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ANNUAL REPORT

For the financial year ended 30 June 2018

Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	*3 Mth*	*6 Mth*	*1 Yr*	*3 Yr*	*5 Yr*	*Since Inception*
Straits Times Index	-3.31	-2.25	4.85	3.17	4.25	11.49
Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF[1]	-3.30	-2.40	4.31	2.72	3.77	10.68

Source: FTSE International & Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 30 June 2018. Benchmark returns are calculated on a total return basis. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV[2] basis, in SGD, and assuming 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

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), in total returns. 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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The CPF interest rate for the Ordinary Account ("OA") is based on the 12-month fixed deposit and month-end savings rates of major local banks, subject to a minimum 2.5% interest per annum. The interest rate for Special, Medisave and Retirement Accounts ("SMRA") is pegged to the 12-month average yield of 10-year Singapore Government Securities yield plus 1%. A 4% floor rate will be maintained for interest earned on SMRA until 31 December 2018, after which a 2.5% minimum rate will apply. An extra 1% interest is paid on the first S$60,000 of a member's combined balances, including up to S$20,000 in the OA. The first S$20,000 in the OA and the first S$40,000 in the Special Account ("SA") cannot be invested under the CPF Investment Scheme ("CPFIS").

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SOFT DOLLAR COMMISSIONS/ARRANGEMENTS

The primary objective of the Manager in placing orders for the purchase and sale of Index Shares and non-Index Shares, when adjusting the Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF (the "Fund") portfolio to reflect changes in the Index or in respect of a cash subscription or redemption, is to obtain the most favourable net results taking into account such factors as price, commission or spread and size of the order. Where it is consistent with this objective, it is the Manager's practice to place such orders with brokers/dealers who supply research, market information and quotations and statistical information to the Manager, which may be useful to the Manager in providing its services as manager of the Fund and/or may be useful to the Manager in providing services to other clients (including other funds managed by the Manager), other than as manager of the Fund.

Appointment of soft dollar brokers

The Manager will appoint soft dollar brokers onto its broker panel only after it has ensured that:
a) full disclosure of the practice of accepting soft dollars is made;
b) the commission rates charged are comparable with the market rates;
c) there is no conflict of interest;
d) the soft dollar credits are used only for clearly defined services;
e) at all times trades are executed through the respective brokers only on the basis of best execution regardless whether soft dollar benefits will accrue. Best execution shall include competitive prices with smooth execution ability; and
f) relevant regulations and guidelines are complied with.

The procedures for the appointment of the brokers shall be no different from that of normal full service brokers.

Execution and allocation

If the Trustee objects to the use of the soft dollar brokers, the trades of the Fund shall be segregated from the rest of the trades that are executed through the relevant soft dollar broker(s). The Manager will execute trades for such accounts only with authorised full service brokers.

It is the responsibility of the Manager to ensure that the allocation quotas are adhered to. In addition, the Manager will monitor the execution ability of the soft dollar brokers and assign the business strictly on a "best execution" basis.

Subject to the provisions of the CIS Code*, in its management of the Fund, the Manager may receive soft dollar commissions from, or may enter into soft dollar arrangements with, stockbrokers who execute trades on behalf of the Fund and the soft dollars received would be restricted to the following kinds of services:
a) specific advice as to the advisability of dealing in, or of the value of any investments;
b) research and advisory services;
c) economic and political analysis;
d) portfolio analysis including valuation and portfolio measurements;
e) market analysis;
f) data and quotation services;
g) computer hardware or software that are used to support the investment decision making process, the giving of advice, or the conduct of research or analysis; and
h) custodial services in relation to the investments managed for clients.

The following are, however, prohibited:
a) travel, accommodation and entertainment expenses;
b) general administrative goods and services including office equipment and premises;
c) membership fees;
d) employee salaries;
e) direct money payments / rebates.

The Manager shall retain the records of the payments made using soft dollar commissions.

Please note that with effect from 25 January 2018, the Manager has ceased to receive soft dollar commissions, or enter into any soft dollar arrangements, in its management of the Fund.

* The **"Code"** means the Code on Collective Investment Schemes issued by the Authority pursuant to the Securities and Futures Act, as may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time by the Authority.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE
For the financial year ended 30 June 2018

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 (Cap.289), its subsidiary legislation and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes, the Trustee shall monitor the activities of the Manager for compliance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers as set out in the Trust Deed in each annual accounting year and report thereon to unitholders in an annual report.

To the best knowledge of the Trustee, the Manager has, in all material respects, managed the Fund during the financial year covered by these financial statements, set out on pages 10 to 28, in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed.

For and on behalf of the Trustee
HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited

Authorised signatory
27 September 2018

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STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER
For the financial year ended 30 June 2018

In the opinion of Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 10 to 28, comprising the Statement of Total Return, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds, Statement of Portfolio and Notes to the Financial Statements are drawn up so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and the portfolio holdings of Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF (the "Fund") as at 30 June 2018, 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 Unit Trusts" 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
27 September 2018

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 Unit Trusts" 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 2018, 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 2018;
- the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2018;
- the Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds for the financial year then ended 30 June 2018;
- the Statement of Portfolio as at 30 June 2018; 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.

Other Information

The Funds' 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 and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

The Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Unit Trusts" 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 Funds' 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 Funds' 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 those charged with governance, 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 Ong King Howe.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants
Singapore, 27 September 2018

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN
For the financial year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	**2018** S$	2017 S$
Income			
Dividends		**8,549,080**	5,493,618
Less: Expenses			
Audit fee		**21,298**	24,932
Management fee		**436,474**	305,015
Less: Management fee rebate		**(74,810)**	(63,865)
Trustee fee		**54,559**	43,733
Administrator fee		**65,471**	37,343
Transaction costs		**131,913**	74,101
Other expenses		**228,258**	162,888
		863,163	584,147
Net income		**7,685,917**	4,909,471
Net gains or losses on value of investments			
Net gains on investments		**781,534**	19,639,277
Net foreign exchange losses		**(44,762)**	(32,735)
		736,772	19,606,542
Total return for the financial year before income tax		**8,422,689**	24,516,013
Less: Income tax	3	**(128,737)**	(96,311)
Total return for the financial year after income tax		**8,293,952**	24,419,702

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 30 June 2018

	Note	**2018**	2017
		S$	S$
ASSETS			
Portfolio of investments		**223,758,488**	176,189,018
Receivables	4	**48,890**	-
Prepayments		**-**	1,135
Cash and bank balances		**452,909**	102,284
Total assets		**224,260,287**	176,292,437
LIABILITIES			
Payables	5	**121,220**	106,675
Purchases awaiting settlement		**403,357**	62,423
Distribution payable		**3,308,501**	1,220,752
Total liabilities		**3,833,078**	1,389,850
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	7	**220,427,209**	174,902,587

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS
For the financial year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	**2018** **S$**	2017 S$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of financial year		**174,902,587**	127,262,220
Operations			
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		**8,293,952**	24,419,702
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units		**83,831,314**	35,980,040
Cancellation of units		**(39,418,357)**	(8,552,060)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		**44,412,957**	27,427,980
Distributions	6	**(7,182,287)**	(4,207,315)
Total increase in net assets attributable to unitholders		**45,524,622**	47,640,367
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial year	7	**220,427,209**	174,902,587

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 30 June 2018

By Geography (Primary)	Holdings at 30 June 2018	Fair value at 30 June 2018 S$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2018 %
Quoted Equities			
HONG KONG SAR			
Hongkong Land Holdings Limited	**906,466**	**8,837,160**	**4.01**
Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited	**162,800**	**14,006,799**	**6.35**
Jardine Strategic Holdings Limited	**140,300**	**6,978,589**	**3.17**
Total Hong Kong SAR		**29,822,548**	**13.53**
ISLE OF MAN			
Genting Singapore PLC	**4,477,048**	**5,461,999**	**2.48**
Total Isle of Man		**5,461,999**	**2.48**
MAURITIUS			
Golden Agri-Resources Limited	**4,910,569**	**1,497,724**	**0.68**
Total Mauritius		**1,497,724**	**0.68**
SINGAPORE			
CapitaLand Limited	**1,949,853**	**6,161,535**	**2.80**
City Developments Limited	**362,337**	**3,960,343**	**1.80**
ComfortDelGro Corporation Limited	**1,580,709**	**3,714,666**	**1.69**
DBS Group Holdings Limited	**1,395,791**	**37,141,999**	**16.85**
Hutchison Port Holdings Trust	**3,925,020**	**1,498,494**	**0.68**
Jardine Cycle & Carriage Limited	**76,441**	**2,432,353**	**1.10**
Keppel Corporation Limited	**1,105,209**	**7,902,244**	**3.59**
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited	**2,527,370**	**29,418,587**	**13.35**
SATS Limited	**489,252**	**2,446,260**	**1.11**
Sembcorp Industries Limited	**707,233**	**1,944,891**	**0.88**
Singapore Airlines Limited	**394,228**	**4,214,297**	**1.91**
Singapore Exchange Limited	**634,151**	**4,546,863**	**2.06**
Singapore Press Holdings Limited	**1,229,022**	**3,195,457**	**1.45**
Singapore Technologies Engineering Limited	**1,181,315**	**3,886,526**	**1.76**
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	**5,771,477**	**17,776,149**	**8.06**
Starhub Limited	**443,090**	**735,529**	**0.33**
United Overseas Bank Limited	**987,907**	**26,436,391**	**11.99**
UOL Group Limited	**381,919**	**2,910,223**	**1.32**
Venture Corporation Limited	**199,000**	**3,550,160**	**1.61**
Wilmar International Limited	**1,505,415**	**4,606,570**	**2.09**
Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings Limited	**1,617,682**	**1,464,002**	**0.67**
Total Singapore		**169,943,539**	**77.10**
THAILAND			
Thai Beverage Public Company Limited	**7,567,716**	**5,448,756**	**2.47**
Total Thailand		**5,448,756**	**2.47**
Total Quoted Equities		**212,174,566**	**96.26**

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO
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By Geography (Primary) (continued)

	Holdings at 30 June 2018	Fair value at 30 June 2018	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2018
Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)			
SINGAPORE			
Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	**1,849,064**	**4,881,529**	**2.21**
Capitaland Commercial Trust	**1,819,182**	**3,019,842**	**1.37**
CapitaLand Mall Trust Real Estate Investment Trust	**1,779,010**	**3,682,551**	**1.67**
Total Singapore		**11,583,922**	**5.25**
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)		**11,583,922**	**5.25**
Portfolio of investments		**223,758,488**	**101.51**
Other net liabilities		**(3,331,279)**	**(1.51)**
Net assets attributable to unitholders		**220,427,209**	**100.00**

By Geography (Summary)

	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2018 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2017 %
Quoted Equities		
Hong Kong SAR	**13.53**	10.80
Isle of Man	**2.48**	2.27
Mauritius	**0.68**	0.88
Singapore	**77.10**	78.49
Thailand	**2.47**	3.21
Total Quoted Equities	**96.26**	95.65
Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)		
Singapore	**5.25**	5.09
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)	**5.25**	5.09
Portfolio of investments	**101.51**	100.74
Other net liabilities	**(1.51)**	(0.74)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	**100.00**	100.00

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO
As at 30 June 2018

By Industry (Secondary)	**Fair value at 30 June 2018 S$**	**Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2018 %**	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2017 %
Agriculture	**6,104,294**	**2.77**	3.24
Airlines	**4,214,297**	**1.91**	1.86
Automotive	**2,432,353**	**1.10**	1.59
Banks & Finance	**97,543,840**	**44.25**	38.91
Brewery	**5,448,756**	**2.47**	3.21
Capital Goods	**20,985,388**	**9.52**	6.51
Commercial Services	**-**	**-**	0.35
Electric	**3,550,160**	**1.61**	-
Engineering/Machine	**1,944,891**	**0.88**	1.01
Entertainment	**8,657,456**	**3.93**	1.87
Investment	**1,498,494**	**0.68**	1.08
Real Estate	**21,869,261**	**9.93**	15.90
Real Estate Investment Trust (REITS)	**11,583,922**	**5.25**	5.09
Ship Building	**9,366,246**	**4.26**	4.16
Technology	**3,886,526**	**1.76**	2.03
Telecom Service	**18,511,678**	**8.39**	11.06
Transport	**3,714,666**	**1.69**	1.70
Transport – Air	**2,446,260**	**1.11**	1.17
Portfolio of investments	**223,758,488**	**101.51**	100.74
Other net liabilities	**(3,331,279)**	**(1.51)**	(0.74)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	**220,427,209**	**100.00**	100.00

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

1. General

Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF (the "Fund") is a Singapore domiciled fund constituted by a Trust Deed dated 30 October 2008 as amended by Supplemental Deed (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 Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Unit Trusts" ("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 ("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 dollars.

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Foreign currency translation (continued)

(i) Functional and presentation currency (continued)

The performance of the Fund is measured and reported to the investors in Singapore dollars. 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 dollars, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Singapore dollars 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 dollars 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.

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(f) Basis of valuation of investments

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The quoted market price used for investments held by the Fund is the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

(g) Receivables

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Receivables are initially recognised at their fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less accumulated impairment losses.

3. Income tax

The Fund was granted the status of a Designated Unit Trust (DUT) in Singapore. The Manager and the Trustee of the Fund ensures that the Fund fulfills its reporting obligations under the DUT Scheme.

Under the DUT Scheme, subject to certain conditions and reporting obligations being met, certain income of the DUT fund is not taxable in accordance with Sections 35(12) and 35(12A) of the Income Tax Act. 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);

(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.

3. Income tax (continued)

Income tax for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 and 2017 comprises:

	2018 S$	2017 S$
Overseas income tax	**19,175**	18,730
Singapore income tax	**109,562**	77,581
	128,737	96,311

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

	2018 S$	2017 S$
Dividends Receivable	**48,890**	-

5. Payables

	2018 S$	2017 S$
Amount due to the Manager	**60,163**	34,597
Amount due to the Trustee	**4,610**	3,600
Provision for audit fee	**21,300**	25,003
Other payables	**35,147**	43,475
	121,220	106,675

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.

6. Distributions

	2018 S$	2017 S$
Final distribution of S$5.96 per 100 units in respect of the financial year 30 June 2017	**3,873,786**	-
Interim distribution of S$5.02 per 100 units in respect of the financial year 30 June 2018	**3,308,501**	-
Final distribution of S$6.04 per 100 units in respect of the financial year 30 June 2016	**-**	2,986,563
Interim distribution of S$2.31 per 100 units in respect of the financial year 30 June 2017	**-**	1,220,752
	7,182,287	4,207,315

7. Units in issue

During the year ended 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2017 the number of units issued, redeemed and outstanding was as follow:

	2018	2017
Units at beginning of the financial year	**52,846,400**	43,846,400
Units created	**23,930,000**	11,650,000
Units cancelled	**(10,870,000)**	(2,650,000)
Units at end of the financial year	**65,906,400**	52,846,400
Net assets attributable to unitholders – S$	**220,427,209**	174,902,587
Net asset value per unit – S$	**3.3445**	3.3096

Distributions are accrued for at the reporting date if the necessary approvals have been obtained and a legal or constructive obligation has been created, for the purpose of determining the accounting net asset values in the financial statements.

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:

	2018 S$	2017 S$
Net assets attributable to unitholders as per financial statements per unit	**3.3445**	3.3096
Effect of distribution per unit	**0.0502**	0.0231
Effect for movement in the NAV between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period	**-***	0.0003
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	**3.3947**	3.3330

* Amount is less than 0.0001

8. Financial risk management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of risk, including but not limited to market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and price 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 provide investors with investment returns that correspond closely to the total return of Straits Times Index (the "Index"), or other indices which track the performance of certain equity securities ("Index Shares") listed on the Singapore Exchange, before fees and 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 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.

The Fund's market price is managed through diversification of investment portfolio exposure across various stocks traded on the Singapore Exchange.

As the Fund invests primarily in equities listed on the Singapore Exchange in substantially the same weightings as reflected in the Index, the Manager is of the view that the price risk the Fund is subject to is best reflected by movements in its benchmark of the Index.

As at 30 June 2018, an increase/decrease of the Index by 12% (2017: 7%), with all other variables remaining constant, the net asset attributable to unitholders for the year would increase/decrease by approximately 12% (2017: 7%). The analysis was based on the assumptions that the Index components within the benchmark 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 management's current view on the market volatility and other relevant factors.

8. 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).

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 2018			
Assets			
Portfolio of investments	**192,437,446**	**31,321,042**	**223,758,488**
Receivables	**48,890**	**-**	**48,890**
Cash and bank balances	**451,545**	**1,364**	**452,909**
Total assets	**192,937,881**	**31,322,406**	**224,260,287**
Liabilities			
Payables	**121,220**	**-**	**121,220**
Purchases awaiting settlement	**403,357**	**-**	**403,357**
Distribution payable	**3,308,501**	**-**	**3,308,501**
Total liabilities	**3,833,078**	**-**	**3,833,078**
Net currency exposure	**189,104,803**	**31,322,406**	

8. Financial risk management (continued)

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

	SGD S$	USD S$	Total S$
As at 30 June 2017			
Assets			
Portfolio of investments	155,412,082	20,776,936	176,189,018
Prepayments	1,135	-	1,135
Cash and bank balances	100,907	1,377	102,284
Total assets	155,514,124	20,778,313	176,292,437
Liabilities			
Payables	106,675	-	106,675
Purchases awaiting settlement	62,423	-	62,423
Distribution payable	1,220,752	-	1,220,752
Total liabilities	1,389,850	-	1,389,850
Net currency exposure	154,124,274	20,778,313	

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 as part of price risk sensitivity analysis.

As of 30 June 2018 and 2017, 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. Consequently, 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.

8. Financial risk management (continued)

(d) **Liquidity risk** (continued)

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 2018, all liabilities are either payable on demand or due in less than 3 months. The impact of discounting is not significant.

	Less than 3 months	
	As at 30 June 2018 S$	As at 30 June 2017 S$
Distribution payable	**3,308,501**	1,220,752
Payables	**121,220**	106,675
Purchases awaiting settlement	**403,357**	62,423
Contractual cash outflows (excluding gross settled derivatives)	**3,833,078**	1,389,850

(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.

8. Financial risk management (continued)

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

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 bank balances, 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 2018 and 30 June 2017.

	Credit rating as at 30 June 2018	Credit rating as at 30 June 2017	**Source of credit rating**
Bank balances			
- The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	**AA-**	AA-	Standard & Poor's
Custodian			
- The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	**AA-**	AA-	Standard & Poor's

The credit ratings are based on the Long-Term Local Issuer Ratings published by the rating agency.

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

(f) **Capital management**

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

8. Financial risk management (continued)

(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 30 June 2018 and 2017:

As at 30 June 2018	**Level 1 S$**	**Level 2 S$**	**Level 3 S$**	**Total S$**
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception:				
- Quoted equities	**212,174,566**	**-**	**-**	**212,174,566**
- Quoted real estate investment trusts	**11,583,922**	**-**	**-**	**11,583,922**
	223,758,488	**-**	**-**	**223,758,488**

As at 30 June 2017	**Level 1 S$**	**Level 2 S$**	**Level 3 S$**	**Total S$**
Assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception:				
- Quoted equities	167,302,987	-	-	167,302,987
- Quoted real estate investment trusts	8,886,031	-	-	8,886,031
	176,189,018	-	-	176,189,018

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

8. Financial risk management (continued)

(g) **Fair value estimation** (continued)

Financial instruments that trade in markets 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.

Except for cash and bank balances which are classified as level 1, the Fund's assets and liabilities not measured at fair value at 30 June 2018 and 2017 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.

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:

	2018 **S$**	2017 S$
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee	**452,909**	102,284

10. Financial ratios

Expense ratio

		2018	2017
Total operating expenses	S$	**731,250**	510,046
Average daily net asset value	S$	**218,295,332**	152,561,281
Total expense ratio[1]	%	**0.33**	0.33

Turnover ratio

		2018	2017
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S$	**52,444,345**	23,986,618
Average daily net asset value	S$	**218,295,332**	152,561,281
Total turnover ratio[2]	%	**24.02**	15.72

10. Financial ratios (continued)

[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.

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 2018

	Cost S$	Fair value S$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
DBS Group Holdings Limited	**26,521,522**	**37,141,999**	**16.85**
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited	**25,498,220**	**29,418,587**	**13.35**
United Overseas Bank Limited	**21,530,088**	**26,436,391**	**11.99**
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	**20,745,496**	**17,776,149**	**8.06**
Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited	**13,761,669**	**14,006,799**	**6.35**
Hongkong Land Holdings Limited	**8,271,789**	**8,837,160**	**4.01**
Keppel Corporation Limited	**8,272,652**	**7,902,244**	**3.59**
Jardine Strategic Holdings Limited	**8,340,512**	**6,978,589**	**3.17**
CapitaLand Limited	**6,384,966**	**6,161,535**	**2.80**
Genting Singapore PLC	**5,313,523**	**5,461,999**	**2.48**

3. Top 10 holdings (continued)

10 largest holdings at 30 June 2017

	Cost S$	Fair value S$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
DBS Group Holdings Limited	18,059,538	23,510,677	13.44
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited	18,782,765	22,316,633	12.76
United Overseas Bank Limited	15,604,106	18,419,866	10.53
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	17,037,379	18,345,929	10.49
Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited	10,772,408	11,393,957	6.51
Hongkong Land Holdings Limited	6,465,168	7,500,558	4.29
Keppel Corporation Limited	6,820,473	5,722,699	3.27
Thai Beverage Public Company Limited	4,585,141	5,610,524	3.21
CapitaLand Limited	4,962,152	5,587,586	3.19
Global Logistic Properties Limited	4,055,243	5,305,763	3.03

4. Exposure to financial derivatives

Nil.

5. Global exposure financial derivatives

Nil.

6. Collateral

Nil.

7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions

Nil.

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 redemptions and subscriptions for the financial year ended 30 June 2018

	S$
Units cancelled	**(39,418,357)**
Units created	**83,831,314**

11. Turnover ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 27.

12. Expense ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 27.

13. Related party transactions

Please refer to Note 9 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 27.

14. Additional information

Service Providers:

Fund Manager	: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited appointed on 30 Oct 08;
Remuneration Basis	: 0.2% p.a. on NAV
Trustee/Custodian/ Valuation Agent/	: HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited
Fund Registrar	: HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited
Market Makers	: Commerzbank AG (Hong Kong), Flow Traders Asia Pte Ltd
Participating Dealers	: DBS Vickers Securities Pte Ltd, Societe General Bank & Trust (Hong Kong), Flow Traders Asia Pte Ltd, Commerzbank AG (Hong Kong), BNP Paribas Securities Services and Phillip Capital
Corporate Secretariat	: Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte Ltd
Auditor	: PricewaterhouseCoopers appointed on 02 Sep 08
Audit Partner	: Ong King Howe
Tax Agent	: Ernst & Young Solutions LLP
Solicitors to Managers	: Chan & Goh LLP
Solicitors to Trustee	: WongPartnership LLP

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

Nil.

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