SSIF ETF I (An umbrella unit trust established in Hong Kong)

SSIF DCE IRON ORE FUTURES INDEX ETF Stock Codes: 03047 (HKD Counter) and 09047 (USD Counter) (A sub-fund of SSIF ETF I)

UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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#### REPORT OF THE MANAGER TO THE UNITHOLDERS

SSIF ETF I ("Trust") is an umbrella unit trust established under Hong Kong law by a trust deed dated 24 February 2020 ("Trust Deed") between Shanxi Securities International Asset Management Limited ("Manager") and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited ("Trustee"). The Trust has a sub-fund which is an exchange traded fund ("ETF").

#### **SSIF DCE Iron Ore Futures Index ETF**

The units of the SSIF DCE Iron Ore Futures Index ETF ("Sub-Fund") are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and commenced trading in HKD counter under stock code 03047 and USD counter under stock code 09047 on 27 March 2020. The Sub-Fund is a passively managed index tracking ETF under Chapters 8.6 and 8.8 of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds ("Code") and invests in iron ore futures contracts traded on the Dalian Commodity Exchange. 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 DCE Iron Ore Futures Price Index ("Underlying Index").

As at 30 June 2025, net asset value per unit of the Sub-fund was USD2.6949 (2024: USD2.8183), and there were 3,800,000 units outstanding (2024: 3,800,000 units). The net asset value was USD 10,240,729 (2024: USD 10,709,361).

#### **Market Review**

The iron ore market exhibited heightened stability in the first half of 2025, with the benchmark contract price recording a modest decline of 2.3%, a marked contrast to the extreme volatility observed in prior years. Prices fluctuated within a narrow band of USD95–110/ton, reflecting cautious market sentiment amid evolving supply-demand dynamics.

China's domestic steel production declined by 3% year-over-year (YoY), driven by persistent weakness in the property sector, where new housing starts contracted. However, manufacturing demand emerged as a stabilizing force, with steel consumption for renewable energy infrastructure (wind turbines, energy storage systems) and automotive lightweighting initiatives rising. Steel export growth moderated to 8.9%, constrained by escalating trade barriers and incremental capacity expansions in Southeast Asia.

On the supply side, global iron ore shipments increased by approximately 5% year-over-year, driven by higher output from Brazil and non-mainstream producers in Australia and India. China's domestic production also saw a modest recovery, as state-owned mines optimized costs. Despite elevated supply, steel mills maintained lean inventory levels, avoiding large-scale restocking and limiting upward price momentum.

#### Market Outlook

Looking ahead to the second half of 2025, we expect the iron ore market will remain in a delicate balance, with supply growth slowing and demand showing regional divergence.

Global supply expansion is projected to moderate significantly, with an estimated increase of only 30 million tons, as major miners delay expansion projects amid softer price expectations. Non-mainstream supply growth may also face constraints due to rising operational costs and tighter financing conditions in emerging markets.

Demand trends are likely to vary across regions. In China, incremental policy support—particularly in social housing and infrastructure—could provide a floor for steel demand, though we expect full-year production will contract by 1–2%. In contrast, emerging economies such as India and Southeast Asia are anticipated to drive demand growth, with India's railway modernization and steel-intensive phases of Saudi Arabia's NEOM megaproject.

We expect iron ore price in the second half will likely remain range-bound, with production costs acting as a key support level. High-cost Chinese domestic mines are nearing breakeven, which should prevent sustained declines below \$90 per ton, while ample supply and subdued Chinese demand may cap rallies above \$110 per ton. Macroeconomic factors, including the pace of China's stimulus measures and global interest rate trends, will remain critical in shaping market sentiment. Additionally, the long-term shift toward green steel production and scrap-based steelmaking could introduce further uncertainty into traditional iron ore demand dynamics.

**Shanxi Securities International Asset Management Limited 28 August 2025** 

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

*As at 30 June 2025* 

	30 June 2025 <i>USD</i>	31 December 2024 <i>USD</i>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Financial derivative instruments Bank interest receivable Amount due from brokers Cash and cash equivalents  Total assets	3,444,663 57,162 697 4,851,646 1,929,510 10,283,678	3,474,391 158,545 2,024 5,382,036 1,841,977 10,858,973
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Financial derivative instruments Management fee payable Trustee fee payable Other accounts payable	5,498 10,235 10,192 17,024	97,150 11,236 10,492 30,734
Total liabilities	42,949	149,612
EQUITY		
Net assets attributable to unitholders	10,240,729	10,709,361
Number of units in issue	3,800,000	3,800,000
Net assets value per unit	2.6949	2.8183

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

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

INCOME	Period from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 USD	Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 USD
Dividend income Interest income from bank deposits Net loss on investments and financial derivative instruments Net foreign currency gain/(loss)  Total net loss	61,740 7,421 (414,646) 32,284 (313,201)	84,771 6,896 (1,053,579) (48,911) (1,010,823)
Management fee Note 2 Trustee fee Note 1 Transaction fees paid to trustee Note 1 Transaction costs on investments Audit fee Safe custody and bank charges Note 1 Other operating expenses  Note 1  Total operating expenses	(62,508) (59,507) (60) (4,783) (13,864) (488) (11,237) ————————————————————————————————————	(79,136) (59,672) (7,919) (14,202) (1,083) (8,719) ————————————————————————————————————
Operating loss	(465,648)	(1,181,554)
FINANCE COSTS Interest expenses Note 1	(2,984)	(6,217)
Loss and total comprehensive loss	(468,632)	(1,187,771)

Note 1: During the period ended 30 June 2025 and 2024 trustee fee, safe custody and bank charges and transaction fees paid to trustee were paid to the Trustee or its connected persons, other respective amounts paid to the Trustee or its connected persons were as follows:

	Period from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 USD	Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 USD
Other operating expenses	(3,866)	(3,926)

Note 2: During the period ended 30 June 2025 and 2024, other than management fee paid to Manager, no other amounts was paid to the Manager or its connected persons.

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

	Period from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 USD	Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 USD
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the period	10,709,361	14,187,396
Payments for redemption of units	-	(929,250)
Net decrease from unit transactions	-	(929,250)
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the period	(468,632)	(1,187,771)
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the period	10,240,729	12,070,375
	Period from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 Units	Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 Units
Number of units in issue at the beginning of the period Units redeemed	3,800,000	4,600,000 (300,000)
Number of units in issue at the end of the period	3,800,000	4,300,000

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Period from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 USD	Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 USD
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	USD	OSD
Payments for purchase of funds investments	(3,471,888)	-
Proceeds from sales of fund investments	3,454,366	1,053,535
Proceeds from settlement of futures contracts	2,970,545	3,267,277
Payments for settlement of futures contracts	(3,328,210)	(4,596,545)
Interest income from bank deposits received	8,748	6,725
Management fee paid	(63,509)	(81,498)
Trustee fee paid	(59,807)	(60,026)
Transaction costs paid	(4,783)	(7,919)
Interest paid	(2,984)	(6,217)
Payment for auditor's remuneration	(26,500)	(26,500)
Other operating expenses paid	(12,859)	(11,960)
Proceeds from margin deposits with brokers	530,390	1,761,999
Dividend income received	61,740	84,771
Net cash generated from operating activities	55,249	1,383,642
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for redemption of units	-	(929,250)
Net cash used in financing activities		(929,250)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	55,249	454,392
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	1,841,977	858,964
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	32,284	(48,911)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	52,264	(40,911)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	1,929,510	1,264,445
<b>Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents</b> Bank balances	1,929,510	1,264,445

### **INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited)**

As at 30 June 2025

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial derivative instruments  Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		Holdings	Fair value USD	% of net assets
Unlisted investment funds				
Hong Kong HSBC INVESTMENT FUNDS HONG KONG LTD - HSBC GLOBAL MONEY HKD - ED Ireland GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT		207,600	2,644,663	25.82
GLOBAL SERVICES LTD - GOLDMAN SACHS FUNDS PLC - USD		800,000	800,000	7.81
Total unlisted investment funds			3,444,663	33.63
Financial derivative instruments				
Listed futures contracts	Expiration Date	Contracts		
China DCE IRON ORE FUTURE September 2025	12 September 2025	1023	57,162	0.56
Total financial derivative instruments at fair value			57,162	0.56
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial derivative instruments			3,501,825	34.19

### **INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited) (Continued)**

As at 30 June 2025

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and financial derivative instruments		Holdings	Fair value USD	% of net assets
Financial derivative instruments				
Listed futures contracts	Expiration Date	Contracts		
China USD/CNH September 2025 USD/CNH FUTURES September 2025 Total financial derivative instruments at fair value	15 September 2025 15 September 2025	45 55	(3,186) (2,312) (5,498)	(0.03) (0.02) (0.05)
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and financial derivative instruments			(5,498)	(0.05)
Other net assets			6,744,402	65.86
Net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June 2025			10,240,729	100.00
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial derivative instruments, at cost			3,471,888	

### STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited)

		Holding	gs	
	1 January 2025	Additions	Disposals	30 June 2025
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial derivative instruments				
Unlisted investment funds				
Hong Kong HSBC INVESTMENT FUNDS HONG KONG LTD - HSBC GLOBAL MONEY HKD - ED Ireland GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT GLOBAL SERVICES LTD - GOLDMAN SACHS FUNDS PLC - USD Listed future contracts (number of contracts)	207,600 800,000	207,600 800,000	207,600 800,000	207,600 800,000
China DCE IRON ORE FUTURE May 2025 DCE IRON ORE FUTURE September 2025 USD/CNH March 2025 USD/CNH FUTURES March 2025 USD/CNH September 2025 USD/CNH FUTURES September 2025	970 - 45 55 -	1,023 - - 45 55	970 - 45 55 -	1,023 - - 45 55

### **DETAILS IN RESPECT OF FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (Unaudited)**

As at 30 June 2025

The financial derivative instruments held by the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2025 are summarized below:

### <u>Futures</u>

The details of futures contracts held by the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2025 are as follows:

Description	Underlying	Contract Size	Notional	Position	Counterparty	Fair
	assets	Size	market value USD			value USD
Financial assets:						
DCE IRON ORE FUTURE September	Commodity	1.022	10 260 502	Τ	Citic Futures	57.162
2025	futures	1,023	10,260,582	Long	Co., Ltd.	57,162
						57,162
Financial liabilities:						
USD/CNH September 2025	Currency futures	45	4,480,136	Long	Goldman Sachs (Asia) LLC	(3,186)
USD/CNH FUTURES September 2025	Currency futures	55	5,477,258	Long	Goldman Sachs (Asia) LLC	(2,312)
						(5,498)

### PERFORMANCE RECORD (Unaudited)

### **Net Asset Value**

	Dealing net asset value of the Sub-Fund* <i>USD</i>	Dealing net asset value per unit USD
At the end of financial period/year dated		
30 June 2025 31 December 2024 31 December 2023	10,240,729 10,709,398 14,200,074	2.6949 2.8183 3.0870
Highest and lowest net asset value per unit		
	Highest net asset value per unit USD	Lowest net asset value per unit USD
Financial period/year ended		
30 June 2025 31 December 2024 31 December 2023 31 December 2022 31 December 2021 31 December 2020 (Since 26 March 2020 (date of commencement of operations))	3.0076 3.2293 3.1101 2.2141 2.8730 2.1366	2.6112 2.2905 1.8908 1.5186 1.2699
Performance of the Sub-Fund and the Underlying Index		
	30 June 2025	31 December 2024
Sub-Fund		
SSIF DCE Iron Ore Futures Index ETF	-2.97%	-10.80%
Underlying Index  DCE Iron Ore Futures Price Index	-1.38%	-14.12%

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

#### MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

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