

ANNUAL REPORT

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

NikkoAM-ICBCSG
China Bond ETF

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
NikkoAM-ICBCSG China Bond ETF- RMB Class	0.23	1.44	2.74	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.00
ChinaBond ICBC 1-10 Year Treasury and Policy Bank Bond Index	0.32	1.61	3.07	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.35

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited & ChinaBond Pricing Center Co., Ltd. Returns as at 31 December 2022. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV¹ basis, in RMB, 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.

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
NikkoAM-ICBCSG China Bond ETF- SGD Class	-4.01	-5.60	-6.35	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.20
ChinaBond ICBC 1-10 Year Treasury and Policy Bank Bond Index	-4.35	-5.70	-6.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.42

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited & ChinaBond Pricing Center Co., Ltd. Returns as at 31 December 2022. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV¹ 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) Nil subscription fee or preliminary charge.

Inception date: 24 November 2020

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About NikkoAM-ICBCSG China Bond ETF

The NikkoAM-ICBCSG China Bond ETF (the "Fund") is a collective investment scheme authorised under the Securities and Futures Act 2001 and is established under the terms of a trust deed dated 19 October 2020 made between Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited as manager, and DBS Trustee Limited as trustee, of the Fund.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital growth by replicating the returns of the ChinaBond ICBC 1-10 Year Treasury and Policy Bank Bond 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, before fees and expenses. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective or that it will be able to fully track the performance of the Index.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by adopting a representative sampling strategy or similar strategy. Representative sampling is a strategy of investing in a representative sample of securities in the Index which have a similar investment profile as that of the Index. The Manager may invest in certain securities that are not included in the Index (“non-Index Securities”) but have aggregate characteristics (such as yield and duration) similar to those of the Index.

The Fund will generally not hold all the securities that are included in the Index. Please refer to Section VI of the Fund’s Prospectus for more information on the investment objective, focus and approach of the Fund.

The Fund is designed for investors who seek an “index-based” approach to investing in a portfolio of Chinese treasury bonds and bonds issued by the 3 Chinese policy banks in a cost effective and easy to access manner. The 3 Chinese policy banks refer to the Agricultural Development Bank of China, the China Development Bank and the Export-Import Bank of China, which are wholly owned by the Chinese government (through the Ministry of Finance and various investment companies) and under direct jurisdiction of the State Council of China to implement economic policies of the Chinese government.

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.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustee is under a duty to take into custody and hold the assets of NikkoAM-ICBCSG China Bond ETF (the "Fund") in trust for the unitholders. In accordance with the Securities and Futures Act 2001, its subsidiary legislation and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes, the Trustee shall monitor the activities of the Manager for compliance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers as set out in the Trust Deed in each annual accounting year and report thereon to unitholders in an annual report.

To the best knowledge of the Trustee, the Manager has, in all material respects, managed the Fund during the financial year covered by these financial statements, set out on pages 10 to 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
DBS Trustee Limited

Authorised signatory
29 March 2023

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STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

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 the portfolio holdings of NikkoAM-ICBCSG China Bond ETF (the "Fund") as at 31 December 2022, and the financial performance and movements in unitholders' funds for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 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
29 March 2023

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKOAM-ICBCSG CHINA BOND ETF**
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Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of NikkoAM-ICBCSG China Bond ETF (the "Fund") are properly drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and portfolio holdings of the Fund as at 31 December 2022, 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 31 December 2022;
- the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2022;
- the Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds for the financial year ended 31 December 2022;
- the Statement of Portfolio as at 31 December 2022; 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, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Manager for the Financial Statements

The Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to terminate the Fund or to cease the Fund's operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Manager's responsibilities include overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.

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- 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 those charged with governance 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, 29 March 2023

NIKKOAM-ICBCSG CHINA BOND ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN***For the financial year ended 31 December 2022*

	Note	2022 RMB	For the financial period from 19 October 2020 (date of constitution) to 31 December 2021 RMB
Income			
Interest on cash and cash equivalents		31,284	58,235
Less: Expenses			
Management fee		2,260,799	2,302,796
Expenses reimbursement	2(c)	(71,116)	(387,244)
Preliminary expenses		-	559,650
Custody fee		369,667	403,046
Transaction costs		22,782	189,041
Trustee fee		303,929	307,039
Administrator fee		286,368	295,519
Audit fee		130,052	127,379
Other expenses		1,210,971	1,005,853
		4,513,452	4,803,079
Net losses		(4,482,168)	(4,744,844)
Net gains or losses on value of investments			
Net gains on investments		45,439,084	81,389,808
Net (losses)/gains on foreign exchange		(291,309)	177,747
		45,147,775	81,567,555
Total return for the financial year/period before income tax		40,665,607	76,822,711
Less: Income tax	3	(3,128)	(5,823)
Total return for the financial year/period after income tax		40,662,479	76,816,888

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

NIKKOAM-ICBCSG CHINA BOND ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION***As at 31 December 2022*

	Note	2022 RMB	2021 RMB
ASSETS			
Portfolio of investments		1,478,512,923	1,489,416,437
Cash and cash equivalents		15,404,044	15,663,713
Prepayment		21,800	29,003
Total assets		<u>1,493,938,767</u>	<u>1,505,109,153</u>
LIABILITIES			
Payables	4	828,592	459,414
Distributions payable	5	3,839,166	4,731,241
Total liabilities		<u>4,667,758</u>	<u>5,190,655</u>
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	6	<u>1,489,271,009</u>	<u>1,499,918,498</u>

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NIKKOAM-ICBCSG CHINA BOND ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS***For the financial year ended 31 December 2022*

	Note	For the financial period from 19 October 2020 (date of constitution) to 31 December 2021
		RMB
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of financial year/period		-
Operations		
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		76,816,888
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)		
Creation of units		1,463,533,538
Cancellation of units		(31,414,567)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		1,432,118,971
Distributions	5	(9,017,361)
Total (decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to unitholders		1,499,918,498
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial year/period	6	1,499,918,498

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 31 December 2022

By Industry (Primary)	Holdings at 31 December 2022	Fair value at 31 December 2022 RMB	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities			
Banking			
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.51% 03/04/2024	15,000,000	15,205,500	1.02
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.24% 14/08/2024	10,000,000	10,130,850	0.68
Agricultural Development Bank of China 4.98% 12/01/2025	15,000,000	15,726,720	1.06
Agricultural Development Bank of China 2.61% 09/03/2025	10,000,000	10,009,380	0.67
Agricultural Development Bank of China 2.25% 22/04/2025	15,000,000	14,907,990	1.00
Agricultural Development Bank of China 2.46% 27/07/2025	5,000,000	4,981,795	0.33
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.45% 23/09/2025	10,000,000	10,236,110	0.69
Agricultural Development Bank of China 4.00% 12/11/2025	10,000,000	10,393,400	0.70
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.35% 24/03/2026	8,000,000	8,161,064	0.55
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.63% 19/07/2026	15,000,000	15,456,180	1.04
Agricultural Development Bank of China 2.99% 11/08/2026	5,000,000	5,041,645	0.33
Agricultural Development Bank of China 2.74% 23/02/2027	10,000,000	9,977,620	0.67
Agricultural Development Bank of China 2.87% 14/05/2027	19,000,000	19,016,663	1.27
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.48% 04/02/2028	5,000,000	5,141,390	0.35
Agricultural Development Bank of China 4.65% 11/05/2028	5,000,000	5,432,970	0.36
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.75% 25/01/2029	15,000,000	15,664,800	1.05
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.74% 12/07/2029	13,000,000	13,578,825	0.91
Agricultural Development Bank of China 2.96% 17/04/2030	15,000,000	14,974,440	1.00
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.79% 26/10/2030	10,000,000	10,517,790	0.71
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.52% 24/05/2031	13,000,000	13,444,444	0.90
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.30% 05/11/2031	15,000,000	15,285,285	1.03
Agricultural Development Bank of China 3.06% 06/06/2032	5,000,000	4,999,845	0.34
China Development Bank 2.98% 08/01/2024	25,000,000	25,190,000	1.69
China Development Bank 3.30% 01/02/2024	15,000,000	15,171,990	1.02
China Development Bank 3.42% 02/07/2024	10,000,000	10,151,710	0.68
China Development Bank 2.73% 11/11/2024	10,000,000	10,056,510	0.68
China Development Bank 3.23% 10/01/2025	10,000,000	10,150,220	0.68
China Development Bank 4.73% 02/04/2025	10,000,000	10,464,610	0.70
China Development Bank 3.34% 14/07/2025	21,000,000	21,416,157	1.44
China Development Bank 4.15% 26/10/2025	15,000,000	15,613,320	1.05
China Development Bank 3.68% 26/02/2026	12,000,000	12,367,896	0.83
China Development Bank 3.30% 03/03/2026	5,000,000	5,101,435	0.34
China Development Bank 3.50% 13/08/2026	15,000,000	15,425,475	1.04
China Development Bank 2.83% 10/09/2026	10,000,000	10,037,570	0.67
China Development Bank 3.43% 14/01/2027	8,000,000	8,181,304	0.55
China Development Bank 2.65% 24/02/2027	10,000,000	9,961,180	0.67
China Development Bank 4.04% 10/04/2027	5,000,000	5,243,835	0.35
China Development Bank 2.69% 16/06/2027	10,000,000	9,978,700	0.67
China Development Bank 3.39% 10/07/2027	10,000,000	10,230,920	0.69
China Development Bank 3.40% 08/01/2028	17,000,000	17,423,555	1.17
China Development Bank 4.88% 09/02/2028	13,000,000	14,236,911	0.96
China Development Bank 4.04% 06/07/2028	10,000,000	10,570,730	0.71
China Development Bank 3.09% 09/08/2028	5,000,000	5,040,680	0.34
China Development Bank 3.48% 08/01/2029	10,000,000	10,299,710	0.69
China Development Bank 3.65% 21/05/2029	10,000,000	10,401,760	0.70

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

NIKKOAM-ICBCSG CHINA BOND ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 31 December 2022*

By Industry (Primary) (continued)			Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %
	Holdings at 31 December 2022	Fair value at 31 December 2022 RMB	
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)			
Banking (continued)			
China Development Bank 3.45% 20/09/2029	13,000,000	13,375,310	0.90
China Development Bank 3.07% 10/03/2030	15,000,000	15,064,290	1.01
China Development Bank 3.09% 18/06/2030	10,000,000	10,054,920	0.68
China Development Bank 3.70% 20/10/2030	15,000,000	15,678,990	1.05
China Development Bank 3.66% 01/03/2031	14,000,000	14,612,612	0.98
China Development Bank 3.41% 07/06/2031	13,000,000	13,344,110	0.90
China Development Bank 3.12% 13/09/2031	15,000,000	15,083,310	1.01
China Development Bank 3.00% 17/01/2032	13,000,000	12,946,986	0.87
China Development Bank 2.98% 22/04/2032	10,000,000	9,936,820	0.67
China Development Bank 2.96% 18/07/2032	5,000,000	4,967,845	0.33
China Development Bank 2.77% 24/10/2032	5,000,000	4,904,695	0.33
Export Import Bank of China 3.28% 11/02/2024	10,000,000	10,097,800	0.68
Export Import Bank of China 2.50% 07/03/2024	10,000,000	10,003,450	0.67
Export Import Bank of China 3.14% 02/04/2024	20,000,000	20,171,060	1.35
Export Import Bank of China 2.76% 05/11/2024	10,000,000	10,055,820	0.68
Export Import Bank of China 2.93% 02/03/2025	10,000,000	10,076,860	0.68
Export Import Bank of China 2.57% 10/06/2025	10,000,000	10,002,900	0.67
Export Import Bank of China 3.43% 23/10/2025	14,000,000	14,325,024	0.96
Export Import Bank of China 3.33% 22/02/2026	15,000,000	15,300,195	1.03
Export Import Bank of China 3.22% 14/05/2026	11,000,000	11,179,531	0.75
Export Import Bank of China 2.61% 27/01/2027	10,000,000	9,924,930	0.67
Export Import Bank of China 3.26% 24/02/2027	8,000,000	8,133,040	0.55
Export Import Bank of China 3.40% 11/01/2028	5,000,000	5,123,940	0.34
Export Import Bank of China 4.89% 26/03/2028	12,000,000	13,140,084	0.88
Export Import Bank of China 3.86% 20/05/2029	5,000,000	5,257,660	0.35
Export Import Bank of China 3.23% 23/03/2030	11,000,000	11,169,796	0.75
Export Import Bank of China 3.74% 16/11/2030	13,000,000	13,621,192	0.91
Export Import Bank of China 3.38% 16/07/2031	10,000,000	10,250,880	0.69
Export Import Bank of China 3.18% 11/03/2032	10,000,000	10,094,130	0.68
Export Import Bank of China 2.90% 19/08/2032	10,000,000	9,867,290	0.66
		858,766,354	57.66
Finance			
China Government Bond 2.84% 08/04/2024	10,000,000	10,075,270	0.68
China Government Bond 3.19% 11/04/2024	20,000,000	20,259,540	1.36
China Government Bond 2.47% 02/09/2024	35,000,000	35,082,215	2.36
China Government Bond 2.94% 17/10/2024	30,000,000	30,324,600	2.04
China Government Bond 2.26% 24/02/2025	10,000,000	9,974,800	0.67
China Government Bond 1.99% 09/04/2025	30,000,000	29,729,430	1.99
China Government Bond 3.61% 07/06/2025	10,000,000	10,331,540	0.69
China Government Bond 2.18% 25/08/2025	10,000,000	9,942,920	0.67
China Government Bond 3.02% 22/10/2025	30,000,000	30,471,390	2.05

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

NIKKOAM-ICBCSG CHINA BOND ETF*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 31 December 2022***By Industry (Primary)** (continued)Percentage of
total net assets
attributable to
unitholders at
31 December
2022
%

	Holdings at 31 December 2022	Fair value at 31 December 2022 RMB	
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)			
Finance (continued)			
China Government Bond 3.22% 06/12/2025	10,000,000	10,243,790	0.69
China Government Bond 3.03% 11/03/2026	15,000,000	15,260,220	1.02
China Government Bond 3.25% 06/06/2026	25,000,000	25,587,600	1.72
China Government Bond 2.69% 12/08/2026	15,000,000	15,069,780	1.01
China Government Bond 3.12% 05/12/2026	20,000,000	20,428,200	1.37
China Government Bond 2.37% 20/01/2027	15,000,000	14,875,905	1.00
China Government Bond 2.85% 04/06/2027	33,000,000	33,334,884	2.24
China Government Bond 2.50% 25/07/2027	10,000,000	9,942,420	0.67
China Government Bond 3.28% 03/12/2027	10,000,000	10,287,390	0.69
China Government Bond 3.85% 01/02/2028	10,000,000	10,692,340	0.72
China Government Bond 3.01% 13/05/2028	15,000,000	15,242,310	1.02
China Government Bond 3.69% 17/05/2028	10,000,000	10,600,460	0.71
China Government Bond 2.91% 14/10/2028	12,000,000	12,122,892	0.81
China Government Bond 3.25% 22/11/2028	15,000,000	15,443,265	1.04
China Government Bond 2.80% 24/03/2029	10,000,000	9,999,540	0.67
China Government Bond 3.29% 23/05/2029	10,000,000	10,365,440	0.70
China Government Bond 2.75% 15/06/2029	12,000,000	11,966,256	0.80
China Government Bond 2.62% 25/09/2029	5,000,000	4,943,945	0.33
China Government Bond 3.13% 21/11/2029	15,000,000	15,367,800	1.03
China Government Bond 2.68% 21/05/2030	45,000,000	44,506,125	2.99
China Government Bond 3.27% 19/11/2030	27,000,000	27,935,901	1.88
China Government Bond 3.02% 27/05/2031	16,000,000	16,203,600	1.09
China Government Bond 2.89% 18/11/2031	10,000,000	10,019,290	0.67
China Government Bond 2.75% 17/02/2032	25,000,000	24,754,700	1.66
China Government Bond 2.76% 15/05/2032	5,000,000	4,955,365	0.33
China Government Bond 2.69% 15/08/2032	5,000,000	4,923,020	0.33
China Government Bond 2.60% 01/09/2032	5,000,000	4,887,830	0.33
		596,151,973	40.03
Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities		1,454,918,327	97.69
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities		23,594,596	1.59
Portfolio of investments		1,478,512,923	99.28
Other net assets		10,758,086	0.72
Net assets attributable to unitholders		1,489,271,009	100.00

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As at 31 December 2022

By Industry (Summary)

	Fair value at 31 December 2022 RMB	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2021 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities			
Banking	858,766,354	57.66	57.13
Finance	596,151,973	40.03	40.54
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	23,594,596	1.59	1.63
Portfolio of investments	1,478,512,923	99.28	99.30
Other net assets	10,758,086	0.72	0.70
Net assets attributable to unitholders	1,489,271,009	100.00	100.00

As the Fund invests wholly into China fixed income securities, it is therefore not meaningful to classify the investments into geography.

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

1. General

NikkoAM-ICBCSG China Bond ETF (the “Fund”) is a Singapore domiciled fund constituted under a Trust Deed dated 19 October 2020 (referred to as the “Deed”). The Deed is governed by the laws of the Republic of Singapore. The Trustee of the Fund is DBS Trustee Limited (the “Trustee”). The Manager of the Fund is Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited (the “Manager”).

There are currently 2 classes of units established within the Fund, namely the RMB Class and SGD Class. The classes differ in terms of the currency of denomination, dividend payouts and creations and redemption settlement cycles. As of 31 December 2022, units in the RMB Class and SGD Class have been issued.

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

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

(c) Expenses reimbursement

As stipulated in the Fund’s prospectus, the Manager intends to cap the total expense ratio of the Fund at 0.30% per annum of the net asset value. Any fees and expenses that are payable by the Fund and are in excess of 0.30% per annum of the net asset value will be borne by the Manager and not the Fund.

(d) 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 Renminbi (“RMB”) for RMB Class and Singapore Dollar (“SGD”) for SGD Class.

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

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Foreign currency translation (continued)

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated into RMB 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 financial year/period are recorded in RMB at the rates of exchange ruling on transaction dates. All realised gains or losses are recognised in the Statement of Total Return.

(e) 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.

(f) 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/period in which they arise.

(iii) Derecognition

Investments are derecognised on the trade date of disposal. The resultant realised gains or losses on the sales of investments are computed on the basis of the difference between the weighted average cost and selling price gross of transaction costs and are taken up in the Statement of Total Return.

(g) Basis of valuation of investments

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

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) 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.

(i) 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.

(j) Cash and cash equivalents

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

(k) Payables

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

3. Income tax

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

	2022	2021
	RMB	RMB
Withholding tax	<u>3,128</u>	<u>5,823</u>

The withholding tax represents tax deducted at source on interest income.

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4. Payables

	2022 RMB	2021 RMB
Amount due to the Manager	514,732	162,748
Amount due to the Trustee	25,366	25,409
Valuation fees payable	24,097	24,139
Custody fees payable	30,753	31,121
Provision for audit fee	134,953	127,379
Other payables	98,691	88,618
	<u>828,592</u>	<u>459,414</u>

Amount due to the Manager comprises management fee payable to and expenses reimbursement due from Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Trustee fee is payable to DBS Trustee Limited. Administrator fee and custody fee are payable to DBS Bank Limited.

5. Distributions

	2022 RMB	2021 RMB
Interim distributions of S\$0.0155 (SGD Class) per unit in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022	4,342,976	-
Final distributions of S\$0.0139 (SGD Class) per unit in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022	3,839,166	-
Interim distributions of S\$0.0158 (SGD Class) per unit in respect of the financial period ended 31 December 2021	-	4,286,120
Final distributions of S\$0.0159 (SGD Class) per unit in respect of the financial period ended 31 December 2021	-	4,731,241
	<u>8,182,142</u>	<u>9,017,361</u>

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6. Units in issue

During the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and 2021, the number of units issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follow:

RMB Class	2022	2021
Units at beginning of the financial year/period	223,842,000	-
Units created	2,850,000	223,942,000
Units cancelled	(1,577,000)	(100,000)
Units at end of the financial year/period	225,115,000	223,842,000
Net assets attributable to unitholders – RMB	1,222,717,876	1,183,400,010
Net asset value per unit – RMB	5.4315	5.2868
SGD Class	2022	2021
Units at beginning of the financial year/period	63,232,000	-
Units created	16,808,000	69,432,000
Units cancelled	(26,706,000)	(6,200,000)
Units at end of the financial year/period	53,334,000	63,232,000
Net assets attributable to unitholders – RMB	266,553,133	316,518,488
Net asset value per unit – RMB	4.9978	5.0057

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:

RMB Class	2022	2021
	RMB	RMB
Net assets attributable to unitholders per financial statements	5.4315	5.2868
Effect for movement in the net assets value between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period ^	(0.0001)	-
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	5.4314	5.2868
SGD Class	2022	2021
	RMB	RMB
Net assets attributable to unitholders per financial statements	4.9978	5.0057
Effect for movement in the net assets value between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period ^	(0.0002)	-
Effect of distribution per unit	0.0720	0.0748
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	5.0696	5.0805

^ 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 reporting period.

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7. Financial risk management

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

The Fund's primary objective is to achieve long term capital growth by replicating the returns of the ChinaBond ICBC 1-10 Year Treasury and Policy Bank Bond Index (the "Index"), or such other index that gives the same or substantially similar exposure as the Index before fees and expenses.

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

(a) Market risk – Price risk

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

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

The Fund's market price risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio consisting of Chinese treasury bonds and bonds issued by the 3 Chinese policy banks. The 3 Chinese policy banks refer to the Agricultural Development Bank of China, the China Development Bank and the Export-Import Bank of China, which are wholly owned by the Chinese government (through the Ministry of Finance and various investment companies) and under direct jurisdiction of the State Council of China to implement economic policies of the Chinese government.

The market prices of financial assets held by the Fund are primarily dependent on prevailing market interest rates, as the Fund invests primarily in bonds issued by the Chinese government and China's policy banks. Hence, no separate price risk sensitivity analysis is prepared as it is covered as part of interest rate risk sensitivity analysis.

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7. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk – Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates (fair value risk).

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

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

As at 31 December 2022

	<u>Floating rate</u>	<u>Up to 1 year</u>	<u>Fixed rate</u>	<u>Over 5 years</u>	<u>Non-interest bearing</u>	<u>Total</u>
	RMB	RMB	1-5 years RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB
Assets						
Portfolio of investments	-	-	824,480,253	630,438,074	23,594,596	1,478,512,923
Cash and cash equivalents	15,404,044	-	-	-	-	15,404,044
Prepayment	-	-	-	-	21,800	21,800
Total assets	15,404,044	-	824,480,253	630,438,074	23,616,396	1,493,938,767
Liabilities						
Payables	-	-	-	-	828,592	828,592
Distributions payable	-	-	-	-	3,839,166	3,839,166
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	4,667,758	4,667,758

As at 31 December 2021

	<u>Floating rate</u>	<u>Up to 1 year</u>	<u>Fixed rate</u>	<u>Over 5 years</u>	<u>Non-interest bearing</u>	<u>Total</u>
	RMB	RMB	1-5 years RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB
Assets						
Portfolio of investments	-	-	881,867,411	583,165,529	24,383,497	1,489,416,437
Cash and cash equivalents	15,663,713	-	-	-	-	15,663,713
Prepayment	-	-	-	-	29,003	29,003
Total assets	15,663,713	-	881,867,411	583,165,529	24,412,500	1,505,109,153
Liabilities						
Payables	-	-	-	-	459,414	459,414
Distributions payable	-	-	-	-	4,731,241	4,731,241
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	5,190,655	5,190,655

As at 31 December 2022, an increase/decrease of interest rates by 1% (2021: 1%), with all other variables remaining constant, would result in a decrease/increase of the net assets attributable to unitholders by approximately 4% (2021: 4%). Changes in interest rates are revised annually depending on the Manager's current view of market volatility and other factors.

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7. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk – Currency risk

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

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

The table below summarises the Fund's exposure to currency risks.

As at 31 December 2022	RMB RMB	SGD RMB	Total RMB
Assets			
Portfolio of investments	1,478,512,923	-	1,478,512,923
Cash and cash equivalents	12,998,855	2,405,189	15,404,044
Prepayment	-	21,800	21,800
Total assets	1,491,511,778	2,426,989	1,493,938,767
Liabilities			
Payables	-	828,592	828,592
Distributions payable	-	3,839,166	3,839,166
Total liabilities	-	4,667,758	4,667,758
Net currency exposure	1,491,511,778	(2,240,769)	
As at 31 December 2021	RMB RMB	SGD RMB	Total RMB
Assets			
Portfolio of investments	1,489,416,437	-	1,489,416,437
Cash and cash equivalents	6,796,127	8,867,586	15,663,713
Prepayment	-	29,003	29,003
Total assets	1,496,212,564	8,896,589	1,505,109,153
Liabilities			
Payables	-	459,414	459,414
Distributions payable	-	4,731,241	4,731,241
Total liabilities	-	5,190,655	5,190,655
Net currency exposure	1,496,212,564	3,705,934	

As of 31 December 2022 and 2021, 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.

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7. Financial risk management (continued)

(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 redemption size is set.

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

The Fund's financial liabilities are analysed using contractual undiscounted cash flows for maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the Statement of Financial Position date to the contractual maturity date. As at 31 December 2022 and 2021, all liabilities are either payable upon demand or due in less than 3 months. The impact of discounting is not significant.

	<u>Less than 3 months</u>	
	As at 31 December 2022 RMB	As at 31 December 2021 RMB
Payables	828,592	459,414
Distributions payable	3,839,166	4,731,241
Contractual cash outflows	4,667,758	5,190,655

(e) Credit risk

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

Concentrations of credit risk are minimised primarily by:

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

The Fund is also exposed to counterparty credit risk on its financial assets held at amortised cost. As at 31 December 2022 and 2021, the Fund's financial assets held at amortised cost as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position are realised 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.

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7. Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Credit risk (continued)

The table below analyses the Fund's investments by credit ratings:

	Fair value at 31 December 2022
	Fixed rate securities RMB
A1	844,436,679
Not rated **	610,481,648
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	23,594,596
Total	1,478,512,923

	Fair value at 31 December 2021
	Fixed rate securities RMB
A	302,160,285
A+	791,172,809
A1	338,955,701
Not rated	32,744,145
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	24,383,497
Total	1,489,416,437

** Not rated securities are supported by internal and other rating agencies credit ratings but are not disclosed due to licensing restrictions. Following a change in the use of credit rating agencies during the financial year ended 31 December 2022 whereby historical credit ratings cannot be retrieved, the comparative amounts for the credit ratings table above are not entirely comparable.

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

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents and outstanding and committed transactions with brokers (where applicable). The table below summarises the credit rating of bank and custodian in which the Fund's assets are held as at 31 December 2022 and 2021.

	Credit rating as at 31 December 2022	Credit rating as at 31 December 2021
Bank and custodian		
- DBS Bank Limited	Aa1	AA-

As at 31 December 2022, the credit ratings are based on Long-Term Local Issuer Ratings from Moody's (2021: 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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7. Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Capital management

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

(g) Fair value estimation

The Fund classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value at 31 December 2022 and 2021:

	Level 1 RMB	Level 2 RMB	Level 3 RMB	Total RMB
As at 31 December 2022				
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception:				
- Quoted fixed income securities		- 1,478,512,923		- 1,478,512,923
As at 31 December 2021				
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception:				
- Quoted fixed income securities		- 1,489,416,437		- 1,489,416,437

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include bonds issued by the Chinese government and China's policy banks.

Except for cash and cash equivalents which are classified as Level 1, the Fund's assets and liabilities not measured at fair value at 31 December 2022 and 2021 have been classified as Level 2. The carrying amounts of these assets and liabilities approximate their fair values as at the Statement of Financial Position date.

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8. 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/period between the Fund and the related party at terms agreed between the parties and within the provisions of the Deeds:

	2022	2021
	RMB	RMB
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee	<u>7,570,276</u>	<u>15,077,607</u>

9. Financial ratios

Expense ratio

		2022	For the financial period from 19 October 2020 (date of constitution) to 31 December 2021
<u>RMB Class</u>			
Total operating expenses			
- Including preliminary expenses	RMB	3,592,625	3,721,447
- Excluding preliminary expenses	RMB	3,592,625	3,268,126
Average daily net asset value	RMB	1,207,374,372	1,106,475,914
Total expense ratio¹ (annualised)			
- Including preliminary expenses	%	0.30	0.30
- Excluding preliminary expenses	%	0.30	0.26
<u>SGD Class</u>			
Total operating expenses			
- Including preliminary expenses	RMB	898,045	892,591
- Excluding preliminary expenses	RMB	898,045	786,260
Average daily net asset value	RMB	299,268,724	265,063,464
Total expense ratio¹ (annualised)			
- Including preliminary expenses	%	0.30	0.30
- Excluding preliminary expenses	%	0.30	0.26

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/period end was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net asset value for the financial year/period. 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.

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9. Financial ratios (continued)

Turnover ratio

		2022	For the financial period from 19 October 2020 (date of constitution) to 31 December 2021
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	RMB	535,081,671	513,825,586
Average daily net asset value	RMB	1,506,643,096	1,371,539,378
Total turnover ratio²	%	35.51	37.46

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 and 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 16.

2. Credit rating of debt securities

	Fair value at 31 December 2022 RMB	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %
A1	844,436,679	56.70
Not rated	610,481,648	40.99
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities	23,594,596	1.59
Total	1,478,512,923	99.28

3. Top 10 holdings

10 largest holdings at 31 December 2022

	Fair value RMB	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
China Government Bond 2.68% 21/05/2030	44,506,125	2.99
China Government Bond 2.47% 02/09/2024	35,082,215	2.36
China Government Bond 2.85% 04/06/2027	33,334,884	2.24
China Government Bond 3.02% 22/10/2025	30,471,390	2.05
China Government Bond 2.94% 17/10/2024	30,324,600	2.04
China Government Bond 1.99% 09/04/2025	29,729,430	1.99
China Government Bond 3.27% 19/11/2030	27,935,901	1.88
China Government Bond 3.25% 06/06/2026	25,587,600	1.72
China Development Bank 2.98% 08/01/2024	25,190,000	1.69
China Government Bond 2.75% 17/02/2032	24,754,700	1.66

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3. Top 10 holdings (continued)

10 largest holdings at 31 December 2021

	Fair value RMB	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
China Government Bond 2.94% 17/10/2024	40,520,680	2.70
China Government Bond 2.36% 02/07/2023	39,982,720	2.67
China Government Bond 2.68% 21/05/2030	39,398,000	2.63
China Government Bond 1.99% 09/04/2025	39,311,720	2.62
China Government Bond 3.27% 19/11/2030	33,100,416	2.21
China Government Bond 3.12% 05/12/2026	30,671,160	2.04
China Government Bond 3.19% 11/04/2024	30,516,750	2.03
China Government Bond 3.02% 22/10/2025	30,486,450	2.03
China Government Bond 2.24% 05/03/2023	29,956,590	2.00
China Government Bond 3.25% 06/06/2026	25,689,100	1.71

4. Exposure to derivatives

Nil

5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

Nil

6. Collateral

Nil

7. Securities Lending or Repurchase Transactions

Nil

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

Nil

9. Borrowings

Nil

10. Amount of units created and cancelled for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	RMB
Units created	100,129,850
Units cancelled	<u>(143,257,676)</u>

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11. Turnover ratios

Please refer to Note 9 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 29.

12. Expense ratios

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

13. Related party transactions

Please refer to Note 8 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 28.

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

Nil

15. Soft dollar commissions/ arrangements

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

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