



## **Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF**

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The best of Singapore's blue-chip corporations

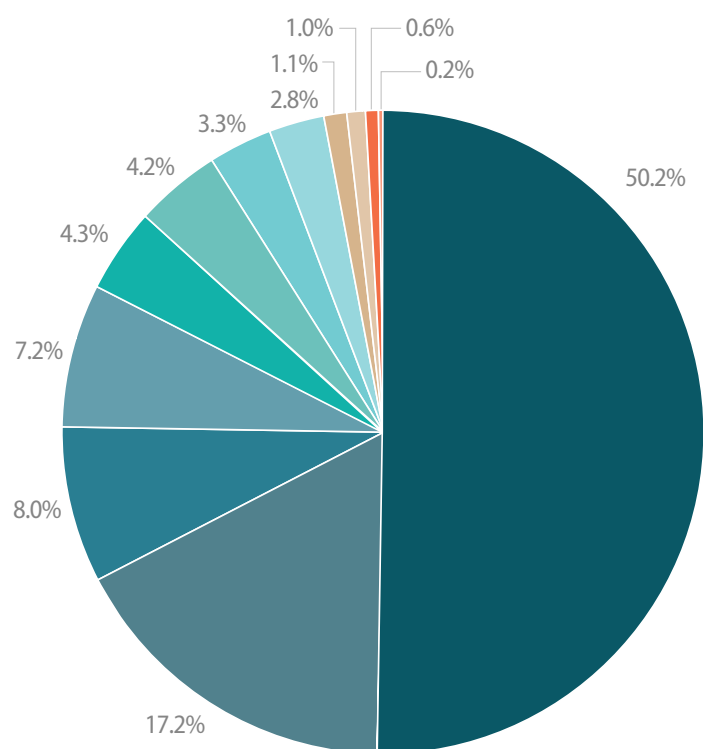
# The Straits Times Index (STI)

The Straits Times Index (STI) is a globally recognised benchmark index for the Singapore stock market. It comprises of the top 30 largest companies listed on the Singapore Exchange by market capitalisation.

Many of the companies in the STI are well-established household names that many Singaporeans would be familiar with (e.g., DBS Group Holdings, Singapore Telecommunications Limited, CapitaLand Investment.) The STI includes a diversified range of sectors such as airlines, banks, food & beverage, retail, telecommunications. Dividend yield of the STI has historically been approximately 3% to 5% per annum\*.

\*Source: Bloomberg, for the period Oct 2014 to Sep 2024

**Figure 1: Industry breakdown and characteristics of STI**



- Banks
- Real Estate
- Industrial Goods & Services
- Telecommunications
- Travel & Leisure
- Utilities
- Food, Beverage and Tobacco
- Financial Services
- Technology
- Consumer Products & Services
- Automobiles & Parts
- Personal Care, Drugs & Grocery Stores

Top 10 constituents	
Company Name	Wgt %
DBS Group Holdings	22.78
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	15.79
United Overseas Bank	11.59
Singapore Telecommunications	7.24
CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust	3.35
CapitaLand Ascendas REIT	3.03
Jardine Matheson Holdings	2.94
Singapore Airlines	2.79
Singapore Exchange	2.79
Keppel	2.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.03</b>

Index characteristics	
Number of constituents	30
Dividend yield	4.99%
Top 10 holdings (% Index)	75.03%

Source: FTSE, as of 30 Sep 2024

# Why Invest in the Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF?

## 1. Consistent and attractive dividend yields

For income seeking investors, the Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF, which tracks the Straits Times Index, could be a useful asset allocation tool to expand income strategies into the Singapore market, which could help investors stay resilient amid macroeconomic uncertainties and rising volatility.

Dividend yields of the Straits Times Index have been relatively attractive across a 10-year period, ranging consistently around the 3.0% to 5.0% levels.

**Figure 2: 10-Year historical dividend yields (1 Oct 2014 – 30 Sep 2024)**



Source: Bloomberg as of 30 Sep 2024

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Based on the average dividend yield across the last 10 years, the Straits Times Index offers one of highest dividend yields when compared with other global market indices.

Index	Average dividend yield over last 10 years (%)
FTSE Straits Times Index	3.97
Hang Seng Index	3.53
TOPIX Index	2.15
S&P 500 Index	1.80
STOXX Europe 600 Index	3.31
MSCI AC World Index	2.31

Source: Bloomberg as of 30 Sep 2024

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## 2. One of the world's most progressive economies

Over the past 5 decades, Singapore has emerged as one of the world's most progressive economies and has branded itself as a global hub for many key sectors ranging from financials to real estate and technology that will continue to evolve and drive stable economic growth.

Investors of the Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF will enjoy relevant exposure to the Singapore economy as the rebalancing nature of the index will capture the new economies of Singapore over time.



### Amongst the Top Financial Hubs in the World

- Top financial hub in Asia\*
- MAS Financial Services Industry Transformation Map (ITM) targets for the sector to grow by an average of 4 – 5% yearly through to 2025, and to create 3,000 – 4,000 jobs per annum

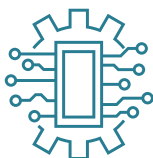
\*Source: 2022 Global Financial Centre Index



### Well Positioned Trade Hub

- Strategically located at the heart of the Asia Pacific region
- World class air and sea infrastructure
  - World's Best Airport – Skytrax Airport of the Year 2023
  - Top shipping hub for 9th year in a row by global maritime index
- Investments in the Changi East development and Tuas Megaport demonstrate Singapore's strong commitment to the next decade

Sources: Ministry of Transport (Singapore), EDB, Skytrax



### Leading Innovation Hub

- Top performer in terms of digital adoption and transformation
- Best global smart city 2021
- SGD 2 billion government investments in application systems using AI, sensors, data science

Sources: Cisco's Global Digital Readiness Index, EDB

### About Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF

The Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before expenses, the performance of the Straits Times Index.

It adopts a full replication strategy, investing all, or substantially all of its assets in shares of the companies in the STI, in substantially the same weightings as reflected in the STI.

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

The Fund is included under the CPFIS - Ordinary Account and has been classified by the CPF Board under the category of Higher Risk - Narrowly Focused - Country - Singapore.

### The Nikko AM Singapore STI ETF could be of interest to investors:



Who want to invest in blue-chip companies in a familiar market



Looking for a low cost and simple way to get exposure to the Singapore stock market



Seeking a diversified Singapore equity portfolio, without the need to perform individual stock picking or in-depth company research

## Who is the Fund suitable for?

The Fund is only suitable for investors who:

- Seek medium to long-term capital appreciation
- Believe that the Index will increase in value
- Are willing and able to accept that their principal will be at risk
- Seek an “index-based” approach to investing in a portfolio of Singapore listed equity securities in a cost effective and easy to access manner.

**You should consult your financial advisers if in doubt about whether this product is suitable for you.**

## What are the key risks of this Fund?

- Market and credit risks
- Liquidity risks
- Product-specific risks
  - Tracking error risk
  - Risk associated with the investment strategy of the Fund / lack of discretion by Manager to adapt to market changes

**You should be aware that investment in the Fund may be exposed to other risks of an exceptional nature from time to time.**

**Please refer to the Fund Prospectus and Product Highlights Sheet for further details.**

## Fund information

Benchmark	Straits Times Index
Listing Date	24 February 2009 on the Singapore Exchange
Fund Structure	Open-ended Listed Unit Trust traded on Singapore Exchange
Lot Structure	1 unit per lot
Dividend Distribution Frequency <sup>^</sup>	Semi-Annually <sup>^</sup>
Manager	Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited
Trustee	HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited
Management Fee	0.20% p.a.
Total Expense Ratio	0.25% p.a. <sup>#</sup>
Designated Market Makers	Flow Traders Asia Pte Ltd / Phillip Securities Pte Ltd
SGX Stock Code	G3B
SGX Trading Name	Nikko AM STI ETF
Bloomberg Ticker	DBSSTI SP
ISIN Stock Code	SG1X52941694

<sup>^</sup>Distributions are not guaranteed and are at the absolute discretion of the Manager. Distributions could be derived from income and/or capital gain, and where distributions are made from capital of the Fund, prior consultation with the Fund's trustee is required. Any distribution is expected to result in an immediate reduction of the Fund's net asset value per unit. Please refer to the Fund Prospectus and Product Highlights Sheet for further details.

<sup>#</sup>The Manager intends to cap the total expense ratio of the Fund at 0.25% per annum. Any fees and expenses that are payable by the Fund and are in excess of 0.25% per annum will be borne by the Manager and not the Fund.



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