

# Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF

Singapore corporate bonds now made affordable for everyone

# Singapore's First Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF

Corporate bonds are a form of borrowing by a company to fund activities such as business expansion or new ventures. Corporate bonds typically trade in large blocks of at least \$\$250,000 per issue, and are not usually accessible to individual investors.

The Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF (the "Fund") is the first to offer investors easy access to Singapore Dollar-denominated, investment grade corporate bonds in affordable units. The Fund aims to replicate the performance of the iBoxx SGD Non-Sovereigns Large Cap Investment Grade Index (the "Index"), allowing investors to diversify their portfolios with corporate bonds from investment grade issuers.

Since 2012, Singapore Corporate Bonds have provided better returns compared to Singapore Government Bonds and more stable returns versus Singapore equities.\*

In Singapore, the Nikko AM SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index Fund is classified as an Excluded Investment Product. This means that a Customer Account Review is not required before an investor transacts in the Fund

The Fund is included under the CPF Investment Scheme ("CPFIS") – Ordinary Account and is classified under the Low to Medium Risk – Narrowly Focused – Country – Singapore category.

\* Based on the performance of the iBoxx SGD Non-Sovereigns Large Cap Investment Grade Index, iBoxx ABF Singapore Government Total Return Index and FTSE Straits Times Index since 2012. Source: Bloomberg and Nikko AM, 31 March 2022

### **No Currency Risk**

Being Singapore Dollar-denominated, the Fund poses no currency risk for local investors

# 1 % SGD-denominated

#### **Investment Grade Issuers**

The Index comprises bonds issued by established and credible institutions such as sovereign wealth fund **Temasek Financial I Limited** and statutory boards such as the **Housing Development Board (HDB)**, the **Land Transport Authority (LTA)**, and the **Public Utilities Board (PUB)**.

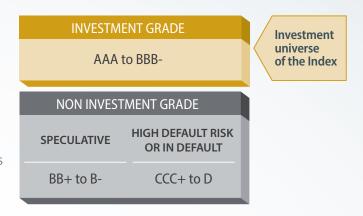


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#### **Investment Grade Bonds**

The Index enjoys an A+ average credit rating\* and invests in investment grade bonds. An investment grade rating shows that the corporate bond has a relatively low risk of default, and are normally rated from AAA to BBB- (S&P).

Bonds with credit ratings lower than BBB- (S&P) are considered to have a lower credit quality. They are also commonly known as Junk Bonds, and subject investors to more uncertain coupon payments as well as higher default risk.



## **Higher Yield**

With a yield of 3.25%, the Index offers higher yield as compared to Singapore Government Securities yield. This is to compensate investors for taking on additional credit risk on top of interest rate risk. Nevertheless, it should be noted that this Index focuses on investment grade issuers which seeks to minimise credit risk exposure.

Source: MAS, IHSMarkit and Nikko AM (based on internal calculation), as of 31 March 2022. Past performance is not indicative of its future performance.



<sup>^</sup> Yield comparison is based on yield to maturity on a three to five year maturity period. The theoretical Index's yield to maturity is as of 31 March 2022, assuming no corporate default. The yield on the Singapore Government Security (SGS) is based on the yield to maturity of the 0.5% Singapore Government Bond maturing on 1 March 2027 (ISIN code SG7J60932174) as of 31 March 2022. Past performance is not indicative of its future performance.

#### **Bond Diversification**

During the period from August 2012 to March 2022, Singapore corporate bonds displayed low correlation to Singapore equities.

Source: Nikko AM, Bloomberg, as of 31 March 2022 (based on internal calculation)

<b>Correlation</b> Period: Aug 2012 - Mar 2022 (Since inception)	Singapore Equities
SGD Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	0.18

Source: Bloomberg, Nikko AM, as of 31 March 2022

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Markit iBoxx, 31 March 2022

#### **Fund Details**

Benchmark	iBoxx SGD Non-Sovereigns Large Cap Investment Grade Index
Listing Date	27 August 2018
Fund Structure	Open-ended Listed Unit Trust traded on Singapore Exchange
Lot Structure	1 unit per lot
Dividend Distribution Frequency	Semi-annually <sup>^</sup>
Manager	Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited
Trustee	DBS Trustee Limited
Management Fee	0.15% p.a.
Designated Market Makers	Flow Traders Asia Pte. Ltd. / Phillip Securities Pte. Ltd.
SGX Stock Code	MBH
SGX Trading Name	NikkoAM SGD IGBond ETF
Bloomberg Ticker	NIKIGCB SP
ISIN	SGXC70121915

<sup>^</sup> Distributions are not guaranteed and are at the absolute discretion of the Manager. Distributions could be derived from interest income or capital gain, and where distributions are made from capital, prior-approval by the Fund's trustee is required. Distributions paid out of capital of the Fund will decrease its Net Asset Value.

Please refer to the Fund's prospectus and Product Highlight Sheet for further details.

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