

# VALUE GOLD ETF (3081 HK)

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

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### VALUE GOLD ETF (A Hong Kong Unit Trust)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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#### Trustee and Registrar

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)**

### Recent awards and achievements

	Corporate awards	
2012	• 2012 The Asset Triple A Investment Awards Highly Commended ETF House for Hong Kong  – The Asset	
Value Gold ETF (3081 HK)		
2012	• Best of the Best Awards 2011  Best of the Best Regional Awards - Best Performing Small ETF  - Asia Asset Management	
2011	2010 Best of the Best Awards     Best of the Best Awards - Hong Kong - Best New ETF category     - Asia Asset Management	

## VALUE GOLD ETF (A Hong Kong Unit Trust)

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Value Gold ETF ("the Fund") is a fund constituted in the form of a unit trust established under Hong Kong law. The Fund is a "physical" ETF, meaning it will hold actual gold. Units in the Fund are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (SEHK). The Fund seeks to provide investment results, before fees and expenses, that closely correspond to the performance of the London Gold Morning Fixing Price.

As at 31 March 2013, the Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit of the Fund was HK\$39.5768, and 27,000,000 units were outstanding. The total size of the Fund was approximately HK\$1,069 million.

A summary of the performance of the Index and the Fund is given below.

Total Return in HKD	From 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013	2013 YTD (as at 31 March)	Since inception
London Gold Morning Fixing	-3.5%	-3.5%	20.9%
Value Gold ETF	-3.9%	-3.6%	19.6%

The difference in performance between the London Gold Morning Fixing Price and the Value Gold ETF is mainly attributed to fees and expenses. The historical tracking error for the NAV of the Fund against the London Gold Morning Fixing Price was at 7 basis points on an annualized basis since its inception on 29 October 2010.

## Sensible Asset Management Hong Kong Limited

19 July 2013

All performance figures are sourced from HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited and Bloomberg, in HKD, NAV to NAV with dividends reinvested, as at 31 March 2013. Performance data is net of all fees.

Investors should note that investment involves risk. The price of units may go down as well as up and past performance is not indicative of future results. Investors should read the prospectus for details and risk factors in the event that the Fund is de-listed. Investors should also note that the Fund is different from a typical retail investment fund, in particular, units in the Fund may only be created or redeemed directly by a participating dealer in large unit sizes.

# STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGER AND THE TRUSTEE

#### Manager's responsibilities

The Manager of Value Gold ETF (the "Fund") is required by the Hong Kong Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds established by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission and the Trust Deed to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund at the end of that year and of the transactions for the year then ended. In preparing these financial statements, the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable; and
- prepare the financial statements on the basis that the Fund will continue in operation unless it is inappropriate to presume this.

The Manager is also required to manage the Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed and take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Trustee's responsibilities

The Trustee of the Fund is required to:

- ensure that the Fund is managed by the Manager in accordance with the Trust Deed and that the investment and borrowing powers are complied with;
- satisfy itself that sufficient accounting and other records have been maintained;
- safeguard the property of the Fund and rights attaching thereto; and
- report to the unitholders for each annual period on the conduct of the Manager in the management of the Fund.

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## TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF VALUE GOLD ETF

We hereby confirm that, in our opinion, the Manager has in all material respects, managed Value Gold ETF in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed dated 13 October 2010.

For and on behalf of

**HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited** 

Trustee, 19 July 2013

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF VALUE GOLD ETF

We have audited the financial statements of Value Gold ETF (the "Fund") set out on pages 9 to 29, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2013, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Manager's and Trustee's responsibilities for the financial statements

The Manager and the Trustee are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and for such internal control as the Manager and the Trustee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In addition, the Manager and the Trustee also have a responsibility to ensure that the financial statements comply with the relevant disclosure provisions of the Trust Deed, and the relevant disclosure requirements set out in Appendix E to the Hong Kong Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (the "Code").

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. This report is made solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF VALUE GOLD ETF (Continued)

#### **Auditor's responsibility (Continued)**

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Manager and the Trustee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2013 and of its transactions and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### Report on disclosure requirements under the Code

We report that the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant disclosure provisions of the Trust Deed, and the relevant disclosure requirements set out in the Code.

#### **KPMG**

Certified Public Accountants 8th Floor, Prince's Building 10 Chater Road Central, Hong Kong 19 July 2013

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2013

	Note	31.3.2013 HK\$	31.3.2012 HK\$
Assets			
Commodity	3, 5	1,068,302,235	1,112,137,483
Cash and cash equivalents	<i>3, 4, 10(c)</i>	792,777	751,883
Total assets		1,069,095,012	1,112,889,366
Liabilities			
Audit fee payable		100,000	100,000
Manager's fee payable	8, 10(a)	135,122	137,814
Trustee and registrar fees payable	7, 10(b)	132,364	264,324
Custodian fee payable		145,241	73,736
Other payables		10,000	29,449
Total liabilities		522,727	605,323
Total equity		1,068,572,285	1,112,284,043
Net asset value per unit based on 27,000,000 units outstanding			
(2012: 27,000,000 units)	11	39.5768	41.1957

Approved and authorised for issue by the Manager and the Trustee on 19 July 2013.

Signed by:

Sensible Asset Management Hong Kong Limited, Manager

HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited, Trustee

#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	Note	Year ended 31.3.2013 <i>HK</i> \$	Period from 29.10.2010 * to 31.3.2012 HK\$
Net (loss)/gain from commodity	6	(38,898,116)	106,149,743
Net foreign exchange loss		(1,606)	(1,896)
Net investment (loss)/income		(38,899,722)	106,147,847
Manager's fee	8, 10(a)	1,656,792	1,667,847
Trustee and registrar fees	7, 10(b)	1,571,339	1,593,966
Legal and professional fees		676,191	594,299
Custodian fee		441,831	474,077
Auditor's remuneration		106,500	100,000
Service agent fee		60,000	84,833
Listing fee		15,000	45,000
Bank charges	10(c)	883	301
Transaction fees		500	13,479
Other operating expenses		283,000	336,431
Operating expenses		4,812,036	4,910,233
(Loss)/profit and total comprehensive income			
for the year/period		(43,711,758)	101,237,614

<sup>\*</sup> Date of inception

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	Note	Year ended 31.3.2013 <i>HK</i> \$	Period from 29.10.2010 * to 31.3.2012 <i>HK</i> \$
Balance at the beginning of the year/period		1,112,284,043	
Issue of redeemable units	11		1,011,046,429
Net increase from unit transactions			1,011,046,429
Total transactions with unitholders			1,011,046,429
(Loss)/profit and total comprehensive income for the year/period		(43,711,758)	101,237,614
Balance at the end of the year/period		1,068,572,285	1,112,284,043

<sup>\*</sup> Date of inception

# VALUE GOLD ETF (A Hong Kong Unit Trust)

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	Note	Year ended 31.3.2013 <i>HK</i> \$	Period from 29.10.2010 * to 31.3.2012 HK\$
Operating activities			
Proceeds from sale of investments		4,937,132	3,289,645
Operating expenses paid		(4,896,238)	(4,306,806)
Cash flows generated from/(used in) operating activities		40,894	(1,017,161)
Financing activity			
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units			1,769,044
Cash flows generated from financing activity			1,769,044
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		40,894	751,883
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year/period		751,883	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year/period	4	792,777	751,883

<sup>\*</sup> Date of inception

#### Major non-cash transactions:

During the period ended 31 March 2012, unitholders subscribed 27,000,000 units of the Fund by tendering gold bullion with market value of HK\$1,009,277,385. There were no such transactions for the year ended 31 March 2013.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 GENERAL

Value Gold ETF (the "Fund") is an open ended unit trust governed by its Trust Deed dated 13 October 2010 (the "Trust Deed"), as amended from time to time under the laws of Hong Kong. The Fund is authorised by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC") under Section 104(1) of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance ("HKSFO"), and is governed by the Hong Kong Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the "Code"). The Fund is also listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (a subsidiary of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited).

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the London Gold Fixing Price.

To achieve the investment objective, Sensible Asset Management Hong Kong Limited (the "Manager") will employ a purchase and hold investment strategy of gold bullion. Deposition of gold bullion will be necessary to pay redemptions when cash reserves are not adequate. In addition, for the purpose of liquidity, up to 5% of Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested in other physical gold exchange traded funds listed on Internationally Stock Exchange which have a similar risk profile for the Fund.

The Fund is not permitted to invest in other types of investments including, but not limited to derivatives futures contracts, options on futures contracts, options, swaps, warrants and other financial instruments, local currency and foreign currency exchange contracts, securities and other financial instruments

#### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), the relevant disclosure provisions of the Trust Deed, and the relevant disclosure requirements of the Code issued by the SFC. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Fund is set out below.

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#### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (a) Statement of compliance (Continued)

The IASB has issued certain new and revised IFRSs that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Fund. Note 2(c) provides information on any changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Fund for the current and prior accounting periods reflected in these financial statements.

#### (b) Basis of preparation

The functional currency of the financial statements is Hong Kong dollars ("HKD"), and units of the Fund are issued in HKD.

The financial statements are presented in HKD.

The financial statements are prepared on a fair value basis for financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are stated at amortised cost.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of financial position, income and expense. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of financial position that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

#### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (b) Basis of preparation (Continued)

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### (c) Changes in accounting policies

The IASB has issued amendments to IFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Fund. Of these, the following development is relevant to the Fund's financial statements:

Amendments to IFRS 7, Financial instruments: Disclosures – Transfers of financial assets

The Fund has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

The impact of the development is discussed below:

The amendments to IFRS 7 require certain disclosures to be included in the financial statements in respect of transferred financial assets that are not derecognised in their entirety and for any continuing involvement in transferred financial assets that are derecognised in their entirety, irrespective of when the related transfer transaction occurred. However, an entity need not provide the disclosures for the comparative period in the first year of adoption. The Fund did not have any significant transfers of financial assets in previous periods or the current period which require disclosure in the current accounting period under the amendments.

#### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (d) Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign currency exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to HKD at the foreign currency closing exchange rate ruling at the date of the statement of financial position. Foreign currency exchange differences arising on translation and realised gains and losses on disposals or settlements of monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated to HKD at the foreign currency exchange rates ruling at the dates that the values were determined. Foreign currency exchange differences relating to trading investments are included in gains and losses on investments. All other foreign currency exchange differences relating to monetary items, including cash and cash equivalents are presented separately in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### (e) Commodity

Commodity comprises gold bullion. Gold bullion is stated at the gold price prevailing at the close of business at the date of the statement of financial position. Differences arising from changes in gold prices are dealt with in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (f) Other financial assets

Financial assets that are stated at cost or amortised cost are reviewed at the date of each statement of financial position to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment. If any such indication exists, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

If in a subsequent period the amount of an impairment loss recognised on a financial asset carried at amortised cost decreases and the decrease can be linked objectively to an event occurring after the write-down, the write-down is reversed through the statement of comprehensive income.

#### (g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises current deposits with banks. Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes.

#### (h) Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as it accrues, using the effective interest rate method

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (i) Expenses

All expenses, including manager's fee and trustee and registrar fees, are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accrual basis.

#### (j) Foreign exchange gains and losses

Foreign exchange gains and losses on financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss are recognised together with other changes in the fair value. Included in the statement of comprehensive income line item, *Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)* are foreign exchange gains and losses on monetary financial assets and financial liabilities other than those classified as designated at fair value through profit or loss.

#### (k) Taxation

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the financial statements as the income of the Fund is exempt from taxation under Section 26A(1A) of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance.

#### (l) Redeemable units

The Fund classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments.

The Fund has only one class of redeemable units in issue and they are the most subordinate class of financial instrument in the Fund. The redeemable units provide unitholders with the right to require redemption for cash at a value proportionate to the unitholder's share in the Fund's net assets at each redemption date and also in the event of the Fund's liquidation.

#### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (1) Redeemable units (Continued)

A puttable financial instrument that includes a contractual obligation for the Fund to repurchase or redeem that instrument for cash or another financial asset is classified as equity if it meets all of the following conditions:

- it entitles the holder to a pro rata share of the Fund's net assets in the event of the Fund's liquidation;
- it is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments;
- all financial instruments in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments have identical features;
- apart from the contractual obligation for the Fund to repurchase or redeem the instrument for cash or another financial asset, the instrument does not include any other features that would require classification as a liability; and
- the total expected cash flows attributable to the instrument over its life are based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognised net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognised and unrecognised net assets of the Fund over the life of the instrument

The Fund's redeemable units meet these conditions and are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue or redemption of redeemable units are recognised directly in equity as a deduction from the proceeds or part of the acquisition cost.

Repurchase of redeemable units

When redeemable units recognised as equity are redeemed, the amount paid on the redemption of the units is presented as a deduction from total equity.

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#### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (m) Related parties

- (a) A person, or a close member of that person's family, is related to the Fund if that person:
- (i) has control or joint control over the Fund;
- (ii) has significant influence over the Fund; or
- (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Fund.
- (b) An entity is related to the Fund if any of the following conditions applies:
- The entity and the Fund are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others);
- (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member):
- (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party;
- (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity;
- (v) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a); or
- (vi) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).

Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity.

#### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (n) Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Fund that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relates to transactions with any of the Fund's other components, whose operating results are reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available. Segment results that are reported to the chief operating decision maker include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. The chief operating decision maker of the Fund is identified as the Manager.

#### 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the London Gold Fixing Price.

The Fund's main financial instrument consists of cash and cash equivalents. The Fund also holds gold bullion which is considered a commodity. The Fund's financial instrument and commodity are exposed to various types of risks including market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Fund's overall financial risk management program focuses on the analysis, evaluation and management of financial risks and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance.

The risk and respective risk management policies employed by the Fund to manage these risks are discussed below.

#### (a) Market risk

#### (i) Foreign exchange risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of the commodity will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Fund's overall currency positions are monitored on a daily basis by the Manager.

As at 31 March 2013, the Fund is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk. The majority of assets and liabilities are denominated in HKD and United States dollars ("USD"). As the HKD is pegged to USD, the Fund does not expect any significant movements in HKD/USD exchange rate.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### (a) Market risk (Continued)

#### (ii) Price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of the commodity will fluctuate as a result of changes in the London Gold Fixing Price. Those changes may be caused by a number of unpredictable factors such as international, economic, monetary and political factors.

The Fund employs a purchase and hold investment strategy of gold bullion. Disposal of gold bullion will be necessary to pay redemptions when cash reserves are not adequate.

The Fund's price risk arises from gold bullion of HK\$1,068,302,235 (2012: HK\$1,112,137,483). As at 31 March 2013, if the London Gold Fixing Price had been 20% (2012: 5%) higher or lower with all other variables held constant, the operating profit and total equity would have been approximately HK\$213,660,447 (2012: HK\$55,606,874) higher or lower, for the year ended 31 March 2013.

#### (iii) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's assets are non-interest bearing. As a result, the Fund is not subject to significant risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

The Fund's interest rate risk arises from bank balances of HK\$792,777 (2012: HK\$751,883). The bank balances expose the Fund to cash flow interest rate risk.

Based on the bank balances as at 31 March 2013, if the interest rate had been 50 basis points higher with all other variables held constant, the operating profit and total equity would have been approximately HK\$3,964 (2012: HK\$3,759) higher, gross of fees, for the year ended 31 March 2013, as a result of higher interest income on bank balances.

#### 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. Potential credit risk to the Fund principally relates to commodity and bank balances.

The Fund limits its exposure to credit risk by transacting the majority of its gold bullion and contractual commitment activities with broker-dealers, banks and regulated exchanges with high credit ratings or good reputation, and that the Manager considers to be well established. All transactions in gold bullion are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved and reputable brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal since delivery of gold bullion sold is only made when the broker has made payment. In a purchase, payment is made when the gold bullion has been delivered by the broker. If either party fails to meet its obligation, the trade will fail. Accordingly, there is no significant concentration of credit risk.

#### (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Fund is exposed to cash redemptions of redeemable Units. The Fund aims to retain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity. In addition, gold bullion is readily tradable in an active market and can be sold if it is necessary for the Fund to fulfill those payments obligations, as a result the Fund's exposure to liquidity risk is considered minimal.

## 4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.3.2013 HK\$	31.3.2012 HK\$
Current deposits with banks	792,777	751,883
5 COMMODITY		
	31.3.2013 HK\$	31.3.2012 HK\$
Gold bullion	1,068,302,235	1,112,137,483

# 6 NET (LOSS)/GAIN FROM COMMODITY

	Year ended 31.3.2013	Period from 29.10.2010 * to 31.3.2012
	HK\$	HK\$
Net realised gain	436,115	364,719
Change in unrealised gain or loss	(39,334,231)	105,785,024
	(38,898,116)	106,149,743

<sup>\*</sup> Date of inception

#### 7 TRUSTEE AND REGISTRAR FEES

HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited (the "Trustee") is entitled to receive trustee and registrar fees of up to 1.0% per year of the net asset value of the Fund. The current trustee and registrar fee is 0.14% per year of the net asset value of the Fund, subject to a minimum of HK\$35,000 per month in the first year and HK\$90,000 per month thereafter, accrued daily and calculated as at each dealing day and payable monthly in arrears.

The Trustee is also entitled to receive a service fee of HK\$25,000 per annum accrued daily and payable quarterly in arrears as well as an ad hoc valuation fee of HK\$4,000 per calculation of net asset value other than at the valuation point on a regular dealing day.

#### 8 MANAGER'S FEE

The Manager is entitled to receive a manager's fee of up to 1% per year of the net asset value of the Fund. The current manager's fee is 0.15% per year of the net asset value of the Fund and is accrued daily and calculated as at each dealing day and payable monthly in arrears.

#### 9 TAXATION

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the financial statements as the income of the Fund is exempt from taxation under 26A(1A) of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance.

# 10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS/TRANSACTIONS WITH THE TRUSTEE, THE MANAGER AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS

In addition to the transactions and balances disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements, the Fund entered into the following material related party transactions for the year/period. All such transactions were entered into in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

# 10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS/TRANSACTIONS WITH THE TRUSTEE, THE MANAGER AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS (Continued)

- (a) The Fund appointed the Manager, an investment management company incorporated in Hong Kong, to implement the investment strategy as specified in the Trust Deed. Manager's fee of HK\$1,656,792 (2012: HK\$1,667,847) was charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the year/period. Included in liabilities as at 31 March 2013 is manager's fee payable of HK\$135,122 (2012: HK\$137,814).
- (b) The Fund appointed the Trustee, a registered trust company incorporated in Hong Kong, to implement the responsibilities as specified in the Trust Deed. Trustee and registrar fees of HK\$1,571,339 (2012: HK\$1,593,966) were charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the year/period. Included in liabilities as at 31 March 2013 are trustee and registrar fees payable of HK\$132,364 (2012: HK\$264,324).
- (c) The Fund maintains a bank account with The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, which is an intermediate holding company of the Trustee. Information relating to the bank account is set out below:

	31.3.2013 HK\$	31.3.2012 HK\$
Bank balances	792,777	751,883
	Year ended 31.3.2013 <i>HK</i> \$	Period from 29.10.2010 * to 31.3.2012 <i>HK</i> \$
Bank charges	883	301

<sup>\*</sup> Date of inception

# 10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS/TRANSACTIONS WITH THE TRUSTEE, THE MANAGER AND THEIR CONNECTED PERSONS (Continued)

(d) As at 31 March 2013, units held by the related parties of the Manager and the Subinvestment Manager are listed out below:

	Number of units	
	31.3.2013	31.3.2012
Mr. Cheah Cheng Hye*	3,589,200	3,589,200
Value Partners Hong Kong Limited**	4,500,000	4,500,000
Value Partners Limited***	17,500	17,500

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Cheah Cheng Hye is a director of the Sub-investment Manager

#### 11 REDEEMABLE UNITS IN ISSUE

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Value Partners Hong Kong Limited is the Sub-investment Manager

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Value Partners Limited is a fellow subsidiary of the Manager

<sup>\*</sup> Date of inception

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 11 REDEEMABLE UNITS IN ISSUE (Continued)

The rights attaching to each unit are as follows:

The holders of the units have the right to receive notice of, attend and vote at meetings of the Fund, and are entitled to receive all dividends declared and paid by the Fund.

The Fund does not have any externally imposed capital requirements.

In accordance with the Trust Deed, the net assets of the Fund are computed at each valuation point by valuing the assets of the Fund and deducting the liabilities of the Fund.

#### 12 SEGMENT REPORTING

The Manager makes strategic resource allocation and assesses performance on behalf of the Fund and has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed which are used to make strategic decisions.

The Manager considers that the Fund has a single operating segment which is investing in gold bullion with the objective as stated in the investment objective and policies of the Fund.

The segment information provided to the Manager is the same as that disclosed in the statement of comprehensive income and statement of financial position.

The Fund is established and domiciled in Hong Kong. The majority of the Fund's investment income is derived from its investments domiciled in Hong Kong (31 March 2013: 100%; 31 March 2012: 100%).

The Fund has no assets classified as non-current as at 31 March 2013.

# 13 POSSIBLE IMPACT OF AMENDMENTS, NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

Up to the date of issue of these financial statements, the IASB has issued a number of amendments and new standards which are not yet effective for the year ended 31 March 2013 and which have not been adopted in these financial statements. These include the following which may be relevant to the Fund.

Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after

IFRS 13, Fair value measurement IFRS 9, Financial instruments

1 January 2013 1 January 2015

The Fund is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far it has concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Fund's results of operations and financial position.

## INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (UNAUDITED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2013

	Holdings Fine weight gram	Fair value HK\$	% of net assets
COMMODITY			
Gold bullion	2,670,732.90	1,068,302,235	99.98
Total commodity		1,068,302,235	99.98
Cash and cash equivalents Other net liabilities		792,777 (522,727)	0.07 (0.05)
Total net assets		1,068,572,285	100.00
Total investments, at cost		1,001,851,441	

### STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	% of net assets	
	31.3.2013	31.3.2012
COMMODITY		
Gold bullion	99.98	99.99
Total commodity	99.98	99.99
Cash and cash equivalents	0.07	0.06
Other net liabilities	(0.05)	(0.05)
Total net assets	100.00	100.00

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## PERFORMANCE RECORD (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### Net asset value

	Net asset value per unit <i>HK</i> \$	Net asset value HK\$
As at 31 March 2013 As at 31 March 2012	39.5768 41.1957	1,068,572,285 1,112,284,043
Highest and lowest net asset value per unit		
	Highest net asset value per unit HK\$	Lowest net asset value per unit HK\$
Year ended 31 March 2013 Period ended 31 March 2012	44.2319 47.3279	38.1371 32.9193