502,402	51.21	50.53
Brewery	15,707,923	2.48	2.20
Capital Goods	29,009,166	4.58	4.17
Electric	8,322,918	1.31	1.52
Energy	10,865,262	1.71	-
Engineering/Machine	11,246,615	1.77	0.90
Entertainment	11,732,373	1.85	1.45
Foods	2,401,993	0.38	0.43
Real Estate	26,132,196	4.13	5.33
Real Estate Investment Trust (REITS)	77,274,867	12.19	14.33
Ship Building	28,204,090	4.45	4.02
Technology	12,124,183	1.91	2.17
Telecom Service	40,492,943	6.39	6.64
Transport	-	-	1.00
Transport – Air	4,661,291	0.74	0.87
Portfolio of investments	646,771,727	102.06	101.77
Other net liabilities	(13,052,900)	(2.06)	(1.77)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	633,718,827	100.00	100.00

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

NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI ETF

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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

Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF (the “Fund”) is a Singapore domiciled fund constituted by a Trust Deed dated 30 October 2008 as amended by Supplemental Deed and Amended and Restated 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 (“SGD”).

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.

NIKKO AM SINGAPORE STI ETF

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Foreign currency translation (continued)

(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.

(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.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(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.

3. Income tax

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

	2023	2022
	S\$	S\$
Overseas income tax	55,503	39,176
Singapore income tax	546,915	389,287
	602,418	428,463

The Singapore income tax represents tax deducted at source for Singapore sourced dividends. The overseas income tax represents tax deducted at source on dividends derived from outside Singapore.

4. Receivables

	2023	2022
	S\$	S\$
Dividends receivable	262,975	3,451
Other receivables	14,270	3,320
	277,245	6,771

5. Payables

	2023	2022
	S\$	S\$
Amount due to unitholders	-	1,289,600
Amount due to the Manager	256,750	291,944
Amount due to the Trustee	10,603	9,843
Valuation fee payable	11,928	11,073
Provision for audit fee	19,199	19,199
Other payables	73,538	69,574
	372,018	1,691,233

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

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	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Final distribution of S\$6.36 per 100 units in respect of the financial year 30 June 2022	12,103,108	-
Interim distribution of S\$6.68 per 100 units in respect of the financial year 30 June 2023	13,051,411	-
Final distribution of S\$4.96 per 100 units in respect of the financial year 30 June 2021	-	9,314,901
Interim distribution of S\$5.50 per 100 units in respect of the financial year 30 June 2022	-	10,209,122
	25,154,519	19,524,023

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	185,620,400	181,370,400
Units created	33,530,000	46,600,000
Units cancelled	(23,770,000)	(42,350,000)
Units at end of the financial year	195,380,400	185,620,400
Net assets attributable to unitholders – S\$	633,718,827	582,057,570
Net asset value per unit – S\$	3.2435	3.1357

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 as per financial statements per unit	3.2435	3.1357
Effect of distribution per unit	0.0668	0.0550
Effect for movement in the net asset value between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period [^]	0.0003	(0.0001)
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	3.3106	3.1906

[^] 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 Fund's primary objective is to replicate as closely as possible the performance of Straits Times Index (the "Index"), or such other index which tracks the performance of Singapore listed equity securities, before expenses.

The Fund's assets principally consist of investments in Index Shares in substantially the same weightings as reflected in the Index, and cash. The Manager may in its absolute discretion also invest in non-Index Shares 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.

As at 30 June 2023, an increase/decrease of the Index by 14% (2022: 17%), with all other variables remaining constant, the net asset attributable to unitholders for the year would increase/decrease by approximately 14% (2022: 17%). 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.

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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 equity securities may be subject to interest rate risk as any interest rate change may affect the equity 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 equity 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.

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

	SGD S\$	USD S\$	Total S\$
As at 30 June 2023			
Assets			
Portfolio of investments	602,876,541	43,895,186	646,771,727
Receivables	87,743	189,502	277,245
Cash and cash equivalents	592,280	63,400	655,680
Total assets	603,556,564	44,148,088	647,704,652
Liabilities			
Payables	362,550	9,468	372,018
Purchase awaiting settlement	562,396	-	562,396
Distribution payable	13,051,411	-	13,051,411
Total liabilities	13,976,357	9,468	13,985,825
Net currency exposure	589,580,207	44,138,620	

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	SGD S\$	USD S\$	Total S\$
As at 30 June 2022			
Assets			
Portfolio of investments	549,630,666	42,749,167	592,379,833
Sales awaiting settlement	1,284,419	88,995	1,373,414
Receivables	-	6,771	6,771
Cash and cash equivalents	196,515	1,392	197,907
Total assets	551,111,600	42,846,325	593,957,925
Liabilities			
Payables	1,682,316	8,917	1,691,233
Distribution payable	10,209,122	-	10,209,122
Total liabilities	11,891,438	8,917	11,900,355
Net currency exposure	539,220,162	42,837,408	

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 equities and 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. Changes in foreign exchange rates on monetary assets/liabilities will not result in a significant change in the net asset value of the Fund. Therefore, 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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	<u>Less than 3 months</u>	
	As at	As at
	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022
	S\$	S\$
Distribution payable	13,051,411	10,209,122
Payables	372,018	1,691,233
Purchases awaiting settlement	562,396	-
Contractual cash outflows	13,985,825	11,900,355

(e) **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risks 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 30 June 2023 and 2022.

	Credit rating	Credit rating
	as at	as at
	30 June 2023	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.

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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:

<u>As at 30 June 2023</u>	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted equities	569,496,860	-	-	569,496,860
- Quoted real estate investment trusts	77,274,867	-	-	77,274,867
	646,771,727	-	-	646,771,727

<u>As at 30 June 2022</u>	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted equities	508,957,057	-	-	508,957,057
- Quoted real estate investment trusts	83,422,776	-	-	83,422,776
	592,379,833	-	-	592,379,833

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

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8. Financial risk management (continued)

(g) Fair value estimation (continued)

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	<u>655,680</u>	<u>197,907</u>

10. Financial ratios

Expense ratio

		2023	2022
Total operating expenses	S\$	1,824,891	1,787,534
Average daily net asset value	S\$	630,466,746	599,897,847
Total expense ratio¹	%	<u>0.29</u>	<u>0.30</u>

Turnover ratio

		2023	2022
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	119,744,682	140,273,704
Average daily net asset value	S\$	630,466,746	599,897,847
Total turnover ratio²	%	<u>18.99</u>	<u>23.38</u>

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 %
DBS Group Holdings Limited	102,222,415	123,241,628	19.45
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited	82,454,593	92,953,092	14.67
United Overseas Bank Limited	64,814,618	73,276,196	11.56
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	44,873,598	40,492,943	6.39
Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited	31,970,538	29,009,166	4.58
CapitaLand Mall Trust Real Estate Investment Trust	22,421,808	20,931,377	3.30
Keppel Corporation Limited	12,670,289	20,040,817	3.16
CapitaLand Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	20,673,211	19,984,531	3.15
Singapore Airlines Limited	14,430,343	19,622,961	3.10
CapitaLand Limited	13,917,119	18,115,474	2.86

10 largest holdings at 30 June 2022

	Cost S\$	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
DBS Group Holdings Limited	89,933,268	108,907,525	18.71
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited	75,273,237	81,278,698	13.96
United Overseas Bank Limited	62,272,962	68,499,559	11.77
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	43,126,934	38,620,139	6.64
Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited	25,394,549	24,292,368	4.17
CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust (formerly CapitaLand Mall Trust)	21,000,159	22,158,816	3.81
CapitaLand Limited	12,040,184	19,758,388	3.39
Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	19,742,208	19,703,629	3.39
Keppel Corporation Limited	17,669,000	18,621,166	3.20
Wilmar International Limited	17,573,513	17,225,813	2.96

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Nil.

5. Global exposure 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	DFI Retail Group Holdings Limited	698,938	0.11	0.11
BNP Paribas Arbitrage - United Kingdom	Singapore Airlines Limited	4,019,328	0.62	0.63
BNP Paribas Arbitrage - United Kingdom	Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings Limited	299,000	0.05	0.05
Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom	DFI Retail Group Holdings Limited	203,741	0.03	0.03
Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom	Mapletree Logistics Trust	21,064	_*	_*
Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom	Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust	323,120	0.05	0.05
Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom	Singapore Airlines Limited	10,204,625	1.58	1.61
Goldman Sachs International - United States	Jardine Cycle & Carriage Limited	417,540	0.06	0.07
Goldman Sachs International - United States	Mapletree Industrial Trust	220,500	0.03	0.03
Goldman Sachs International - United States	SATS Limited	2,711,665	0.42	0.43

* Denotes amount less than 0.01%

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(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	Singapore Airlines Limited	85,740	0.01	0.01
Goldman Sachs International - United States	Singapore Telecommunications Limited	779,055	0.12	0.12
Goldman Sachs International - United States	UOL Group Limited	1,171,170	0.18	0.18
Goldman Sachs International - United States	Venture Corporation Limited	1,589,760	0.25	0.25
Merrill - United States	CapitalLand Integrated Commercial Trust	2,651,760	0.41	0.42
Merrill - United States	City Developments Limited	4,994,375	0.77	0.79
Merrill - United States	DBS Group Holdings Limited	11,058,970	1.71	1.75
Merrill - United States	Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust	1,383,195	0.21	0.22
Merrill - United States	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited	515,970	0.08	0.08
Merrill - United States	Singapore Airlines Limited	900,270	0.14	0.14
Merrill - United States	Singapore Technologies Engineering Limited	9,313,376	1.44	1.47
Merrill - United States	Singapore Telecommunications Limited	2,409,810	0.37	0.38
Merrill - United States	Thai Beverage Public Company Limited	320,958	0.05	0.05
Merrill - United States	United Overseas Bank Limited	2,910,960	0.45	0.46
Merrill - United States	UOL Group Limited	926,640	0.14	0.15
Merrill - United States	Venture Corporation Limited	5,093,120	0.79	0.80
Merrill - United States	Wilmar International Limited	6,641,194	1.03	1.05
Merrill - United States	Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings Limited	1,031,550	0.16	0.16

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(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 %
UBS - Switzerland	Jardine Cycle & Carriage Limited	3,479,500	0.54	0.55
UBS - Switzerland	SATS Limited	1,034,000	0.16	0.16
UBS - Switzerland	Singapore Airlines Limited	287,944	0.04	0.05
		77,698,838	12.00	12.25

(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	12,164,996	1.92
Citigroup Global Markets (International) - United Kingdom	A1	Government bond	13,298,041	2.10
Goldman Sachs International - United States	A1	Government bond	8,380,643	1.32
Merrill - United States	Not rated	Government bond	58,265,762	9.20
UBS - Switzerland	Aa3	Government bond	5,051,394	0.80

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(b) Collateral for securities lending transactions (continued)

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	12,164,996	1.92
			12,164,996	1.92

Citigroup Global Markets (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 2.100 03/20/27	A1	JPY	10,392,907	1.64
JAPAN JPGV 2.100 06/20/25	A1	JPY	2,905,134	0.46
			13,298,041	2.10

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	4,644,104	0.73
US TREASURY UST 0.375 07/15/27	Aaa	USD	3,736,539	0.59
			8,380,643	1.32

Merrill – United States

Government bond	Credit rating of the collateral by Moody's	Currency	Fair value of Collateral S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
JAPAN JPGV 0.300 12/20/39	A1	JPY	30,089	-*
JAPAN JPGV 0.600 09/20/37	A1	JPY	5,557,854	0.88
JAPAN JPGV 1.900 06/20/31	A1	JPY	496,059	0.08
JAPAN JPGV 1.900 06/20/43	A1	JPY	38,258,540	6.04
JAPAN JPGV 2.300 03/20/39	A1	JPY	195,732	0.03
JAPAN JPGV 2.500 03/20/38	A1	JPY	8,243,281	1.30
UK TREASURY UKT 3 1/4 01/22/44	Aa3	GBP	5,484,207	0.87
			58,265,762	9.20

* Denotes amount less than 0.01%

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(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	997,460	0.16
SWITZERLAND CHGV 4.000 01/06/49	Aaa	CHF	992,671	0.16
JAPAN JPGV 0.300 09/20/39	A1	JPY	2,278,100	0.36
JAPAN JPGV 1.500 12/20/44	A1	JPY	57,022	0.01
JAPAN JPGV 2.000 12/20/30	A1	JPY	10,305	-*
JAPAN JPGV 2.100 12/20/26	A1	JPY	5,732	-*
US TREASURY UST 2.000 06/30/24	Aaa	USD	250,105	0.04
US TREASURY UST 4.375 05/15/41	Aaa	USD	459,999	0.07
			5,051,394	0.80

* Denotes amount less than 0.01%

Top 10 collateral securities at 30 June 2023

	Fair value of collateral S\$	Percentage of total net asset attributable to unitholders %
JAPAN JPGV 1.900 06/20/43	38,258,540	6.04
JAPAN JPGV 0.800 03/20/58	12,164,996	1.92
JAPAN JPGV 2.100 03/20/27	10,392,907	1.64
JAPAN JPGV 2.500 03/20/38	8,243,281	1.30
JAPAN JPGV 0.600 09/20/37	5,557,854	0.88
UK TREASURY UKT 3 1/4 01/22/44	5,484,207	0.87
JAPAN JPGV 09/25/23	4,644,104	0.73
US TREASURY UST 0.375 07/15/27	3,736,539	0.59
JAPAN JPGV 2.100 06/20/25	2,905,134	0.46
JAPAN JPGV 0.300 09/20/39	2,278,100	0.36

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

	Fair value S\$
As at 30 June 2023	
Custodian of collateral securities HSBC Bank Plc	97,160,836
Custodian of securities lent HSBC Bank Plc	77,698,838

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7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions (continued)

(d) Revenue earned

Securities lending income of \$82,798 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	110,220,109
Units cancelled	<u>(78,818,494)</u>

11. Turnover ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 26

12. Expense ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 26

13. Related party transactions

Please refer to Note 9 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 26

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.

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