

# **SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

For the financial period ending 31 December 2021

# Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$)

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# PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	-0.38	-0.19	0.43	2.15	1.95	2.25	2.22
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.22	0.43	1.06	1.15	0.88	1.17

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, 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.

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	-1.37	-1.19	-0.57	1.81	1.74	2.15	2.18
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.22	0.43	1.06	1.15	0.88	1.17

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, SGD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## Inception date: 29 September 2000

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - AUD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	-0.55	-0.49	-0.10	1.76	2.07	3.15	3.10
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.22	0.43	1.06	1.15	0.88	0.87

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, AUD, 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
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - AUD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	-1.55	-1.48	-1.10	1.42	1.86	3.04	3.00
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.22	0.43	1.06	1.15	0.88	0.87

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, AUD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

#### Inception date: 23 September 2011

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - USD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	-0.46	-0.25	0.31	2.21	1.88	N/A	1.77
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.22	0.43	1.06	1.15	N/A	1.13

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, USD, 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
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - USD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	-1.46	-1.24	-0.70	1.87	1.67	N/A	1.58
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.22	0.43	1.06	1.15	N/A	1.13

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## Inception date: 15 September 2016

#### Note:

(1) With effect from 22 April 2020, units of the Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) has been reclassified as follows:

	Current Classification (prior to 22 April 2020)	New Classification with effect on and from 22 April 2020
Notice on the Sale of Investment Products (SFA04-N12) (the "Notice")	Specified Investment Products (as defined in the Notice) ( <b>"SIPs"</b> )	Excluded Investment Products (as defined in the Notice) ( <b>"EIPs"</b> )
Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 (the "Regulations")	Capital markets products other than prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the Regulations)	Prescribed capital markets products

With effect from 17 October 2011, the Trust (formerly known as "DBS Enhanced Income Funds") has been renamed "Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Funds" and the Fund (formerly known as "DBS Enhanced Income Fund (S\$)") has been renamed "Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$)".

(2) The Fund's benchmark is 3-Months SIBOR. For hedged currency share classes only, the benchmark reflected is in the base currency.

# Portfolio Review

# The Fund underperformed the benchmark over the past 6 months

The Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) (the "Fund") returned -0.19% (in SGD terms, on a NAV-NAV basis) for the 6 months ending 31 December 2021, underperforming the benchmark which returned 0.22%. The 2-year US Treasury (UST) yield rose by 48.5 basis points (bps), whereas 1 to 3-year SGD swap rates were up between 26.1 to 47.2 bps over the same period. Contributions from yield curve positioning and carry were negative, while contributions from income and spread returns were positive. Meanwhile, our holdings in Powerchina Real Estate Group Ltd. 4.5% 06 Dec 2021, Shinhan Bank Co Ltd. 3.875% 07 Dec 2026 and Shanghai Commercial Bank Ltd. 3.75% 29 Nov 2027 were among the top contributors to performance.

# Changes to Fund characteristics

As of 31 December 2021, the Fund's weighted average duration\* and weighted average yield-tomaturity\*\* were at 1.27 years and 1.94% (hedged in SGD terms), respectively. The average credit rating of the Fund is at A-\*\*\*. The Fund is diversified across 81 bonds, with 65 issuers from 14 countries, with an average weight of 1.42% per issuer. During the month, the level of cash and cash equivalents was at 7.62%.

# Market Review

# Yields of USTs rose over the period in review

10-year UST yields ended the period at 1.51%, about 4.3 bps higher compared to end-June. Over the period, concerns about inflation and premature tightening provided upward pressure on yields. Relatively strong US employment growth and hawkish comments from some US Federal Reserve (Fed) officials triggered the initial rise in UST yields. An escalating power crunch across Europe and China amid surging energy prices prompted concerns that inflation will be stickier than first thought, contributing to upward pressure to yield in the first half of the period. The discovery of the COVID-19 Omicron variant in end-November rattled risk appetite, triggering a drop in yields as investors rushed to safe-haven assets. UST yields moved higher again in December after Fed Chairman Jerome Powell suggested quantitative easing tapering could end sooner as inflation has broadened and has been more persistent than expected. The upward pressure on yields was sustained after the December Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, which confirmed the faster asset purchase taper pace, and indicated an earlier and steeper rate hike path via the dot plot.

# Asian credits weakened on the back of rising US Treasury (UST) yields

Asian credits retreated 2.33% in total return, as positive spread return was unable to offset the rise in UST yields. There was a significant divergence in performance between the Asian high-grade (HG) and high-yield (HY) segments, attributed to the latter being weighed down by immense weakness in the Chinese property sector. At the end of the period, Asian HG returned +0.53%, with spreads tightening by 9.7 bps.

A combination of global market volatility and Asia-specific developments prompted weakness in Asian credits at the start of the period. The spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant across the world, alongside supply chain disruptions and rapidly rising inflation, gave rise to concerns over the resilience of the global economic recovery, weighing on risk sentiment. Regionally, the Chinese real estate sector, particularly the HY segment, was deeply affected by the government's ongoing property tightening measures. Towards end-July, a series of regulatory changes pertaining to the Chinese private education and technology sectors again took the market by surprise, pushing credit spreads of issuers in the affected sectors meaningfully wider.

Concerns surrounding the potential default of one of China's largest real estate conglomerate, China Evergrande Group (Evergrande) came into focus in August 2021. Negative developments intensified

in September, culminating in multiple notches of rating downgrades by all three major rating agencies and missed coupon payment on certain US dollar (USD) bonds. In addition to Evergrande, negative headlines of liquidity stress and rating downgrades spread to a few other weaker Chinese property companies. Markets were also worried about the slowing economic growth momentum in China, including potential spillovers from the real estate sector, and ongoing regulatory scrutiny on other key sectors, such as technology.

The Chinese property sector remained the focal point of markets for the rest of the period. There were contagion fears fuelled by more Chinese property companies failing to make payments on their offshore bonds. Market tone improved following a slew of reassuring comments from policy makers and regulators. However, this was short-lived. Subsequent multiple negative headlines around Chinese property companies prompted investors to turn jittery, triggering the sell-off to spread to China's stronger property developers, pushing overall spreads to widen significantly. Mid-November, news that policy makers would ease funding conditions for the troubled sector prompted a sharp recovery in Chinese property bonds. The improvement in market tone continued as several distressed Chinese property companies successfully announced arrangements to avoid defaults.

China Evergrande was declared to be in default in early December, with the passing of the 30day grace period for missed coupon payment. Concurrent to this, various Chinese authorities and regulators highlighted support for home mortgages as well as financing for high-quality developers, boosting market sentiment. Contagion was further mitigated after the People's Bank of China unexpectedly cut the Required Reserve Ratio, showing a shift in the government's policy priority towards ensuring growth stability in 2022. That said, overall risk sentiment remained capped as investors weighed the potential negative impact on global mobility and growth recovery following the rapid spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant.

# Market Outlook & Strategy

#### Fundamentals supportive of Asian credit spreads, though downside risks have increased

The macro backdrop and robust corporate credit fundamentals remain supportive of Asia credit spreads. Tentative improvement in the COVID-19 situation across many Asian economies reinforces our view that the setback to growth in mid-2021 was temporary. Progress on vaccine rollout, the gradual re-opening in a number of countries, together with the continued supportive fiscal and monetary policies, should revive the growth momentum heading into 2022.

We expect overall corporate credit fundamentals to remain robust, with earnings growth staying strong albeit with a slight moderation as compared to the pace seen in 2021. Corporate leverage and interest coverage in Asia are expected to remain manageable overall, although some divergence across sectors is likely. Notably, weak sales and liquidity pressure could continue to impact the weaker developers in the China real estate space, potentially leading to more distress or default events. However, there have been tentative signs of authorities stepping in to stabilize credit access and market sentiment to prevent an over-correction that could lead to systemic risks. Credit selection will remain key although overall valuation and more benign policy environment going forward argue for spread tightening and opportunities in this space.

The key downside risks to Asian credit in 2022 include a deeper China economic slowdown and more aggressive tightening of monetary policy in the US and other major economies in response to prolonged, elevated inflation. Economic recovery from the COVID pandemic may suffer a setback with the possibility of the emergence of new mutated variants that may reduce the effectiveness of the vaccines. Meanwhile, despite some recent positive developments, uncertainties relating to US-China relations remain in the background.

# NOTE:

\*Weighted Average Duration (years) is an average duration weighted with capitalisation, and the figure is for reference only and would vary from time to time due to market conditions.

\*\*Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%) is an average yield calculated by weighting each security presently held by the fund at time of calculation with capitalisation and duration. Yield to Maturity and Yield to Call measures are used in the calculation for non-callable and callable bonds respectively. The figure is for reference only and would vary from time to time due to market conditions and it does not represent the fund's distribution yield or actual rate of return.

\*\*\*Cash is included in the calculation of the average credit rating and is rated as AAA regardless of currencies held. The credit ratings of the underlying fixed income securities are determined by S&P or Moody's, and where official credit ratings are unavailable, Nikko AM Asia's internal credit ratings are used.

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# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the financial period from 01 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 (unaudited)

Income	31 December 2021 S\$	31 December 2020 S\$
Other Income		9,365
Less: Expenses		
Management fee	600,497	562,569
Registrar fee	22,342	29,444
Trustee fee	30,963	29,038
Custody fee	23,212	21,604
Audit fee	10,810	10,347
Valuation fee	89,107	83,332
Transaction costs	32,372	30,618
Other expenses	22,810	(14,411)
	832,113	752,541
Net losses	(832,113)	(743,176)
Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives		
Net gains/(losses) on investments	592,933	(4,747,090)
Net foreign exchange losses	(3,004,124)	(1,549,157)
Net gains on financial derivatives	2,291,130	14,575,252
	(120,061)	8,279,005
Total (deficit)/return for the financial period before		
income tax	(952,174)	7,535,829
Less: Income tax	(1,286)	(929)
Total (deficit)/return for the financial period after income tax	(953,460)	7,534,900

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	31 December 2021 S\$	30 June 2021 S\$
ASSETS Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances Margin accounts Financial derivatives at fair value Total assets	355,332,654 8,625,867 19,848,974 74,008 3,859,128 387,740,631	376,929,212 5,027,899 25,889,645 73,792 757,590 408,678,138
LIABILITIES Payables Purchases awaiting settlement Financial derivatives at fair value Total liabilities	1,845,104 - 441,230 2,286,334	2,522,251 4,032,633 90,467 6,645,351
EQUITY Net assets attributable to unitholders	385,454,297	402,032,787

# STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

For the financial period from 01 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 (unaudited)

	31 December 2021 S\$	30 June 2021 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial period/year	402,032,787	365,126,315
<b>Operations</b> Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations	(953,460)	9,849,990
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)		
Creation of units Cancellation of units	228,633,687 (244,258,717)	402,656,922 (375,600,440)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units	(15,625,030)	27,056,482
Total (decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	(16,578,490)	36,906,472
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial period/year	385,454,297	402,032,787

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Geography (Primary)	Holdings at 31 December 2021	Fair value at 31 December 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2021 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities		Οφ	70
AUSTRALIA Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited 3.75% due 23/03/2027 National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% due 19/05/2028 Westpac Banking Corporation 4% due 12/08/2027 Total AUSTRALIA	8,750,000 9,500,000 5,500,000	8,800,022 9,852,528 5,596,890 24,249,440	2.28 2.56 1.45 6.29
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS CICC Hong Kong Finance 2016 MTN Limited 1.625% due 26/01/2024	2,500,000	3,361,863	0.87
CICC Hong Kong Finance 2016 MTN Limited 1.06% due 18/02/2023	1,200,000	1,611,631	0.42
Guangzhou Metro Investment Finance BVI Limited 1.507% due 17/09/2025 Huarong Finance 2019 Company Limited 2.5% due	2,000,000	2,638,663	0.68
24/02/2023	1,200,000	1,611,696	0.42
Inventive Global Investments Limited 1.5% due 15/07/2023	1,600,000	2,158,663	0.56
King Power Capital Limited 5.625% due 03/11/2024 Sinochem Offshore Capital Company Limited 1% due	2,000,000	2,983,419	0.77
23/09/2024	1,500,000	1,985,243	0.52
Sinopec Capital 2013 Limited 3.125% due 24/04/2023 Voyage Bonds Limited 3.375% due 28/09/2022	7,000,000 4,000,000	9,677,121 5,455,879	2.51 1.42
Total BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	4,000,000	31,484,178	8.17
		01,404,110	0.11
CANADA	5 000 000	c 0 <del>7</del> 0 000	4.04
Harvest Operations Corporation 1% due 26/04/2024 Manulife Financial Corporation 3% due 21/11/2029	5,200,000 9,250,000	6,979,988 9,519,895	1.81 2.47
Total CANADA	9,230,000	16,499,883	4.28
CAYMAN ISLANDS AAC Technologies Holdings Incorporation 2.625% due			
02/06/2026 AAC Technologies Holdings Incorporation 3% due	1,500,000	1,994,874	0.52
27/11/2024	2,500,000	3,405,071	0.88
ABQ Finance Limited 3.125% due 24/09/2024	1,000,000	1,397,427	0.36
Baidu Incorporation 3.875% due 29/09/2023	1,500,000	2,104,042	0.55
Baidu Incorporation 4.375% due 14/05/2024	1,000,000	1,432,927	0.37
BOS Funding Limited 4.23% due 07/03/2022 China Overseas Grand Oceans Finance IV Cayman	4,289,000	5,817,339	1.51
Limited 2.45% due 09/02/2026	3,350,000	4,398,787	1.14
Country Garden Holdings Company Limited 5.4% due			
27/05/2025	2,000,000	2,561,458	0.66
DIB Sukuk Limited 3.625% due 06/02/2023	2,000,000	2,769,577	0.72
HPHT Finance 21 II Limited 1.5% due 17/09/2026 QIB Sukuk Limited 1.49438% due 07/02/2025	1,430,000 4,000,000	1,882,954 5,461,622	0.49 1.42
Weibo Corporation 3.5% due 05/07/2024	5,000,000	6,936,732	1.80
Total CAYMAN ISLANDS	-,,	40,162,810	10.42
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By Geography (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2021	Fair value at 31 December 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2021 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)			
CHINA China Life Insurance Overseas Company Limited of Hong Kong 3.35% due 27/07/2027 Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Limited of Hong	3,844,000	5,210,302	1.35
Kong 1.12463% due 21/02/2022	1,700,000	2,293,493	0.60
Total CHINA		7,503,795	1.95
FRANCE BNP Paribas SA 4.35% due 22/01/2029 Total FRANCE	6,500,000	6,770,400 6,770,400	1.76 1.76
GERMANY Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg 3.75% due 18/05/2027 Total GERMANY	3,000,000	<u>3,012,444</u> 3,012,444	0.78 0.78
HONG KONG SAR Bank of Communications Hong Kong Limited 2.304% due 08/07/2031	1,500,000	1,980,493	0.51
Bocom Leasing Management Hong Kong Company Limited 1.75% due 14/07/2023 Bocom Leasing Management Hong Kong Company	4,875,000	6,591,519	1.71
Limited 4% due 22/01/2022	2,900,000	3,914,444	1.02
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited 3.75% due 22/11/2027 CNAC HK Finbridge Company Limited 3.375% due	7,900,000	10,773,010	2.79
19/06/2024 CNAC HK Finbridge Company Limited 4.625% due	2,000,000	2,793,472	0.72
14/03/2023	6,500,000	9,084,043 3,616,098	2.36
Hero Asia Investment Limited 1.5% due 18/11/2023 ICBCIL Finance Company Limited 1.256% due 15/05/2023	2,700,000 1,000,000	1,354,607	0.94 0.35
ICBCIL Finance Company Limited 3.65% due 05/03/2022	5,000,000	6,766,597	1.76
Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited 3.8% due 20/11/2029 Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 3.75% due	4,200,000	5,814,226	1.51
29/11/2027	7,000,000	9,562,177	2.48
Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 5% due 17/01/2029 Vanke Real Estate Hong Kong Company Limited	4,200,000	5,934,058	1.54
1.73025% due 25/05/2023 Total HONG KONG SAR	1,000,000	<u>1,339,710</u> 69,524,454	<u>0.35</u> 18.04
INDIA REC Limited 5.25% due 13/11/2023	2,000,000	2,855,021	0.74
Total INDIA	2,000,000	2,855,021	0.74
INDONESIA Indonesia Asahan Aluminium Persero PT 5.71% due			
15/11/2023	2,200,000	3,187,689	0.83
Total INDONESIA		3,187,689	0.83

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Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)		Οφ	70
JAPAN Mizuho Financial Group Incorporation 1.11563% due 28/02/2022 Mizuho Financial Group Incorporation 0.81025% due 25/05/2024 Total JAPAN	1,800,000 3,000,000	2,429,842 4,060,716 6,490,558	0.63 <u>1.05</u> 1.68
MALAYSIA CIMB Bank Berhad 0.90113% due 09/10/2024 Malayan Banking Berhad 0.955% due 16/08/2024 RHB Bank Berhad 3.766% due 19/02/2024 SSG Resources Limited 4.25% due 04/10/2022 Total MALAYSIA	3,000,000 2,000,000 3,000,000 6,550,000	4,074,407 2,714,640 4,251,259 8,973,915 20,014,221	1.06 0.70 1.10 2.33 5.19
SINGAPORE Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust 3.2% due 03/06/2022 Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust 2.47% due 10/08/2023 Singapore Life Holdings Private Limited 3.375% due	3,250,000 2,750,000	3,281,748 2,813,782	0.85 0.73
24/02/2031 BOC Aviation Limited 3.25% due 29/04/2025 BOC Aviation Limited 3.5% due 31/01/2023 Capitaland China Trust 3.25% due 04/07/2022 Capitamalls Asia Treasury Limited 3.7% due 29/08/2022	5,000,000 1,500,000 2,700,000 4,000,000 4,000,000	5,115,250 2,103,010 3,714,561 4,042,812 4,066,830	1.33 0.55 0.96 1.05 1.06
CMT MTN Private Limited 2.8% due 13/03/2023 CMT MTN Private Limited 3.2% due 21/08/2025 CMT MTN Private Limited 3.48% due 06/08/2024 DBS Group Holdings Limited 4.52% due 11/12/2028 Keppel Corporation Limited 3.145% due 14/02/2022 Keppel Infrastructure Trust 3% due 01/12/2026	3,750,000 1,250,000 2,750,000 9,826,000 3,000,000 2,500,000	3,826,409 1,312,163 2,889,621 14,004,812 3,008,518 2,503,100	0.99 0.34 0.75 3.63 0.78 0.65
Mapletree Commercial Trust Treasury Company Private Limited 3.25% due 03/02/2023 Monetary Authority of Singapore Bill 0% due 07/01/2022 NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited 3.65% due 23/08/2027	1,750,000 6,500,000 8,750,000	1,794,157 6,499,578 8,899,809	0.47 1.69 2.31
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited 4.25% due 19/06/2024 RCS Trust 3.2% due 14/03/2025 Starhub Limited 3.08% due 12/09/2022 United Overseas Bank Limited 2.88% due 08/03/2027 United Overseas Bank Limited 3.5% due 27/02/2029 Total SINGAPORE	5,500,000 4,000,000 5,750,000 8,800,000 250,000	7,892,096 4,180,956 5,827,826 11,896,379 259,713 99,933,130	2.05 1.07 1.51 3.09 0.07 25.93
SOUTH KOREA Hana Bank 0.83313% due 02/10/2022 Hana Bank 0.95088% due 13/06/2024 Kookmin Bank 1.14825% due 09/06/2022 Lotte Property & Development Company Limited	1,500,000 1,330,000 1,000,000	2,028,351 1,803,640 1,351,462	0.53 0.47 0.35
0.91938% due 06/08/2022	5,000,000	6,766,564	1.76

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Geography (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2021	Fair value at 31 December 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2021 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)			
SOUTH KOREA (continued) Naver Corporation 1.5% due 29/03/2026 Woori Bank 0.92963% due 21/05/2024 Total SOUTH KOREA	1,000,000 1,500,000	1,327,779 2,041,182 15,318,978	0.33 0.53 3.97
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Emirates NBD Bank PJSC 3.05% due 06/03/2023 Emirates NBD Bank PJSC 3.25% due 14/11/2022 Total UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	500,000 2,000,000	511,719 2,751,461 3,263,180	0.13 0.72 0.85
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BOC Aviation USA Corporation 1.625% due 29/04/2024 Total UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1,800,000	2,424,501 2,424,501	0.63 0.63
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities		2,637,972	0.68
Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities		355,332,654	92.19
Portfolio of investments Other net assets Net assets attributable to unitholders		355,332,654 30,121,643 385,454,297	92.19 7.81 100.00

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Geography (Summary)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2021 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2021 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities		
Australia	6.29	7.01
British Virgin Islands	8.17	7.00
Canada	4.28	4.13
Cayman Islands	10.42	14.18
China	1.95	4.19
France	1.76	1.71
Germany	0.78	0.75
Hong Kong SAR	18.04	15.31
India	0.74	-
Indonesia	0.83	-
Japan	1.68	1.61
Luxembourg	-	1.01
Malaysia	5.19	7.54
Singapore	25.93	20.10
South Korea	3.97	6.22
United Arab Emirates	0.85	1.66
United States of America	0.63	0.61
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	0.68	0.73
Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities	92.19	93.76
Portfolio of investments	92.19	93.76
Other net assets	92.19 7.81	93.76 6.24
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Industry (Secondary)	Fair value at 31 December 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2021 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2021 %
Banks Chemicals Commercial Services Diversified Financial Services Electric Electronics Engineering and Construction Insurance Internet Investment Companies Iron/Steel Leisure Time Mining Oil and Gas Real Estate Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS) Semiconductors Telecommunications Transportation Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	154,406,963 11,877,515 1,882,954 45,830,332 6,119,198 5,399,945 3,008,518 28,745,256 11,801,480 1,611,696 5,455,879 2,983,419 3,187,689 16,657,109 21,118,592 24,141,648 - 5,827,826 2,638,663 2,637,972	40.06 3.08 0.49 11.89 1.59 1.40 0.78 7.46 3.06 0.42 1.42 0.77 0.83 4.32 5.48 6.26 - 1.51 0.69 0.68	41.86 2.76 1.65 9.28 1.01 1.03 0.76 5.81 3.13 - 1.37 0.76 1.68 1.74 9.84 6.10 0.73 1.40 2.12 0.73
Portfolio of investments Other net assets Net assets attributable to unitholders	355,332,654 30,121,643 385,454,297	92.19 7.81 100.00	93.76 6.24 100.00

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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 11 to 16.

# 2. Credit rating of debt securities

	Fair value at 31 December 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2021 %
AAA*	6,499,578	1.69
AA	6,979,988	1.81
A+	25,801,565	6.69
A	8,121,204	2.11
A-	63,795,580	16.55
BBB+	42,528,034	11.03
BBB	10,256,935	2.66
Aa3	6,766,564	1.76
A1	2,293,493	0.60
A2	29,716,994	7.71
A3	56,821,509	14.74
Baa1	15,746,504	4.09
Baa1*-	1,794,157	0.47
Baa2	24,606,563	6.38
Baa3	9,581,967	2.49
Not rated	41,384,047	10.73
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income		
securities	2,637,972	0.68
Total	355,332,654	92.19

\* The balance includes securities that are issued by government agencies of governments that have a AAA rating as rated by Standard & Poor's.

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# **REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS**

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# 3. Top 10 holdings

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10 Largest holdings at 31 December 2021		Percentage of total net assets attributable to
	Fair value S\$	unitholders
DBS Group Holdings Limited 4.52% due 11/12/2028	14,004,812	3.63
United Overseas Bank Limited 2.88% due 08/03/2027	11,896,379	3.09
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited 3.75% due 22/11/2027	10,773,010	2.79
National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% due 19/05/2028	9,852,528	2.56
Sinopec Capital 2013 Limited 3.125% due 24/04/2023 Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 3.75% due	9,677,121	2.51
29/11/2027	9,562,177	2.48
Manulife Financial Corporation 3% due 21/11/2029	9,519,895	2.40
CNAC HK Finbridge Company Limited 4.625% due	3,513,035	2.77
14/03/2023	9,084,043	2.36
SSG Resources Limited 4.25% due 04/10/2022 NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited 3.65%	8,973,915	2.33
due 23/08/2027	8,899,809	2.31
10 Largest holdings at 31 December 2020		Percentage of
		total net assets
		attributable to
	Fair value	unitholders
	S\$	%
Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 3.75% due		
29/11/2027	9,509,412	2.62
SSG Resources Limited 4.25% due 04/10/2022	9,080,155	2.50
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited 3.75%	0.040.404	0.47
due 23/03/2027 NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited 3.65% due	8,942,124	2.47
23/08/2027	8,593,960	2.37
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited 3.75% due 22/11/2027	7,913,915	2.18
Yieldking Investment Limited 4.8% due 18/10/2021	7,438,288	2.05
Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited 3.8% due 20/11/2029	7,104,115	1.96
BNP Paribas SA 4.35% due 22/01/2029	6,874,936	1.89
National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% due 19/05/2028	6,863,463	1.89
Chinalco Capital Holdings Limited 4% due 25/08/2021	6,677,412	1.84
Exposure to financial derivatives		
Percentage of		
total net assets attributable to		
Fair value at unitholders		<b>_</b>
31 December 31 December		Realised
2021 2021 S\$%%	gains/(losses) S\$	gains/(losses) S\$

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#### 5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

The global exposure to financial derivatives is computed using the commitment approach which is calculated as the sum of:

- a. the absolute value of the exposure of each individual financial derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangements;
- b. the absolute value of the net exposure of each individual financial derivative after netting or hedging arrangements; and
- c. the sum of the values of cash collateral received pursuant to:
  - i. the reduction of exposure to counterparties of OTC financial derivatives; and
  - ii. EPM techniques relating to securities lending and repurchase transactions, and that are reinvested.

#### 6. Collateral

	31 December	30 June
	2021	2021
	S\$	S\$
Margin accounts	74,008	73,792

Margin account represents margin deposits held in respect of open exchange-traded futures contracts held with BNP Paribas Securities Services, operating through its Singapore Branch. As of 31 December 2021 and 30 June 2021, there was no open exchange-traded futures.

### 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 period ended 31 December 2021

S\$

Units created Units cancelled 228,633,687 (244,258,717)

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## **REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS**

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#### 11. Turnover ratio

		31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	57,255,191	23,504,482
Average daily net asset value	S\$	392,616,148	367,356,824
<b>Total turnover ratio</b> <sup>1</sup>	%	14.58	6.40

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.

#### 12. Expense ratio

		31 December 2021	31 December 2020
SGD Class			
Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value <b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>2</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	1,464,205 363,035,433 0.40	1,439,739 367,262,857 0.39
AUD Hedged Class		31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value <b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>2</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	41,864 6,768,358 0.62	44,027 7,210,338 0.61
USD Hedged Class		31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value <b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>2</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	66,399 16,556,780 0.40	18,883 4,828,949 0.39

<sup>2</sup> 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 period 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.

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#### 13. Related party transactions

The Manager of the Fund is Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, a subsidiary of Nikko Asset Management International Limited. The Trustee of the Fund is BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited (the "Trustee").

Management fee is payable to the Manager. Trustee fee and registrar fee are payable to the Trustee. Custody fee and valuation fee are payable to a related company of the Trustee, BNP Paribas Securities Services operating through its Singapore Branch.

In addition to related party information shown elsewhere in the financial statements (including the Statement of Portfolio), the following significant transactions took place during the financial period between the Fund and a related party at terms agreed between the parties and within the provisions of the Deeds:

	31 December 2021	30 June 2021
	S\$	S\$
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee Margin accounts held with related party of the Trustee	19,848,974 74,008	25,889,645 73,792

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

Nil.

## 15. Soft Dollar Commissions/Arrangements

In their management of the Fund, the Managers currently do not receive or enter into any soft dollar commissions or arrangements.

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

# Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$)

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# DIRECTORS

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# PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	0.16	0.63	2.69	2.63	2.10	2.28	2.29
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.21	0.43	1.26	1.20	0.88	1.18

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 30 June 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, 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.

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	-0.84	-0.38	1.66	2.29	1.90	2.18	2.24
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.21	0.43	1.26	1.20	0.88	1.18

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 30 June 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, SGD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

#### Inception date: 29 September 2000

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - AUD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	0.07	0.39	2.29	2.38	2.38	N/A	3.31
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.21	0.43	1.26	1.20	N/A	0.89

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 30 June 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, AUD, 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
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - AUD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	-0.93	-0.62	1.27	2.03	2.17	N/A	3.21
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.21	0.43	1.26	1.20	N/A	0.89

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 30 June 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, AUD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## Inception date: 23 September 2011

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - USD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	0.14	0.55	2.61	2.77	N/A	N/A	2.01
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.21	0.43	1.26	N/A	N/A	1.21

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 30 June 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, USD, 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
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - USD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	-0.86	-0.45	1.59	2.42	N/A	N/A	1.80
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.11	0.21	0.43	1.26	N/A	N/A	1.21

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 30 June 2021. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, USD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## Inception date: 15 September 2016

## Note:

(1) With effect from 22 April 2020, units of the Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) has been reclassified as follows:

	Classification (prior to 22 April 2020)	New Classification with effect on and from 22 April 2020
Notice on the Sale of Investment Products (SFA04-N12) (the "Notice")	Specified Investment Products (as defined in the Notice) ( <b>"SIPs"</b> )	Excluded Investment Products (as defined in the Notice) ( <b>"EIPs"</b> )
Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 (the "Regulations")	Capital markets products other than prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the Regulations)	Prescribed capital markets products

With effect from 17 October 2011, the Trust (formerly known as "DBS Enhanced Income Funds") has been renamed "Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Funds" and the Fund (formerly known as "DBS Enhanced Income Fund (S\$)") has been renamed "Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$)".

(2) The Fund's benchmark is 3-Months SIBOR. For hedged currency share classes only, the benchmark reflected is in the base currency.

# Portfolio Review

## The Fund outperformed the benchmark over the past 12 months

The Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) (the "Fund") delivered a gain of 2.69% (in SGD terms, on a NAV-NAV basis) for the 12 months ending 30 June 2021, outperforming the benchmark which returned 0.43%. The 2-year US Treasury (UST) yield rose by 9.9 basis points (bps), while the 2-year SGD swap rate was higher by 21.6 bps over the same period. The outperformance was derived mainly by positive contribution from income and spread. Meanwhile, our holdings in BNP Paribas S.A. 4.35% 22 Jan 2029, National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% 19 May 2028 and Australia & New Zealand Banking Group 3.75% 23 Mar 2027 were among the top contributors to performance.

# Changes to Fund characteristics

As of 30 June 2021, the Fund's weighted average duration\* and weighted average yield-tomaturity\*\* were at 1.36 years and 1.67% (hedged in SGD terms), respectively. The average credit rating of the Fund is at A-\*\*\*. The Fund is diversified across 87 bonds, with 73 issuers from 13 countries, with an average weight of 1.28% per issuer. During the month, the level of cash and cash equivalents was at 6.22%.

# Market Review

## Yields of USTs rose over the year in review

The period started with positive overall risk sentiment on the back of encouraging economic data released out of the US and China, which fueled hopes the world's two largest economies are on track to recover from damage caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. Yields of long-end USTs rose, albeit modestly, as elevated tensions between the US and China provided a cap. In August, Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman Jerome Powell announced a major shift in the central bank's approach to achieve maximum employment and its inflation goal, as it formally adopted a flexible average inflation targeting policy. Expectations of rising inflation on the horizon placed upward pressure on long-end yields. Risk assets and UST yields rallied further on the back of encouraging COVID-19 vaccine news, increased expectations of additional fiscal stimulus, and reduced political uncertainty following the US Presidential elections.

US rates started to ease in April, trading in a relatively narrow range until early June. During this time, firmer consumer and produce price indices dominated headlines and stoked some inflation fears, although the Fed insisted that the upward price pressure was largely due to a low base effect and supply disruption by the pandemic, hence, would be transitory. The Fed's hawkish pivot in mid-June triggered the UST curve to flatten aggressively. Notably, the median interest rate forecast dot plot for 2023 suggested two rate hikes, up from none in the last projection in March. In addition, Fed Chairman Powell indicated that the committee had begun discussions on when the tapering would begin. Overall, 10-year yields ended the period at 1.47%, about 81.2 bps higher compared to end-June 2020.

## Asian credits registered positive total returns as credit spreads ended tighter

Expectations of better growth and reflation prompted a meaningful rally in risk assets over the period. The Asian credit market saw some volatility in April 2021, triggered largely by concerns on a Chinese state-owned non-bank financial institution's announcement of a delayed release of its 2020 financial results. Sentiment towards other Chinese state-owned enterprises was weak as investors began to question assumptions about government support that underpinned the creditworthiness of state-owned borrowers. Subsequent reassuring comments from the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission allayed some fears.

The FY2020 full-year earnings for Asian corporates and banks were modestly weaker, but with sequential recovery already evident in the second half of 2020 (2H 2020). This also led to credit

metrics staying resilient with no significant impact on credit ratings. That said, some sectors were still experiencing residual impact from the COVID-19 restrictions, for example the consumer services sectors like airlines, gaming, and HK property companies that have large exposures to retail. Meanwhile, oil & gas and metals & mining companies saw strong recovery in 2H 2020 as commodity prices rebounded. China property developers' results were mixed, with most reporting stable to improving earnings despite generally lower gross profit margin, as well as improved credit metrics, particularly on net gearing, as they strived to comply with the "three red lines" policy on credit metrics.

Towards the end of the period, several countries in the region confronted sharp rises in new COVID-19 cases, triggering governments to re-impose mobility restrictions, although the impact on credit spreads was limited. For the 12-month period, Asian high-grade returned 2.65%, as credit spreads tightened by about 76 bps.

# Market Outlook & Strategy

# Fundamentals supportive of tighter Asian credit spreads, though downside risks have increased

We believe medium-term fundamentals remain supportive of moderately tighter Asian credit spreads over the second half of 2021. However, near-term downside risks have increased, which calls for a more cautious, gradual, and selective approach to adding credit risk over the next few months.

The current COVID-19 wave is likely to dampen the growth rebound across many Asian countries, although this setback is likely to just delay rather than derail the whole recovery process. Progress on vaccination, as well as supportive fiscal and monetary policies, should revive the growth momentum once the current COVID-19 wave subsides. Similarly, overall corporate credit fundamentals should remain robust, although the positive earnings momentum in the second half of 2021 may be softer and more mixed by sector. Specifically, certain service industries, such as travel and leisure, are likely to be impacted by the COVID-19 resurgence. In addition, sectors affected by regulatory changes and ongoing policy tightening in China would experience greater pressure on credit metrics. That said, the spread widening in July 2021 has likely priced in some of these weaknesses, making valuation more attractive, even though volatility is likely to remain elevated near-term.

In addition to the risk of a more pronounced economic impact from the ongoing COVID-19 wave, as well as uncertainties regarding the scope of regulatory and policy reforms in China, other key risks in the near-term include a more aggressive tightening of monetary policy in the US and a worsening in US-China bilateral relations. Uncertainties relating to offshore bonds issued by a Chinese state-owned non-bank financial institution remain, and although the contagion to other parts of Asian credit has been limited, the pending resolution for this issuer may still have an impact.

## NOTE:

\*Weighted Average Duration (years) is an average duration weighted with capitalisation, and the figure is for reference only and would vary from time to time due to market conditions.

\*\*Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%) is an average yield calculated by weighting each security presently held by the fund at time of calculation with capitalisation and duration. Yield to Maturity and Yield to Call measures are used in the calculation for non-callable and callable bonds respectively. The figure is for reference only and would vary from time to time due to market conditions and it does not represent the fund's distribution yield or actual rate of return.

\*\*\*Cash is included in the calculation of the average credit rating and is rated as AAA regardless of currencies held. The credit ratings of the underlying fixed income securities are determined by S&P or Moody's, and where official credit ratings are unavailable, Nikko AM Asia's internal credit ratings are used.

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## For Hong Kong Investors

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE**

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

The Trustee is under a duty to take into custody and hold the assets of Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) (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 12 to 37, 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 BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited

Authorised signatory 28 September 2021

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

## STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

In the opinion of Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 12 to 37, 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 Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) (the "Fund") as at 30 June 2021, and the financial performance and movements in unitholders' funds for the year then ended in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they materialise.

For and on behalf of the Manager Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited

Authorised signatory 28 September 2021

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKO AM SHENTON SHORT TERM BOND FUND (S\$)

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

#### Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) (the "Fund"), are properly drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and portfolio holdings of the Fund as at 30 June 2021, 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 2021;
- the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021;
- the Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds for the financial year ended 30 June 2021;
- the Statement of Portfolio as at 30 June 2021; 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.

#### **Other Information**

The Fund's Manager (the "Manager") is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKO AM SHENTON SHORT TERM BOND FUND (S\$)

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

#### 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 the Manager 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.
- 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKO AM SHENTON SHORT TERM BOND FUND (S\$)

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

• 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants Singapore, 28 September 2021

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 S\$	2020 S\$
Income			
Interest on cash and bank balances		-	108,232
Other income		9,365	18,250
	_	9,365	126,482
	-		· · · · ·
Less: Expenses			
Management fee		1,134,438	1,237,879
Registrar fee		51,886	50,789
Trustee fee		58,519	63,815
Custody fee		44,870	58,346
Audit fee		19,571	20,930
Valuation fee		168,058	183,923
Transaction costs		60,778	63,541
Other expenses		17,308	65,315
	_	1,555,428	1,744,538
	-		
Net losses	_	(1,546,063)	(1,618,056)
Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives			
Net gains on investments		2,612,460	22,010,664
Net foreign exchange losses		(3,926,757)	(1,405,647)
Net gains/(losses) on financial derivatives	_	12,714,833	(11,875,587)
	_	11,400,536	8,729,430
Total return for the financial year before		_	
income tax	_	9,854,473	7,111,374
Less: Income tax	3 _	(4,483)	(1,236)
Total return for the financial year after income tax	-	9,849,990	7,110,138

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 S\$	2020 S\$
ASSETS			
Portfolio of investments		376,929,212	331,221,427
Receivables	4	5,027,899	5,610,763
Cash and bank balances		25,889,645	43,353,697
Margin accounts	8	73,792	76,583
Financial derivatives at fair value	6	757,590	8,337
Total assets		408,678,138	380,270,807
LIABILITIES			
Payables	5	2,522,251	2,042,699
Purchases awaiting settlement		4,032,633	12,518,237
Financial derivatives at fair value	6	90,467	583,556
Total liabilities		6,645,351	15,144,492
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	7	402,032,787	365,126,315

## STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 S\$	2020 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial year		365,126,315	419,000,422
<b>Operations</b> Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		9,849,990	7,110,138
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units Cancellation of units		402,656,922 (375,600,440)	314,744,153 (375,728,398)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		27,056,482	(60,984,245)
Total increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders		36,906,472	(53,874,107)
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial year	7	402,032,787	365,126,315

## **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

As at 30 June 2021

By Geography (Primary)	Holdings at 30 June 2021	Fair value at 30 June 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2021 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities			
AUSTRALIA Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited 3.75% due 23/03/2027 Commonwealth Bank of Australia 3.375% due 20/10/2026 National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% due 19/05/2028 Westpac Banking Corporation 4% due 12/08/2027 Total AUSTRALIA	8,750,000 3,079,000 9,000,000 5,500,000	8,910,645 4,171,066 9,432,656 5,646,790 28,161,157	2.22 1.04 2.35 1.40 7.01
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS Chinalco Capital Holdings Limited 4% due 25/08/2021 CICC Hong Kong Finance 2016 MTN Limited 1.625% due	5,000,000	6,734,546	1.67
26/01/2024 CICC Hong Kong Finance 2016 MTN Limited 1.05513%	2,000,000	2,703,541	0.67
due 18/02/2023 Eastern Creation II Investment Holdings Limited 4.15%	1,200,000	1,602,616	0.40
due 04/12/2021 Guangzhou Metro Investment Finance BVI Limited 1.507%	1,350,000	1,841,468	0.46
due 17/09/2025 Guangzhou Metro Investment Finance BVI Limited 4.3%	2,000,000	2,637,749	0.66
due 18/12/2021	1,000,000	1,361,716	0.34
King Power Capital Limited 5.625% due 03/11/2024	2,000,000	3,060,772	0.76
Voyage Bonds Limited 3.375% due 28/09/2022	4,000,000 2,030,000	5,491,746	1.37 0.67
Yunda Holding Investment Limited 2.25% due 19/08/2025 Total BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	2,030,000	2,694,434 28,128,588	7.00
		20,120,000	1.00
CANADA Harvest Operations Corporation 1% due 26/04/2024	5,200,000	6,999,807	1.74
Manulife Financial Corporation 3% due 21/11/2029	9,250,000	9,613,997	2.39
Total CANADA		16,613,804	4.13
CAYMAN ISLANDS AAC Technologies Holdings Incorporation 2.625% due			
02/06/2026 AAC Technologies Holdings Incorporation 3% due	490,000	665,965	0.17
27/11/2024	2,500,000	3,467,803	0.86
ABQ Finance Limited 3.125% due 24/09/2024 Baidu Incorporation 4.375% due 14/05/2024	1,000,000 1,000,000	1,410,161 1,467,952	0.35 0.36
BOS Funding Limited 4.23% due 07/03/2022	4,289,000	5,896,351	1.47
China Overseas Grand Oceans Finance Iv Cayman	1,200,000	0,000,001	
Limited 2.45% due 09/02/2026 Country Garden Holdings Company Limited 5.4% due	2,250,000	3,030,145	0.75
27/05/2025	5,000,000	7,211,354	1.79
DIB Sukuk Limited 3.625% due 06/02/2023 Fufeng Group Limited 5.875% due 28/08/2021	2,000,000 3,000,000	2,805,200	0.70 1.01
HPHT Finance 21 Limited 2% due 19/03/2026	3,367,000	4,047,613 4,596,000	1.14
QIB Sukuk Limited 1.512% due 07/02/2025	4,000,000	5,451,567	1.36
Shimao Group Holdings Limited 6.125% due 21/02/2024	3,250,000	4,511,857	1.12
Shimao Group Holdings Limited 5.6% due 15/07/2026	3,800,000	5,388,941	1.34
Weibo Corporation 3.5% due 05/07/2024	5,000,000	7,076,412	1.76
Total CAYMAN ISLANDS		57,027,321	14.18

## **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

As at 30 June 2021

By Geography (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 30 June 2021	Fair value at 30 June 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2021 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)		34	70
CHINA China Life Insurance Overseas Company Limited of Hong Kong 3.35% due 27/07/2027	3,844,000	5,249,044	1.31
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Limited of Hong Kong 1.11425% due 21/02/2022	1,700,000	2,291,534	0.57
PowerChina Real Estate Group Limited 4.5% due 06/12/2021	5,370,000	7,293,426	1.81
Shenzhen Expressway Company Limited 2.875% due 18/07/2021	1,500,000	2,018,332	0.50
Total CHINA		16,852,336	4.19
FRANCE BNP Paribas SA 4.35% due 22/01/2029 Total FRANCE	6,500,000	6,877,975 6,877,975	1.71 1.71
GERMANY Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg 3.75% due 18/05/2027 Total GERMANY	3,000,000	<u>3,006,168</u> 3,006,168	0.75 0.75
<ul> <li>HONG KONG SAR</li> <li>Bank of Communications Hong Kong Limited 2.304% due 08/07/2031</li> <li>The Bank of East Asia Limited 4% due 03/11/2026</li> <li>Bocom Leasing Management Hong Kong Company Limited 4% due 22/01/2022</li> <li>CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited 3.75% due 22/11/2027</li> <li>CNAC HK Finbridge Company Limited 3.375% due 19/06/2024</li> <li>CNAC HK Finbridge Company Limited 4.625% due 14/03/2023</li> <li>Far East Horizon Limited 2.19975% due 05/07/2021</li> <li>Far East Horizon Limited 2.625% due 03/03/2024</li> <li>Huarong Leasing Management Hong Kong Company Limited 2.5% due 21/07/2021</li> <li>ICBCIL Finance Company Limited 3.65% due 05/03/2022</li> <li>Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited 3.75% due 20/11/2029</li> <li>Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 5% due 17/01/2029</li> <li>Total HONG KONG SAR</li> </ul>	3,000,000 2,796,000 2,000,000 6,500,000 2,000,000 3,000,000 2,515,000 1,500,000 3,000,000 4,200,000 4,200,000	4,028,075 3,784,647 2,729,205 8,939,167 2,813,917 4,246,886 4,032,632 3,389,142 1,995,523 4,103,661 5,821,278 9,623,132 6,041,052 61,548,317	1.00 0.94 0.68 2.22 0.70 1.06 1.00 0.84 0.51 1.02 1.45 2.39 1.50 15.31
JAPAN Mizuho Financial Group Incorporation 1.075% due 28/02/2022 Mizuho Financial Group Incorporation 0.777% due 25/05/2024 Total JAPAN	1,800,000 3,000,000	2,433,751 4,057,382 6,491,133	0.60 <u>1.01</u> 1.61
LUXEMBOURG SPIC Luxembourg Latin America Renewable Energy Investment Company Sarl 4.25% due 30/10/2021 Total LUXEMBOURG	3,000,000	4,070,427 4,070,427	1.01 1.01

## **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

As at 30 June 2021

By Geography (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 30 June 2021	Fair value at 30 June 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2021 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)		·	
MALAYSIA CIMB Bank Berhad 0.97363% due 09/10/2024 Malayan Banking Berhad 3.905% due 29/10/2026 Malayan Banking Berhad 0.95588% due 16/08/2024 RHB Bank Berhad 3.766% due 19/02/2024 SSG Resources Limited 4.25% due 04/10/2022 Total MALAYSIA	3,000,000 7,500,000 2,000,000 3,000,000 6,550,000	4,055,910 10,157,419 2,705,318 4,305,782 9,081,228 30,305,657	1.01 2.53 0.67 1.07 2.26 7.54
SINGAPORE Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust 3.2% due 03/06/2022	3,250,000	3,324,949	0.83
Aviva Singlife Holdings Private Limited 3.375% due 24/02/2031	5,000,000	5,230,000	1.30
CapitaLand China Trust 3.25% due 04/07/2022 CapitaMalls Asia Treasury Limited 3.7% due 29/08/2022 CCT MTN Private Limited 2.96% due 13/08/2021	4,000,000 4,000,000 4,250,000	4,087,671 4,124,576 4,257,870	1.02 1.03 1.06
CMT MTN Private Limited 2.8% due 13/03/2023 CMT MTN Private Limited 3.2% due 21/08/2025	1,500,000 1,250,000	1,547,845 1,338,420	0.38 0.33
CMT MTN Private Limited 3.48% due 06/08/2024 DBS Group Holdings Limited 4.52% due 11/12/2028 FCOT Treasury Private Limited 2.835% due 11/08/2021	2,500,000 5,500,000 2,000,000	2,672,816 7,982,267 2,005,080	0.66 1.99 0.50
Keppel Corporation Limited 3.145% due 14/02/2022 Lend Lease Retail Investments 3 Private Limited 3.28% due 03/09/2021	3,000,000 1,250,000	3,042,313 1,254,703	0.76 0.31
Mapletree Commercial Trust Treasury Company Private Limited 3.25% due 03/02/2023	1,230,000	1,036,906	0.25
Monetary Authority of Singapore Bill 0% due 16/07/2021 Monetary Authority of Singapore Bill 0% due 23/07/2021 NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited 3.65% due	7,000,000 6,000,000	6,999,160 5,998,980	1.74 1.49
23/08/2027 RCS Trust 3.2% due 14/03/2025 Starhub Limited 3.08% due 12/09/2022 United Overseas Bank Limited 2.88% due 08/03/2027 Total SINGAPORE	8,250,000 4,000,000 5,500,000 5,500,000	8,504,828 4,266,443 5,635,007 7,498,253 80,808,087	2.12 1.06 1.40 1.87 20.10
SOUTH KOREA			
Hana Bank 0.89425% due 02/10/2022 Hana Bank 0.86888% due 13/06/2024 Kookmin Bank 1.07313% due 09/06/2022 Lotte Property & Development Company Limited	1,500,000 1,330,000 1,000,000	2,026,791 1,803,229 1,351,846	0.50 0.45 0.34
0.95038% due 06/08/2022 Naver Corporation 1.5% due 29/03/2026 Shinhan Bank Company Limited 3.875% due 07/12/2026	5,000,000 3,000,000 3,000,000	6,755,835 4,029,224 4,079,743	1.68 1.00 1.02
SK Hynix Incorporation 1.5% due 19/01/2026 Woori Bank 0.91925% due 21/05/2024 Total SOUTH KOREA	2,200,000 1,500,000	2,924,975 2,029,326 25,000,969	0.73 0.50 6.22

## **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

As at 30 June 2021

By Geography (Primary) (continued) Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)	Holdings at 30 June 2021	Fair value at 30 June 2021 S\$	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Burgan Senior SPC Limited 3.125% due 14/09/2021 Emirates NBD Bank PJSC 3.05% due 06/03/2023 Emirates NBD Bank PJSC 3.25% due 14/11/2022 Total UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2,500,000 500,000 2,000,000	3,374,179 516,797 2,783,776 6,674,752	0.84 0.13 0.69 1.66
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BOC Aviation USA Corporation 1.625% due 29/04/2024 Total UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1,800,000	2,440,423 2,440,423	0.61 0.61
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities		2,922,098	0.73
Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities		376,929,212	93.76
Portfolio of investments Other net assets Net assets attributable to unitholders		376,929,212 25,103,575 402,032,787	93.76 6.24 100.00

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

## **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

As at 30 June 2021

By Geography (Summary)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2021 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2020 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities		
Australia	7.01	5.75
British Virgin Islands	7.00	13.49
Canada	4.13	1.66
Cayman Islands	14.18	6.74
China	4.19	12.31
France	1.71	3.46
Germany	0.75	0.79
Hong Kong SAR	15.31	14.78
Indonesia	-	0.18
Japan	1.61	1.81
Luxembourg	1.01	1.18
Malaysia	7.54	7.30
Mauritius	-	0.77
Singapore	20.10	13.29
South Korea	6.22	4.52
United Arab Emirates	1.66	1.90
United States of America	0.61	-
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	0.73	0.78
Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities	93.76	90.71
Portfolio of investments	93.76	90.71
Other net assets	6.24	9.29
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

## **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

As at 30 June 2021

By Industry (Secondary)	Fair value at 30 June 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2021 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2020 %
Banks	168,297,373	41.86	33.41
Chemicals	11,108,416	2.76	0.77
Commercial Services	6,614,332	1.65	0.58
Distribution/Wholesale	-	-	1.17
Diversified Financial Services	37,307,971	9.28	7.40
Electric	4,070,427	1.01	1.18
Electronics	4,133,768	1.03	-
Engineering and Construction	3,042,313	0.76	3.78
Gas	-	-	0.76
Holding Companies-Diversified	-	-	2.15
Home Builders	-	-	0.58
Insurance	23,367,869	5.81	6.36
Internet	12,573,588	3.13	1.61
Investment Companies		-	5.34
Iron/Steel	5,491,746	1.37	1.57
Leisure Time	3,060,772	0.76	-
Metal Fabricate/Hardware	-	-	1.84
Mining	6,734,546	1.68	2.87
Oil and Gas	6,999,807	1.74	-
Real Estate	39,570,837	9.84	8.59
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)	24,538,000	6.10	6.35
Sovereign	-	-	1.16
Semiconductors	2,924,975	0.73	-
Telecommunications	5,635,007	1.40	1.53
Transportation	8,535,367	2.12	0.93
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	2 022 009	0 72	0.70
	2,922,098	0.73	0.78
Portfolio of investments	376,929,212	93.76	90.71
Other net assets	25,103,575	93.76 6.24	90.71
Net assets attributable to unitholders	402,032,787	100.00	100.00
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

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

#### 1. General

Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) (the "Fund") is a Singapore domiciled fund, constituted as a sub-fund of the Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Funds, pursuant to the Trust Deed dated 26 June 2000 as amended by Supplemental Deeds and Amended and Restated Deeds (collectively referred to as the "Deeds"). The Deeds are governed by the laws of the Republic of Singapore. The Trustee of the Fund is BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited (the "Trustee"). The Manager of the Fund is Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited (the "Manager").

There are currently five classes of units established within the Fund, namely SGD Class, AUD Hedged Class, USD Class, USD Hedged Class and RMB Class.

The classes differ in terms of their class currency, the management fees, the minimum subscription amounts applicable, the periods for payments of realisation proceeds and the hedging features applicable to certain classes as described below.

The NAV of each class within the Fund will be valued in its respective class currency.

For the AUD Hedged Class and the USD Hedged Class, the Manager intend to hedge the currency exposure of the assets of the Scheme attributable to (a) the AUD Hedged Class into AUD and (b) the USD Hedged Class into USD, through the use of currency forwards. Consequently, the NAV per Unit of each of the AUD Hedged Class and the USD Hedged Class will take into account any gains or losses arising from the use of the currency forwards in respect of the relevant class.

As of 30 June 2021, only units in the SGD Class, AUD Hedged Class and USD Hedged 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 held 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") revised and issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants in July 2020 for the financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2020.

The adoption of the revised RAP 7 did not result in substantial changes to the accounting policies of the Fund and had no material effect on the amounts reported for the current or prior years.

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#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) <u>Recognition of income</u>

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

#### (c) <u>Investments</u>

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 is 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.

#### (d) 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 prices used for fixed income securities held by the Fund is the mid-market price for both financial asset and financial liabilities. Accrued interest or discount or premium on fixed income securities at financial year 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.

(e) <u>Receivables</u>

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.

#### (f) 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.

(g) Payables

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

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#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (h) <u>Cash and bank balances</u>

Cash and bank balances comprise cash at banks and on hand which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### (i) 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 denominated in Singapore Dollar (SGD), United States Dollar (USD) and Australian Dollar (AUD).

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

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Singapore Dollar at the rates of exchange prevailing at the date of the Statement of Financial Position. The net unrealised gain or loss is taken to the Statement of Total Return. Transactions during the year are recorded in Singapore Dollar at the rates of exchange ruling on transaction dates. All realised gains or losses are recognised in the Statement of Total Return.

#### (j) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the company or the counterparty.

#### (k) Margin

Cash margin provided by the Fund is identified in the Statement of Financial Position as margin and collateral accounts and is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents. For collateral other than cash, if the party to whom the collateral is provided has the right by contract or custom to sell or re-pledge the collateral, the Fund classifies that asset in its Statement of Financial Position separately from other assets and identifies the asset as pledged collateral. Where the party to whom the collateral is provided does not have the right to sell or re-pledge, a disclosure of the collateral provided is made in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (I) <u>Financial derivatives</u>

Financial derivatives are entered into for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, tactical asset allocation or specific hedging of financial assets held as determined by the Manager and in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds.

Financial derivatives outstanding at the end of the financial year are valued at forward rates or at current market prices using the "mark-to-market" method, as applicable, and the resultant gains and losses are taken up in the Statement of Total Return.

#### (m) Expenses charged to the Fund

Management fees are charged directly to each class as follows:

#### Management fee

SGD Class and USD Hedged Class: 0.3% per annum AUD Hedged Class: 0.5% per annum.

All other expenses relate to the Fund as a whole and are further allocated to each class based on the respective asset under management proportion.

#### 3. Income tax

The Manager and Trustee of the Fund have assessed and are satisfied that the Fund has met the requisite conditions under the Designated Unit Trust (DUT) scheme for the current financial year. The Manager and Trustee of the Fund will ensure that the Fund 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 to 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 fees, redemption premium and break cost from qualifying debt securities issued during the prescribed period; and
- (f) distributions from foreign unit trusts derived from outside Singapore and received in Singapore.

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#### 3. Income tax (continued)

Income tax for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 and 2020 comprises:

	2021 S\$	2020 S\$
Singapore income tax	4,483	1,236

Singapore income tax comprises of tax on other income derived from outside Singapore.

#### 4. Receivables

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	2021 S\$	2020 S\$
Receivable from unitholders for creation of units Other receivables	5,027,899 -	5,596,516 14,247
	5,027,899	5,610,763
Payables		
	2021 S\$	2020 S\$
Payable to unitholders for cancellation of units	2,088,296	1,666,226
Amount due to the Manager	314,496	280,010
Amount due to the Trustee	16,197	14,461
Valuation fee payable	46,589	41,382
Registrar fee payable	5,335	5,321
Provision for audit fee	19,903	19,957
Custody fee payable	15,927	14,106
Provision for tax liabilities	5,101	1,236
Other payables	10,407	-
	2,522,251	2,042,699

Amount due to the Manager comprises management fee payable to Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Trustee fee and registrar fee are payable to BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited. Valuation fee and custody fee are payable to BNP Paribas Securities Services operating through its Singapore Branch.

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#### 6. Financial derivatives

Financial derivatives comprise of forward foreign exchange contracts for purchases and sales of foreign currencies. The year-end positive and negative fair values represent the unrealised gains and losses respectively on revaluation of forward foreign exchange contracts at the Statement of Financial Position date. The contract or underlying principal amounts of these financial derivatives and their corresponding gross positive or negative fair values at Statement of Financial Position date are analysed below.

	Contract or underlying principal amount		Year-end positive fair value		Year-end negative fair value	
	2021 S\$	2020 S\$	2021 S\$	2020 S\$	2021 S\$	2020 S\$
Forward foreign exchange contracts	<b>278,147,102</b> 25	1,905,039	757,590	8,337	90,467	583,556

The Fund also restricts its exposure to credit losses on the trading derivative instruments it holds by entering into master netting arrangements with approved brokers with whom it undertakes a significant volume of transactions. Master netting arrangements do not result in an offset of Statement of Financial Position assets and liabilities, as transactions are usually settled on a gross basis. However, the credit risk is reduced by a master netting arrangement to the extent that if an event of default occurs, all amounts with the counterparty are terminated and settled on a net basis. The Fund's overall exposure to credit risk on derivative instruments subject to a master netting arrangement can change substantially within a short period, as it is affected by each transaction subject to the arrangement.

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#### 6. Financial derivatives (continued)

Financial assets and financial liabilities which are subject to enforceable master netting agreements or similar agreements for the year ended 30 June 2021 and 2020 are detailed in the following table.

## (i) Offsetting financial assets

				Related accour in the Statemer Posit	nt of Financial	
2021	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets S\$	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities set-off in the Statement of Financial Position S\$	Net amounts of financial assets presented in the Statement of Financial Position S\$	Financial instruments	Cash collateral S\$	Net exposure S\$
Forward foreign exchange						
contracts	755,253	-	755,253	-	-	755,253
				Related accour in the Statemer Posit	t of Financial	
2020	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets S\$	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities set-off in the Statement of Financial Position \$\$	Net amounts of financial assets presented in the Statement of Financial Position S\$	Financial instruments	Cash collateral S\$	Net exposure S\$
Forward foreign exchange						
contracts	8,180	-	8,180	101	-	8,079

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#### 6. Financial derivatives (continued)

## (ii) Offsetting financial liabilities

				Related accour in the Statemer Posit	t of Financial	
2021	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities S\$	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets set-off in the Statement of Financial Position S\$	Net amounts of financial liabilities presented in the Statement of Financial Position S\$	Financial	Cash collateral S\$	Net exposure S\$
Forward foreign exchange contracts	90,467	-	90,467	-	-	90,467
				Related accour in the Statemer Posit	t of Financial	
2020	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities S\$	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets set-off in the Statement of Financial Position \$\$	Net amounts of financial liabilities presented in the Statement of Financial Position S\$	Financial instruments S\$	Cash collateral S\$	Net exposure S\$
	-+	- +	-+	-+	- +	
Forward foreign exchange contracts	569,325		569,325	101		569,224

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#### 7. Units in issue

During the year ended 30 June 2021 and 2020, the number of units issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follows:

SGD Class	2021	2020
Units at beginning of the financial year	225,652,067	270,223,470
Units created	239,786,364	189,928,106
Units cancelled	(230,185,065)	(234,499,509)
Units at end of the financial year	235,253,366	225,652,067
Net assets attributable to unitholders - S\$	376,223,998	351,412,072
Net asset value per unit - S\$	1.59923	1.55732
AUD Hedged Class	2021	2020
Units at beginning of the financial year	6,464,947	3,117,840
Units created	2,425,098	8,414,774
Units cancelled	(4,021,417)	(5,067,667)
Units at end of the financial year	4,868,628	6,464,947
Net assets attributable to unitholders - S\$	6,795,057	8,395,560
Net asset value per unit - S\$	1.39568	1.29863
USD Hedged Class	2021	2020
Units at beginning of the financial year	3,555,798	1,180,342
Units created	12,662,632	7,123,362
Units cancelled	(3,361,927)	(4,747,906)
Units at end of the financial year	12,856,503	3,555,798
Net assets attributable to unitholders - S\$	19,013,732	5,318,683
Net asset value per unit - S\$	1.47892	1.49578

A reconciliation of the net asset value as reported in the Statement of Financial Position to net asset value as determined for the purpose of processing unit subscription and redemption is not presented as there is no difference to the net assets attributable to unitholders per unit.

#### 8. Margin accounts

	2021 S\$	2020 S\$
Margin accounts	73,792	76,583

Margin account represents margin deposits held in respect of open exchange-traded futures contracts held with BNP Paribas Securities Services, operating through its Singapore Branch. As of 30 June 2021 and 2020, there is no open exchange-traded futures.

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#### 9. 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 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 exposures to these risks.

The Fund's primary objective is to seek preservation of capital, liquidity and consistent with these objectives, to outperform the Singapore Interbank Offered Rate (SIBOR) by investing in a diversified portfolio of good quality, short term bonds and money market instruments.

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

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and develop. The situation is dynamic with various cities and countries around the world responding in different ways to address the pandemic. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, global financial markets have experienced significant volatility. Given the extent of the crisis, it is difficult to estimate the impact or duration of the volatility on the portfolio of the Fund. The Manager is closely monitoring the development of the COVID-19 pandemic and its related impact.

#### (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 any deviation from the Fund's investment objective. 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 across various geographies and industries globally.

The market prices of financial assets held by the Fund are dependent on prevailing market interest rates, as the Fund invests in bonds issued by governments and corporations. No separate price risk sensitivity analysis is prepared as it is covered as part of interest rate risk sensitivity analysis.

#### (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.

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#### 9. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (b) Market risk - Interest rate risk (continued)

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

#### As at 30 June 2021

	Floating rate	Up to 1 year	- <u>Fixed rate</u> 1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non-interest bearing	Total
	S\$	S\$	S\$	S\$	S\$	S\$
Assets						
Portfolio of investments	175,195,939	72,349,502	121,072,732	5,388,941	2,922,098	376,929,212
Receivables	-	-	-	-	5,027,899	5,027,899
Cash and bank balances	25,889,645	-	-	-	-	25,889,645
Margin accounts	73,792	-	-	-	-	73,792
Financial derivatives at						
fair value	-	-	-	-	757,590	757,590
Total assets	201,159,376	72,349,502	121,072,732	5,388,941	8,707,587	408,678,138
Liabilities						
Payables	-	-	-	-	2,522,251	2,522,251
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	-	-	-	4,032,633	4,032,633
Financial derivatives at fair value	-	-	-	-	90,467	90,467
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	6,645,351	6,645,351

#### As at 30 June 2020

			-	-	Non-interest	
	Floating rate		- Fixed rate -		<u>bearing</u>	
	S\$	<u>Up to 1 year</u> S\$	<u>1-5 years</u> S\$	Over 5 years S\$	S\$	<u>Total</u> S\$
Assets	54	Οψ	04	54	Οψ	Οφ
Portfolio of investments	128,109,387	46,789,107	153,475,291	-	2,847,642	331,221,427
Receivables	-	-	-	-	5,610,763	5,610,763
Cash and bank balances	43,353,697	-	-	-	-	43,353,697
Margin accounts	76,583	-	-	-	-	76,583
Financial derivatives at fair value					0 227	0 227
			-	-	8,337	8,337
Total assets	171,539,667	46,789,107	153,475,291	-	8,466,742	380,270,807
Liabilities						
Payables	-	-	-	-	2,042,699	2,042,699
Purchases awaiting settlement Financial derivatives at	-	-	-	-	12,518,237	12,518,237
fair value	-	-	-	-	583,556	583,556
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	15,144,492	15,144,492

As at 30 June 2021 and 2020, an increase/decrease of interest rates 1% (2020: 1%), with all other variables remaining constant, would result in a decrease/increase of the net assets attributable to unitholders by approximately 1% (2020: 1%). Reasonable possible changes in interest rate are revised annually depending on the Manager's current view of market volatility and other factors.

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#### 9. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (c) Market risk - Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of 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.

As at 30 June 2021	USD S\$	SGD S\$	AUD S\$	Total S\$
Assets Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances Margin accounts Total assets	266,646,283 269 179,405 73,792 266,899,749	110,282,929 5,027,630 24,950,799 - 140,261,358	- - 759,441 - 759,441	376,929,212 5,027,899 25,889,645 73,792 407,920,548
Liabilities Payables Purchases awaiting settlement Total liabilities	20,869 4,032,633 4,053,502	2,388,825 - 2,388,825	112,557 - 112,557	2,522,251 4,032,633 6,554,884
Net off-balance sheet derivative financial instruments Net currency exposure	<u>(231,643,085)</u> 31,203,162	225,399,807 363,272,340	6,910,401 7,557,285	
As at 30 June 2020	USD S\$	SGD S\$	AUD S\$	Total S\$
				- +
Assets Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances Margin accounts Total assets	236,091,219 37,666 4,141,695 76,583 240,347,163	95,130,208 4,942,231 38,676,024 - 138,748,463	630,866 535,978 - 1,166,844	331,221,427 5,610,763 43,353,697 76,583 380,262,470
Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances Margin accounts	37,666 4,141,695 76,583	4,942,231 38,676,024 -	535,978 -	331,221,427 5,610,763 43,353,697 76,583

As of 30 June 2021 and 2020, 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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#### 9. 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, there is no minimum holdings and no redemption size are set.

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

The Fund's financial liabilities are analysed using contractual undiscounted cash flows for maturity groupings based on the remaining year at the Statement of Financial Position date to the contractual maturity date. As at 30 June 2021 and 2020, all liabilities are either payable upon demand or due in less than 3 months. The impact of discounting is not significant.

Less than	<u>3 months</u>
As at	As at
30 June 2021	30 June 2020
S\$	S\$
2,522,251	2,042,699
4,032,633	12,518,237
6,554,884	14,560,936
	As at 30 June 2021 S\$ 2,522,251

The table below analyses the Fund's derivative financial instruments in a loss position that will be settled on a gross basis into relevant maturity groupings based on the period at the Statement of Financial Position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 3 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Less than	<u>3 months</u>
	As at	As at
		30 June 2020
	S\$	S\$
Currency forwards		
- Outflow	(7,483,626)	(246,958,349)
- Inflow	7,393,159	246,374,793
Net outflow	(90,467)	(583,556)

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#### 9. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (e) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to fulfil its obligations 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 amounts due from brokers and other receivable balances. 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.

The Fund invests mostly in financial assets, which have an investment grade as rated by Standard and Poor's or Moody's or Fitch. The credit ratings are reviewed regularly.

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

_		Fair value at 30 June 2021		ue at 2020
	Floating rate	Fixed rate	Floating rate	Fixed rate
	securities	securities	securities	securities
	S\$	S\$	S\$	S\$
AAA <sup>1</sup>	-	12,998,140	-	2,999,535
AA	-	6,999,807	-	-
A+	15,716,020	-	15,347,068	-
A A- BBB+	21,354,174 39,118,875	5,945,129 34,461,165 -	4,060,006 17,075,754 31,299,819	6,240,911 13,001,262 8,203,325
BBB	14,185,494	11,323,298	4,541,301	10,407,547
BBB-	3,784,647	10,361,730	12,713,235	2,796,960
Aa3	6,755,835	-	6,945,921	-
A1	2,291,534	-	2,376,578	-
A2	15,480,520	2,771,877	2,836,582	2,879,689
A3	22,425,412	24,137,716	14,529,368	19,665,906
Baa1 Baa2 Baa3 Baa3u	1,602,616 11,945,335 11,051,278	11,033,873 16,695,676 -	1,648,261 6,488,770 2,799,499	17,836,878 12,557,440 7,560,896 2,926,849
Not rated P-3 *- <sup>2</sup> Accrued interest receivables on	9,484,199 -	- 60,087,241 1,995,523	- 5,447,225 -	93,187,200
quoted fixed income securities	1,118,984	1,803,114	821,184	2,026,458
	176,314,923	200,614,289	128,930,571	202,290,856

<sup>1</sup> The balance indicates securities that are issued by government agencies of governments that have a AAA rating as rated by Standard & Poor's.

<sup>2</sup> The balance indicates that the credit rating agency has that bond on watch. \*+ indicates a possible upgrade and \*- a possible downgrade.

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#### 9. Financial risk management (continued)

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

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 bank balances and outstanding and committed transactions from brokers. The table below summarises the credit rating of bank and custodians in which the Fund's assets are held as at 30 June 2021 and 2020.

	Credit rating as at 30 June 2021	Credit rating as at 30 June 2020	Source of credit rating
<ul> <li>Bank balance</li> <li>BNP Paribas Securities</li> <li>Services, operating through its</li> <li>Singapore Branch</li> </ul>	A+	A+	Standard & Poor's
Financial derivatives Australia and New Zealand Bank BNP Paribas Citibank N.A Singapore ING Group JP Morgan Chase & Company	AA- A+ BBB+ A- A-	AA- A+ BBB+ A- A-	Standard & Poor's Standard & Poor's Standard & Poor's Standard & Poor's Standard & Poor's
Custodian - BNP Paribas Securities Services, operating through its Singapore Branch	A+	A+	Standard & Poor's

The credit ratings are based on 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.

#### (g) Fair value estimation

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

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

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#### 9. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (g) Fair value estimation (continued)

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 2021 and 2020:

As at 30 June 2021	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 fixed income securities	-	376,929,212	-	376,929,212
- Financial derivatives at fair value	-	757,590	-	757,590
-	-	377,686,802	-	377,686,802
Liabilities Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception: - Financial derivatives at fair value	-	90,467	-	90,467
As at 30 June 2020	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
As at 30 June 2020 Assets Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception: - Quoted fixed income securities - Financial derivatives at fair value		<b>\$\$</b> 331,221,427 8,337		<b>S\$</b> 331,221,427 8,337
Assets Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception: - Quoted fixed income securities		<b>\$</b>		<b>S\$</b> 331,221,427

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 investment-grade corporate bonds, government bonds and over-the-counter derivatives.

Except for cash and bank balances and margin account which are classified as level 1, the Fund's assets and liabilities not measured at fair value at 30 June 2021 and 2020 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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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 10. 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 related party at terms agreed between the parties and within the provisions of the Deeds:

			2021 S\$	2020 S\$
	Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee Margin accounts held with related party of the Trustee		25,889,645 73,792	43,353,697 76,583
11.	Financial ratios			
	Expense ratio		2024	2020
	SGD Class		2021	2020
	Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value <b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>1</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	1,412,873 356,838,026 0.40	1,627,112 398,275,616 0.41
			2021	2020
	AUD Hedged Class			
	Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value <b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>1</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	43,345 7,117,378 0.61	37,183 5,931,696 0.63
			2021	2020
	USD Hedged Class			2020
	Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value <b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>1</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	38,432 9,550,211 0.40	16,612 4,059,514 0.41
	Turnover ratio			
			2021	2020
	Lower of total value of purchases or sales Average daily net asset value <b>Total turnover ratio</b> <sup>2</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	96,886,005 373,505,615 25.94	208,986,258 408,266,826 51.19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The portfolio turnover ratio is calculated in accordance with the formula stated in the Code on Collective Investment Schemes. The calculation of the portfolio turnover ratio was based on the lower of the total value of purchases or sales of the underlying investments, divided by the average daily net asset value.

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## **REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS**

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

The following contains additional information relating to the Fund.

## 1. Distribution of investments

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 15 to 20.

### 2. Credit rating of debt securities

	Fair value at 30 June 2021 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2021 %
AAA	12,998,140	3.23
AA	6,999,807	1.74
A+	15,716,020	3.91
A	5,945,129	1.48
A-	55,815,339	13.88
BBB+	39,118,875	9.73
BBB	25,508,792	6.35
BBB-	14,146,377	3.52
Aa3	6,755,835	1.68
A1	2,291,534	0.57
A2	18,252,397	4.54
A3	46,563,128	11.58
Baa1	12,636,489	3.14
Baa2	28,641,011	7.12
Baa3	11,051,278	2.75
Not rated	69,571,440	17.31
P-3 *-	1,995,523	0.50
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income		
securities	2,922,098	0.73
Total	376,929,212	93.76

## **REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS**

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

#### Top 10 holdings 3.

10 Largest holdings at 30 June 2021	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Malayan Banking Berhad 3.905% due 29/10/2026 Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 3.75% due	10,157,419	2.53
29/11/2027	9,623,132	2.39
Manulife Financial Corporation 3% due 21/11/2029	9,613,997	2.39
National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% due 19/05/2028	9,432,656	2.35
SSG Resources Limited 4.25% due 04/10/2022	9,081,228	2.26
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited 3.75% due 22/11/2027	8,939,167	2.22
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited		
3.75% due 23/03/2027	8,910,645	2.22
NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited 3.65%	0 504 000	0.40
due 23/08/2027	8,504,828	2.12 1.99
DBS Group Holdings Limited 4.52% due 11/12/2028 United Overseas Bank Limited 2.88% due 08/03/2027	7,982,267 7,498,253	1.99
United Overseas Bank Linnied 2.00% due 00/03/2021	7,490,255	1.07
10 Largest holdings at 30 June 2020		Percentage of total net assets attributable to
	Fair value S\$	unitholders %
SSG Resources Limited 4.25% due 04/10/2022 Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited 3.75%	9,577,326	2.62
due 23/03/2027	7,879,092	2.16
Yieldking Investment Limited 4.8% due 18/10/2021	7,862,199	2.15
Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 3.75% due	.,,	•
29/11/2027	7,710,294	2.11
Chinalco Capital Holdings Limited 4% due 25/08/2021	7,039,555	1.93
Central Plaza Development Limited 3.875% due		
30/01/2021	6,999,177	1.92
Lotte Property & Development Company Limited		
1.27588% due 06/08/2022	6,945,921	1.90
Jiangxi Railway Investment Group Company Limited		
4.85% due 21/02/2022	6,733,973	1.84
National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% due 19/05/2028	6,721,701	1.84
PowerChina Real Estate Group Limited 4.5% due		

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#### **REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS**

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

#### 4. Exposure to financial derivatives

		Percentage of total net assets attributable to		
	Fair value at 30 June 2021 \$\$	unitholders 30 June 2021 %	Unrealised gains/(losses) \$\$	Realised gains/(losses) S\$
Forward foreign exchange contracts	667,123	0.17	667,123	12,047,710

#### 5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

The global exposure to financial derivatives is computed using the commitment approach which is calculated as the sum of:

- a. the absolute value of the exposure of each individual financial derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangements;
- b. the absolute value of the net exposure of each individual financial derivative after netting or hedging arrangements; and
- c. the sum of the values of cash collateral received pursuant to:
  - i. the reduction of exposure to counterparties of OTC financial derivatives; and
  - ii. EPM techniques relating to securities lending and repurchase transactions, and that are reinvested.

#### 6. Collateral

Please refer to Note 8 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 29.

## 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 30 June 2021

S\$

Units created Units cancelled 402,656,922 (375,600,440)

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## **REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS**

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021

#### 11. Turnover ratio

Please refer to Note 11 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 37.

#### 12. Expense ratio

Please refer to Note 11 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 37.

#### 13. Related party transactions

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 37.

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

Nil.

### 15. Soft Dollar Commissions/Arrangements

In their management of the Fund, the Managers currently do not receive or enter into any soft dollar commissions or arrangements.

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# **SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

For the financial period ending 31 December 2020

# Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$)

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# PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	0.87	2.05	2.47	2.48	2.29	2.36	2.31
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.10	0.22	0.85	1.43	1.27	0.88	1.20

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2020. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, 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.

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	-0.13	1.03	1.44	2.14	2.08	2.26	2.26
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.10	0.22	0.85	1.43	1.27	0.88	1.20

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2020. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, SGD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

#### Inception date: 29 September 2000

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - AUD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	0.78	1.90	2.41	2.38	2.69	N/A	3.45
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.10	0.22	0.85	1.43	1.27	N/A	0.92

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2020. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, AUD, 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
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - AUD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	-0.22	0.88	1.38	2.04	2.48	N/A	3.34
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.10	0.22	0.85	1.43	1.27	N/A	0.92

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2020. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, AUD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## Inception date: 23 September 2011

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - USD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	0.89	2.05	2.32	2.46	N/A	N/A	2.12
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.10	0.22	0.85	1.43	N/A	N/A	1.30

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2020. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, USD, 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
Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) - USD Hedged Class <sup>1</sup>	-0.12	1.03	1.29	2.12	N/A	N/A	1.88
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.10	0.22	0.85	1.43	N/A	N/A	1.30

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, returns as at 31 December 2020. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, USD, and based on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any, and take into account of maximum initial sales charge and a realisation charge, currently nil, as and where applicable. Returns for period in excess of 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

### Inception date: 15 September 2016

### Note:

(1) With effect from 22 April 2020, units of the Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) has been reclassified as follows:

	Classification (prior to 22 April 2020)	New Classification with effect on and from 22 April 2020
Notice on the Sale of Investment Products (SFA04-N12) (the "Notice")	Specified Investment Products (as defined in the Notice) ( <b>"SIPs"</b> )	Excluded Investment Products (as defined in the Notice) ( <b>"EIPs"</b> )
Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 (the "Regulations")	Capital markets products other than prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the Regulations)	Prescribed capital markets products

With effect from 17 October 2011, the Trust (formerly known as "DBS Enhanced Income Funds") has been renamed "Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Funds" and the Fund (formerly known as "DBS Enhanced Income Fund (S\$)") has been renamed "Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$)".

(2) The Fund's benchmark is 3-Months SIBOR. For hedged currency share classes only, the benchmark reflected is in the base currency.

## Portfolio Review

## The Fund outperformed the benchmark over the past six months

The Nikko AM Shenton Short Term Bond Fund (S\$) (the "Fund") delivered a gain of 2.05% (in SGD terms, on a NAV-NAV basis) for the six months ending 31 December 2020, outperforming the benchmark which returned 0.22%. The 2-year US Treasury (UST) yields fell by 2.8 basis points (bps), while 1 to 3-year Singapore swap offer rates were down by about 9 bps to 10.2 bps over the same period. The outperformance was supported by positive contribution from income and spread, offset in part by negative contribution from carry.

## Changes to Fund characteristics

As of 31 December 2020, the Fund's weighted average duration\* and weighted average yield-tomaturity\*\* were at 1.18 years and 1.73% (hedged in SGD terms), respectively. The average credit rating of the Fund is at A-\*\*\*. The Fund is diversified across 87 bonds, with 75 issuers from 13 countries, with an average weight of 1.24% per issuer. During the month, the level of cash and cash equivalents was at 7.17%.

## Market Review

## The UST yield curve steepened

The period started with positive overall risk sentiment on the back of encouraging economic data released out of the US and China, which fuelled hopes the world's two largest economies are on track to recover from damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, there was a big leap in US jobs growth and a firm gain in headline consumer price index. Against this backdrop, yields of long-end USTs rose, albeit modestly, as elevated tensions between US and China provided a cap. Towards the end of August, Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman Jerome Powell announced a major shift in the central bank's approach to achieve maximum employment and its inflation goal, as it formally adopted a flexible average inflation targeting policy. Expectations of rising inflation on the horizon placed upward pressure on long-end yields. Risk assets and UST yields rallied further in the latter half of the period, on the back of encouraging COVID-19 vaccine news, increased expectations of additional fiscal stimulus and reduced political uncertainty following the US Presidential elections. Overall, 2-year and 10-year yields ended the period at 0.122% and 0.916% respectively, about 2.8 bps lower, and 25.9 bps higher compared to end-June 2020.

### Asian credits registered positive total returns

Gains in Asian credits were driven by tighter spreads as UST yields rose. Global risk assets staged a strong recovery in the six months, and capital flowed into Emerging Markets (EM) including Asia. Aggressive and broad-based policy support from central banks, hopes for a pick-up in economic activity as economies eased lockdown measures, and optimism around progress towards developing a COVID-19 vaccine drove Asian credit spreads to retrace a significant portion of the spread widening seen in the first half of 2020. Notably, markets largely shrugged off the escalation in US-China tensions. Sentiment towards the EM space somewhat soured in September, following a sharp fall in US equities markets led by technology stocks, matched with a sharp rise in new COVID-19 infections in the US and Europe. Primary market activity saw a marked pick-up leading to the US Presidential elections, as issuers tried to front-load issuances on concerns of potential market volatility. Asian credits staged a strong rally post US elections, as investors were relieved to have moved past the event without any major surprises. Robust economic data from major Asian economies also reinforced signals of a broadening economic recovery. At the same time, investor confidence was significantly buoyed as markets pinned hopes on a rapid return to normalcy, with vaccine approvals progressing apace globally.

## Market Outlook & Strategy

### Asian credit spreads to continue tightening slowly, though downside risks remain

We expect Asian credit spreads to tighten gradually over the coming months. High-frequency indicators suggest a recovery is underway in most Asian economies, lending support to overall corporate credit fundamentals. Credit supportive fiscal and monetary policies are also expected to remain in place in most developed and EM countries, even if incremental easing measures are likely to moderate hereafter. Progress on vaccine development and better treatment for COVID-19 cases further reinforce the positive backdrop. The technical backdrop is also favourable, with inflows to EM hard currency bond funds expected to remain robust. That said, valuation is no longer cheap given the sharp rally in credit spreads over recent months, and we expect more regular episodes of market pull-back going forward.

In our view, the key downside risk to Asian credits in 2021 is US-China bilateral relations failing to stabilise under the Biden administration. US president-elect Joe Biden has repeatedly stressed multilateralism as a key foreign policy pillar, and there are hopes of US-China relations being reset after a tumultuous four-year period. However, the underlying technological and ideological tensions between Washington and Beijing could dash such hopes. In addition to geopolitical issues, a premature withdrawal of the accommodative fiscal and monetary policies currently in place is another downside risk that could derail the positive outlook for risk assets, including Asian credits.

### NOTE:

\*Weighted Average Duration (years) is an average duration weighted with capitalisation, and the figure is for reference only and would vary from time to time due to market conditions.

\*\*Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%) is an average yield calculated by weighting each security presently held by the fund at time of calculation with capitalisation and duration. Yield to Maturity and Yield to Call measures are used in the calculation for non-callable and callable bonds respectively. The figure is for reference only and would vary from time to time due to market conditions and it does not represent the fund's distribution yield or actual rate of return.

\*\*\*Cash is included in the calculation of the average credit rating and is rated as AAA regardless of currencies held. The credit ratings of the underlying fixed income securities are determined by S&P or Moody's, and where official credit ratings are unavailable, Nikko AM Asia's internal credit ratings are used.

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# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the financial period from 01 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (unaudited)

Interest on cash and bank balances- $97,734$ Other Income $9,365$ -Other Income $9,365$ $97,734$ Less: Expenses $9,365$ $97,734$ Management fee $9,365$ $97,734$ Registrar fee $29,444$ $24,147$ Trustee fee $29,038$ $33,361$ Custody fee $21,604$ $45,777$ Audit fee $10,347$ $11,655$ Valuation fee $83,332$ $96,301$ Transaction costs $30,618$ $20,949$ Other expenses $(14,411)$ $42,504$ Transaction costs $30,618$ $20,949$ Other expenses $(743,176)$ $(823,485)$ Net losses $(743,176)$ $(823,485)$ Net losses on value of investments and financial derivatives $(1,549,157)$ $(252,615)$ Net gains on investments $(4,747,090)$ $6,315,201$ Net foreign exchange losses $(1,549,157)$ $(252,615)$ Net gains on financial derivatives $14,575,252$ $442,238$ B,279,005 $6,504,824$ $6,504,824$ Total return for the financial period before income tax $7,535,829$ $5,681,339$ Total return for the financial period after income tax $7,534,900$ $5,681,339$	Income	31 December 2020 S\$	31 December 2019 S\$
Other Income         9,365         -           Uter Income         9,365         97,734           Less: Expenses         9,365         97,734           Management fee         562,569         646,525           Registrar fee         29,444         24,147           Trustee fee         29,038         33,361           Custody fee         21,604         45,777           Audit fee         10,347         11,655           Valuation fee         83,332         96,301           Transaction costs         30,618         20,949           Other expenses         (14,411)         42,504           Transaction costs         30,618         20,949           Other expenses         (743,176)         (823,485)           Net losses         (743,176)         (823,485)           Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives         (1,549,157)         (252,615)           Net gains on financial derivatives         (1,549,157)         (252,615)           Net gains on financial derivatives         14,575,252         442,238           8,279,005         6,504,824         30,518,201           Total return for the financial period before income tax         7,535,829         5,681,339 <t< td=""><td></td><td>-</td><td>97 734</td></t<>		-	97 734
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Less: Expenses         562,569         646,525           Registrar fee         29,444         24,147           Trustee fee         29,038         33,361           Custody fee         21,604         45,777           Audit fee         10,347         11,655           Valuation fee         83,332         96,301           Transaction costs         30,618         20,949           Other expenses         (14,411)         42,504           752,541         921,219           Net losses         (743,176)         (823,485)           Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives         (4,747,090)         6,315,201           Net foreign exchange losses         (1,549,157)         (252,615)           Net gains on financial derivatives         14,575,252         442,238           8,279,005         6,504,824         30,504,824           Total return for the financial period before income tax         7,535,829         5,681,339           Less: Income tax         (929)         -			97,734
Management fee       562,569       646,525         Registrar fee       29,444       24,147         Trustee fee       29,038       33,361         Custody fee       21,604       45,777         Audit fee       10,347       11,655         Valuation fee       83,332       96,301         Transaction costs       30,618       20,949         Other expenses       (14,411)       42,504         752,541       921,219         Net losses       (743,176)       (823,485)         Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives       (4,747,090)       6,315,201         Net gains on losses on value of investments and financial derivatives       (1,549,157)       (252,615)         Net gains on financial derivatives       14,575,252       442,238         Net gains on financial derivatives       14,575,252       442,238         8,279,005       6,504,824       30,61,824		· · · · · ·	
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	Total return for the financial period after income tax	7,534,900	5,681,339

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	31 December 2020 S\$	30 June 2020 S\$
ASSETS Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances Margin accounts Financial derivatives at fair value Total assets	337,189,589 3,144,467 21,517,747 72,554 2,771,370 364,695,727	331,221,427 5,610,763 43,353,697 76,583 8,337 380,270,807
LIABILITIES Payables Purchases awaiting settlement Financial derivatives at fair value Total liabilities	1,798,053 - 70,795 1,868,848	2,042,699 12,518,237 583,556 15,144,492
EQUITY Net assets attributable to unitholders	362,826,879	365,126,315

# STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

For the financial period from 01 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (unaudited)

	31 December 2020 S\$	30 June 2020 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial period/year	365,126,315	419,000,422
<b>Operations</b> Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations	7,534,900	7,110,138
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)		
Creation of units Cancellation of units	167,633,691 (177,468,027)	314,744,153 (375,728,398)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units	(9,834,336)	(60,984,245)
Total decreases in net assets attributable to unitholders	(2,299,436)	(53,874,107)
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial period/year	362,826,879	365,126,315

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Geography (Primary)	Holdings at	Fair value at	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at
	31 December 2020	31 December 2020	31 December 2020
Quoted Fixed Income Securities		S\$	%
AUSTRALIA Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited 3.75% due 23/03/2027 Commonwealth Bank of Australia 3.375% due 20/10/2026 National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% due 19/05/2028 Westpac Banking Corporation 4% due 12/08/2027 Total AUSTRALIA	8,750,000 3,079,000 6,500,000 5,500,000	8,942,124 4,138,956 6,863,463 5,704,870 25,649,413	2.47 1.14 1.89 1.57 7.07
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS CCTI 2017 Limited 3.625% due 08/08/2022	300.000	403,061	0.11
Chinalco Capital Holdings Limited 4% due 25/08/2021 Central Plaza Development Limited 3.875% due	5,000,000	6,677,412	1.84
30/01/2021	5,000,000	6,609,884	1.82
Eastern Creation II Investment Holdings Limited 4.15% due 04/12/2021 Guangzhou Metro Investment Finance BVI Limited 4.3%	1,350,000	1,834,434	0.51
due 18/12/2021	1,000,000	1,357,579	0.37
Huarong Finance 2019 Company Limited 1.45488% due 24/02/2025 Huarong Finance II Company Limited 3.25% due	1,280,000	1,637,426	0.45
03/06/2021	1,273,000	1,695,863	0.47
Huarong Finance 2017 Company Limited 3.2% due 27/04/2021	4,250,000	4,273,906	1.18
King Power Capital Limited 5.625% due 03/11/2024	2,000,000	3,023,716	0.83
Lingang Wings Incorporation 4.625% due 05/09/2021	4,000,000	5,406,195	1.49
Voyage Bonds Limited 3.375% due 28/09/2022	4,000,000	5,443,148	1.50
Yieldking Investment Limited 4.8% due 18/10/2021	5,500,000	7,438,288	2.05
Yunda Holding Investment Limited 2.25% due 19/08/2025 ZGC International Investment Limited 2.875% due	630,000	830,223	0.23
03/02/2023 Zhongyuan Sincere Investment Company Limited 4.25%	1,300,000	1,728,501	0.48
due 28/06/2024	1,850,000	2,546,515	0.70
Total BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS		50,906,151	14.03
CANADA			
Manulife Financial Corporation 3.85% due 25/05/2026	6,500,000	6,574,375	1.81
Manulife Financial Corporation 3% due 21/11/2029	2,500,000	2,576,971	0.71
Total CANADA		9,151,346	2.52
CAYMAN ISLANDS AAC Technologies Holdings Incorporation 3% due			
27/11/2024	1,500,000	2,023,978	0.56
ABQ Finance Limited 3.125% due 24/09/2024 Baidu Incorporation 4.375% due 14/05/2024	1,000,000 1,000,000	1,389,381 1,453,111	0.38 0.40
BOS Funding Limited 4.23% due 07/03/2022	4,289,000	5,859,855	1.62
DIB Sukuk Limited 2.95% due 20/02/2025	1,500,000	2,072,610	0.57
DIB Sukuk Limited 3.625% due 06/02/2023	2,000,000	2,772,153	0.76
QIB Sukuk Limited 1.563% due 07/02/2025	4,000,000	5,266,761	1.45
Shimao Group Holdings Limited 6.125% due 21/02/2024	2,500,000	3,504,944	0.97
Weibo Corporation 3.5% due 05/07/2024	3,000,000	4,155,133	1.14
Total CAYMAN ISLANDS		28,497,926	7.85

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Geography (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2020	Fair value at 31 December 2020 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)		04	,,
<b>CHINA</b> Anhui Provincial Investment Group Holding Company Limited 4.875% due 18/10/2021 China Life Insurance Overseas Company Limited	3,000,000	4,076,453	1.12
3.35% due 27/07/2027 Guangxi Communications Investment Group Company	3,094,000	4,172,235	1.15
Limited 3.5% due 17/09/2022	4,600,000	6,166,968	1.70
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Limited 1.17763% due 21/02/2022	1,700,000	2,253,112	0.62
Jiangxi Railway Investment Group Company Limited 4.85% due 21/02/2022	4,700,000	6,421,385	1.77
PowerChina Real Estate Group Limited 4.5% due 06/12/2021	4,570,000	6,174,106	1.70
Shenzhen Expressway Company Limited 2.875% due 18/07/2021	1,500,000	1,996,409	0.55
Sichuan Railway Investment Group Company Limited 3.8% due 27/06/2022	4,500,000	6,100,614	1.68
Sunshine Life Insurance Corporation Limited 3.15% due 20/04/2021	1,980,000	2,623,402	0.72
Xi'An Municipal Infrastructure Construction Investment Group Corporation Limited 4% due 24/06/2022	1,960,000	2,646,069	0.73
Total CHINA		42,630,753	11.74
FRANCE BNP Paribas SA 4.35% due 22/01/2029 Societe Generale SA 4.3% due 19/05/2026 Total FRANCE	6,500,000 6,000,000	6,874,936 6,067,500 12,942,436	1.89 1.68 3.57
GERMANY Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg 3.75% due 18/05/2027 Total GERMANY	3,000,000	3,004,534 3,004,534	0.83
HONG KONG SAR Bank of East Asia Limited 4% due 03/11/2026 BoCom Leasing Management Hong Kong Company	1,796,000	2,409,045	0.66
Limited 4% due 22/01/2022 CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited 3.75% due 22/11/2027	1,000,000 5,830,000	1,358,198 7,913,915	0.37 2.18
Far East Horizon Limited 2.234% due 03/07/2021	3,000,000	3,964,320	1.09
ICBCIL Finance Company Limited 1.171% due 15/05/2021 ICBCIL Finance Company Limited 3.65% due 05/03/2022	1,430,000 3,000,000	1,888,329 4,069,998	0.52 1.12
Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited 3.8% due 20/11/2029 Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 3.75% due	5,200,000	7,104,115	1.96
29/11/2027	7,000,000	9,509,412	2.62
Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 5% due 17/01/2029	4,200,000	5,959,740	1.65
Sino Trendy Investment Limited 3.875% due 25/01/2021 Total HONG KONG SAR	4,500,000	<u>5,954,843</u> 50,131,915	<u>1.65</u> 13.82
JAPAN Mizuho Financial Group Incorporation 1.16438% due			
28/02/2022 Mizuho Financial Group Incorporation 0.8365% due	1,800,000	2,400,155	0.66
25/05/2024	3,000,000	3,973,238	1.10
Total JAPAN		6,373,393	1.76

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Geography (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2020	Fair value at 31 December 2020 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)		04	70
LUXEMBOURG SPIC Luxembourg Latin America Renewable Energy Investment Company SARL 4.25% due 30/10/2021 Total LUXEMBOURG	3,000,000	4,046,069 4,046,069	<u>1.12</u> 1.12
MALAYSIA CIMB Bank Berhad 1.0095% due 09/10/2024 Danga Capital Berhad 3.035% due 01/03/2021 Malayan Banking Berhad 3.905% due 29/10/2026 Malayan Banking Berhad 1.021% due 16/08/2024 RHB Bank Berhad 3.766% due 19/02/2024 SSG Resources Limited 4.25% due 04/10/2022 Total MALAYSIA	3,000,000 3,000,000 3,190,000 2,000,000 1,000,000 6,550,000	3,961,222 3,989,720 4,304,156 2,639,576 1,423,661 9,080,155 25,398,490	1.09 1.10 1.19 0.73 0.39 2.50 7.00
<ul> <li>SINGAPORE</li> <li>Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust 3.2% due 03/06/2022</li> <li>Capitamalls Asia Treasury Limited 3.7% due 29/08/2022</li> <li>Capitaland Retail China Trust 3.25% due 04/07/2022</li> <li>CCT MTN Private Limited 2.96% due 13/08/2021</li> <li>CMT MTN Private Limited 2.8% due 06/08/2024</li> <li>FCOT Treasury Private Limited 2.835% due 11/08/2021</li> <li>Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Limited 4.6% due 19/01/2026</li> <li>Keppel Corporation Limited 3.145% due 14/02/2022</li> <li>Lend Lease Retail Investments 3 Private Limited 3.28% due 03/09/2021</li> <li>Mapletree Commercial Trust Treasury Company Private Limited 3.25% due 03/02/2023</li> <li>Monetary Authority of Singapore Bill 0% due 15/01/2021</li> <li>NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited 3.65% due 23/08/2027</li> <li>South Beach Consortium Private Limited 2.83% due 17/03/2021</li> <li>Starhub Limited 3.08% due 12/09/2022</li> <li>United Overseas Bank Limited 2.88% due 08/03/2027</li> </ul>	3,250,000 4,000,000 4,000,000 4,250,000 2,500,000 2,500,000 3,750,000 3,750,000 1,250,000 1,000,000 8,250,000 1,000,000 5,500,000 2,000,000	3,363,682 4,167,068 4,103,670 4,289,391 1,554,527 2,669,461 2,000,828 3,752,384 3,056,005 1,264,596 1,037,758 3,999,500 8,593,960 1,003,996 5,684,708 2,695,228 53,236,762	0.93 1.15 1.13 1.18 0.43 0.74 0.55 1.03 0.84 0.34 0.29 1.10 2.37 0.28 1.57 0.74 14.67
SOUTH KOREA KEB Hana Bank 0.934% due 02/10/2022 KEB Hana Bank 0.9695% due 13/06/2024 Kookmin Bank 1.18038% due 09/06/2022 Lotte Property & Development Company Limited 1.00725% due 06/08/2022 Shinhan Bank Company Limited 3.875% due 07/12/2026 Woori Bank 0.98263% due 21/05/2024 Total SOUTH KOREA	1,500,000 1,330,000 1,000,000 5,000,000 1,500,000 1,500,000	1,990,841 1,762,734 1,331,037 6,618,558 2,033,221 1,996,409 15,732,800	0.55 0.49 0.37 1.82 0.56 0.55 4.34

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Geography (Primary) (continued) Quoted Fixed Income Securities (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2020	Fair value at 31 December 2020 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Burgan Senior SPC Limited 3.125% due 14/09/2021 Emirates NBD Bank PJSC 3.05% due 06/03/2023 Emirates NBD Bank PLSC 3.25% due 14/11/2022 Total UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2,500,000 500,000 2,000,000	3,368,133 508,906 2,764,719 6,641,758	0.93 0.14 0.76 1.83
Accrued interest receivable on quoted fixed income securities		2,845,843	0.78
Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities		337,189,589	92.93
Portfolio of investments Other net assets Net assets attributable to unitholders		337,189,589 25,637,290 362,826,879	92.93 7.07 100.00

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Geography (Summary)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2020 %
Quoted Fixed Income Securities		
Australia	7.07	5.75
British Virgin Islands	14.03	13.49
Canada	2.52	1.66
Cayman Islands	7.85	6.74
China	11.74	12.31
France	3.57	3.46
Germany	0.83	0.79
Hong Kong SAR	13.82	14.78
Indonesia	-	0.18
Japan	1.76	1.81
Luxembourg	1.12	1.18
Malaysia	7.00	7.30
Mauritius	-	0.77
Singapore	14.67	13.29
South Korea	4.34	4.52
United Arab Emirates	1.83	1.90
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income securities	0.78	0.78
Total Quoted Fixed Income Securities	92.93	90.71
Portfolio of investments	92.93	90.71
Other net assets	7.07	9.29
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

# **STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO**

By Industry (Secondary)	Fair value at 31 December 2020 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2020 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2020 %
Banks	135,259,218	37.28	33.41
Chemicals	155,255,210	57.20	0.77
Commercial Services	1,996,409	0.55	0.58
Distribution/Wholesale	4,076,453	1.12	1.17
Diversified Financial Services	20,361,000	5.61	7.40
Electric	4,046,069	1.12	1.18
Electronics	2,023,978	0.56	-
Engineering and Construction	10,421,215	2.87	3.78
Gas	2,646,069	0.73	0.76
Holding Companies-Diversified	7,438,288	2.05	2.15
Home Builders	5,406,195	1.49	0.58
Insurance	28,293,327	7.80	6.36
Internet	5,608,244	1.54	1.61
Investment Companies	24,407,083	6.73	5.34
Iron/Steel	5,443,148	1.50	1.57
Leisure Time	3,023,716	0.83	-
Metal Fabricate/Hardware	6,421,385	1.77	1.84
Mining	6,677,412	1.84	2.87
Real Estate	28,078,556	7.74	8.59
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)	19,019,317	5.24	6.35
Sovereign	3,989,720	1.10	1.16
Telecommunications	5,684,708	1.57	1.53
Transportation	4,022,236	1.11	0.93
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed			
income securities	2,845,843	0.78	0.78
Portfolio of investments	337,189,589	92.93	90.71
Other net assets	25,637,290	7.07	9.29
Net assets attributable to unitholders	362,826,879	100.00	100.00

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

# **REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS**

For the financial period from 01 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (unaudited)

The following contains additional information relating to the Fund.

### 1. Distribution of investments

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 10 to 15.

## 2. Credit rating of debt securities

	value at cember 2020 S\$	
A+ 17,	999,500 430,956 789,170	1.10 4.80 2.70
•	448,434	10.32
	659,628	11.48
BBB 4,	304,156	1.19
BBB- 12,	440,865	3.43
BBB *- 4,	155,133	1.15
Aa3 6,	618,558	1.82
A1 2,	253,112	0.62
A2 7,	988,703	2.20
A3 <b>48</b> ,	097,366	13.26
Baa1 15,	147,174	4.17
Baa2 24,	536,279	6.76
Baa3 7,	104,115	1.96
Not rated 91,	370,597	25.19
Accrued interest receivables on quoted fixed income		
securities 2,	845,843	0.78
Total 337,	189,589	92.93

\* The balance indicates securities that are issued by government agencies of governments that have a AAA rating as rated by Standard & Poor's.

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#### Top 10 holdings 3.

10 Largest holdings at 31 December 2020	Percentage of total net assets attributable to	
	Fair value S\$	unitholders %
Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 2 75% due	- +	
Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited 3.75% due 29/11/2027	9,509,412	2.62
SSG Resources Limited 4.25% due 04/10/2022	9,080,155	2.50
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited	-,,	
3.75% due 23/03/2027	8,942,124	2.47
NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited 3.65%		
due 23/08/2027	8,593,960	2.37
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited 3.75% due 22/11/2027	7,913,915	2.18
Yieldking Investment Limited 4.8% due 18/10/2021	7,438,288	2.05
Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited 3.8% due		
20/11/2029	7,104,115	1.96
BNP Paribas SA 4.35% due 22/01/2029	6,874,936	1.89
National Australia Bank Limited 4.15% due 19/05/2028	6,863,463	1.89
Chinalco Capital Holdings Limited 4% due 25/08/2021	6,677,412	1.84

10 Largest holdings at 31 December 2019	Percentage o total net assets attributable to	
	Fair value S\$	unitholders %
United Overseas Bank Limited 3.5% due 16/09/2026	9,431,570	2.21
SSG Resources Limited 4.25% due 04/10/2022 Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited	9,141,752	2.14
3.75% due 23/03/2027	7,955,547	1.87
China Construction Bank Corporation 3.875% due 13/05/2025	7,352,666	1.73
Yieldking Investment Limited 4.8% due 18/10/2021 Commonwealth Bank of Australia 3.375% due	6,890,197	1.62
20/10/2026 Great Eastern Life Assurance Company Limited 4.6%	6,888,568	1.62
due 19/01/2026	6,165,600	1.45
Societe Generale SA 4.3% due 19/05/2026 Sino Trendy Investment Limited 3.875% due	6,147,583	1.44
25/01/2021 NTUC Income Insurance Co-Operative Limited 3.65%	6,089,615	1.43
due 23/08/2027	5,694,966	1.34

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#### 4. Exposure to financial derivatives

	Fair value at 31 December 2020	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders 31 December 2020	Unrealised gains/(losses)	Realised gains/(losses)
	S\$	%	S\$	S\$
Forward foreign exchange contracts	2,700,575	0.74	2,700,575	11,874,677

#### 5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

The global exposure to financial derivatives is computed using the commitment approach which is calculated as the sum of:

- a. the absolute value of the exposure of each individual financial derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangement;
- b. the absolute value of the net exposure of each individual financial derivative after netting or hedging arrangements; and
- c. the sum of the values of cash collateral received pursuant to:
  - i. the reduction of exposure to counterparties of OTC financial derivatives; and
  - ii. EPM techniques relating to securities lending and repurchase transactions, and that are reinvested.

#### 6. Collateral

	31 December 2020 S\$	30 June 2020 S\$
Margin account	72,554	76,583

Margin account represents margin deposits held in respect of open exchange-traded futures contracts held with BNP Paribas Securities Services, operating through its Singapore Branch. As of 31 December 2020, there is no open exchange-traded futures.

# 7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions

Nil.

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

Nil.

#### 9. Borrowings

Nil.

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#### 10. Amount of units created and cancelled for the financial period ended 31 December 2020

Units created	167,633,691
Units cancelled	(177,468,027)

S\$

### 11. Turnover ratio

		31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	23,504,482	44,272,934
Average daily net asset value	S\$	367,356,824	424,381,041
Total turnover ratio <sup>1</sup>	%	6.40	10.43

<sup>1</sup> 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.

#### 12. Expense ratio

		31 December 2020	31 December 2019
SGD Class			
Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value <b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>2</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	1,439,739 367,262,857 0.39	1,669,481 409,864,704 0.41
AUD Hedged Class		31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value <b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>2</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	44,027 7,210,338 0.61	31,521 5,024,836 0.63
USD Hedged Class		31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value <b>Total expense ratio</b> <sup>2</sup>	S\$ S\$ %	18,883 4,828,949 0.39	12,600 2,996,874 0.42

<sup>2</sup> 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 period 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.

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#### 13. Related party transactions

The Manager of the Fund is Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, a subsidiary of Nikko Asset Management International Limited. The Trustee of the Fund is BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited (the "Trustee").

Management fee is payable to the Manager. Trustee fee and registrar fee are payable to the Trustee. Custody fee and valuation fee are payable to a related company of the Trustee, BNP Paribas Securities Services operating through its Singapore Branch.

In addition to related party information shown elsewhere in the financial statements (including the Statement of Portfolio), the following significant transactions took place during the financial period between the Fund and a related party at terms agreed between the parties and within the provisions of the Deeds:

	31 December 2020 S\$	30 June 2020 S\$
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee	21,517,747	43,353,697
Collateral account held with related party of the Trustee	72,554	76,583

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

Nil.

#### 15. Soft Dollar Commissions/Arrangements

In their management of the Fund, the Managers currently do not receive or enter into any soft dollar commissions or arrangements.

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