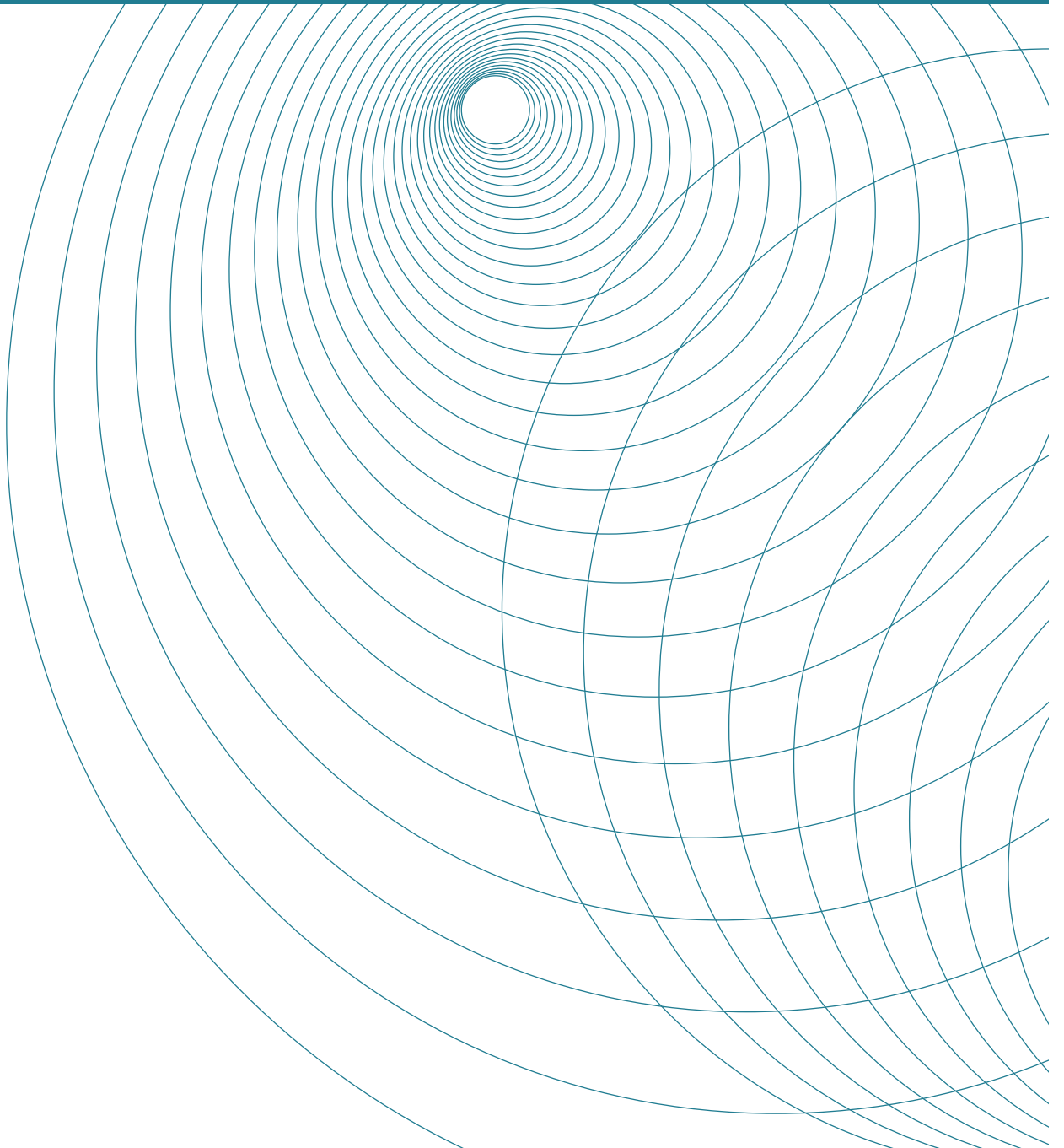

ANNUAL REPORT
Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund

Financial year ended 31 December 2024



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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund - SGD Class ¹	-3.88	-1.97	2.69	-10.79	-1.12	1.98	4.02
Benchmark ²	-2.28	2.21	13.92	-0.42	3.32	4.97	4.26

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited and MSCI. Returns as at 31 December 2024. 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 Asia Pacific Fund - SGD Class ¹	-8.69	-6.87	-2.44	-12.30	-2.13	1.46	3.85
Benchmark ²	-2.28	2.21	13.92	-0.42	3.32	4.97	4.26

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited and MSCI. Returns as at 31 December 2024. 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: 31 August 1992

Note:

(1) With effect from 31 March 2020, the investment focus and approach of the Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (the "Fund") has been amended such that the Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing its assets substantially into the Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund (the "New Underlying Fund"). The Fund may also invest directly in equities in Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

With effect from 17 October 2011, the Fund (formerly known as "Shenton Asia Pacific Fund") has been renamed Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund.

(2) With effect from 30 September 2011, the benchmark is changed to MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index (Net Total Return) from MSCI AC Daily TR Net Asia ex-Japan Index. Prior to 1 February 2009, the benchmark was MSCI AC FE Free ex Japan Index.

(3) With effect from 1 September 2025, references to "Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited", "Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund" and "Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd" shall be deemed deleted and replaced with "Amova Asset Management Asia Limited", "Amova Asia Pacific Equity Fund" and "Amova Asset Management Co., Ltd" respectively.

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Portfolio Review

The Fund returned 2.69% in 2024

Over the review period, the Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (the "Fund") posted a return of 2.69% (SGD terms on a NAV-NAV basis), whereas the benchmark returned 13.92%. At the sector level, active positions in materials and consumer discretionary were the principal contributors to relative performance, while holdings in financials and health care were the biggest drag on relative performance. At the country level, stock selection in India and Taiwan added the most value, while active holdings in China and Hong Kong detracted the most from relative performance.

Market Review

Asian stocks advance in 2024

Asian equities rose in 2024, with the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (Net Total Return) returning 10.2% in US dollar terms. Stocks in the region started the year on a positive note amid expectations of interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve (Fed), optimism over the health of the global economy as well as enthusiasm over the advent of artificial intelligence (AI) technology into the broader market. Equities rallied further into the second half of the year as eagerly-anticipated rate reductions from the US Fed materialised, kicking off the start of an easing cycle worldwide. Towards the close of the period, investors did however take some profits off the table as Donald Trump's US presidential election victory raised the spectre of further global trade disputes in the days ahead. Slowing growth in Mainland China also remained an area of concern. Although Beijing attempted to address this with a range of policy measures, investors ultimately decided that not enough was being done to help the economy there.

Within the region, Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia were the best performers (as measured by the MSCI indices in USD terms), while South Korea, Indonesia and the Philippines lagged.

Taiwan, China and Hong Kong advance while South Korea retreats

In North Asia, the Taiwan market (+34.4%) led gains, finishing the year on a robust note as healthy demand for artificial intelligence (AI)-related hardware and applications lifted the island's technology-heavy bourse. China was next on the list, rising 19.4% as investors cheered a slew of government measures to tackle slowing growth, rising youth unemployment and bolster confidence in the struggling financial and property segments. Hong Kong shares pared some gains to settle 0.1% higher for the year. Investors turned risk averse as concerns over the health of the local and mainland economies resurfaced.

Conversely, South Korean equities (-23.4%) trailed the region as political drama, tepid global demand and the prospect of more potential trade tariffs from a Trump presidency dented investor sentiment. In December, President Yoon Suk Yeol dramatically declared martial law before reversing the decision hours later. The Bank of Korea (BOK) trimmed its 2025 GDP growth forecast to 1.9% and cut its benchmark interest rate by a quarter-percentage point in an unexpected back-to-back easing following October's policy pivot.

ASEAN markets' performance mixed; Singapore outperforms region

Singapore (+32.3%) led gains among the ASEAN member countries as policy continuity from the newly appointed prime minister and moves to increase stock market liquidity assured investors the economy was in good hands. Moreover, the city-state raised its growth forecast for 2024 to around 3.5%, with the economy recovering faster than anticipated. The Malaysian market finished 20.7% higher amid bullish sentiment on its growth prospects. Thailand added 1.3% for the period on expectations for a more stable political environment with the appointment of a new prime minister, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, the head of the ruling Pheu Thai party. Indonesian stocks (-12.9%) were the worst performers in the bloc amid concerns over slowing growth and a more fractious global trading environment following Trump's presidential election win. The country elected a new president ex-army general Prabowo Subianto into office over the period. Similarly, the Philippines declined 0.7% as investors feared more mercantilist policies from the second Trump administration.

Indian stocks end in the green

Indian share markets (+11.2%) settled higher in the period. One of the key factors which helped lift market sentiment was policy continuity with the re-election of Narendra Modi as prime minister for a third term, albeit as part of a coalition. Another was that the first budget under the new government included a narrower fiscal deficit target, spending on infrastructure, and moves to boost employment. To combat a widening trade deficit, the authorities also unveiled measures to lower ocean freight costs, increase the supply of shipping containers, speed up export procedures and reduce port congestion.

Australian stocks added 1.2% over the period. Market sentiment improved following news of a raft of measures unveiled by Beijing to stimulate domestic demand. Mainland China is Australia's key trading partner. However, there was still caution as the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) continued to buck the global easing trend by holding interest rates despite the economy growing at a weaker-than-expected pace in the third quarter.

Market Outlook and Strategy

Loosening global monetary policy a boon for twin deficit economies

After three years of tightening monetary policy, global central banks have started to ease, benefiting investment opportunities, particularly in twin deficit economies such as India and parts of ASEAN. However, this environment may be complicated by the unpredictable nature of Trump's return to power, which could increase market volatility due to his protectionist policies. Rate cut expectations are already being dialled back.

Trade risks from Trump presidency priced into Chinese stocks

Despite concerns about Trump's impact on emerging markets, historical data shows that during his first term, China, South Korea and Taiwan outperformed the S&P 500—despite being the most trade-sensitive equity markets. This time around, Chinese equities already reflect a higher risk premium for trade disruptions. Investing in companies with strong management and adaptability is crucial for mitigating risks and seizing opportunities. In China, opportunities lie in self-sufficiency and industries that have consolidated. Supply chain diversification is essential, especially in regions with minimal trade balances with the US.

Seeking out quality Korean names amid market volatility

South Korea's recent political turmoil, characterised by leadership instability and public protests, has led to increased volatility in its equity market. Investors are cautious as political uncertainty affects economic policies and investor confidence, resulting in fluctuating stock prices and a slowdown in capital inflows. Most Korean presidents have historically been impeached or incarcerated, but some Korean companies continue to grow globally and deliver good returns. The political turmoil presents an opportunity to select good companies at lower valuations.

Still positive on India in the long run

India remains a compelling long-term investment opportunity despite short-term reservations regarding rich valuations. Fortunately for patient investors, opportunities at more reasonable prices are emerging. Near-term challenges include Prime Minister Modi's coalition government limiting significant reforms and proactive regulation by the RBI and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), which may slow growth in some sectors. The digitisation of the Indian economy profoundly impacts long-established traditional distribution channels and brand moats—elements that have benefited several companies for decades.

Sustained US policy easing supportive of ASEAN economies

Buoyed by expectations of lower rates, ASEAN has outperformed the US and Asia ex-Japan markets since mid-2024 and trails China only narrowly. Despite likely inflationary policies under Trump's second term, we believe that the US monetary easing cycle will continue into 2025. This is supportive for ASEAN markets, especially those with positive domestic fundamental change, namely Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, in our opinion. Under the Trump administration, we anticipate added impetus for "China plus one", as manufacturers—including those from China—continue to seek low-cost and low-tariff production locations.

Focus on Asian companies able to harness change to grow sustainably

While geopolitical uncertainties persist, Asian markets can still offer attractive returns. A sustained shift towards lower interest rates could benefit economies like India and China if accompanied by supportive policies and structural reforms. Investors should focus on companies capable of harnessing these changes for sustainable growth in 2025 and beyond.

Quality companies to be found in Australia despite challenging domestic outlook

The domestic outlook remains challenged in Australia, with the prospect of higher for longer continuing to dent consumption demand and likely to weigh more heavily on bank credit costs going forwards. This dynamic may need to be reassessed towards the latter part of the year and fiscal policy remains a wildcard which has provided some downside protection for the economy so far. Despite this top-down outlook, we continue to find many great quality innovative companies in Australia, competing globally in sectors such as healthcare, software and engineering. We continue with selective stock specific positioning.

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Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Registration Number 198202562H

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

For the financial year ended 31 December 2024

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

To the best knowledge of the Trustee, the Manager has, in all material respects, managed the Fund during the financial year covered by these financial statements, set out on pages 12 to 30, 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
27 March 2025

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

For the financial year ended 31 December 2024

In the opinion of Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 12 to 30, 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 Asia Pacific Fund (the "Fund") as at 31 December 2024, and the financial performance and movements in unitholders' funds for the financial year then ended in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they materialise.

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

Authorised signatory
27 March 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND**
(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)

Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (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 ("RAP 7"), so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and portfolio holdings of the Fund as at 31 December 2024, and the financial performance and movements of unitholders' funds for the financial year ended on that date.

What we have audited

The financial statements of the Fund comprise:

- the Statement of Total Return for the financial year ended 31 December 2024;
- the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2024;
- the Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds for the financial year then ended;
- the Statement of Portfolio as at 31 December 2024; and
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

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
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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 RAP 7 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 ASIA PACIFIC FUND**
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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

- 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, 27 March 2025

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN***For the financial year ended 31 December 2024*

	Note	2024 S\$	2023 S\$
Income			
Dividends		80,486	139,923
Interest on cash and cash equivalents		12,147	10,096
Other income		9	-
		<u>92,642</u>	<u>150,019</u>
Less: Expenses			
Management fee		524,785	643,533
Transfer agent fee		19,364	14,664
Custody fee		85	128
Audit fee		11,642	12,005
Valuation fee		10,028	10,060
Transaction costs		18,842	15,259
GST Rebate		-	(478)
Other expenses*		16,806	29,454
		<u>601,552</u>	<u>724,625</u>
Net losses		<u>(508,910)</u>	<u>(574,606)</u>
Net gains or losses on value of investments			
Net gains/(losses) on investments		1,442,317	(3,244,433)
Net foreign exchange losses		(6,010)	(7,932)
		<u>1,436,307</u>	<u>(3,252,365)</u>
Total return/(deficit) for the financial year before income tax		<u>927,397</u>	<u>(3,826,971)</u>
Less: Income tax	3	<u>(1,186)</u>	-
Total return/(deficit) for the financial year after income tax		<u>926,211</u>	<u>(3,826,971)</u>

* There were no non-audit related fees paid to a network firm of the Fund's auditor for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 S\$	2023 S\$
ASSETS			
Portfolio of investments		33,884,961	35,625,489
Sales awaiting settlement		-	360,000
Cash and cash equivalents		422,182	332,104
Total assets		34,307,143	36,317,593
LIABILITIES			
Payables	4	175,723	199,253
Total liabilities		175,723	199,253
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	5	34,131,420	36,118,340

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS***For the financial year ended 31 December 2024*

	Note	2024 S\$	2023 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial year		36,118,340	50,589,455
Operations			
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		926,211	(3,826,971)
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units		777,588	628,508
Cancellation of units		(3,690,719)	(11,272,652)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		(2,913,131)	(10,644,144)
Total decreases in net assets attributable to unitholders		(1,986,920)	(14,471,115)
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial year	5	34,131,420	36,118,340

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 31 December 2024***By Geography (Primary)**

	Holdings at 31 December 2024	Fair value at 31 December 2024 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2024 %
Quoted Equities			
AUSTRALIA			
CSL Limited	2,574	612,198	1.79
Macquarie Group Limited	2,675	500,810	1.47
Paladin Energy Limited	37,883	241,906	0.71
South32 Limited	247,985	711,915	2.09
Total AUSTRALIA		2,066,829	6.06
NEW ZEALAND			
Summerset Group Holdings Limited	43,303	433,893	1.27
Xero Limited	3,876	551,848	1.62
Total NEW ZEALAND		985,741	2.89
Total Quoted Equities		3,052,570	8.95
Quoted Investment Fund			
LUXEMBOURG			
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund	2,523,104	30,554,791	89.52
Total LUXEMBOURG		30,554,791	89.52
Total Quoted Investment Fund		30,554,791	89.52
Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts			
AUSTRALIA			
HMC Capital Limited	33,332	277,600	0.81
Total AUSTRALIA		277,600	0.81
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts		277,600	0.81
Portfolio of investments		33,884,961	99.28
Other net assets		246,459	0.72
Net assets attributable to unitholders		34,131,420	100.00

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NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 31 December 2024

By Geography (Summary)

	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2024 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %
Quoted Equities		
Australia	6.06	7.99
New Zealand	2.89	-
Total Quoted Equities	8.95	7.99
Quoted Investment Funds		
Luxembourg	89.52	90.65
Total Quoted Investment Funds	89.52	90.65
Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts		
Australia	0.81	-
Total Quoted Real Estate Investment Trusts	0.81	-
Portfolio of investments	99.28	98.64
Other net assets	0.72	1.36
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 31 December 2024***By Industry (Secondary)**

	Fair value at 31 December 2024 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2024 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %
Banks	500,810	1.47	-
Biotechnology	612,198	1.79	2.87
Equity Fund	30,554,791	89.52	90.65
Healthcare-Services	433,893	1.27	-
Insurance	-	-	0.99
Mining	953,821	2.79	2.52
Oil and Gas	-	-	1.61
Real Estate	277,600	0.81	-
Software	551,848	1.63	-
Portfolio of investments	33,884,961	99.28	98.64
Other net assets	246,459	0.72	1.36
Net assets attributable to unitholders	34,131,420	100.00	100.00

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the financial year ended 31 December 2024

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

1. General

Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (the "Fund") is a Singapore domiciled fund, constituted under a Trust Deed dated 15 March 1990, 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 three classes of units established within the Fund, namely the SGD Class, USD Class and RMB Class. The classes differ in terms of their class currency and the minimum subscription amounts applicable.

As of 31 December 2024 and 2023, only units in the SGD Class have been issued.

The Fund is single priced and the NAV of the Fund may fall as a result of the transaction costs incurred in the purchase and sale of its underlying investments and the spread between the buying and selling prices of such investments caused by subscriptions, redemptions, switches and/or exchanges of units in the Fund. To protect unitholders' interests, the Manager shall, in consultation with the Trustee, have the discretion to apply dilution adjustment or swing pricing in certain circumstances which the Manager deem appropriate. Swing pricing involves making upwards or downwards adjustments in the calculation of the NAV per unit of the Fund or Class on a particular Dealing Day so that such transaction costs and dealing spreads in respect of the underlying investments are, as far as practicable, passed on to the investors who are subscribing, realising, switching and/or exchanging units on that Dealing Day.

The NAV is adjusted if the net subscription or realisation (including switches and/or exchanges) on a particular Dealing Day reaches or exceeds a certain percentage (the "Swing Threshold") of the size of the Fund as of such relevant Dealing Day.

Any dilution adjustment as at the last dealing day of the year will be disclosed under Units in issue.

2. Material accounting policy information

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 instruments at fair value, and in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" ("RAP 7") issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants.

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2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

(b) Recognition of income

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

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

(c) Investments

Investments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

(i) *Initial recognition*

Purchases of investments are recognised on the trade date. Investments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition.

(ii) *Subsequent measurement*

Investments are subsequently carried at fair value. Net change in fair value on investments 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 price used for equities securities held by the Fund is the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value. The fair value of investments held in the underlying fund is the quoted net asset value of the underlying fund as determined by the underlying fund's administrator.

(e) Receivables

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

(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.

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(g) Payables

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

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at banks 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 2001 ("SFA") of Singapore and is offered to retail investors in Singapore. The Fund's activities are substantially based in Singapore, with subscriptions and redemptions of the units of the Fund denominated in Singapore Dollar ("SGD").

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

(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 within the net foreign exchange gain or loss. 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) Structured entities

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements. A structured entity often has some or all of the following features or attributes: (a) restricted activities, (b) a narrow and well-defined objective, such as to provide investment opportunities for investors by passing on risks and rewards associated with the assets of the structured entity to investors, (c) insufficient equity to permit the structured entity to finance its activities without subordinated financial support and (d) financing in the form of multiple contractually linked instruments to investors that create concentrations of credit or other risks (tranches).

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2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

(j) Structured entities (continued)

The Fund considers all of its investments in other fund (the "Underlying Fund") to be investments in unconsolidated structured entities. The Fund invests in Underlying Fund whose objectives range from achieving short to long term capital growth and whose investment strategy does not include the use of leverage. The Underlying Fund applies various investment strategies to accomplish their respective investment objectives. The Underlying Fund finances their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the unitholder's option and entitles the unitholder to a proportional stake in the respective fund's net assets. The Fund holds redeemable units in the Underlying Fund.

The change in fair value of the Underlying Fund are included in the Statement of Total Return in "Net gains/(losses) on investments".

(k) Expenses

Expenses including transaction costs on purchases or sales of investments are recognised in the Statements of Total Return as the related services are performed, in the period in which they arise.

(l) Management fee

Management fee expense is recognised on an accrual basis and in accordance with the Prospectus. Management fee is recognised as an expense over the period for which the service is provided. The management fee charged on any investment in other unit trusts managed by the Manager is rebated back to the Fund, where applicable.

(m) Creation and cancellation of units

Units are issued and redeemed at the prices based on the Fund's net asset value per unit at the time of issue or redemption for each respective class. The Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net asset attributable to the unitholders of each class of units with the total number of outstanding units for each respective class.

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3. Income tax

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

Under the DUT Scheme, subject to certain conditions and reporting obligations being met, certain income of the DUT fund is not taxable in accordance with Sections 35(12) and 35(12A) of the Income Tax Act 1947. Such income includes:

- (a) gains or profits derived from Singapore or elsewhere from the disposal of securities;
- (b) interest (other than interest for which tax has been deducted under section 45 of the Income Tax Act 1947);
- (c) dividends derived from outside Singapore and received in Singapore;
- (d) gains or profits derived from foreign exchange transactions, transactions in futures contracts, transactions in interest rate or currency forwards, swaps or option contracts and transactions in forwards, swaps or option contracts relating to any securities or financial index;
- (e) discount prepayment 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.

Income tax for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 and 2023 comprises:

	2024 S\$	2023 S\$
Overseas income tax	<u>1,186</u>	-

The overseas income tax represents tax deducted at source on dividend derived from outside Singapore.

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4. Payables

	2024 S\$	2023 S\$
Payable to unitholders for cancellation of units	8,550	8,178
Amount due to the Manager	144,199	147,302
Valuation fee payable	8,213	8,137
Transfer agent fee payable	3,022	8,951
Provision for audit fee	11,739	11,988
Other payables	-	14,697
	175,723	199,253

Amount due to the Manager comprises of management fee and is payable to Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Trustee fee is payable out of the management fees by Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited to BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited. Custody fee, transfer agent fee and valuation fee are payable to BNP Paribas, acting through its Singapore Branch.

5. Units in issue

During the financial year ended 31 December 2024 and 2023, the number of units issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follows:

<u>SGD Class</u>	2024	2023
Units at beginning of the financial year	26,005,023	33,086,039
Units created	548,766	427,625
Units cancelled	(2,626,607)	(7,508,641)
Units at end of the financial year	23,927,182	26,005,023
Net assets attributable to unitholders - S\$	34,131,420	36,118,340
Net asset value per unit - S\$	1.4264	1.389

A reconciliation of the net asset value as reported in the Statement of Financial Position to the net asset value as determined for the purpose of processing unit subscription and redemption is provided below:

<u>SGD Class</u>	2024 S\$	2023 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders per financial statements per unit	1.4264	1.389
Effect for movement in the net assets value between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period [^]	-	-*
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	1.4264	1.389

[^] The net asset value for the purposes of processing unit subscription and redemption was established in accordance with the methodology indicated in the Fund's Prospectus. This item reflects the movement in net asset value between the last dealing date and the end of reporting period due to accrual of operating expenses.

* Effect is less than 0.001.

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6. Financial risk management

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

The Fund's primary objective is to achieve medium to long term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equities listed on the stock exchanges of the Asia Pacific region. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing its assets substantially into the Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund (the "Underlying Fund"), a sub-fund of the Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund, which is registered under the Luxembourg law relating to undertakings for collective investment, as amended. The Underlying Fund will pursue an investment strategy that blends bottom-up fundamental research and top down views and its investment universe includes, but not limited to, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, India and Korea. The Fund may also invest directly in equities in Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

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

(a) Market risk - Price risk

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

The Fund's investment is substantially dependent on the changes of market prices. The Fund's overall market positions are monitored regularly so as to assess 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 benchmark against which the Fund's performance is measured is the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (Net Total Return) (the "Benchmark").

As at 31 December 2024, an increase/decrease of the index component within the Benchmark by 14% (2023: 15%), with all other variables remaining constant, the net assets attributable to unitholders for the year would increase/decrease by approximately 13% (2023: 12%). The analysis was based on the assumptions that the index components within the Benchmark increased/decreased by a reasonable possible shift, with all other variables held constant and that the fair value of Fund's investments moved according to the beta. Reasonable possible changes in market index percentage are revised annually depending on the Manager's current view on market volatility and other relevant factors.

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6. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk - Interest rate risk

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

Investment funds that invest in equity securities may be subject to interest rate risk as any interest rate change may affect the equity risk premium though at varying degrees. To manage this risk, the Manager analyses how interest rate changes may affect different industries and securities and then seeks to adjust the Fund's portfolio investments accordingly.

However, the effects of changes in interest rates on the Fund's portfolio may not be quantified as the relationship between the interest rates and the value of equity securities is indirect. Hence, no sensitivity analysis has been presented separately.

(c) Market risk - Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of 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 31 December 2024	SGD S\$	AUD S\$	USD S\$	NZD S\$	Total S\$
Assets					
Portfolio of investments	30,554,791	2,896,277	-	433,893	33,884,961
Cash and cash equivalents	420,709	247	1,226	-	422,182
Total assets	30,975,500	2,896,524	1,226	433,893	34,307,143
Liabilities					
Payables	175,723	-	-	-	175,723
Total liabilities	175,723	-	-	-	175,723
Net currency exposure	30,799,777	2,896,524	1,226	433,893	

As at 31 December 2023	SGD S\$	AUD S\$	USD S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Portfolio of investments	32,742,080	2,883,409	-	35,625,489
Sales awaiting settlement	360,000	-	-	360,000
Cash and cash equivalents	330,792	129	1,183	332,104
Total assets	33,432,872	2,883,538	1,183	36,317,593
Liabilities				
Payables	199,253	-	-	199,253
Total liabilities	199,253	-	-	199,253
Net currency exposure	33,233,619	2,883,538	1,183	

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6. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk - Currency risk (continued)

Portfolio of investments, which is a significant item in the Statement of Financial Position is exposed to currency risk and other price risk. The Manager has considered the impact of currency risk sensitivity on non-monetary assets which include listed equities, listed investment funds and real estate investment funds as part of the price risk sensitivity analysis.

As of 31 December 2024 and 2023, 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.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of loss arising from the inability of the Fund to meet its obligations as and when they fall due without incurring unacceptable cost or losses.

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions from unitholders. However, in accordance with the Fund's prospectus, minimum holdings and redemption size are set.

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

The Fund's securities are considered readily realisable, as the majority of the securities are listed on recognised stock exchanges.

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 31 December 2024 and 2023, all liabilities are either payable upon demand or due in less than 3 months. The impact of discounting is not significant.

	<u>Less than 3 months</u>	
	As at	As at
	31 December	31 December
	2024	2023
	S\$	S\$
Payables	175,723	199,253
Contractual cash outflows	175,723	199,253

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6. 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 its financial assets held at amortised cost. As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, the Fund's financial assets held at amortised cost as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position are realised within three months. The Manager considers the probability of default to be insignificant as the counterparties generally have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. Hence, no loss allowance has been recognised based on the 12 month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be insignificant to the Fund.

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

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents and outstanding and committed transactions from brokers. The table below summarises the credit rating of bank and custodians in which the Fund's assets are held as at 31 December 2024 and 2023.

	Credit rating as at 31 December 2024	Credit rating as at 31 December 2023	Source of credit rating
Bank and custodian			
- BNP Paribas, acting through its Singapore Branch	A1	Aa3	Moody's

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

As at 31 December 2024, the custodian of the Underlying Fund is BNP Paribas Securities Services (Luxembourg) S.C.A. and is rated A1 (2023: Aa3) based on the Long Term Issuer Default rating by Moody's.

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

(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.

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6. Financial risk management (continued)

(g) Fair value estimation

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

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

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value at 31 December 2024 and 2023:

As at 31 December 2024	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Portfolio of investments:				
- Quoted equities	3,052,570	-	-	3,052,570
- Quoted investment fund	30,554,791	-	-	30,554,791
- Quoted real estate investment trusts	277,600	-	-	277,600
	33,884,961	-	-	33,884,961
As at 31 December 2023				
	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Portfolio of investments:				
- Quoted equities	2,883,409	-	-	2,883,409
- Quoted investment fund	32,742,080	-	-	32,742,080
	35,625,489	-	-	35,625,489

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and therefore classified within level 1, include active listed equities, investment funds and real estate investment trusts. Investments in open-ended investment fund whose net asset value is struck daily, price information is published and readily available and units are subscribed and redeemable on demand at the published price, are classified within level 1. The Fund does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments.

The assets and liabilities included in the Statement of Financial Position except portfolio of investments and financial derivatives are carried at amortised cost; their carrying values are reasonable approximation of fair value.

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6. Financial risk management (continued)

(h) Interests in unconsolidated structured entities

The Fund's investments in the Underlying Fund are subject to the terms and conditions of the respective Underlying Fund's offering documentation and are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future values of those Underlying Fund. The Manager makes investment decisions after extensive due diligence of the Underlying Fund, its strategy and the overall quality of the Underlying Fund's manager. The Underlying Fund in the Statement of Portfolio is managed by the portfolio manager who are compensated by the respective Underlying Fund for their services. Such compensation generally consists of an asset based fee and is reflected in the valuation of the Fund's investments in each of the Underlying Fund.

The Fund has the right to request redemption of its investments in the Underlying Fund on a daily basis.

The exposure to investments in the Underlying Fund at fair value is disclosed under the Statement of Portfolio. These investments are included in "Portfolio of investments" in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Fund's holding in the Underlying Fund, as a percentage of the Underlying Fund's total net asset value, will vary from time to time dependent on the volume of subscriptions and redemptions at the Underlying Fund's level. It is possible that the Fund may, at any point in time, hold a majority of the Underlying Fund's total units in issue.

The Fund's maximum exposure to loss from its interests in the Underlying Fund is equal to the total fair value of its investments in the Underlying Fund.

Once the Fund has disposed of its units in the Underlying Fund, the Fund ceases to be exposed to any risk from that Underlying Fund.

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

	2024	2023
	S\$	S\$
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee	422,182	332,104

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8. Financial ratios

Expense ratio

		2024	2023
<u>SGD Class</u>			
Total operating expenses	S\$	582,686	709,303
Average daily net asset value	S\$	34,974,545	42,824,586
Total expense ratio¹ (including the Underlying Fund's expense ratio)	%	1.67	1.66
Weighted average of the Underlying Fund's unaudited expense ratio	%	-	-

Turnover ratio

		2024	2023
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	3,401,948	1,397,423
Average daily net asset value	S\$	34,974,545	42,824,586
Total turnover ratio²	%	9.73	3.26

¹ The expense ratio has been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the Investment Management Association of Singapore ("IMAS"). The calculation of the expense ratio at financial year end was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net asset value for the year. The total operating expenses do not include (where applicable) brokerage and other transactions costs, performance fee, interest expense, distribution paid out to unitholders, foreign exchange gains/losses, front or back end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds and tax deducted at source or arising out of income received. The Fund does not pay any performance fee. The average net asset value is based on the daily balances.

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

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The following contains additional information relating to the Fund.

1. Distribution of investments

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 15 to 17.

2. Credit rating of debt securities

Nil.

3. Top 10 holdings

10 largest holdings at 31 December 2024

	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund	30,554,791	89.52
South32 Limited	711,915	2.09
CSL Limited	612,198	1.79
Xero Limited	551,848	1.62
Macquarie Group Limited	500,810	1.47
Summerset Group Holdings Limited	433,893	1.27
HMC Capital Limited	277,600	0.81
Paladin Energy Limited	241,906	0.71

10 largest holdings at 31 December 2023

	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund	32,742,080	90.65
CSL Limited	1,036,684	2.87
Santos Limited	582,749	1.61
Pilbara Minerals Limited	558,039	1.55
QBE Insurance Group Limited	355,972	0.99
BHP Group Limited	349,965	0.97

4. Exposure to financial derivatives

Nil.

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5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

Nil.

6. Collateral

Nil.

7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions

Nil.

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

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 15 to 17.

9. Borrowings

Nil.

10. Amount of units created and cancelled for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

S\$

Units created	777,588
Units cancelled	(3,690,719)

11. Turnover ratio

Please refer to Note 8 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 30.

12. Expense ratio

Please refer to Note 8 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 30.

13. Related party transactions

Please refer to Note 7 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 29.

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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.

The management company of the Underlying Fund, Nikko Asset Management Luxembourg S.A., currently does not receive any soft-dollar commission from, or enter into any soft dollar arrangements with, stockbrokers who execute trades on behalf of the Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund, the Underlying Fund of the Fund.

16. Subsequent events

The Manager, Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited will be changing its name to Amova Asset Management Asia Limited with effect from 1 September 2025.

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The details which follow make reference to the investments within the Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund, unless stated otherwise.

1. Top 10 holdings

10 largest holdings as at 31 December 2024

	Fair value US\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	2,459,241	9.83
Tencent Holdings Limited	1,664,148	6.65
Samsung Electronics Company Limited	978,571	3.91
Samsung Biologics Company Limited	720,058	2.88
Tech Mahindra Limited	709,654	2.84
Accton Technology Corporation	660,190	2.64
Meituan Dianping	660,080	2.64
Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Limited Class H	628,391	2.51
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	518,717	2.07
BYD Company Limited Class H	497,648	1.99

10 largest holdings as at 31 December 2023

	Fair value US\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Samsung Electronics Company Limited	2,711,264	9.57
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited Sponsored ADR	2,473,209	8.73
Reliance Industries Limited Sponsored GDR	1,120,688	3.96
AIA Group Limited	1,052,744	3.72
Tencent Holdings Limited	1,033,991	3.65
Samsung Biologics Company Limited	839,724	2.96
MediaTek Inc	826,803	2.92
Indusind Bank Limited	714,355	2.52
Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited	611,271	2.16
Godrej Properties Limited	609,494	2.15

2. Financial Ratios

	2024 %	2023 %
Expense ratio ¹	-	-
Turnover ratio	67.98	62.83

1 The expense ratio has been computed based on the 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 average net asset value is based on the daily balances.

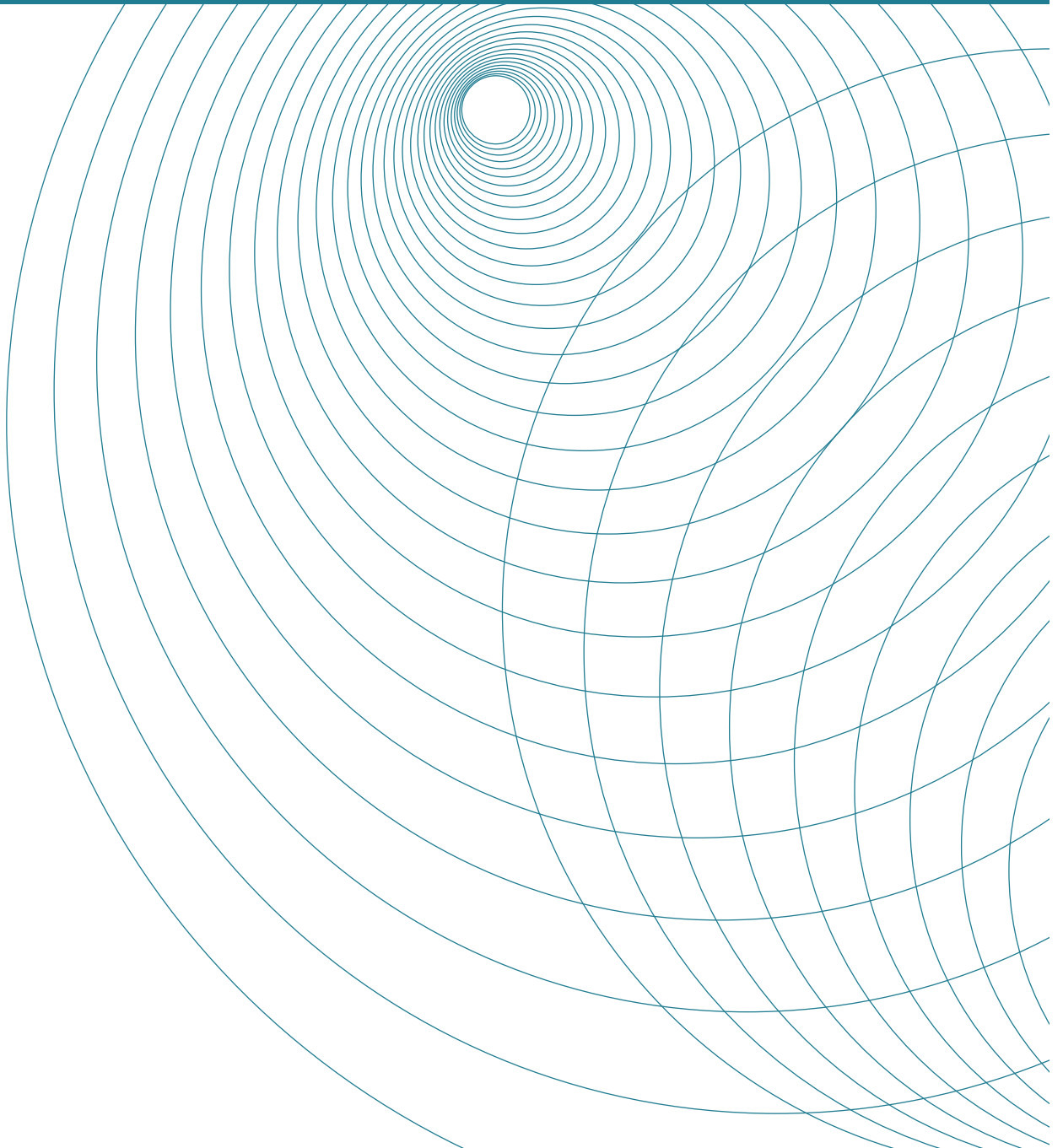
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Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund

Financial period ending 30 June 2024



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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund - SGD Class ¹	5.28	4.75	-3.32	-11.43	1.29	2.68	4.15
Benchmark ²	6.99	11.45	13.21	-4.15	3.97	4.95	4.26

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited and MSCI. Returns as at 30 June 2024. 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 Asia Pacific Fund - SGD Class ¹	0.02	-0.49	-8.16	-12.93	0.25	2.15	3.98
Benchmark ²	6.99	11.45	13.21	-4.15	3.97	4.95	4.26

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited and MSCI. Returns as at 30 June 2024. 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: 31 August 1992

Note:

(1) With effect from 31 March 2020, the investment focus and approach of the Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (the "Fund") has been amended such that the Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing its assets substantially into the Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund (the "New Underlying Fund"). The Fund may also invest directly in equities in Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

With effect from 17 October 2011, the Fund (formerly known as "Shenton Asia Pacific Fund") has been renamed Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund.

(2) With effect from 30 September 2011, the benchmark is changed to MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index (Net Total Return) from MSCI AC Daily TR Net Asia ex-Japan Index. Prior to 1 February 2009, the benchmark was MSCI AC FE Free ex Japan Index.

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Portfolio Review

The Fund returned 4.75% in the first half of 2024 (1H24)

Over the review period, the Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (the “Fund”) posted a return of 4.75% (SGD terms on a NAV-NAV basis), whereas the benchmark returned 11.45%. At the sector level, active positions in consumer discretionary and real estate were the principal contributors to relative performance, while holdings in financials and healthcare were the biggest drag on relative performance. At the country level, stock selection in India and Thailand added the most value, while active holdings in China and Indonesia detracted the most from relative performance.

Market Review

Asian equities broadly maintain their positive momentum in 1H24

Coming off solid gains in the fourth quarter of 2023, Asian stocks maintained their positive momentum and wrapped up a strong 1H24 with an 8.5% return as measured by the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (Net Total Return) in US dollar (USD) terms. Globally, stocks were fuelled by optimism over a resilient economy, improved corporate earnings and the boom in artificial intelligence (AI) technology. Within the region, the stock markets of Taiwan, India and Singapore were the best performers (as measured by the MSCI indices in USD terms), while those of Thailand, Hong Kong and Indonesia underperformed.

Taiwan the region’s best performer; Hong Kong continues its slump

Taiwan (+29.4%) was the top performer, as investor enthusiasm in AI continued to fuel its tech-heavy market. Benefitting from the increase in global demand for the hardware underpinning AI technologies, Taiwan’s economy expand 6.5% year-on-year (YoY) during the March quarter. The Democratic Progressive Party was handed a third consecutive presidential victory in January, and Taiwan’s central bank unexpectedly raised the benchmark rate by 12.5 basis points (bps) to 2.00% in March, aimed at containing inflation expectations. Meanwhile, South Korea (+0.4%) saw a more muted gain. South Korean authorities unveiled a “Corporate Value-up Program” in February, which seeks to incentivise companies that prioritise shareholder returns, similar to Japan’s corporate governance push last year. The Bank of Korea kept its key policy rate at 3.5% throughout 1H24, a level it characterised as restrictive, while reiterating risks around inflationary pressures.

China (+4.7%) recovered some ground in 1H24 following a rough 2023, as authorities unveiled new policy efforts in February, such as slashing their five-year loan prime rate—a benchmark for home loans—by 25 bps and unveiling new trading curbs on short-selling. China then held its annual National People’s Congress in March and set an economic growth target of about 5% this year, promising steps to transform the country’s development model, defuse property sector risks and curb industrial overcapacity. May saw further sweeping measures to support the struggling housing market, including removing the floor on mortgage rates, lowering downpayment and encouraging local governments to acquire homes to convert them into affordable housing. Still, concerns remain over China’s economic outlook and beleaguered property sector. Hong Kong (-10.8%) endured a painful first quarter as appetite from foreign investors remained lacklustre, although it did pare back some losses in the second quarter.

ASEAN markets turn in mixed performance

Shares of Singapore (+9.0%) and Malaysia (+7.5%) moved higher, outperforming the Philippines (-5.2%), Indonesia (-10.5%) and Thailand (-12.6%). In Singapore, policy continuity is expected as Lawrence Wong assumed the role of Singapore’s new prime minister. The city-state’s manufacturing sector continued to recover, with the latest reading indicating that industrial production has rebounded

back into positive territory. Malaysia's economy expanded faster than initially estimated in the first quarter—as GDP quickened 4.2% YoY—driven by private spending and a rebound in exports. In Indonesia, Prabowo Subianto was declared the winner of the country's presidential election, paving way for him to take the helm later this year. Bank Indonesia also raised its benchmark interest rate to a record high of 6.25% in a surprise move in April. Meanwhile, its counterparts in the Philippines and Thailand stood pat with their respective key policy rates of 6.5% and 2.5% respectively over the period.

India and Australia deliver positive returns

Indian equities (+16.9%) exhibited robust growth over 1H24. The Indian economy expanded by 7.8% YoY over the first three months of 2024, sharply above initial forecasts. The Reserve Bank of India kept the benchmark repurchase rate at 6.5% over the period, retaining its “withdrawal of accommodation” stance. The 2024 Indian general election commenced in April, which saw Narendra Modi being voted in as India's prime minister for a third straight term, extending his leadership for another five years despite an electoral setback that saw the Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) fail to secure the simple majority on its own.

Down south, Australian stocks advanced 2.4%. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) left its cash rate target unchanged at 4.35% over the period as policymakers try to balance sticky inflation against a weakening economy. Australia's economy expanded by just 0.1% on quarter in the first three months of the year and by 1.1% from a year earlier. In the latest reading, Australia's key exports of metal ores, coal and mineral fuels fell sharply in April, which contributed to the country's overall exports shrinking 2.5% in April from the prior month.

Market Outlook and Strategy

Await confirmation of real, positive fundamental change before committing further capital in China

Change remains the sole constant in Asian markets. Despite accelerated easing in China, concerns persist in the property market, which remains the focal point for confidence, consumption and broader markets. While slower growth expectations are now universally accepted, the path forward remains uncertain. The confirmation of the Third Plenum in July is likely the next major milestone for clues regarding future policy direction. Expectations of market-friendly measures are relatively low, and valuations in local equity markets remain exceptionally cheap. We await confirmation of real, positive fundamental change before committing additional capital, and we maintain a highly selective approach. Elsewhere, a combination of AI-induced excitement and positive structural reforms has driven Asian markets higher, particularly in Taiwan, Korea and India.

Still positive on the overall India story

In India, the shock loss of majority in the election for Prime Minister Modi and the BJP is both a victory for democracy and an opportunity for more balanced growth. We say a victory for democracy because there was a growing risk that Modi's third term would become increasingly nationalistic with an ever-increasing majority. This has now been checked. Votes were lost on key welfare issues; employment, income, inflation and health and if anything, this likely leads to less emphasis on the corporate sector and more on basic needs and consumption. This does not de-rail the India story which is built on long lasting reforms, productivity gains and its geopolitical positioning. As always, we find a lot of positive fundamental change and sustainable returns on offer in India, and the challenge is finding those at the right price. We have recently been adding to areas of consumption and financials at the expense of healthcare.

Taiwan and Korea buoyed by strategic positioning in supplying AI's infrastructure build-out

Elsewhere, Taiwanese and Korean stocks have emerged as some of the biggest gainers in Asia due to their strategic positioning in supplying AI's infrastructure build-out. While we observe this trend extending to downstream technology products and user applications, we cannot help but draw parallels with the internet era in terms of the market's eagerness to extrapolate future infrastructure capacity expansion. We remain vigilant for any signs of overextension and have shifted our focus toward downstream consumer technology, software and a deeper assessment of how AI is likely to transform labour-intensive business models. In Korea, we will be watching for July's parliamentary sessions and any momentum in tax reform—a key deliverable if the country's shareholder-friendly "value-up" program is to have significant impact.

In ASEAN, we have added our first Malaysian stock for many years. This was on a combination of stability and better top-down policy making, together with bottom-up fundamental change in the technology sector as Malaysia continues to move up the value chain in Southeast Asia. We have tempered our view on Indonesia owing to the long period between the national election and inauguration, a much tighter liquidity environment domestically and weakening Indonesian rupiah.

Focus on areas in Australia offering structural growth on overseas demand at reasonable valuations

Resilient commodity prices and improving relations with China are coming up against sticky and persistent inflation expectations in Australia. With the government keeping a relative expansive fiscal budget, there are again concerns that the RBA may have to tighten monetary policy further which would be a net negative to the domestic economy but could benefit local bank margins. The Fund continues to focus on the few areas that offer structural growth fuelled by overseas demand at reasonable valuations.

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NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN***For the financial period from 01 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (unaudited)*

	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	S\$	S\$
Income		
Dividends	47,216	87,481
Interest on cash and cash equivalents	6,609	4,390
	53,825	91,871
Less: Expenses		
Management fee	262,045	357,118
Transfer agent fee	6,002	8,614
Custody fee	25	81
Audit fee	6,407	6,013
Valuation fee	4,986	5,018
Transaction costs	8,715	5,581
Other expenses	9,818	8,979
	297,998	391,404
Net losses	(244,173)	(299,533)
Net gains or losses on value of investments		
Net gains/(losses) on investments	1,872,657	(351,539)
Net foreign exchange losses	(3,242)	(5,589)
	1,869,415	(357,128)
Total return/(deficit) for the financial period before income tax	1,625,242	(656,661)
Less: Income tax	-	-
Total return/(deficit) for the financial period after income tax	1,625,242	(656,661)

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	S\$	S\$
ASSETS		
Portfolio of investments	35,793,512	35,625,489
Sales awaiting settlement	-	360,000
Receivables	8,436	-
Cash and cash equivalents	485,334	332,104
Total assets	36,287,282	36,317,593
LIABILITIES		
Payables	218,059	199,253
Total liabilities	218,059	199,253
EQUITY		
Net assets attributable to unitholders	36,069,223	36,118,340

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS***For the financial period from 01 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (unaudited)*

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	S\$	S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial period/year	36,118,340	50,589,455
Operations		
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations	1,625,242	(3,826,971)
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)		
Creation of units	346,941	628,508
Cancellation of units	(2,021,300)	(11,272,652)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units	(1,674,359)	(10,644,144)
Total decreases in net assets attributable to unitholders	(49,117)	(14,471,115)
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial period/year	36,069,223	36,118,340

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 30 June 2024 (unaudited)***By Geography (Primary)**

	Holdings at 30 June 2024	Fair value at 30 June 2024 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2024 %
Quoted Equities			
AUSTRALIA			
BHP Group Limited	14,159	546,956	1.51
CSL Limited	2,574	687,757	1.91
Johns Lyng Group Limited	63,793	329,111	0.91
Macquarie Group Limited	2,067	382,941	1.06
QBE Insurance Group Limited	26,704	420,311	1.17
South32 Limited	184,784	612,126	1.70
Total AUSTRALIA		2,979,202	8.26
NEW ZEALAND			
Xero Limited	3,876	478,512	1.33
Total NEW ZEALAND		478,512	1.33
Total Quoted Equities		3,457,714	9.59
Quoted Investment Fund			
LUXEMBOURG			
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund	2,652,650	32,335,798	89.65
Total LUXEMBOURG		32,335,798	89.65
Total Quoted Investment Fund		32,335,798	89.65
Portfolio of investments		35,793,512	99.24
Other net assets		275,711	0.76
Net assets attributable to unitholders		36,069,223	100.00

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 30 June 2024 (unaudited)***By Geography (Summary)**

	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2024 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %
Quoted Equities		
Australia	8.26	7.99
New Zealand	1.33	-
Total Quoted Equities	9.59	7.99
Quoted Investment Fund		
Luxembourg	89.65	90.65
Total Quoted Investment Fund	89.65	90.65
Portfolio of investments	99.24	98.64
Other net assets	0.76	1.36
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 30 June 2024 (unaudited)***By Industry (Secondary)**

	Fair value at 30 June 2024 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2024 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %
Banks	382,941	1.06	-
Biotechnology	687,757	1.91	2.87
Engineering and Construction	329,111	0.91	-
Equity Fund	32,335,798	89.65	90.65
Insurance	420,311	1.17	0.99
Mining	1,159,082	3.21	2.52
Oil and Gas	-	-	1.61
Software	478,512	1.33	-
Portfolio of investments	35,793,512	99.24	98.64
Other net assets	275,711	0.76	1.36
Net assets attributable to unitholders	36,069,223	100.00	100.00

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS

For the financial period from 01 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (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 12.

2. Credit rating of debt securities

Nil.

3. Top 10 holdings

10 Largest holdings at 30 June 2024

	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex- Japan Fund	32,335,798	89.65
CSL Limited	687,757	1.91
South32 Limited	612,126	1.70
BHP Group Limited	546,956	1.51
Xero Limited	478,512	1.33
QBE Insurance Group Limited	420,311	1.17
Macquarie Group Limited	382,941	1.06
Johns Lyng Group Limited	329,111	0.91

10 Largest holdings at 30 June 2023

	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund	38,713,321	90.58
CSL Limited	1,233,402	2.89
BHP Group Limited	701,686	1.64
IGO Limited	685,169	1.60
Santos Limited	577,106	1.35
Omni Bridgeway Limited	436,585	1.02

4. Exposure to financial derivatives

Nil.

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS

For the financial period from 01 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

Nil.

6. Collateral

Nil.

7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions

Nil.

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

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 10 to 12.

9. Borrowings

Nil.

10. Amount of units created and cancelled for the financial period ended 30 June 2024

	S\$
Units created	346,941
Units cancelled	(2,021,300)

11. Turnover ratio

		30 June 2024	30 June 2023
Lower of total value of purchases or sales ²	S\$	1,972,324	6,709,510
Average daily net asset value	S\$	35,096,647	47,956,003
Total turnover ratio¹	%	<u>5.62</u>	<u>13.99</u>

¹ 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.

² There was no purchases for period ending 30 June 2023. Therefore, the total value of sales was used in the calculation of the portfolio turnover ratio.

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REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS

For the financial period from 01 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

12. Expense ratio

		30 June 2024	30 June 2023
<u>SGD Class</u>			
Total operating expenses	S\$	612,827	815,880
Average daily net asset value	S\$	36,497,783	50,991,907
Total expense ratio³ (including the Underlying Fund's expense ratio)	%	1.68	1.60
Weighted average of the Underlying Fund's unaudited expense ratio	%	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

³ 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.

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 is payable out of the management fees by Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited to BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited. Custody fee, transfer agent fee and valuation fee are payable to a related company of the Trustee, BNP Paribas, acting 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:

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	S\$	S\$
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee	<u>485,334</u>	<u>332,104</u>

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.

The management company of the Underlying Fund, Nikko Asset Management Luxembourg S.A., currently does not receive any soft-dollar commission from, or enter into any soft dollar arrangements with, stockbrokers who execute trades on behalf of the Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund-Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund, the Underlying Fund of the Fund.

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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For the financial period from 01 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

The details which follow make reference to the investments within the Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund, unless stated otherwise.

1. Top 10 holdings

10 Largest holdings at 30 June 2024

	Fair value US\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	2,590,573	9.81
Samsung Electronics Company Limited	2,350,089	8.90
Tencent Holdings Limited	1,435,717	5.44
Reliance Industries Limited	886,621	3.36
Samsung Biologics Co Ltd	751,559	2.85
Godrej Properties Limited	675,183	2.56
Havells India Limited	649,256	2.46
Silergy Corporation	640,846	2.43
Accton Technology Corporation	615,878	2.33
Mahindra & Mahindra Limited	613,328	2.32

10 Largest holdings at 30 June 2023

	Fair value US\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Samsung Electronics Company Limited	2,539,397	7.99
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	2,219,332	6.98
AIA Group Ltd	1,899,634	5.97
Reliance Industries Ltd Sponsored GDR	1,594,444	5.01
Tencent Holdings Limited	1,091,712	3.43
Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited	913,886	2.87
Sinbon Electronics Co Limited	901,668	2.84
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	882,815	2.78
Godrej Properties Limited	856,837	2.69
Bank Central Asia TBK PT	821,105	2.58

2. Financial ratios

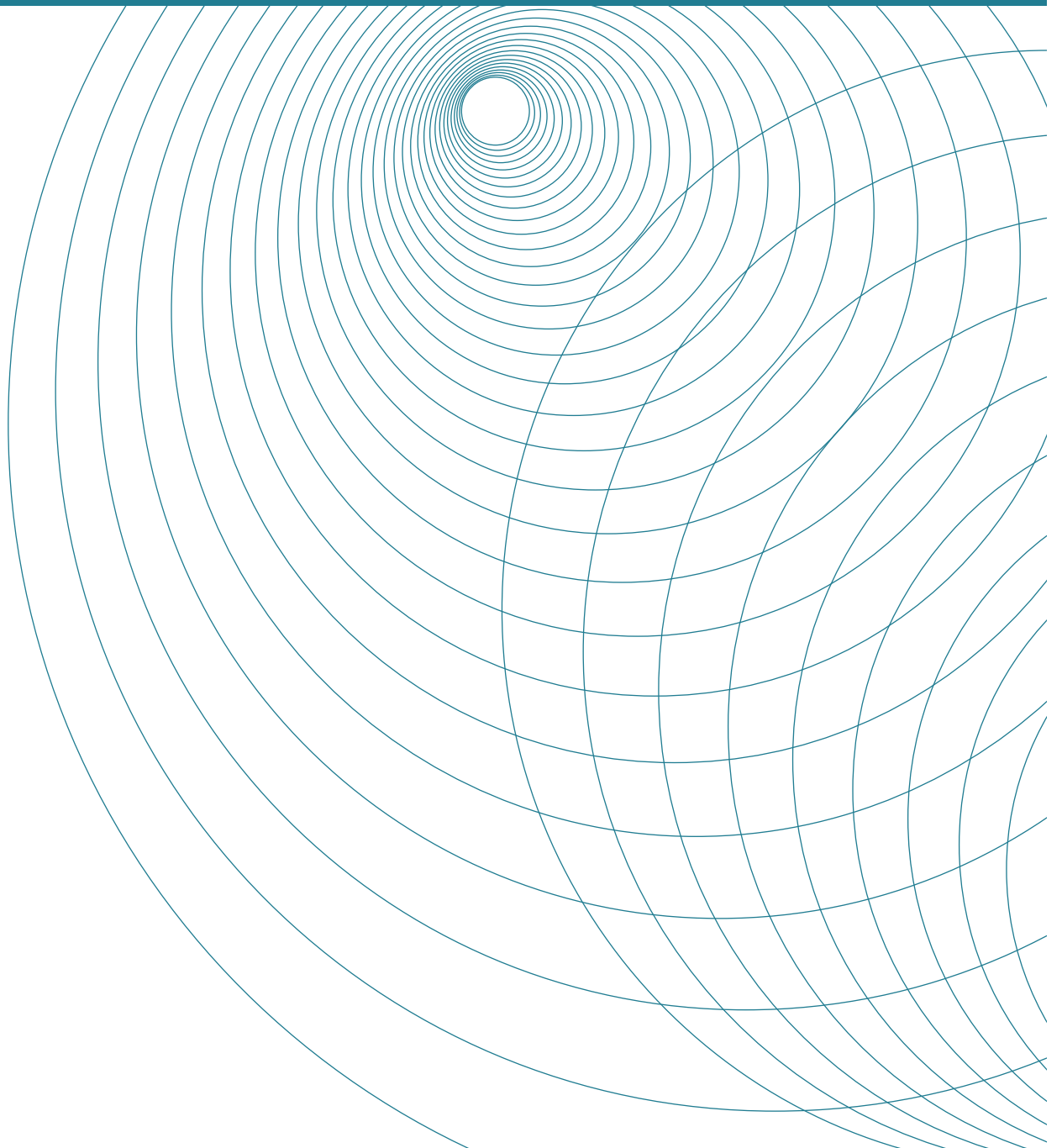
	30 June 2024 %	30 June 2023 %
Expense ratio ¹	-	-
Turnover ratio	33.59	27.61

¹ The expense ratio has been computed based on the 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 average net asset value is based on the daily balances. The expenses are fully reimbursed.

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Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund

Financial year ended 31 December 2023



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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Returns (%)	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund - SGD Class ¹	-0.22	-7.71	-9.16	-11.49	2.23	2.77	4.06
Benchmark ²	4.23	1.57	5.59	-4.95	3.97	4.40	3.97

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited and MSCI. Returns as at 31 December 2023. 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 Asia Pacific Fund - SGD Class ¹	-5.20	-12.32	-13.70	-12.99	1.19	2.24	3.89
Benchmark ²	4.23	1.57	5.59	-4.95	3.97	4.40	3.97

Source: Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited and MSCI. Returns as at 31 December 2023. 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: 31 August 1992

Note:

- (1) With effect from 31 March 2020, the investment focus and approach of the Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (the "Fund") has been amended such that the Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing its assets substantially into the Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund (the "New Underlying Fund"). The Fund may also invest directly in equities in Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

With effect from 17 October 2011, the Fund (formerly known as "Shenton Asia Pacific Fund") has been renamed Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund.

- (2) With effect from 30 September 2011, the benchmark is changed to MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index (Net Total Return) from MSCI AC Daily TR Net Asia ex-Japan Index. Prior to 1 February 2009, the benchmark was MSCI AC FE Free ex Japan Index.

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Portfolio Review

The Fund returned -9.16% in 2023

Over the review period, the Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (the “Fund”) posted a return of -9.16% (SGD terms on a NAV-NAV basis), whereas the benchmark returned 5.59%. At the sector level, active positions in real estate and communication services were the principal contributors to relative performance, while holdings in financials and consumer discretionary were the biggest drag on relative performance. At the country level, stock selection in India and Thailand added the most value, while active holdings in China and Australia detracted the most from relative performance.

Market Review

Asian equities mostly gain in 2023

Asian stocks rose in 2023, with the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (Net Total Return) returning 7.4% in US dollar (USD) terms. Regional stocks kicked off the year trading higher, supported by a rebound in investor sentiment towards Chinese equities due to policy pivots in areas including COVID-19, housing and internet regulation. Asian stocks shrugged off the market volatility created by the US banking turmoil and ongoing monetary policy tightening by the US Federal Reserve (Fed), turning in decent gains in the first quarter of 2023. However, regional equities lost momentum and retreated in the second quarter due to growing concerns that the recovery in the Chinese economy is losing steam. Asian equities continued to trend lower in the third quarter due to a surge in longer-term government bond yields, higher oil prices and lacklustre macroeconomic data out of China amid renewed stress in the country’s debt-laden property sector. Market sentiment, however, improved heading into 2024 as markets adjusted to the fact that US interest rates may have peaked. Eventually, December saw the Fed send its clearest message yet that its aggressive hiking campaign has ended by forecasting a series of rate cuts in 2024.

Within the region, the stock markets of Taiwan, South Korea and India were the best performers (as measured by the MSCI indices in USD terms), while those of Hong Kong, China and Thailand underperformed.

Taiwan and South Korea lead the gainers; China and Hong Kong plummet

In the North Asian region, the technology-centric equity markets of Taiwan (+30.4% in USD terms) and South Korea (+23.2%) soared in 2023, buoyed by a strong rebound in global technology stocks and hopes of turnaround in the global semiconductor market as demand for chips used in artificial intelligence (AI) systems rapidly increased. The Bank of Korea kept its seven-day repurchase rate unchanged at 3.5% over the year, and South Korea’s economy expanded 1.4% in 2023. In Taiwan, after raising its key rediscount rate by 12.5 basis points (bps) to 1.875% in March, the central bank of Taiwan stood pat with its policy rate over the remaining year.

On the other hand, stocks in China (-11.2%) and Hong Kong (-14.8%) fell in 2023, even though investors kicked off 2023 with a sense of optimism following China’s post-COVID reopening. A confluence of factors including—lingering property downturn, a slew of disappointing economic data, local government debt risks and uncertainty over China’s regulatory regime—have combined to put a dent in China’s stock market optimism. Tensions between Washington and Beijing also hurt sentiment towards Chinese equities. The world’s second largest economy has struggled to mount a strong post-pandemic recovery, and investors have been disappointed with policymakers’ responses thus far. Sentiment soured despite China cutting interest rates, reducing stock trading stamp duties and easing home purchase and mortgage rules.

ASEAN turns in mixed performance; Indonesia leads the region

Indonesia (+7.3%) was the best performer in the ASEAN region in 2023, while Thailand was the worst performer (-10.5%). Singapore (+5.3%) and the Philippines (+3.5%) turned in gains too but Malaysia (-3.5%) fell. Annual inflation rates of all the ASEAN countries eased over the year. After raising its key interest rates by 25 bps in January, Bank Indonesia (BI) kept its benchmark interest rates unchanged over the year until October, when the central bank unexpectedly raised its interest rate by another 25 bps to 6% as BI sought to reinforce efforts to stabilise the Indonesian rupiah. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, also lifted its benchmark interest rate by 25 bps to 6.5% in a surprise off-cycle meeting in October, having paused its rate hikes since February. Meanwhile, Malaysia made just one rate hike in 2023. In Singapore, the Monetary Authority of Singapore left its monetary policy unchanged in 2023 after taking aggressive measures to blunt the impact of inflation by strengthening the Singapore dollar at an unprecedented pace of five times since October 2021. Thailand, on the other hand, delivered more rate hikes over the year. Political concerns also allayed in August as the Pheu Thai party's Srettha Thavisin finally became Thailand's prime minister, several months after the country's general election.

India and Australia log healthy gains

Despite a slump in the first quarter, compounded by a slowdown in economic growth, persistently high inflation and selling pressure on shares of the Adani Group, which was accused of engaging in widespread stock price manipulation and money laundering, India rebounded strongly over the remaining quarters to turn in healthy gains of 20.8% in USD terms for 2023. Indian stocks surged in the second quarter, lifted by sustained inflows from foreign investors and a surprising pause in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s rate hike policy in April. Investors continued to re-rate the economic growth potential of the country during the second half of 2023. The International Monetary Fund bumped up India's growth forecast for financial year 2024 twice during the review period, to 6.3%, supported by macroeconomic and financial stability. Furthermore, JPMorgan's announcement in September that it will include India in its widely-tracked emerging market debt index also lifted investor sentiment. India posted a 7.6% GDP growth in the July-September quarter as manufacturing surged and the government boosted spending before election. In December, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party won three key state elections—unseating the opposition in two of them—strengthening Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bid for a third term in office.

Down south, Australian stocks climbed 14.8%. Over the year, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) had raised its interest rate from 3.35% at its February meeting, to 4.35% during the final meeting of 2023. Starting in February 2024, RBA will also reduce the number of meetings that decide official interest rates from 11 to 8 times a year. Australia's economy slowed in the September quarter, growing by a mere 0.2% on a quarterly basis and 2.1% on an annual basis, as higher interest rates hit consumers and trade turned negative. Australia's inflation cooled over the year, with inflation rate softening to 5.4% YoY in the third quarter of 2023, down from 6.0% in the second quarter and 7.0% in the first quarter, although figures still remain well above the central bank's target range of 2–3%.

Market Outlook and Strategy

Peak interest rates a boon for broader markets

As we look to the year ahead, we must first look at some of the key characteristics of 2023—banking crises (in the US and Credit Suisse), fundamental changes in tech from generative AI, pro-growth policy in China and the potential peaking out of interest rates globally. The peaking of interest rates and potentially the US dollar could be a boon for broader markets, particularly in areas more sensitive to liquidity, countries with more room to ease rates domestically and areas where positive fundamental changes have been overlooked.

In Asia, some of these countries are likely to be twin deficit economies where positive reform is also occurring, namely India and Indonesia. While areas more sensitive to liquidity conditions that have been pressured in recent years would include renewables and innovation across multiple segments including healthcare and in tech (outside of AI which had already done well on account of last year's earnings uplift to many in the hardware and infrastructure supply chain). We stress that we remain anchored to earnings and profitability and the delivery of sustainable returns in the statements above.

China pivots towards advanced manufacturing, tech, self-sufficiency and higher-end overseas growth

In China, pro-cyclical policy is clearly back but so far has failed to address the main issues holding back the domestic economy and markets, namely the property sector and consumer confidence. The release of rather stringent draft policy in the e-gaming sector in late December did little to quell concerns over China's investability. While likely mistimed, we would point to this being part of a broader effort to encourage offline activity and spending. Directed consumption remains the case as it always has in China. Looking more broadly, China is clearly going through another major economic transition—from one that reduces the role of property and services to one that promotes advanced manufacturing, tech, self-sufficiency and higher-end overseas growth. These are areas of focus for us in our stock selection.

Asia's other bright spots offering opportunities for sustainable returns

While there are understandable concerns about China, we should not overlook the bright opportunities that other parts of Asia offer. We continue to highlight that some of the best sustainable return opportunities lie in both reformers (India and Indonesia) and globally competitive North Asia exporters in Taiwan and Korea. At the sector level, we would also highlight the healthcare industry where several positive factors are starting to fall into place, namely much more appealing valuations, lighter positioning, supportive policy and the second wave of biosimilar development. Asia is well placed to capture these opportunities.

Against this, we must be mindful of some of the risks and areas of potential negative fundamental change ahead. An already significant amount of rate cuts have been priced in by markets and without further economic weakness, these may be subject to change. China has yet to stabilise both its property market and economy convincingly although supportive policy action is increasing. We also have a very busy electoral calendar this year kicking off with Taiwan in January, then India, Indonesia and culminating in the US elections towards the end of the year. Geopolitical risk is here to stay, with both positive and negative implications for investors. Managing these risks will be key to delivering sustainable returns in Asian equities.

Focusing on areas such as healthcare and software in Australia

Following a steep tightening cycle, Australia has seen inflation moderate which is alleviating concerns over downside risks to the housing market and its impact on the economy. Peaking of US rates likely gives more room for policy flexibility which would be well received by local equity markets. Despite weak government forecasts for major commodities, Australia remains well placed to benefit from demand for specific energy security and energy transition related needs. We also find some of the most well-run companies with good execution and corporate governance. In addition, Australia has produced a number of globally competitive companies in areas such as healthcare and software, areas we are focused on unearthing bottom-up opportunities.

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Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Registration Number 198202562H

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

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

To the best knowledge of the Trustee, the Manager has, in all material respects, managed the Fund during the financial year covered by these financial statements, set out on pages 12 to 30, 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
27 March 2024

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

In the opinion of Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 12 to 30, 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 Asia Pacific Fund (the "Fund") as at 31 December 2023, and the financial performance and movements in unitholders' funds for the financial year then ended in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they materialise.

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

Authorised signatory
27 March 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND**
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Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (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 ("RAP 7"), so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and portfolio holdings of the Fund as at 31 December 2023, and the financial performance and movements of unitholders' funds for the financial year ended on that date.

What we have audited

The financial statements of the Fund comprise:

- the Statement of Total Return for the financial year ended 31 December 2023;
- the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023;
- the Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds for the financial year then ended;
- the Statement of Portfolio as at 31 December 2023; and
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

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
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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 RAP 7 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
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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

- 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, 27 March 2024

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN***For the financial year ended 31 December 2023*

	Note	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Income			
Dividends		139,923	148,938
Interest on cash and cash equivalents		10,096	5,356
		<u>150,019</u>	<u>154,294</u>
Less: Expenses			
Management fee		643,533	916,378
Transfer agent fee		14,664	17,102
Custody fee		128	256
Audit fee		12,005	10,912
Valuation fee		10,060	12,229
Transaction costs		15,259	28,994
GST rebate		(478)	(15,785)
Other expenses		29,454	14,568
		<u>724,625</u>	<u>984,654</u>
Net losses		<u>(574,606)</u>	<u>(830,360)</u>
Net gains or losses on value of investments			
Net losses on investments		(3,244,433)	(17,226,310)
Net foreign exchange losses		(7,932)	(26,701)
		<u>(3,252,365)</u>	<u>(17,253,011)</u>
Total (deficit) for the financial year before income tax		<u>(3,826,971)</u>	<u>(18,083,371)</u>
Less: Income tax	3	-	-
Total (deficit) for the financial year after income tax		<u>(3,826,971)</u>	<u>(18,083,371)</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
ASSETS			
Portfolio of investments		35,625,489	50,403,506
Sales awaiting settlement		360,000	-
Receivables	4	-	3,739
Cash and cash equivalents		332,104	538,430
Total assets		36,317,593	50,945,675
LIABILITIES			
Payables	5	199,253	356,220
Total liabilities		199,253	356,220
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	6	36,118,340	50,589,455

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS***For the financial year ended 31 December 2023*

	Note	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial year		50,589,455	80,762,160
Operations			
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		(3,826,971)	(18,083,371)
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units		628,508	1,312,296
Cancellation of units		(11,272,652)	(13,401,630)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		(10,644,144)	(12,089,334)
Total decreases in net assets attributable to unitholders		(14,471,115)	(30,172,705)
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial year	6	36,118,340	50,589,455

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NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 31 December 2023***By Geography (Primary)**

	Holdings at 31 December 2023	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %
Quoted Equities			
AUSTRALIA			
BHP Group Limited	7,713	349,965	0.97
CSL Limited	4,018	1,036,684	2.87
Pilbara Minerals Limited	156,958	558,039	1.55
QBE Insurance Group Limited	26,704	355,972	0.99
Santos Limited	85,189	582,749	1.61
Total AUSTRALIA		2,883,409	7.99
Total Quoted Equities		2,883,409	7.99
Quoted Investment Fund			
LUXEMBOURG			
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund	2,859,570	32,742,080	90.65
Total LUXEMBOURG		32,742,080	90.65
Total Quoted Investment Fund		32,742,080	90.65
Portfolio of investments		35,625,489	98.64
Other net assets		492,851	1.36
Net assets attributable to unitholders		36,118,340	100.00

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NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 31 December 2023

By Geography (Summary)

	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %
Quoted Equities		
Australia	7.99	13.08
Total Quoted Equities	7.99	13.08
Quoted Investment Fund		
Luxembourg	90.65	86.55
Total Quoted Investment Fund	90.65	86.55
Portfolio of investments	98.64	99.63
Other net assets	1.36	0.37
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND*(Constituted under a Trust Deed registered in the Republic of Singapore)***STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO***As at 31 December 2023***By Industry (Secondary)**

	Fair value at 31 December 2023 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2023 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %
Banks	-	-	1.76
Biotechnology	1,036,684	2.87	3.45
Diversified Financial Services	-	-	1.21
Equity Fund	32,742,080	90.65	86.55
Insurance	355,972	0.99	-
Mining	908,004	2.52	4.59
Oil and Gas	582,749	1.61	2.07
Portfolio of investments	35,625,489	98.64	99.63
Other net assets	492,851	1.36	0.37
Net assets attributable to unitholders	36,118,340	100.00	100.00

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NIKKO AM SHENTON ASIA PACIFIC FUND

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

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

1. General

Nikko AM Shenton Asia Pacific Fund (the "Fund") is a Singapore domiciled fund, constituted under a Trust Deed dated 15 March 1990, 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 three classes of units established within the Fund, namely the SGD Class, USD Class and RMB Class. The classes differ in terms of their class currency and the minimum subscription amounts applicable.

As of 31 December 2023 and 2022, only units in the SGD Class have been issued.

The Fund is single priced and the NAV of the Fund may fall as a result of the transaction costs incurred in the purchase and sale of its underlying investments and the spread between the buying and selling prices of such Investments caused by subscriptions, redemptions, switches and/or exchanges of units in the Fund. To protect unitholders' interests, the Manager shall, in consultation with the Trustee, have the discretion to apply dilution adjustment or swing pricing in certain circumstances which the Manager deem appropriate. Swing Pricing involves making upwards or downwards adjustments in the calculation of the NAV per unit of the Fund or Class on a particular Dealing Day so that such transaction costs and dealing spreads in respect of the underlying investments are, as far as practicable, passed on to the investors who are subscribing, realising, switching and/or exchanging units on that Dealing Day.

The NAV is adjusted if the net subscription or realisation (including switches and/or exchanges) on a particular Dealing Day reaches or exceeds a certain percentage (the "Swing Threshold") of the size of the Fund as of such relevant Dealing Day.

Any dilution adjustment as at the last dealing day of the year will be disclosed under Units in issue.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not reach the swing threshold and no swing pricing has been applied.

2. Material accounting policy information

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 instruments at fair value, and in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" ("RAP 7") issued and revised by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants in August 2023 for the financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

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. Material accounting policy information (continued)

(b) Recognition of income

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

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

(c) Investments

Investments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

(i) *Initial recognition*

Purchases of investments are recognised on the trade date. Investments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition.

(ii) *Subsequent measurement*

Investments are subsequently carried at fair value. Net change in fair value on investments 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 price used for equities securities held by the Fund is the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value. The fair value of investments held in the underlying fund is the quoted net asset value of the underlying fund as determined by the underlying fund's administrator.

(e) Receivables

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

(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.

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2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

(g) Payables

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

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at banks 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 2001 ("SFA") of Singapore and is offered to retail investors in Singapore. The Fund's activities are substantially based in Singapore, with subscriptions and redemptions of the units of the Fund denominated in Singapore Dollar ("SGD").

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

(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 within the net foreign exchange gain or loss. 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) Structured entities

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements. A structured entity often has some or all of the following features or attributes: (a) restricted activities, (b) a narrow and well-defined objective, such as to provide investment opportunities for investors by passing on risks and rewards associated with the assets of the structured entity to investors, (c) insufficient equity to permit the structured entity to finance its activities without subordinated financial support and (d) financing in the form of multiple contractually linked instruments to investors that create concentrations of credit or other risks (tranches).

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2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

(j) Structured entities (continued)

The Fund considers all of its investments in other fund (the "Underlying Fund") to be investments in unconsolidated structured entities. The Fund invests in Underlying Fund whose objectives range from achieving short to long term capital growth and whose investment strategy does not include the use of leverage. The Underlying Fund applies various investment strategies to accomplish their respective investment objectives. The Underlying Fund finances their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the unitholder's option and entitles the unitholder to a proportional stake in the respective fund's net assets. The Fund holds redeemable units in the Underlying Fund.

The change in fair value of the Underlying Fund are included in the Statement of Total Return in "Net losses on investments".

(k) Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Total Return as the related services are performed.

(l) Management fee

Management fee expense is recognised on an accrual basis and in accordance with the Prospectus. Management fee is recognised as an expense over the period for which the service is provided. The management fee charged on any investment in other unit trusts managed by the Manager is rebated back to the Fund, where applicable.

(m) Creation and cancellation of units

Units are issued and redeemed at the prices based on the Fund's net asset value per unit at the time of issue or redemption for each respective class. The Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net asset attributable to the unitholders of each class of units.

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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 fulfils its reporting obligations under the DUT Scheme.

Under the DUT Scheme, certain income of the DUT fund is not taxable in accordance to Sections 35(12) and 35(12A) of the Income Tax Act 1947. Such income includes:

- (a) gains or profits derived from Singapore or elsewhere from the disposal of securities;
- (b) interest (other than interest for which tax has been deducted under section 45 of the Income Tax Act 1947);
- (c) dividends derived from outside Singapore and received in Singapore;
- (d) gains or profits derived from foreign exchange transactions, transactions in futures contracts, transactions in interest rate or currency forwards, swaps or option contracts and transactions in forwards, swaps or option contracts relating to any securities or financial index;
- (e) discount prepayment 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.

There is no income tax for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

4. Receivables

	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Receivable from unitholders for creation of units	-	3,739

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	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Payable to unitholders for cancellation of units	8,178	132,671
Amount due to the Manager	147,302	206,792
Valuation fee payable	8,137	2,768
Transfer agent fee payable	8,951	2,967
Provision for audit fee	11,988	11,022
Other payables	14,697	-
	199,253	356,220

Amount due to the Manager comprises of management fee and is payable to Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited. Trustee fee is payable out of the management fees by Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited to BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited. Custody fee and valuation fee are payable to BNP Paribas, acting through its Singapore Branch. Transfer agent fee is payable to BNP Paribas, acting through its Singapore Branch with effect from 1 April 2023.

6. Units in issue

During the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, the number of units issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follows:

<u>SGD Class</u>	2023	2022
Units at beginning of the financial year	33,086,039	40,201,167
Units created	427,625	785,871
Units cancelled	(7,508,641)	(7,900,999)
Units at end of the financial year	26,005,023	33,086,039
Net assets attributable to unitholders - S\$	36,118,340	50,589,456
Net asset value per unit - S\$	1.389	1.529

A reconciliation of the net asset value as reported in the Statement of Financial Position to the net asset value as determined for the purpose of processing unit subscription and redemption is provided below:

<u>SGD Class</u>	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders per financial statements per unit	1.389	1.529
Effect for movement in the net assets value between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period [^]	-*	-*
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	1.389	1.529

[^] The net asset value for the purposes of processing unit subscription and redemption was established in accordance with the methodology indicated in the Fund's Prospectus. This item reflects the movement in net asset value between the last dealing date and the end of reporting period due to accrual of operating expenses.

* Effect is less than 0.001.

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7. Financial risk management

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

The Fund's primary objective is to achieve medium to long term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equities listed on the stock exchanges of the Asia Pacific region. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing its assets substantially into the Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund (the "Underlying Fund"), a sub-fund of the Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund, which is registered under the Luxembourg law relating to undertakings for collective investment, as amended. The Underlying Fund will pursue an investment strategy that blends bottom-up fundamental research and top down views and its investment universe includes, but not limited to, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, India and Korea. The Fund may also invest directly in equities in Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

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

(a) Market risk - Price risk

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

The Fund's investment is substantially dependent on the changes of market prices. The Fund's overall market positions are monitored regularly so as to assess 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 benchmark against which the Fund's performance is measured is the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (Net Total Return) (the "Benchmark").

As at 31 December 2023, an increase/decrease of the index component within the Benchmark by 15% (2022: 18%), with all other variables remaining constant, the net assets attributable to unitholders for the year would increase/decrease by approximately 12% (2022: 16%). The analysis was based on the assumptions that the index components within the Benchmark increased/decreased by a reasonable possible shift, with all other variables held constant and that the fair value of Fund's investments moved according to the beta. Reasonable possible changes in market index percentage are revised annually depending on the Manager's current view on market volatility and other relevant factors.

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7. Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk - Interest rate risk

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

Investment funds that invest in equity securities may be subject to interest rate risk as any interest rate change may affect the equity risk premium though at varying degrees. To manage this risk, the Manager analyses how interest rate changes may affect different industries and securities and then seeks to adjust the Fund's portfolio investments accordingly.

However, the effects of changes in interest rates on the Fund's portfolio may not be quantified as the relationship between the interest rates and the value of equity securities is indirect. Hence, no sensitivity analysis has been presented separately.

(c) Market risk - Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of 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 31 December 2023	SGD S\$	AUD S\$	USD S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Portfolio of investments	32,742,080	2,883,409	-	35,625,489
Sales awaiting settlement	360,000	-	-	360,000
Cash and cash equivalents	330,792	129	1,183	332,104
Total assets	33,432,872	2,883,538	1,183	36,317,593
Liabilities				
Payables	199,253	-	-	199,253
Total liabilities	199,253	-	-	199,253
Net currency exposure	33,233,619	2,883,538	1,183	
As at 31 December 2022				
Assets				
Portfolio of investments	43,785,456	6,618,050	-	50,403,506
Receivables	3,739	-	-	3,739
Cash and cash equivalents	526,573	126	11,731	538,430
Total assets	44,315,768	6,618,176	11,731	50,945,675
Liabilities				
Payables	356,220	-	-	356,220
Total liabilities	356,220	-	-	356,220
Net currency exposure	43,959,548	6,618,176	11,731	

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7. Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk - Currency risk (continued)

Portfolio of investments, which is a significant item in the Statement of Financial Position is exposed to currency risk and other price risk. The Manager has considered the impact of currency risk sensitivity on non-monetary assets which include listed equities and listed investment funds as part of the price risk sensitivity analysis.

As of 31 December 2023 and 2022, 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.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of loss arising from the inability of the Fund to meet its obligations as and when they fall due without incurring unacceptable cost or losses.

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions from unitholders. However, in accordance with the Fund's prospectus, minimum holdings and redemption size are set.

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

The Fund's securities are considered readily realisable, as the majority of the securities are listed on recognised stock exchanges.

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 31 December 2023 and 2022, all liabilities are either payable upon demand or due in less than 3 months. The impact of discounting is not significant.

	<u>Less than 3 months</u>	
	As at	As at
	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022
	S\$	S\$
Payables	199,253	356,220
Contractual cash outflows	199,253	356,220

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7. 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 its financial assets held at amortised cost. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Fund's financial assets held at amortised cost as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position are realised within three months. The Manager considers the probability of default to be insignificant as the counterparties generally have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. Hence, no loss allowance has been recognised based on the 12 month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be insignificant to the Fund.

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

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents and outstanding and committed transactions from brokers. The table below summarises the credit rating of bank and custodian in which the Fund's assets are held as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

	Credit rating as at 31 December 2023	Credit rating as at 31 December 2022	Source of credit rating
Bank and custodian			
- BNP Paribas, acting through its Singapore Branch	Aa3	Aa3	Moody's

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

As at 31 December 2023, the custodian of the Underlying Fund is BNP Paribas Securities Services (Luxembourg) S.C.A. and is rated Aa3 (2022: Aa3) based on the Long Term Issuer Default rating by Moody's.

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

(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.

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7. Financial risk management (continued)

(g) Fair value estimation

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

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

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value at 31 December 2023 and 2022:

As at 31 December 2023	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Portfolio of investments:				
- Quoted equities	2,883,409	-	-	2,883,409
- Quoted investment fund	32,742,080	-	-	32,742,080
	<u>35,625,489</u>	-	-	<u>35,625,489</u>
As at 31 December 2022				
	Level 1 S\$	Level 2 S\$	Level 3 S\$	Total S\$
Assets				
Portfolio of investments:				
- Quoted equities	6,618,050	-	-	6,618,050
- Quoted investment fund	43,785,456	-	-	43,785,456
	<u>50,403,506</u>	-	-	<u>50,403,506</u>

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and therefore classified within Level 1, include active listed equities and investment funds. Investments in open-ended investment fund whose net asset value is struck daily, price information is published and readily available and units are subscribed and redeemable on demand at the published price, are classified within Level 1. The Fund does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments.

The assets and liabilities included in the Statement of Financial Position except portfolio of investments are carried at amortised cost; their carrying values are reasonable approximation of fair value.

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7. Financial risk management (continued)

(h) Interests in unconsolidated structured entities

The Fund's investments in the Underlying Fund are subject to the terms and conditions of the respective Underlying Fund's offering documentation and are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future values of those Underlying Fund. The Manager makes investment decisions after extensive due diligence of the Underlying Fund, its strategy and the overall quality of the Underlying Fund's manager. The Underlying Fund in the Statement of Portfolio is managed by the portfolio manager who are compensated by the respective Underlying Fund for their services. Such compensation generally consists of an asset based fee and is reflected in the valuation of the Fund's investments in each of the Underlying Fund.

The Fund has the right to request redemption of its investments in the Underlying Fund on a daily basis.

The exposure to investments in the Underlying Fund at fair value is disclosed under the Statement of Portfolio. These investments are included in "Portfolio of investments" in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Fund's holdings in the Underlying Fund, as a percentage of the Underlying Fund's total net asset value, will vary from time to time dependent on the volume of subscriptions and redemptions at the Underlying Fund's level. It is possible that the Fund may, at any point in time, hold a majority of the Underlying Fund's total units in issue.

The Fund's maximum exposure to loss from its interests in the Underlying Fund is equal to the total fair value of its investments in the Underlying Fund.

Once the Fund has disposed of its units in the Underlying Fund, the Fund ceases to be exposed to any risk from that Underlying Fund.

8. Related party transactions

In addition to related party information shown elsewhere in the financial statements, the following significant transactions took place during the financial year between the Fund and the related party at terms agreed between the parties and within the provisions of the Deeds:

	2023 S\$	2022 S\$
Bank balances held with related party of the Trustee	332,104	538,430

9. Financial ratios

Expense ratio

		2023	2022
SGD Class			
Total operating expenses	S\$	709,303	955,659
Average daily net asset value	S\$	42,824,586	60,999,075
Total expense ratio¹ (including the Underlying Fund's expense ratio)	%	1.66	1.57
Weighted average of the Underlying Fund's unaudited expense ratio	%	-	-

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9. Financial ratios (continued)

Turnover ratio

		2023	2022
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	1,397,423	4,870,976
Average daily net asset value	S\$	42,824,586	60,999,075
Total turnover ratio²	%	3.26	7.99

¹ The expense ratio has been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the Investment Management Association of Singapore ("IMAS"). The calculation of the expense ratio at financial year end was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net asset value for the year. The total operating expenses do not include (where applicable) brokerage and other transactions costs, performance fee, interest expense, distribution paid out to unitholders, foreign exchange gains/losses, front or back end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds and tax deducted at source or arising out of income received. The Fund does not pay any performance fee. The average net asset value is based on the daily balances.

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

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The following contains additional information relating to the Fund.

1. Distribution of investments

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 15 to 17.

2. Credit rating of debt securities

Nil.

3. Top 10 holdings

10 largest holdings at 31 December 2023

	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund	32,742,080	90.65
CSL Limited	1,036,684	2.87
Santos Limited	582,749	1.61
Pilbara Minerals Limited	558,039	1.55
QBE Insurance Group Limited	355,972	0.99
BHP Group Limited	349,965	0.97

10 largest holdings at 31 December 2022

	Fair value S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund	43,785,456	86.55
CSL Limited	1,746,272	3.45
BHP Group Limited	1,590,381	3.14
Santos Limited	1,048,412	2.07
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	892,882	1.76
IGO Limited	731,061	1.45
Omni Bridgeway Limited	609,042	1.21

4. Exposure to financial derivatives

Nil.

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5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

Nil.

6. Collateral

Nil.

7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions

Nil.

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

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 15 to 17.

9. Borrowings

Nil.

10. Amount of units created and cancelled for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

S\$

Units created	628,508
Units cancelled	(11,272,652)

11. Turnover ratio

Please refer to Note 9 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 29 to 30.

12. Expense ratio

Please refer to Note 9 of the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 29 to 30.

13. Related party transactions

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

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.

The management company of the Underlying Fund, Nikko Asset Management Luxembourg S.A., currently does not receive any soft-dollar commission from, or enter into any soft dollar arrangements with, stockbrokers who execute trades on behalf of the Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund, the Underlying Fund of the Fund.

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The details which follow make reference to the investments within the Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Nikko AM Asia ex-Japan Fund, unless stated otherwise.

1. Top 10 holdings

10 largest holdings as at 31 December 2023

	Fair value US\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
Samsung Electronics Company Limited	2,711,264	9.57
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited Sponsored ADR	2,473,209	8.73
Reliance Industries Limited Sponsored GDR	1,120,688	3.96
AIA Group Limited	1,052,744	3.72
Tencent Holdings Limited	1,033,991	3.65
Samsung Biologics Company Limited	839,724	2.96
MediaTek Inc	826,803	2.92
Indusind Bank Limited	714,355	2.52
Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited	611,271	2.16
Godrej Properties Limited	609,494	2.15

10 largest holdings as at 31 December 2022

	Fair value US\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
AIA Group Limited	2,935,977	7.41
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited Sponsored ADR	2,290,984	5.78
Reliance Industries Limited Sponsored GDR	1,859,145	4.69
Samsung Electronics Company Limited	1,531,825	3.87
Tencent Holdings Limited	1,270,960	3.21
JD.com Inc	1,121,177	2.83
Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited	1,103,485	2.79
Yonyou Network Technology Company Limited	1,077,128	2.72
H World Group Limited	1,072,666	2.71
Bank Central Asia TBK PT	1,024,078	2.59

2. Financial Ratios

	2023 %	2022 %
Expense ratio ¹	-	-
Turnover ratio	62.83	57.17

¹ The expense ratio has been computed based on the 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 average net asset value is based on the daily balances. The expenses are fully reimbursed.

