

CSOP ETF SERIES II (An umbrella unit trust established in Hong Kong)

CSOP RMB MONEY MARKET ETF Stock Codes: 83122 (RMB counter) and 03122 (HKD counter) (A sub-fund of CSOP ETF Series II)

Unaudited Semi-Annual Report FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021



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REPORT OF THE MANAGER TO THE UNITHOLDERS

Introduction

The CSOP RMB Money Market ETF (the "Sub-Fund"), which was named CSOP China Ultra Short-Term Bond ETF before 9 October 2019, is a passive exchange traded fund and it aims to provide investment results that, before deduction of fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the benchmark, namely, the 7-Day Fixing Repo Rate (FR007) (the "Benchmark").

Fund Performance

As of 30 June 2021, the dealing Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit of the CSOP RMB Money Market ETF was RMB 155.7155 and there were 1,135,000 units outstanding. The total asset under management was approximately RMB 176.7 million.

During the period from 31 December 2020 to 30 June 2021, the return of the 7-Day Fixing Repo Rate was +1.12% while the net asset value per unit of the Sub-Fund increased by 0.97%. The difference in performance between the NAV of the CSOP RMB Money Market ETF and the Index/ benchmark is mainly attributed to fees and expenses.

Exchange Liquidity

The trading value of the HKD counter (stock code: 3122) remained steadily at an average daily turnover of HKD 0.14 million in June 2021.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2021

	Notes	30 June 2021 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>	31 December 2020 (Audited) <i>RMB</i>
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank interest receivable		219,346	155,597
Term deposits with original maturity of more than three months		-	5,700,000
Cash and cash equivalents	7(d), 9(a)	176,666,319	47,490,304
Total assets		176,885,665	53,345,901
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Management fee payable	7(a), 7(b)	71,345	22,068
Other accounts payable		74,716	115,144
Total liabilities		146,061	137,212
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	4	176,739,604	53,208,689

Note: Semi-annual reports have applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation as are applied in the annual reports of the Fund.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the period ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	Period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>	Period from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>
INCOME			
Interest income from bank deposits	7(d)	1,568,215	311,624
Interest income from bonds	_	-	181,453
Net loss on investments	5	-	(611)
Total net income	-	1,568,215	492,466
EXPENSES	-		
Management fee	7(a),(b)	(294,331)	(103,251)
Transaction cost on investments		-	(275)
Audit fee		(5,987)	(6,971)
Safe custody and bank charges	7(f)	(970)	(3,373)
Legal and other professional fee		(3,452)	-
Other operating expenses	7(f)	(72,015)	(75,442)
Total operating expenses		(376,755)	(189,312)
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Operating profit		1,191,460	303,154
Taxation	6	-	(169)
Total comprehensive income	-	1,191,460	302,985

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

For the period ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	Period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>	Period from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the period	Ivoies	53,208,689	43,291,910
Proceeds on issue of units Payments on redemption of units	4 4	151,861,980 (29,522,525)	1,527,392
Net increase from unit transactions		122,339,455	1,527,392
Total comprehensive income for the period		1,191,460	302,985
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the period		176,739,604	45,122,287

The movements of the redeemable units for the periods ended 30 June 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	Period from	Period from
	1 January 2021	1 January 2020
	to 30 June 2021	to 30 June 2020
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	Units	Units
Number of units in issue at the beginning of the period	345,000	285,000
Units issued	980,000	10,000
Units redeemed	(190,000)	-
Number of units in issue at the end of the period	1,135,000	295,000

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the period ended 30 June 2021

	Period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>	Period from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for purchase of investments	-	(39,668,923)
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	80,405,844
Interest income from bank deposits received	1,504,466	234,477
Interest income from bonds received	-	1,462,807
Management fee paid	(245,054)	(86,607)
Transaction cost paid	-	(275)
Taxation paid	-	(169)
Other receivables	-	27,849
Other operating expenses paid	(122,852)	(111,508)
Term deposits with original maturity of more than 3 months Deposit reserve refunded	5,700,000	28,000
Net cash generated from operating activities	6,836,560	42,291,495
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds on issue of units	151,861,980	1,527,392
Payments on redemption of units	(29,522,525)	-
Net cash generated from financing activities	122,339,455	1,527,392
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	129,176,015	43,818,887
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	47,490,304	1,315,913
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	176,666,319	45,134,800
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents Bank balances Short-term deposits	66,319 176,600,000	134,800 45,000,000
	176,666,319	45,134,800

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

CSOP ETF Series II (the "Trust") is an umbrella unit trust governed by its trust deed dated 20 January 2014, as amended, (the "Trust Deed") and authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC") pursuant to Section 104(1) of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. The terms of the Trust Deed are governed by the laws of Hong Kong. As at 30 June 2021, the Trust has two sub-funds which are CSOP RMB Money Market ETF (the "Sub-Fund") and CSOP Bloomberg Barclays China Treasury + Policy Bank Bond Index ETF. The date of inception of the Sub-Fund was 16 January 2015. The Sub-Fund is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The Manager and the Trustee of the Sub-Fund are CSOP Asset Management Limited (the "Manager") and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited (the "Trustee") respectively.

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to provide investment results that, before deduction of fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the Benchmark, namely, the 7-Day Fixing Repo Rate (FR007) (the "Benchmark").

In order to provide performance that closely corresponds to the performance of the Benchmark, the Manager will invest all, or substantially all, of the assets of the Sub-Fund in RMB-denominated and settled short-term deposits and high quality money market instruments including onshore and offshore debt securities, which are issued by Eligible Financial Institutions (including their group companies), governments, quasi-governments, international organisations, corporates and financial institutions (other than Eligible Financial Institutions), including Treasury Bonds and Policy Bank Bonds, and commercial papers, super and short-term commercial paper, certificates of deposits and commercial bills. For the purpose of this Sub-Fund, an "Eligible Financial Institution" is a financial institution which has a credit rating as Baa3 or above by Moody's Investor Services Inc. or BBB- or above by Standard & Poor's Corporation or similar rating by other recognised rating agencies.

In early 2020, the Sub-Fund used to invest substantially in onshore negotiable certificates of deposits (the "NCDs"). The Manager has noticed that onshore NCDs has experienced greater volatility due the changes in short-term interest rates, which has affected the NAV of the Sub-Fund. To the best interest of investors, the Manager considered RMB time deposits as a more suitable investment instrument in that circumstance. However, there has been operational difficulties to access onshore RMB time deposits during the epidemic period, thus with effective from 19 February 2020, the Manager began to invest in offshore RMB time deposits. This is a deviation from the investment strategy as disclosed in the offering documents of the Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund has obtained exposure to debt securities issued within the PRC through the QFI status of the Manager before 2020.

These condensed financial statements are prepared for the Sub-Fund only. The condensed financial statements for the other Sub-Fund of the Trust has been prepared separately.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these condensed financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the period presented, unless otherwise stated.

These condensed semi-annual financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2021 have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". The condensed semi-annual financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IAS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, as described in the annual financial statements.

Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2021

There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2021 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Sub-Fund.

New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2021 have not been early adopted by the Sub-Fund

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2021, and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Sub-Fund.

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The Manager makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. Estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are outlined below.

In preparing these condensed financial statements, the Manager has made certain assumptions and used various estimates concerning the tax exposure which are dependent on what might happen in the future. The resulting accounting estimates may not equal the related actual results.

People's Republic of China ("PRC") tax provision

Under the general tax provision of PRC Corporate Income Tax Law ("PRC CIT Law"), the non-PRC residents with no place of effective management, establishment or place of business in the PRC may be subject to 10% PRC withholding income tax ("WIT") on the capital gain derived from disposal of securities, unless exempt or reduced under current PRC tax laws and regulations or relevant tax treaties.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

People's Republic of China ("PRC") tax provision (continued)

In addition, the non-PRC residents with interest income derived from the debt securities will be subject to 10% WIT. Pursuant to the PRC CIT Law, debt securities issuers in the PRC are obligated to withhold the 10% PRC WIT on interest income for those foreign debt securities holders. However, interest income derived from government bonds issued by the State Council's finance departments and/or local government bonds approved by the State Council is exempt from PRC WIT under the PRC CIT Law.

Furthermore, according to the notice Caishui [2016] No.36 ("Circular 36"), Value-Added Tax ("VAT") at 6% shall be levied on the difference between the selling and buying prices of those marketable securities starting from 1 May 2016. In addition, if VAT is applicable, local surtaxes including Urban Maintenance and Construction Tax (currently at the rate ranging from 1% to 7%), Education Surcharge (currently at the rate of 3%) and Local Education Surcharge (currently at the rate of 2%) are imposed based on the VAT liabilities (the "VAT related taxes"). The gains derived by QFIIs/RQFIIs and through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect from trading of marketable securities (including A-shares and other PRC listed securities) are exempted from VAT in the PRC under Circular 36 and other prevailing VAT regulations. According to Caishui [2016] No. 70, gains derived by approved foreign investors from the trading of RMB denominated debt securities in the China Interbank Bond Market should be exempt from PRC VAT. There are no specific VAT rules on Bond Connect, by making reference to the above circular and other related prevailing tax regulations, it is anticipated that gains derived by foreign investors from the trading of PRC bonds through "Northbound Trading" should also not be subject to PRC VAT. In addition, deposit interest income and interest received from government bonds and local government bonds are also exempt from VAT.

Exemption of PRC WIT and VAT effective from 7 November 2018

On 7 November 2018, the Ministry of Finance and the PRC State Taxation Administration ("STA") jointly issued a notice Caishui [2018] No.108 ("Circular 108") which stipulates that foreign institutional investors are temporarily exempted from PRC WIT and VAT in respect of bond interest income received from 7 November 2018 to 6 November 2021.

The Sub-Fund did not make any provision on VAT from 1 May 2016 to 7 November 2018 as the Manager considers that the potential PRC VAT exposure was immaterial. Refer to Page 10.

The Manager decides to change the tax provisioning policy of the Sub-Fund and cease to make provisions for PRC WIT and VAT (plus the VAT related taxes) on the interest income received from PRC non-government bonds from 7 November 2018 to 6 November 2021.

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3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

People's Republic of China ("PRC") tax provision (continued)

(i) Capital gains on PRC debt securities and investment funds ("PRC Investments")

During the period ended 30 June 2021, the Sub-Fund did not invest in any PRC debt securities in PRC through the RQFII program. During the year ended 31 December 2020, the Sub-Fund invested in PRC debt securities in PRC through the RQFII program. The Manager considers that the enforcement of PRC tax on gains derived from the PRC debt securities is uncertain as at the date of approval of these financial statements and has exercised its judgment when assessing whether the Sub-Fund may be liable for PRC taxation on its gains, the amount of potential liability and the probability of such tax being levied up to the reporting date. However, significant uncertainties exist and estimation of the Manager may substantially differ from the actual events.

The Manager considered that the WIT policy for QFIIs'/RQFIIs' investment in debt securities has not been clarified in the "Notice on temporary exemption of Corporate Income Tax on capital gains derived from the transfer of equity investment assets such as PRC domestic stocks by QFII and RQFII" (the "Notice").

Based on the current verbal interpretation of the STA and the local PRC tax authorities, the authorities are of the view that capital gains derived by foreign investors from investment in PRC debt securities would not be treated as PRC-sourced income and thus would not be subject to PRC WIT. However, there are no written tax regulations issued by the PRC tax authorities to confirm this interpretation. As a matter of practice, such 10% PRC WIT on capital gains realised by non-PRC tax resident enterprises from the trading of these PRC debt securities has not been strictly enforced by the PRC tax authorities. The Manager has considered the applicability of the arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion to the Sub-Fund and assessed that the probability of such tax being levied up to the approval date of the financial statements of the Sub-Fund is reasonably low. Based on all the aforementioned factors, the Manager has reassessed the provisioning approach and has continued not making PRC WIT provision on gains derived from the PRC debt securities of the Sub-Fund.

The Manager estimates the gross realised gains from 16 January 2015 (date of inception) to 30 June 2021 and gross unrealised gains of the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2021 which could be exposed to PRC WIT at the rate of 10% to be RMB3,159,533 (from 16 January 2015 (date of inception) to 31 December 2020: RMB3,159,533) and RMBNil (As at 31 December 2020: RMBNil) respectively. The estimated potential capital gain tax exposure arising from gross realised capital gain and gross unrealised capital gain would be RMB315,953 and RMBNil respectively which in aggregate represents 0.18% (As at 31 December 2020: RMB315,953 and RMBNil respectively which in aggregate represents 0.59%) of the net assets attributable to unitholders of the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2021. The Manager considers that the PRC WIT on capital gains from PRC debt securities is still uncertain and has not made the provision on the gross realised capital gains and gross unrealised capital gains derived from PRC debt securities in the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2021. and 31 December 2020.

The Manager has exercised its judgment when assessing whether the Sub-Fund may be liable for PRC taxation on its gains, the amount of potential liability and the probability of such tax being levied up to the reporting date. However, significant uncertainties exist and estimation of the Manager may substantially differ from the actual events.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

People's Republic of China ("PRC") tax provision (continued)

(ii) Interest income on bonds issued by PRC tax residents ("PRC Bonds")

The Management considers that the PRC WIT treatment on accrued interest of PRC non-government bonds holding by the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2021 derived from 16 January 2015 (date of inception) to 6 November 2018 (prior to WIT exemption under Circular 108) and the enforcement of VAT and the VAT related taxes from 1 May 2016 to 6 November 2018 (prior to VAT exemption under Circular 108) is uncertain as at the date of approval of these financial statements. The Manager has exercised significant judgment in their assessment of the PRC withholding tax expense and the related tax provision.

PRC WIT

For the PRC bonds disposed of during the period, Management has not made provision on the accrued interest income of PRC bonds during the period and as at reporting date as they consider that:

- (i) the issuers of PRC bonds are required to withhold 10% WIT at the coupon payment date before distributing the interest income to the bond holder; and
- (ii) the PRC bonds purchased during the period from 1 May 2016 to 6 November 2018 were sold by the Manager before the coupon payment dates or the maturity dates of the PRC bonds.

PRC VAT and related taxes

As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Manager did not consider that the potential PRC VAT exposure arising from the Sub-Fund's accumulated interest income received from PRC non-government bonds from 1 May 2016 to 6 November 2018 (prior to VAT exemption under Circular 108) to be material.

The Manager reviews the relevant PRC tax rules on the PRC debt securities from time to time. Any change in taxation imposed on RQFII is likely to have a subsequent impact on the required provision and accordingly the net assets attributable to unitholders of the Sub-Fund. When the STA issues clarifications, this might ultimately result in either an increase or a decrease in the amount provided. The Manager will always act in the best interest of unitholders and will continually assess the tax provision on an on-going basis.

4. NUMBER OF UNITS IN ISSUE AND NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS PER UNIT

The Sub-Fund's capital is represented by the units in the Sub-Fund, and shown as "net assets attributable to unitholders" in the condensed statement of financial position. Subscriptions and redemptions of units during the period are shown in the condensed statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders. In order to achieve the investment objectives, the Sub-Fund endeavors to invest its capital in accordance with the investment policies, whilst maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet redemption requests.

In accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed dated 20 January 2014, as amended, and the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund, investments are stated at the last traded price on the valuation day for the purpose of determining net asset value per unit for subscriptions and redemptions and for various fee calculations.

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4. NUMBER OF UNITS IN ISSUE AND NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS PER UNIT (Continued)

Redeemable units of the Sub-Fund are classified as equities and they are carried at the price based on the Sub-Fund's net asset value per unit at the reporting date if the unitholder exercised the right to redeem the units in the Sub-Fund.

	As at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) Units	As at 31 December 2020 (Audited) Units
Number of units in issue at the end of the period	1,135,000	345,000
	As at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>	As at 31 December 2020 (Audited) <i>RMB</i>
Net assets attributable to unitholders per unit (per statement of financial position)	155.7177	154.2281
NET LOSS ON INVESTMENTS		
	Period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)	Period from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 (Unaudited)

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1,236,569

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Net change in unrealised gain/loss in value of investments Net realised loss on sale of investments

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6. TAXATION

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made for the Sub-Fund as it is authorised as a collective investment scheme under Section 104 of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance and is therefore exempt from profits tax under Section 26A(1A) of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance.

PRC withholding income tax

During the period ended 30 June 2021 Sub-Fund did not invest in any RMB denominated debt securities in PRC. During the period ended 30 June 2020, the Sub-Fund had invested in RMB denominated debt securities in PRC. Refer to Note 3 for details.

The taxation of the Sub-Fund for the period ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020 represents:

	Period from 1 January 2021	Period from 1 January 2020
	to 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)	to 30 June 2020 (Unaudited)
	RMB	(Unaddited) RMB
Withholding income tax on bank interest income	-	169
Taxation		169

7. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE TRUSTEE, MANAGER AND CONNECTED PERSONS

The following is a summary of significant related party transactions and transactions entered into during the period between the Sub-Fund and the Trustee, the Manager and the Connected Persons of the Manager. Connected Persons of the Manager are those as defined in the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds established by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC Code"). All transactions entered into during the period ended 30 June 2021 and 2020, between the Sub-Fund and the Manager and its Connected Persons were carried out in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms. To the best of the Manager's knowledge, the Sub-Fund does not have any other transactions with the Connected Persons of the Manager except for those disclosed below.

(a) Management fee

The Sub-Fund employs a single management fee structure, with the Sub-Fund paying all of its fees, costs and expense to the Manager. The management fee is currently charged at the rate of 0.49% per annum of the net asset value of the Sub-Fund, accrued daily and calculated as at each dealing day and payable monthly in arrears.

Fees and expenses taken into account in determining the Sub-Fund's management fee include, but are not limited to, the manager's fee, the trustee's fee, the custodian's fee, the PRC custodian's fee, the registrar's fee, the service agent's fee, the fees and expenses of the auditor, service agents, ordinary legal and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Trustee or the Manager, and the costs and expenses of licensing indices used in connection with the Sub-Fund. The Manager may also pay a distribution fee to any distributor or sub-distributor of the Sub-Fund out of the management fee. A distributor may re-allocate an amount of the distribution fee to the sub-distributors.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE TRUSTEE, MANAGER AND CONNECTED PERSONS (Continued)

(b) Trustee fee and Registrar's fee

The Trustee fee and Registrar's fee are included in the management fee and the Manager will pay the fees of the Trustee and Registrar out of the management fee. Refer to Note 7(a).

(c) Amount receivable from the Manager

As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, there is no any amount receivables from the Manager was recognised in the statement of financial position as "other receivables".

(d) Financial assets

The bank balances and short-term deposits of the Sub-Fund held with related parties of the Trustee are:

	As at 30 June 2021	As at 31 December 2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	RMB	RMB
Bank balances		
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	66,319	190,304
Short-term deposits		
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	26,200,000	6,000,000

Interest income amounted to RMB22,586 (2020: RMB2,999) was earned on bank balances and short-term deposits placed with the connected person of the trustee for the period ended 30 June 2021.

(e) Holding in the Sub-Fund

The Manager of the Sub-Fund holds 255,570 (2020: 255,570) RMB counter units, which represents 22.52% (2020: 74.08%) of the net asset value of the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020. No subscription nor redemption during the period. As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, no unit was held by the Trustee and the connected persons of the Trustee and Manager.

(f) Other respective amounts paid to the Trustee and its connected persons

The other respective amounts paid to the Trustee and its connected persons for the period ended 30 June 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

	Period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>	Period from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 (Unaudited) <i>RMB</i>
Safe custody and bank charges	970	3,373
Other operating expenses	37,276	38,174

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8. TRANSACTION COST

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire/dispose financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers.

9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The objective of the Sub-Fund is to provide investment results that, before deduction of fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the benchmark, namely, the 7-Day Fixing Repo Rate (FR007) ("Benchmark"). The Sub-Fund's activities may expose it to a variety of risks including but not limited to market risk (including market price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), credit and counterparty risk and liquidity risk which are associated with the markets in which the Sub-Fund invests.

The following is a summary of the main risks and risk management policies.

(a) Market risk

(i) Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or factors affecting all instruments in the market.

The Sub-Fund is designated to closely correspond to the performance of the benchmark, namely, the 7-Day Fixing Repo Rate (FR007). Therefore, the exposures to market risk in the Sub-Fund will be substantially the same as the performance of the benchmark. The Manager manages the Sub-Fund's exposures to market risk by ensuring that the key characteristics of the portfolio, such as security weight, are closely aligned with the characteristics of the benchmark.

As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Sub-Fund did not hold any investments and it only invested into short-term deposits. As a result, the Sub-Fund was not exposed to market risk as at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020.

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9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Market risk (Continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and future cash flow.

As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Sub-Fund invests in short-term deposits and is subject to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-Fund's portfolio will decline because of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk is generally lower for short-term deposits and higher for long-term deposits.

Prior to the 26 March 2020, as the Sub-Fund invested in PRC bonds, the Sub-Fund was additionally subject to policy risk as changes in macro-economic policies in the PRC (including monetary policy and fiscal policy) may have an influence over the PRC's capital markets and affected the pricing of the bonds in the Sub-Fund's portfolio, which may in turn adversely affect the return of the Sub-Fund. Falling market interest rates can lead to a decline in income for the Sub-Fund.

The table below summarises the Sub-Fund's exposure to interest rate risks. It includes the Sub-Fund's assets and liabilities at fair values, categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

As at 50 June 2021	-				
	Maturity Less than 1 moth <i>RMB</i>	Maturity 1-3 months <i>RMB</i>	Maturity Over 3 months <i>RMB</i>	Non- interest Bearing <i>RMB</i>	Total <i>RMB</i>
Assets					
Bank interest receivable Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	219,346	219,346
- Bank balances	66,319	-	-	-	66,319
- Bank deposits	147,300,000	29,300,000	-	-	176,600,000
Total assets	147,366,319	29,300,000	-	219,346	176,885,665
Liabilities					
Management fee payable	-	-	-	71,345	71,345
Other accounts payable	-	-	-	74,716	74,716
Total liabilities			-	146,061	146,061
Total interest sensitivity gap	147,366,319	29,300,000			
	147,366,319	29,300,000			

As at 30 June 2021

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9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Market risk (Continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk (Continued)

As at 31 December 2020

	Maturity		Maturity	Non-	
	Less than	Maturity	Over 3	interest	T - (- 1
	1 moth	1-3 months	months	Bearing	Total
	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB
Assets					
Bank interest					
receivable	-	-	-	155,597	155,597
Term deposits					
with original					
maturity of					
more than three					
months	-	5,700,000	-	-	5,700,000
Cash and cash					
equivalents					
- Bank balances	190,304	-	-	-	190,304
- Bank deposits	30,300,000	17,000,000	-	-	47,300,000
Total assets	30,490,304	22,700,000	-	155,597	53,345,901
					
Liabilities					
Management fee					
payable	-	-	-	22,068	22,068
Other accounts					
payable	-	-	-	115,144	115,144
Total liabilities				137,212	137,212
1 otal naunties	-	-	-	137,212	137,212
Total interest					
sensitivity gap	30,490,304	22,700,000	_		
sensitivity Sup					

At 30 June 2021, the Sub-Fund has bank balances and short-term deposits in total of RMB176,666,319. At 31 December 2020, the Sub-Fund had bank balances and short-term deposits, term deposits with original maturity of more than three months and deposit reserve in total of RMB53,190,304. If the interest rates had been 10 basis points (31 December 2020: 10 basis points) higher or lower with all variables held constant, net assets attributable to unitholders would have been RMB176,666 (31 December 2020: RMB53,190) higher or lower as a result of higher or lower interest income.

The Manager and Trustee monitor the interest rate risks by quantifying (a) market exposure in percentage terms; and (b) exposure in duration terms by different countries. As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Sub-Fund did not invest in interest-bearing securities.

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9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Market risk (Continued)

(iii) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Sub-Fund is not exposed to currency risk arising from balances and transactions in foreign currencies as the majority of its assets and liabilities are denominated in RMB, the Sub-Fund's functional and presentation currency. As a result, Management considers sensitivity analysis of currency risk is not necessary to be presented.

(b) Credit and counterparty risk

Credit and counterparty 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 Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund limits its exposure to credit and counterparty risk by carrying out the majority of its investment transactions and contractual commitment activities with well-established broker-dealers, banks and regulated exchanges with high credit ratings.

The Sub-Fund places bank balances with reputable financial institutions. In addition, prior to 26 March 2020, all transactions in PRC bonds are settled or paid for upon delivery using approved and reputable brokers. As such, the Manager does not consider the Sub-Fund to be exposed to significant credit and counterparty risk.

As of 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the main concentration to which the Sub-Fund is exposed arises from the Sub-Fund's investments in short term deposits. The Sub-Fund does not have explicit restrictions on the minimum credit ratings of securities it may hold. The Manager will actively manage the portfolio of the Sub-Fund. In case of credit rating downgrading, the Manager will adjust the positions in the portfolio using its credit analysis and rating systems that are designed to manage credit risks.

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9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Credit and counterparty risk (Continued)

The table below summarises the amount of Short-term deposits and bank balance of the Sub-Fund placed with the counterparties together with the credit rating of the relevant counterparties as at 30 June 2021.

As at 30 June 2021	RMB	Credit rating	Source of credit rating
Term deposits			
Industrial and Commercial bank of China (Asia) Limited The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	18,100,000	P-1	Moody's
Limited ("HSBC")	26,200,000	P-1	Moody's
Bank of Shanghai Hong Kong Limited	6,000,000	P-2	Moody's
China Everbright Bank Co., Ltd	35,000,000	P-2	Moody's
Chiyu Banking Corp Ltd, Hong Kong Branch	6,300,000	P-2	Moody's
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited	35,000,000	P-2	Moody's
Industrial Bank Co., LTD. Hong Kong Branch	18,600,000	P-2	Moody's
Maybank, HK Branch	20,000,000	P-2	Moody's
Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited	11,400,000	P-2	Moody's
	176,600,000		
As at 30 June 2021	RMB	Credit rating	Source of credit rating
Bank balances			
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited ("HSBC")	66,319	A-	S&P

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9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Credit and counterparty risk (Continued)

The table below summarises the amount of investments and bank balances of the Sub-Fund placed with the counterparties together with the credit rating of the relevant counterparties as at 31 December 2020.

As at 31 December 2020	RMB	Credit rating	Source of credit rating
Term deposits			
Agricultural Bank of China Limited Hong Kong Branch The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	5,700,000	P-1	Moody's
Limited ("HSBC")	6,000,000	P-1	Moody's
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited	6,700,000	P-2	Moody's
Industrial Bank Co., LTD. Hong Kong Branch	10,500,000	P-2	Moody's
Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited	2,300,000	P-2	Moody's
Shanghai Pudong Development Bank Co LTD, Hong			
Kong Branch	3,900,000	P-2	Moody's
China Everbright Bank Co., Ltd	10,500,000	P-2	Moody's
Bank of Shanghai Hong Kong Limited	6,200,000	P-2	Moody's
Chiyu Banking Corp Ltd, Hong Kong Branch	1,200,000	P-2	Moody's
	53,000,000		
Bank balances			
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited ("HSBC")	190,304	A-	S&P

The Sub-Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management consider both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, bank interest receivable and cash and cash equivalents are held with counterparties with high credit ratings and are due to be settled within 1 month. Management consider the probability of default to be close to zero as the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Sub-Fund.

The maximum exposure to credit risk as at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020 is the carrying amount of the financial assets as shown on the statement of financial position.

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9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Sub-Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Sub-Fund is exposed to daily redemptions of units in the Sub-Fund. As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Sub-Fund invests the majority of its assets in short-term deposits that are matured in less than three months.

The table below analyses the Sub-Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Less than 1 month <i>RMB</i>	1 month to less than 3 months <i>RMB</i>	Over 3 months <i>RMB</i>	Total <i>RMB</i>
As at 30 June 2021				
Management fee payable Other accounts payable	-	71,345 74,716	-	71,345 74,716
Contractual cash outflow	-	146,061	-	146,061
As at 31 December 2020				
Management fee payable Other accounts payable	-	22,068 115,144	-	22,068 115,144
Contractual cash outflow	-	137,212	-	137,212

Units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder's option. As at 30 June 2021, there were two (31 December 2020: two) unitholders holding more than 10% of the Sub-Fund's units.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Liquidity risk (Continued)

As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Manager has assessed the liquidity of the instruments based on historical liquidity of similar money market instruments, by assessing the days to liquidate for such instruments. Only instruments or deposits with high liquidity are included in the portfolio of the Sub-Fund. The following table illustrates the expected liquidity of assets held:

	Less than 1 month <i>RMB</i>	1 to 12 months <i>RMB</i>	No stated maturity <i>RMB</i>	Total RMB
As at 30 June 2021				
Total assets	147,585,665	29,300,000	-	176,885,665
As at 31 December 2020				
Total assets	30,645,901	22,700,000	-	53,345,901

(d) Fair value estimation

The Sub-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 that the Sub-Fund can access at the measurement date (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 level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgment by the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The Sub-Fund did not hold any investments as at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(d) Fair value estimation (Continued)

The assets and liabilities included in the statement of financial position are carried at amortised cost; their carrying value are approximation of fair value as they are short term in nature and the effect of discounting is immaterial. There are no other assets and liabilities not carried at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed.

(e) Capital risk management

The Sub-Fund's capital is represented by the redeemable units outstanding. The Sub-Fund's objective is to provide investment results that correspond generally to the performance of the respective benchmark. The Manager may:

- Redeem and issue new units on a daily basis in accordance with the constitutive documents of the Sub-Fund;
- Exercise discretion when determining the amount of distributions of the Sub-Fund to the unitholders; and
- Suspend the creation and redemption of units under certain circumstance as currently disclosed in the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund.

10. DISTRIBUTION

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During the period ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020, the Sub-Fund did not make any distribution.

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

As of 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, all financial assets including bank interest receivable, term deposits with original maturity of more than three months and cash and cash equivalents are categorised as per IFRS 9 and carried at amortised costs. All the financial liabilities of the Sub-Fund are carried at amortised cost.

12. INVESTMENT LIMITATION AND PROHIBITIONS UNDER THE SFC CODE

The aggregate value of the Sub-Fund's holding of instruments and deposits issued by a single entity will not exceed 10% of the total Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund except:

- (i) where the entity is a substantial financial institution and the total amount does not exceed 10% of the entity's share capital and non-distributable capital reserves, the limit may be increased to 25%; or
- (ii) in the case of Government and other public securities, up to 30% may be invested in the same issue; or
- (iii) in respect of any deposit of less than USD1,000,000 or its equivalent in the base currency of the Sub-Fund, where the Sub-Fund cannot otherwise diversify as a result of its size;

The Manager and the Trustee have confirmed that the Sub-Fund has complied with the above limits during the period/year ended 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

12. INVESTMENT LIMITATION AND PROHIBITIONS UNDER THE SFC CODE (Continued)

As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Sub-Fund held short-term deposits collectively more than 10% of net assets value, issued by single issuer as follows.

As at 30 June 2021	
Issuer	% NAV
China Everbright Bank Co., Ltd	19.80
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited	19.80
Industrial and Commercial bank of China (Asia) Limited	10.24
Industrial Bank Co., LTD. Hong Kong Branch	10.52
Maybank, HK Branch	11.32
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited ("HSBC")	14.82
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As at 31 December 2020	0/ 314 37
Issuer	% NAV
Agricultural Bank of China Limited Hong Kong Branch	10.71
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited ("HSBC")	11.28
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited	12.59
Industrial Bank Co., LTD. Hong Kong Branch	19.73
China Everbright Bank Co., Ltd	19.73
Bank of Shanghai Hong Kong Limited	11.65

For the period ended 30 June 2021, the return of the 7-Day Fixing Repo Rate was 1.12% while the net asset value per unit of the Sub-Fund increased by 0.97%.

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the return of the 7-Day Fixing Repo Rate was 2.2% while the net asset value per unit of Sub-Fund increased by 1.53%.

For the period ended 30 June 2021, the Sub-Fund paid dividend of RMBNil (30 June 2020: RMBNil) per unit, which represents Nil (30 June 2020: Nil) to the net asset value per unit as at 30 June 2021. For the details of dividend distribution, refer to Note 10.

13. SOFT COMMISSION ARRANGEMENT

The Manager confirms that there have been no soft commission arrangements existing during the period in relation to directing transactions of the Sub-Fund through a broker or dealer.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

14. SEGMENT INFORMATION

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

The Manager considers that operating segment of the Sub-Fund is investing in RMB denominated and settled short term deposits, high quality money market instruments, RMB denominated and settled fixed rate bonds, commercial papers, super and short term commercial paper, certificates of deposits and commercial bills. The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to provide investment results that, before deduction of fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the benchmark, namely, the 7-Day Fixing Repo Rate (FR007), which is the tracked benchmark.

The internal financial information used by the Manager for the Sub-Fund's assets, liabilities and performance is the same as that disclosed in the condensed statement of financial position and condensed statement of comprehensive income.

The Sub-Fund is domiciled in Hong Kong. The Sub-Fund's income is mainly derived from investments in RMB-denominated and settled short-term deposits, high quality money market instruments including onshore and offshore debt securities and PRC bonds including PRC Government and policy bank bonds which constitute 7-Day Fixing Repo Rate (FR007), the tracked benchmark.

As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Sub-Fund has no other assets classified as non-current assets. As at 30 June 2021 there were six issuers of short-term deposit accounts for more than 10% of the Sub-Fund's net asset value (31 December 2020: six).

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited)

As at 30 June 2021

	Fair value RMB	% of net asset value
Total investments at fair value Other net assets	176,739,604	- 100.00
Net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2021	176,739,604	100.00
Total investments, at cost		

	Fair value RMB			
Daily liquid assets	53,266,319	30.14		
Weekly liquid assets	110,966,319	62.79		

The weighted average maturity and the weighted average life of the portfolio of the Fund are 14.05 days and 14.05 days respectively.

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited)

For the period ended 30 June 2021

There were no security movements during the period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021.

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Unaudited)

Net asset value

Dealing net asset value of the Sub-Fund* <i>RMB</i>	Dealing net asset value per unit <i>RMB</i>
176,739,604 53,208,689 43,303,960	155.7177 154.2281 151.9437
Highest net asset value per unit <i>RMB</i>	Lowest net asset value per unit <i>RMB</i>
155.7177 154.2268 152.9863 153.1178 151.0231 152.1510	154.2595 151.9390 151.6345 150.7842 149.2665 149.2350 149.9980
	the Sub-Fund* <i>RMB</i> 176,739,604 53,208,689 43,303,960 Highest net asset value per unit <i>RMB</i> 155.7177 154.2268 152.9863 153.1178 151.0231

*The dealing net asset value of the Sub-Fund disclosed is calculated in accordance with the Trust's Prospectus.

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