

CSOP ETF SERIES* (*This includes synthetic ETFs) (An umbrella unit trust established in Hong Kong)

CSOP HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY MARKET ETF Stock Codes: 03053 (HKD counter) and 83053 (RMB counter) (A sub-fund of CSOP ETF Series* (*This includes synthetic ETFs))

Reports and Financial Statements FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



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REPORT OF THE MANAGER TO THE UNITHOLDERS

Introduction

The CSOP Hong Kong Dollar Money Market ETF (the "CSOP HKD MMF ETF"), a sub-fund of the CSOP ETF Series* (*This includes synthetic ETFs), is a unit trust authorised under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong. It was launched on 12 July 2018, with trade commenced in HKD under the stock code 3053 and in RMB under the stock code 83053 on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "SEHK") on 18 July 2018. Its unlisted class A was launched on 8 March 2019 and first investment was made on 31 July 2019. The Manager is CSOP Asset Management Limited (the "Manager"). The trustee is HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited (the "Trustee").

The CSOP HKD MMF ETF invests all, or substantially all, of the assets of the Sub-Fund in Hong Kong Dollardenominated and settled short-term deposits and money market instruments issued by eligible financial institutions (including their group companies), and debt securities issued by governments, quasi-governments, international organisations and financial institutions.

The Sub-Fund Performance

The CSOP HKD MMF ETF invests in short-term deposits and high quality money market investments. It seeks to achieve a return in Hong Kong Dollars in line with prevailing money market rates. As of 29 December 2023, the dealing Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit of the CSOP HKD MMF ETF was HKD1,094.6820 and there were 2,773,010 units outstanding. The dealing NAV of its unlisted class A was HKD10.9467 and there were 162,358,255 units outstanding. The dealing NAV of its unlisted class P was HKD10.9065 and there were 40,061,469 units outstanding. The total asset under management was approximately HKD5.2 billion.

As of 29 December 2023, the dealing NAV of CSOP HKD MMF ETF performed 4.44%. The dealing NAV of its unlisted class A performed 4.44%. The dealing NAV of its unlisted class P performed 4.34%.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE TO THE UNITHOLDERS

We hereby confirm that, in our opinion, the Manager of the CSOP Hong Kong Dollar Money Market ETF (the "Sub-Fund"), a sub-fund of CSOP ETF Series* (*This includes synthetic ETFs), has, in all material respects, managed the Sub-Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed dated 25 July 2012, as amended, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited 29 April 2024

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGER AND THE TRUSTEE

MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager of the CSOP Hong Kong Dollar Money Market ETF (the "Sub-Fund"), a sub-fund of CSOP ETF Series* (*This includes synthetic ETFs), is required by the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds established by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Trust Deed dated 25 July 2012, as amended, (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 Sub-Fund at the end of the year and of the transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023. In preparing these financial statements the Manager is required to:

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

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

CSOP ETF Series* (*This includes synthetic ETFs) (the "Trust") is an umbrella unit trust governed by its Trust Deed. As at 31 December 2023 the Trust has established eleven sub-funds, namely, CSOP Hong Kong Dollar Money Market ETF (the "Sub-Fund"), CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF, CSOP SZSE ChiNext ETF* (*This is a synthetic ETF), ICBC CSOP S&P New China Sectors ETF, CSOP US Dollar Money Market ETF, CSOP CSI 500 ETF* (*This is a synthetic ETF), CSOP Hang Seng TECH Index ETF, CSOP Yinhua CSI 5G Communications Theme ETF, CSOP Bitcoin Futures ETF, CSOP Ether Futures ETF and CSOP Saudi Arabia ETF. CSOP Saudi Arabia ETF was incepted on 20 November 2023.

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee of the Sub-Fund is required to:

- ensure that the Sub-Fund in all material respects is managed 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 Sub-Fund and rights attaching thereto; and
- report to the unitholders for each annual accounting period should the Manager not managing the Sub-Fund in accordance to the Trust Deed.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF CSOP HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY MARKET ETF (A SUB-FUND OF CSOP ETF SERIES* (*THIS INCLUDES SYNTHETIC ETFS), AN UMBRELLA UNIT TRUST ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

What we have audited

The financial statements of CSOP Hong Kong Dollar Money Market ETF (the "Sub-Fund"), a sub-fund of CSOP ETF Series* (*This includes synthetic ETFs), which are set out on pages 8 to 31, comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Sub-Fund as at 31 December 2023, and of its financial transactions and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

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

Independence

We are independent of the Sub-Fund in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF CSOP HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY MARKET ETF (A SUB-FUND OF CSOP ETF SERIES* (*THIS INCLUDES SYNTHETIC ETFS), AN UMBRELLA UNIT TRUST ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG) (CONTINUED)

Key Audit Matters (Continued)

Key audit matters identified in our audit are summarised as follows:

| ixev Audit Matter | Kev | Audit | Matter |
|-------------------|-----|-------|--------|
|-------------------|-----|-------|--------|

<u>Existence</u> and valuation of investments and existence of fixed deposits

The Sub-Fund's investments as at 31 December 2023 are mainly comprised of quoted debt securities valued at HKD1,247,023,830.

As at 31 December 2023, the Sub-Fund had fixed deposits with a number of banks with an aggregate value of HKD3,237,000,000, of which HKD2,521,000,000 are "Fixed deposits with original maturities of more than 3 months" and HKD716,000,000 are short-term deposits in "Cash and cash equivalents" respectively, and are measured at amortised cost.

We focused on the existence and valuation of investments and existence of fixed deposits because the investments and fixed deposits represented the principal elements of the Sub-Fund's net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31 December 2023.

Refer to note 7 to the financial statements.

How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter

Our work included an assessment of the key controls over the existence and valuation of the investments and existence of fixed deposits, which included the following:

- We developed an understanding of the control objectives and related controls relevant to our audit of the Sub-Fund by obtaining the service organisation internal control reports (the "Control Reports") provided by the trustee setting out the controls in place, and the independent service auditor's assurance report over the design and operating effectiveness of those controls.
- We evaluated the tests undertaken by the service auditor, the
 results of the tests undertaken and the opinions formed by
 the service auditor on the design and operating effectiveness
 of the controls, to the extent relevant to our audit of the SubFund.

We tested the existence of investments and fixed deposits by obtaining direct confirmations from the custodians and brokers and agreeing the Sub-Fund's holdings of investments and existence of fixed deposits to the confirmations.

We tested the valuation of the Sub-Fund's investments by comparing the pricing used by the Sub-Fund to corresponding values according to the terms of the quoted debt securities as at 31 December 2023.

Based on the procedures we performed, we found no material exceptions from our testing.

Other Information

The manager and the trustee (the "Management") of the Sub-Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF CSOP HONG KONG DOLLAR MONEY MARKET ETF (A SUB-FUND OF CSOP ETF SERIES* (*THIS INCLUDES SYNTHETIC ETFS), AN UMBRELLA UNIT TRUST ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG) (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Management of the Sub-Fund is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRS issued by the HKICPA, and for such internal control as the Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Management of the Sub-Fund is responsible for assessing the Sub-Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management either intends to liquidate the Sub-Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

In addition, the Management of the Sub-Fund is required to ensure that the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant disclosure provisions of the Trust Deed dated 25 July 2012, as amended (the "Trust Deed"), and the relevant disclosure provisions of Appendix E of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC Code").

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion 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. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. In addition, we are required to assess whether the financial statements of the Sub-Fund have been properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the relevant disclosure provisions of the Trust Deed and the relevant disclosure provisions of Appendix E of the SFC Code.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sub-Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Sub-Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Sub-Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

We communicate with the Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Management with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Management, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on matters under the relevant disclosure provisions of the Trust Deed and the relevant disclosure provisions of Appendix E of the SFC Code

In our opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the relevant disclosure provisions of the Trust Deed and the relevant disclosure provisions of Appendix E of the SFC Code.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Kwan Wai Tuen, Josephine.

PricewaterhouseCoopersCertified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 29 April 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2023

| | Notes | 2023 <i>HKD</i> | 2022 <i>HKD</i> |
|--|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Investments | 6(c), 7(a), 7(d) | 1,247,023,830 | 300,000,000 |
| Bank interest receivable | | 34,684,383 | 18,196,412 |
| Interest receivable on debt securities | | 9,278,411 | 2,268,493 |
| Fixed deposits with original maturities of more | 7(a),7(b) | | |
| than three months | , ,, , | 2,521,000,000 | 1,838,000,000 |
| Other receivables and prepayments | | 190,636 | 191,082 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 7(a), 7(b) | 1,443,862,023 | 1,812,154,136 |
| Total assets | | 5,256,039,283 | 3,970,810,123 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | -, , -, -, | | |
| Management fee payable | 6(a),6(b) | 1,357,109 | 976,272 |
| Other accounts payable | | 95,460 | 2,567,906 |
| Liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders) | | 1,452,569 | 3,544,178 |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | | 5,254,586,714 | 3,967,265,945 |

The financial statements on pages 8 to 31 were approved by the Trustee and the Manager on 29 April 2024 and were signed on their behalf.

For and on behalf of

For and on behalf of

CSOP Asset Management Limited as the Manager

HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited as the Trustee

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2023

| | Notes | Year ended 31 December 2023 HKD | Year ended 31 December 2022 HKD |
|--|-------------|--|--|
| INCOME | 1,000 | | 1112 |
| Interest income from bank deposits | 6(c) | 193,379,201 | 51,350,890 |
| Interest income on debt securities | 6(c) | 23,720,321 | 11,497,052 |
| Net gain/(loss) on investments | 5 | 8,879 | (47) |
| Other income | | - | 127,668 |
| Total net income | | 217,108,401 | 62,975,563 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Management fee | 6(a),6(b) | (14,006,935) | (11,557,557) |
| Audit fee | | (31,996) | (15,696) |
| Bank charges | | (1,167) | (1,750) |
| Legal and other professional fees | | (2,933) | - |
| Other operating expenses | <i>6(f)</i> | (201,810) | (159,679) |
| Total operating expenses | | (14,244,841) | (11,734,682) |
| Operating profit | | 202,863,560 | 51,240,881 |
| FINANCE COSTS | | | |
| Interest expense | <i>6(f)</i> | (14,219) | (192,978) |
| Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders | | 202,849,341 | 51,047,903 |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

| | | Year ended 31 December 2023 HKD | Year ended 31 December 2022 <i>HKD</i> |
|--|--------------|--|---|
| Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the year | | 3,967,265,945 | 3,788,752,204 |
| Issue of units Redemption of units | | 6,835,421,379 (5,750,949,951) | 6,610,636,658 (6,483,170,820) |
| Net increase from unit transactions | | 1,084,471,428 | 127,465,838 |
| Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders | | 202,849,341 | 51,047,903 |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the year | | 5,254,586,714 | 3,967,265,945 |
| The movements of the redeemable units for the years en | ded 31 Decem | aber 2023 and 2022 are as f | follows: |
| | Note | Year ended 31 December 2023 <i>Units</i> | Year ended 31 December 2022 <i>Units</i> |
| Listed Class Number of units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed | | 3,131,010 1,548,000 (1,906,000) | 1,726,010 3,481,000 (2,076,000) |
| Number of units in issue at the end of the year | 3 | 2,773,010 | 3,131,010 |
| Unlisted Class A Number of units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed Number of units in issue at the end of the year | 3 | 65,292,480 415,187,531 (317,821,435) ———————————————————————————————————— | 193,561,889 287,883,996 (416,153,405) 65,292,480 |
| Unlisted Class P Number of units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed | | 53,412 68,517,487 (28,521,716) | 57,045 293,705 (297,338) |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Number of units in issue at the end of the year

3

40,049,183

53,412

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

| | Year ended 31 December 2023 <i>HKD</i> | Year ended 31 December 2022 <i>HKD</i> |
|--|---|---|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | IIKD | IIKD |
| Payments for purchase of investments | (1,983,837,744) | (1,530,000,047) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | 1,036,822,793 | 1,840,000,000 |
| Interest income from bank deposits received | 176,891,230 | 34,462,863 |
| Interest income from debt securities | 14,217,253 | 12,481,182 |
| Other receivables and prepayments | , , , , <u>-</u> | (191,082) |
| Other income received | 446 | 127,668 |
| Management fee paid | (13,626,098) | (11,526,450) |
| Other operating expenses paid | (217,202) | (316,320) |
| Fixed deposits with original maturities of more than three | | |
| months | (683,000,000) | (960,000,000) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (1,452,749,322) | (614,962,186) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Interest expense paid | (14,219) | (192,978) |
| Proceeds on issue of units | 6,835,421,379 | 6,610,636,658 |
| Payments on redemption of units | (5,750,949,951) | (6,483,170,820) |
| Net cash generated from financing activities | 1,084,457,209 | 127,272,860 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (368,292,113) | (487,689,326) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | 1,812,154,136 | 2,299,843,462 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year | 1,443,862,023 | 1,812,154,136 |
| Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents | | |
| Bank balances | 727,862,023 | 740,154,136 |
| Short-term deposits | 716,000,000 | 1,072,000,000 |
| | 1,443,862,023 | 1,812,154,136 |
| | | |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

CSOP ETF Series* (*This includes synthetic ETFs) (the "Trust") is an umbrella unit trust governed by its trust deed dated 25 July 2012, 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 31 December 2023, the Trust has eleven sub-funds which are CSOP Hong Kong Dollar Money Market ETF (the "Sub-Fund"), CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF, CSOP SZSE ChiNext ETF* (*This is a synthetic ETF), ICBC CSOP S&P New China Sectors ETF, CSOP US Dollar Money Market ETF, CSOP CSI 500 ETF* (*This is a synthetic ETF), CSOP Hang Seng TECH Index ETF, CSOP Yinhua CSI 5G Communications Theme ETF, CSOP Bitcoin Futures ETF, CSOP Ether Futures ETF and CSOP Saudi Arabia ETF. CSOP Saudi Arabia ETF was incepted on 20 November 2023. The date of inception of the Sub-Fund was 12 July 2018. The Sub-Fund is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to invest in short-term deposits and high quality money market investments. It seeks to achieve a return in Hong Kong Dollars ("HKD") in line with prevailing money market rates. In order to achieve the investment objective of the Sub-Fund, The Manager will invest all, or substantially all (i.e. at least 70%), of the assets of the Sub-Fund in HKD-denominated and settled short-term deposits and short-term and high quality money market instruments issued by governments, quasi-governments, international organisations and financial institutions, including debt securities, commercial papers, short-term notes, certificates of deposits and commercial bills. Short-term and high quality debt securities invested by the Sub-Fund include but are not limited to government bonds and fixed and floating rate bonds, with the maximum level for up to 80% of the net asset value of the Sub-Fund (any debt securities invested with a remaining maturity of no more than 397 days, or two years in the case of government and other public securities).

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of its net asset value in money market funds authorised in Hong Kong by the SFC under Chapter 8.2 of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds established by the Securities & Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC Code") or regulated in other jurisdictions in a manner generally comparable with the requirements of the SFC and acceptable to the SFC. People's Republic of China ("PRC") mainland money market funds invested by the Sub-Fund will maintain a portfolio with weighted average maturity not exceeding 60 days and weighted average life not exceeding 120 days, and its expected exposure shall be approximately 5% of its net asset value, subject to a maximum of 10% of its net asset value. The Sub-Fund may invest up to 15% of its net asset value in asset backed commercial papers ("ABCP"). ABCP are typically issued by a bank or other financial institution. They are backed by physical assets such as trade receivables, and are generally used for short-term financing needs. The Manager will select short term and high quality ABCP, using the same criteria as set out above for selection of money market instruments.

The Sub-Fund may also enter into reverse repurchase transactions, and its expected exposure to such transactions shall be between 0% to 20% of its net asset value, subject to a maximum of 20% of its net asset value, provided that the aggregate amount of cash provided to the same counterparty may not exceed 15% of its net asset value. The Sub-Fund may utilise financial derivative instruments (including interest rate swaps and currency swaps) for the purpose of hedging only. The Sub-Fund will not invest in instruments with loss-absorption features (such as contingent convertible bonds or senior non-preferred debt).

The Sub-Fund will invest less than 30% of its net asset value into non-HKD-denominated and settled short-term deposits and short-term and high quality money market instruments. The Manager may hedge any non-HKD-denominated and settled investments into HKD to manage any material currency risk.

From the effective date, the credit rating criteria of the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund will be further clarified and unified so that the Sub-Fund can better assess whether a money market instrument or deposits is of high quality which the Manager will screen the instruments based on the credit rating of the instruments or their issuer. The Sub-Fund will only invest in debt securities rated investment grade or above.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

These financial statements are prepared for the Sub-Fund only. The financial statements for CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF, CSOP SZSE ChiNext ETF* (*This is a synthetic ETF), ICBC CSOP S&P New China Sectors ETF, CSOP US Dollar Money Market ETF, CSOP CSI 500 ETF* (*This is a synthetic ETF), CSOP Hang Seng TECH Index ETF, CSOP Yinhua CSI 5G Communications Theme ETF, CSOP Bitcoin Futures ETF and CSOP Ether Futures ETF have been prepared separately. CSOP Saudi Arabia ETF were incepted on 20 November 2023 with the first financial statements issued for the period from 20 November 2023 (date of inception) to 31 December 2024.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Sub-Fund have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKFRS").

HKFRS comprise the following authoritative literature:

- Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards
- Hong Kong Accounting Standards
- Interpretations developed by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Trustee and the Manager (together the "Management") to exercise their judgment in the process of applying the Sub-Fund's accounting policies.

Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2023

The Sub-Fund has applied the following new and amended standards for its annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2023:

- Disclosure of Accounting Policies Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2
- Definition of Accounting Estimates Amendments to HKAS 8
- Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction Amendments to HKAS 12

The amendments listed above did not have any significant impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2023 that are relevant to the Sub-Fund and 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 2023, 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Investments

(i) Classification

The Sub-Fund classifies its investments based on both the Sub-Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Sub-Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The contractual cash flows of the Sub-Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Sub-Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

(ii) Recognition/derecognition

Purchases and sales of investments are accounted for on the trade date basis - the date on which the Sub-Fund commits to purchase or sell the investments. Investments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Sub-Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

(iii) Measurement

Investments are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred in the statement of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all investments are measured at fair value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they arise.

(iv) Fair value estimation

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Sub-Fund utilises the last traded market price for both listed financial assets and liabilities where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Management will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using broker quotes or valuation techniques.

(v) Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the beginning of the reporting period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Investments (Continued)

(vi) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the company or the counterparty.

(c) Expected credit losses on financial assets measured at amortised cost

At each reporting date, the Sub-Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from participating dealers at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Sub-Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the counterparty, probability that the counterparty will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, financial assets measured at amortised cost will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by Management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

(d) Interest income

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

(e) Transaction costs on investments

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, brokers and dealers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as an expense.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, cash at bank, demand deposits, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months.

(h) Foreign currencies translation

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Sub-Fund operates (the "functional currency"). The Sub-Fund invests in Hong Kong Dollar-denominated and settled short-term deposits and certificates of deposits and the performance of the Sub-Fund is measured and reported to the unitholders in HKD. The Manager considers HKD as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The financial statements are presented in HKD, which is the Sub-Fund's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate prevailing at the reporting date.

Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from translation are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to cash and cash equivalents, if any, are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within "net exchange gains/(losses)".

(i) Redeemable units

The Sub-Fund issues redeemable units, which are redeemable at the holder's option. These units represent puttable financial instruments of the Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund currently offers both listed classes of units and unlisted classes of units. There are currently two unlisted classes of units namely, Class A and Class P. As at both 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Sub-Fund has issued listed class of units and two unlisted class of units namely Class A and Class P which have different terms and conditions as set out in the Sub-Fund's Prospectus, including dealing arrangements, fee structure and investment return/net asset value. As the different class of units do not have identical features, they are classified as financial liabilities.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(i) Redeemable units (continued)

In accordance with the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund, investment positions are valued based on the last traded market price for the purpose of determining the net asset value per unit for subscriptions and redemptions of the Sub-Fund.

(j) Taxation

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

(k) Changes to presentation and comparative information

When the presentation or classification of items in the financial statements is amended, comparative amounts have been updated to conform with the current year's presentation or classification.

3. 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 statement of financial position. Subscriptions and redemptions of units during the period are shown in the 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 25 July 2012, 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.

As stated in Note 2(i), redeemable units of the Sub-Fund are classified as financial liability 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.

| | Listed Class Units | 2023 Unlisted Class A Units | Unlisted Class P Units |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of units in issue at the end of the year | 2,773,010 | 162,658,576 | 40,049,183 |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders per unit (per | | | |
| statement of financial position) | 1,095.0246 | 10.9502 | 10.9099 |
| | | 2022 | |
| | Listed Class Units | Unlisted Class A Units | Unlisted Class P Units |
| Number of units in issue at the end of the year | 3,131,010 | 65,292,480 | 53,412 |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders per unit (per statement of financial position) | 1,048.3036 | 10.4830 | 10.4549 |

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4. 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 exempted from profits tax under Section 26A(1A) of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance.

There were no tax expenses for the Sub-Fund for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

5. NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS

| | 2023 <i>HKD</i> | 2022 <i>HKD</i> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Net change in unrealised gain/(loss) in value of investments Net realised gain on sale of investment | 8,867 12 | (47) |
| | 8,879 | (47) |

6. 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 & Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC Code"). All transactions entered into during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, between the Sub-Fund and the Manager and its Connected Persons were carried out in the normal 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 Manager is entitled to receive a management fee, currently at the rate of 0.30% per annum of the net asset value of the relevant class for listed class and unlisted class A units, the management fee of unlisted class P units of the Sub-Fund will be calculated of 0.40% per annum of the net asset value of unlisted class P units, inclusive of trustee fee, registrar's fee and investment adviser's fee accrued daily and calculated as at each dealing day and payable monthly in arrears.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. 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 6(a).

The trustee's fee is inclusive of fees payable to The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (the "Custodian").

The Trustee shall also be entitled to be reimbursed from the Sub-Fund for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred.

(c) Financial assets

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

| 2023 <i>HKD</i> | 2022 <i>HKD</i> |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| | |
| 1,247,023,830 | 300,000,000 |
| 5.148.362 | 18,429,056 |
| | HKD |

Interest income amounted to HKD66,765 (2022: HKD2,861) was earned on these bank balances placed with the connected person of the Trustee for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

As at 31 December 2023, the Sub-Fund invests in debt securities issued by Huatai International Financial Limited, a connected person of the Manager of HKD400,000,000 (2022: HKD300,000,000) and during the year ended 31 December 2023, interest income amounted to HKD16,108,821 (2022: HKD5,219,726) was earned.

(d) Manager's holdings

The Manager of the Sub-Fund holds 33,000 (2022: 33,000) HKD counter units, which represents 1.19% (2022: 1.05%) of the net asset value of listed class units and 9,344,399 (2022: 971) unlisted class P units, which represents 23.33% (2022: 1.82%) of the net asset value of unlisted class P units of the Sub-Fund as at 31 December 2023. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, no unit was held by the Trustee and the connected persons of the Trustee. Funds under management of the Manager of the Sub-Fund holds 2,070,607 (2022: 2,566,000) and 20,741,027 (2022: 24,773,506) units of listed class and unlisted class A, which represents 74.67% (2022: 81.95%) and 12.75% (2022: 37.94%) of the net asset value of listed class and unlisted class A units of the Sub-Fund as at 31 December 2023.

(e) Investment adviser fee

The management fee is inclusive of the investment adviser's fee and the Manager will pay the fees of the investment adviser (if any) out of the management fee. Refer Note 6(a).

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

(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 years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, were as follows:

| | 2023 <i>HKD</i> | 2022 <i>HKD</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bank charges | 196 | 200 |
| Interest expenses | 14,219 | 192,978 |
| Other operating expenses | 80,900 | 80,180 |

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The objective of the Sub-Fund is to invest in short-term deposits and high quality money market investments. It seeks to achieve a return in HKD in line with prevailing money market rates. 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.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Sub-Fund's investments were concentrated in debt securities:

| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | Fair value <i>HKD</i> | % of net asset value | Fair value <i>HKD</i> | % of net asset value |
| Quoted debt securities | | | | |
| Short-term notes | 1,247,023,830 | 23.73 | 300,000,000 | 7.56 |

(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 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Sub-Fund invests in short-term deposits, short-term notes and fixed deposits with original maturities of more than three months which are 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 shorter term fixed income investments and higher for longer term fixed income investments.

As at 31 December 2023, the Sub-Fund invests in short-term notes amounting to HKD547,023,830 which are zero-coupon notes and is not subject to interest rate risk (2022:Nil).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Market risk (Continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk (Continued)

The tables below summarise the Sub-Fund's exposure to interest rate risks. It includes the Sub-Fund's assets and liabilities and is categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

| As at 31 Decembe | r 2023 | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 120 40 01 20001100 | Maturity less than 1 month HKD | Maturity between 1-3 months <i>HKD</i> | Maturity over 3 months <i>HKD</i> | Non- interest bearing <i>HKD</i> | Total <i>HKD</i> |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Investments | 300,000,000 | 200,000,000 | 200,000,000 | 547,023,830 | 1,247,023,830 |
| Bank interest | | | | | |
| receivable | - | - | - | 34,684,383 | 34,684,383 |
| Interest receivable on | | | | | |
| debt securities | _ | _ | _ | 9,278,411 | 9,278,411 |
| Fixed deposits | | | | 7,270,411 | 7,270,411 |
| with original | | | | | |
| maturities of | | | | | |
| more than | | | 2 521 000 000 | | 2 521 000 000 |
| three months Other | - | - | 2,521,000,000 | - | 2,521,000,000 |
| receivables | | | | | |
| and | | | | | |
| prepayments | - | - | - | 190,636 | 190,636 |
| Cash and cash | | | | | |
| equivalents | | | | | |
| - Bank balances | 727,862,023 | _ | _ | _ | 727,862,023 |
| - Bank | 727,002,023 | _ | _ | _ | 727,002,023 |
| deposits | 163,000,000 | 553,000,000 | - | - | 716,000,000 |
| Total assets | 1,190,862,023 | 753,000,000 | 2,721,000,000 | 591,177,260 | 5,256,039,283 |
| | | | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Management | | | | | |
| fee payable | - | - | - | 1,357,109 | 1,357,109 |
| Other accounts | | | | | |
| payable | <u> </u> | | | 95,460 | 95,460 |
| Total liabilities | - | - | - | 1,452,569 | 1,452,569 |
| Total interest | | | | | |
| Total interest sensitivity gap | 1,190,862,023 | 753,000,000 | 2,721,000,000 | | |
| schsierity gap | 1,170,002,023 | 755,000,000 | 2,721,000,000 | | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

(a) Market risk (Continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk (Continued)

As at 31 December 2022

| As at 31 December | Maturity less than 1 month HKD | Maturity between 1-3 months <i>HKD</i> | Maturity over 3 months <i>HKD</i> | Non- interest bearing <i>HKD</i> | Total <i>HKD</i> |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Assets | | 300,000,000 | | | 300,000,000 |
| Investments Bank interest | - | 300,000,000 | - | - | 300,000,000 |
| receivable Interest receivable on debt | - | - | - | 18,196,412 | 18,196,412 |
| securities | _ | _ | _ | 2,268,493 | 2,268,493 |
| Fixed deposits with original maturities of more than three | | | | 2,200,173 | 2,200, 173 |
| months | - | - | 1,838,000,000 | - | 1,838,000,000 |
| Other receivables and prepayments Cash and cash | - | - | - | 191,082 | 191,082 |
| equivalents | 740 154 126 | | | | 740 154 126 |
| Bank balancesBank deposits | 740,154,136 72,000,000 | 1,000,000,000 | - | - | 740,154,136 1,072,000,000 |
| Total assets | 812,154,136 | 1,300,000,000 | 1,838,000,000 | 20,655,987 | 3,970,810,123 |
| Liabilities Management fee | | | | | |
| payable | - | - | - | 976,272 | 976,272 |
| Other accounts payable | _ | | | 2,567,906 | 2,567,906 |
| Total liabilities | - | - | - | 3,544,178 | 3,544,178 |
| Total interest sensitivity gap | 812,154,136 | 1,300,000,000 | 1,838,000,000 | | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(a) Market risk (Continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk (Continued)

Interest rate sensitivity

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.

At year end, should the relevant market interest rate has moved down by 100 basis points with all other variables held constant, the impact on the net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund is shown at the table below. The same change in opposite direction would cause the opposite movement in the net assets attributable to unitholders by equal amounts.

| | | 2023 | | 2022 |
|--|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | Change in | Effect on net | Change in | Effect on net |
| | interest rate | assets attributable | interest rate | assets attributable |
| | (%) | to the unitholders | (%) | to the unitholders |
| | HKD | HKD | HKD | HKD |
| Investments Fixed deposits with original maturity of more than three | 1.0 | 7,000,000 | 1.0 | 3,000,000 |
| months | 1.0 | 25,210,000 | 1.0 | 18,380,000 |
| Bank balances | 1.0 | 7,278,620 | 1.0 | 7,401,541 |
| Bank deposits | 1.0 | 7,160,000 | 1.0 | 10,720,000 |
| | | 46,648,620 | | 39,501,541 |

The Manager monitors the overall interest rate sensitivity on daily basis.

The Manager has used their view of what would be a "reasonable possible shift" in the market interest rates to estimate the change for use in the interest rate risk sensitivity analysis above.

Disclosures above are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative. Changes in basis points are revised annually depending on the manager's current view of market interest rate sensitivity and other relevant factors.

(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 HKD, the Sub-Fund's functional and presentation currency. As a result, Management considers sensitivity analysis of currency risk is not necessary to be presented.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Credit and counterparty risk

Credit and counterparty risk are the risks 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. As such, the Manager does not consider the Sub-Fund to be exposed to significant credit and counterparty risk.

The main concentration to which the Sub-Fund is exposed arises from the Sub-Fund's investments in fixed deposits with original maturities of more than three months, short-term deposits and quoted debt securities. The Sub-Fund will only invest in debt securities rated investment grade or above. 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.

The tables below summarise the amount of investments, fixed deposits with original maturity of more than three months, short-term deposits and bank balances of the Sub-Fund placed with the counterparties as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the credit ratings of the Sub-Fund's custodian and the counterparties are at or above investment grade.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Credit and counterparty risk (Continued)

| As at 31 December 2023 | HKD |
|--|--|
| Investments* | |
| Agricultural Bank of China Limited, Hong Kong Branch Bank of China, Tokyo Branch China Construction bank Corporation, Seoul Branch Huatai International Finance Limited Saudi National Bank, Singapore Branch | 199,091,474 149,775,431 398,156,925 400,000,000 100,000,000 |
| Fixed deposits with original maturities of more than three months | |
| Agricultural Bank of China Limited, Hong Kong Branch Bank of Shanghai (Hong Kong) Limited China Everbright Bank Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Branch China Minsheng Bank Corp., Ltd, Hong Kong Branch Chiyu Banking Corp Ltd, Hong Kong Branch Industrial Bank Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Branch Malayan Banking Berhad, Hong Kong Branch Qatar National Bank, Hong Kong Branch The Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Macau) Limited | 150,000,000 651,000,000 150,000,000 70,000,000 190,000,000 417,000,000 312,000,000 203,000,000 2,521,000,000 |
| Short-term deposits | |
| Agricultural Bank of China Limited, Hong Kong Branch China CITIC Bank International Limited China Everbright Bank Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Branch Qatar National Bank, Hong Kong Branch | 89,000,000 127,000,000 142,000,000 358,000,000 716,000,000 |
| Bank balances | |
| The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited ("HSBC") PingAn Bank Co., Ltd | 5,148,362 722,713,661 |
| | 727,862,023 |

^{*}These investments are kept at custody at The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited with a credit rating at or above investment grade.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Credit and counterparty risk (Continued)

| As at 31 December 2022 | HKD |
|---|---------------|
| Investments* | |
| Huatai International Finance Limited | 300,000,000 |
| | 300,000,000 |
| Fixed deposits with original maturities of more than three months | |
| Bank of Shanghai (Hong Kong) Limited | 481,000,000 |
| Chiyu Banking Corp. Ltd, Hong Kong Branch | 100,000,000 |
| Industrial Bank Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch | 245,000,000 |
| Malayan Banking Berhad, Hong Kong Branch | 558,000,000 |
| Shanghai Pudong Development Bank Co Ltd, Hong Kong Branch | 123,000,000 |
| The Bank of East Asia Limited, Hong Kong | 331,000,000 |
| | 1,838,000,000 |
| Short-term deposits | |
| Bank of Shanghai (Hong Kong) Limited | 72,000,000 |
| China Minsheng Bank Corp., Ltd, Hong Kong Branch | 52,000,000 |
| Industrial Bank Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Branch | 589,000,000 |
| Malayan Banking Berhad, Hong Kong Branch | 297,000,000 |
| Shanghai Pudong Development Bank Co Ltd, Hong Kong Branch | 62,000,000 |
| | 1,072,000,000 |
| Bank balances | |
| The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited ("HSBC") | 18,429,056 |
| PingAn Bank Co., Ltd | 721,725,080 |
| | 740,154,136 |
| | |

^{*}These investments are kept at custody at The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited with a credit rating at or above investment grade.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Credit and counterparty risk (Continued)

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 31 December 2023 and 2022, bank interest receivable, fixed deposits with original maturities of more than three months and cash and cash equivalents are held with counterparties with high credit ratings and are due to be settled within 1 month. Applying the requirements of HKFRS 9, the expected credit loss ("ECL") is immaterial for the Sub-Fund and, as such, no ECL has been recognised within the financial statements.

The maximum exposure to credit risk as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 is the carrying amount of the financial assets as shown on the statement of financial position.

(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.

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 HKD | 1 month to less than 3 months <i>HKD</i> | Over 3 months <i>HKD</i> | Total <i>HKD</i> |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| As at 31 December 2023 | | | | |
| Management fee payable Other accounts payable Net assets attributable to | 1,357,109 10,085 | 85,375 | - | 1,357,109 95,460 |
| unitholders | 5,254,586,714 | | | 5,254,586,714 |
| Contractual cash outflow | 5,255,953,908 | 85,375 | - | 5,256,039,283 |
| | Less than 1 month | 1 month to less | Over | |
| | HKD | than 3 months HKD | 3 months <i>HKD</i> | Total <i>HKD</i> |
| As at 31 December 2022 | | | | |
| Management fee payable Other accounts payable | | | | |
| Management fee payable | <i>HKD</i> 976,272 | HKD - | | <i>HKD</i> 976,272 |

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7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Liquidity risk (Continued)

Units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder's option. As at 31 December 2023, there were two (2022: two) nominee accounts who individually held more than 10% of the listed class units, representing in aggregate 94.45% (2022: 97.78%) of the listed class units. There was three (2022: three) unitholders who individually held more than 10% of the unlisted class A units and three (2022: one) unitholders who individually held more than 10% of the unlisted class P units, representing in aggregate 38.95% (2022: 53.62%) and 98.10% (2022: 98.18%) of the unlisted class A units and unlisted class P units respectively.

The Manager is entitled to limit the number of unlisted class of units redeemed on any dealing day to 10% of the total number of units of the Sub-Fund then in issue.

Investors should note that switching between unlisted class of units and listed class of units on the secondary market is not available. Distributors who wish to switch between unlisted class of units and listed class of units should do so in accordance with the procedures as agreed with the Manager and the Trustee.

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:

| A 421 D 1 2022 | Less than 1 month HKD | 1 to 12 months HKD | No stated maturity HKD | Total <i>HKD</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| As at 31 December 2023 | | | | |
| Total assets | 2,460,862,023 | 2,795,177,260 | - | 5,256,039,283 |
| | Less than 1 month <i>HKD</i> | 1 to 12 months HKD | No stated maturity <i>HKD</i> | Total <i>HKD</i> |
| As at 31 December 2022 | | | | |
| Total assets | 1,633,647,286 | 2,337,162,837 | | 3,970,810,123 |
| | | | | |

(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).

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7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(d) Fair value estimation (Continued)

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

| | Level 1 <i>HKD</i> | Level 2 HKD | Level 3 HKD | Total <i>HKD</i> |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| As at 31 December 2023 Assets Quoted debt securities | | | | |
| - Short-term notes | | 1,247,023,830 | - | 1,247,023,830 |
| Total assets | | 1,247,023,830 | - | 1,247,023,830 |
| As at 31 December 2022 Assets Quoted debt securities - Short-term notes | | 300,000,000 | | 300,000,000 |
| - Short-term notes | | | | |
| Total assets | _ | 300,000,000 | - | 300,000,000 |

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and therefore classified within level 1, include active listed equities. The Sub-Fund does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within level 2. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, short-term notes were classified within level 2.

Investments classified within level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they trade infrequently or do not trade. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Sub-Fund did not hold any investments classified in level 3.

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, there had been no transfers between levels.

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7. 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. The carrying value of these financial assets and liabilities are considered by the Manager to approximate their 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 achieve a return in line with prevailing money market rates. 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.

8. DISTRIBUTION

There were no distribution during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

As of 31 December 2023 and 2022, all financial assets, other than investments as disclosed in the financial statements which are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, are categorised as per HKFRS 9 as carried at amortised cost. All the financial liabilities of the Sub-Fund are carried at amortised cost.

10. INVESTMENT LIMITATION AND PROHIBITIONS UNDER THE SFC CODE

The aggregate value of a scheme's holding of instruments and deposits issued by a single issuer may not exceed 10% of the total net asset value of the scheme except:

- (i) where the issuer is a substantial financial institution and the total amount does not exceed 10% of the issuer's issued capital and published 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 US\$1,000,000 or its equivalent in the base currency of the scheme, where a scheme cannot otherwise diversify as a result of its size.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Sub-Fund held short-term deposits and fixed deposits with original maturities of more than three months collectively more than 10% of net assets value, issued by single issuer as follows.

As at 31 December 2023

| Issuer | % of NAV |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Bank of Shanghai Hong Kong Limited | 12.39 |
| Qatar National Bank, Hong Kong Branch | 14.00 |

As at 31 December 2022

| Issuer | % of NAV |
|---|----------|
| Bank of Shanghai (Hong Kong) Limited | 13.94 |
| Industrial Bank Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Branch | 21.02 |
| Malayan Banking Berhad, Hong Kong Branch | 21.55 |

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

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the net asset value per unit of the listed share class increased by 4.46% (2022: 1.33%), the net asset value per unit of the unlisted class A increased by 4.46% (2022: 1.33%) and the net asset value per unit of the unlisted class P increased by 4.35% (2022: 1.23%).

11. SOFT COMMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

The Manager and its connected persons confirms that there have been no soft commission arrangements existing during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 in relation to directing transactions of the Sub-Fund through a broker or dealer.

12. 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 the Sub-Fund has a single operating segment which is investing in short-term deposits. The objectives of the Sub-Fund are to invest in short-term deposits and high quality money market investments. It seeks to achieve a return in HKD in line with prevailing money market rates.

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 statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income.

The Sub-Fund is domiciled in Hong Kong. The Sub-Fund's income is derived from investments in short-term deposits and high quality money market investments.

The Sub-Fund has no other assets classified as non-current assets. There were two (2022: three) issuers of short-term deposits who individually accounted for more than 10% of the Sub-Fund's net asset value as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

13. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee and the Manager on 29 April 2024.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited)

As at 31 December 2023

| Investments | Holdings | Fair value <i>HKD</i> | % of net asset value |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| Quoted debt securities (23.73%) | | | |
| Short-term notes (23.73%) | | | |
| British Virgin Island (3.81%) HUATAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED 6.04% 28/05/2024 | 200,000,000 | 200,000,000 | 3.81 |
| HUATAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED 5.36% 19/01/2024 HUATAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED 5.55% | 100,000,000 | 100,000,000 | 1.90 |
| 31/01/2024 | 100,000,000 | 100,000,000 | 1.90 |
| | | 400,000,000 | 7.61 |
| China (14.22%) AGRICULTURAL BK CHINA/HK (SER CD) 0% 02/02/2024 BANK OF CHINA/TOKYO (SER CD) 0% 11/01/2024 CHINA CONSTRUCT BK/SEOUL (SER CD) (REG S) 0% 05/03/2024 CHINA CONSTRUCT BK/SEOUL (SER CD) 0% 27/02/2024 CHINA CONSTRUCT BK/SEOUL (SER FXCD) 5.24% | 200,000,000 150,000,000 100,000,000 100,000,000 | 199,091,474 149,775,431 99,011,296 99,145,629 | 3.79 2.85 1.88 1.89 |
| 26/01/2024 | 200,000,000 | 747,023,830 | 3.81 14.22 |
| Singapore (1.90%) SAUDI NTL BANK SG (SER FXCD) 5.19% 19/03/2024 | 100,000,000 | 100,000,000 | 1.90 |
| | | 100,000,000 | 1.90 |
| Total quoted short-term notes | | 1,247,023,830 | 23.73 |
| Total investments Other net assets | | 1,247,023,830 4,007,562,884 | 23.73 76.27 |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | | 5,254,586,714 | 100.00 |
| Total investments at cost | | 1,247,015,010 | |

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited) (Continued)

As at 31 December 2023

| | Fair value HKI | |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|
| Daily liquid assets Weekly liquid assets | 763,862,023 1,316,862,023 | 14.54 25.06 |

The weighted average maturity and the weighted average life of the portfolio of the Sub-Fund are 45.59 days and 45.59 days respectively.

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

| | % of net asset value 2023 | % of net asset value 2022 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Quoted debt securities British Virgin Island China Hong Kong Singapore | 7.61 14.22 1.90 | - - 7.56 - |
| | 23.73 | 7.56 |
| Total investments Other net assets | 23.73 76.27 | 7.56 92.44 |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December | 100.00 | 100.00 |

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Unaudited)

Net asset value

| | Net asset value of the Sub-Fund <i>HKD</i> | Net asset value per unit <i>HKD</i> |
|--|--|---|
| At the end of financial year | | |
| 31 December 2023* Listed Class Unlisted Class A Unlisted Class P | 3,036,514,251 1,781,138,333 436,934,130 | 1,095.0246 10.9502 10.9099 |
| 31 December 2022* Listed Class Unlisted Class A Unlisted Class P | 3,282,249,135 684,458,397 558,413 | 1,048.3036 10.4830 10.4549 |
| 31 December 2021 Listed Class Unlisted Class A Unlisted Class P | 1,785,662,312 2,002,500,742 589,150 | 1,034.5608 10.3455 10.3278 |
| Highest and lowest issue price per unit | | |
| | Highest issue price per unit <i>HKD</i> | Lowest redemption price per unit <i>HKD</i> |
| Financial year ended/period dated | | |
| 31 December 2023 Listed Class Unlisted Class A Unlisted Class P | 1,094.6820 10.9467 10.9065 | 1,048.6687 10.4866 10.4584 |
| 31 December 2022 Listed Class Unlisted Class A Unlisted Class P | 1,048.1487 10.4814 10.4533 | 1,034.5723 10.3456 10.3278 |
| 31 December 2021 Listed Class Unlisted Class A Unlisted Class P | 1,034.5599 10.3455 10.3278 | 1,033.8200 10.3382 10.3267 |

^{*}The net asset value of the Sub-Fund disclosed is on a non-dealing day and is calculated in accordance with the Trust's Prospectus.

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Unaudited) (Continued)

Highest and lowest issue price per unit (Continued)

| | Highest issue price per unit HKD | Lowest redemption price per unit HKD |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Financial year ended/period dated | | |
| 31 December 2020 | | |
| Listed Class | 1,033.7939 | 1,023.3514 |
| Unlisted Class A | 10.3379 | 10.2335 |
| Unlisted Class P | 10.3266 | 10.3163 |
| 31 December 2019 (Since 12 July 2018 (date of inception)) | | |
| Listed Class | 1,023.2012 | 1,000.0710 |
| Unlisted Class A | 10.2320 | 10.1539 |

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