

United Japan Growth Fund

Annual Report

for the financial year ended
31 December 2022



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United Japan Growth Fund
(Constituted under a Trust Deed in the Republic of Singapore)

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A) Fund Performance

	3 mth % Growth	6 mth % Growth	1 yr % Growth	3 yr Ann Comp Ret	5 yr Ann Comp Ret	10 yr Ann Comp Ret	Since Inception 18 August 1995 Ann Comp Ret
Fund Performance/ Benchmark Returns							
United Japan Growth Fund	4.53	0.00	-19.30	-2.87	-2.19	3.32	1.66
Benchmark	5.84	0.75	-17.08	-1.08	0.30	6.54	-0.09

Source: Morningstar

Note: The performance returns of the Fund are in Singapore Dollar based on a NAV-to-NAV basis with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any.

The benchmark of the Fund: Aug 95 – Dec 04: Nikkei 225 Stock Average; Jan 05 – Dec 10: Topix; Jan 11 to Present: MSCI Japan Index.

For the 12 months ended 31 December 2022, the net asset value of the Fund **declined 19.30%**, compared to a decrease of 17.08% in the benchmark MSCI Japan Index in Singapore Dollar terms.

In terms of sector allocation, the Fund benefitted from its *underweight* to **Information Technology** and *overweight* to **Financials** while the Fund's *underweight* in **Utilities** and the lack of exposure to **Energy** were a drag on performance. In terms of security selection, the largest contributors were from **Consumer Discretionary** and **Consumer Staples** sectors. The largest detractors were from the **Communication Services** and **Industrials** sectors.

Key contributors to performance included **Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group INC (Financials)**, **Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (Financials)** and **Mitsui & Co (Financials)**. Key detractors included **Sony Group Corp (Consumer Discretionary)**, **Z Holdings Corp (Communication Services)** and **Recruit Holdings Co Ltd (Industrials)**.

As at end-December 2022, the Fund had the following sector allocation: **Industrials** (20.62%), **Consumer Discretionary** (18.92%), **Information Technology** (14.09%), **Financials** (11.61%), **Health Care** (8.58%), **Materials** (8.30%), **Consumer Staples** (7.13%), **Communication Services** (5.85%), Others (4.38%) with the remainder in cash (0.52%).

Economic and Market Review

First Quarter

The economy was on a recovery trend, but there were some weaknesses. The impact of COVID-19 measures decreased face-to-face services, and personal consumption stagnated. Although there were supply constraints such as semiconductor shortages, production continued to pick up, centered on automobiles, as the effects of difficulties in procuring parts from Southeast Asia began to ease.

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A) Fund Performance (continued)

The stock market for the period declined by 1.2 % on TOPIX (TSE Stock Price Index including dividends). The stock market fell sharply due to the further rise in **US** long-term interest rates, the rapid increase in the number of people infected with new coronavirus (Omicron variant) in **Japan**, and the soaring crude oil prices due to **Russia's** invasion of **Ukraine**. Towards the end of the quarter, the stock market rebounded due to expectations for upside of business performance about export-related companies following the depreciation of the yen against US Dollar, as well as easing excessive caution against **US** monetary policy and **Russia's** invasion of **Ukraine**.

Second Quarter

The economy recovered gradually. With the easing of COVID-19 measures, a crowd of people in commercial facilities came back, and the demand for pent-up boosted personal consumption. On the other hand, due to logistics disruptions and semiconductor shortages caused by lockdowns in major cities in **China**, production of automobiles and production machinery was restrained, and the recovery of exports was stalled.

The stock market for the period declined by 3.7 % on TOPIX (TSE Stock Price Index including dividends). The stock market remained weak due to uncertainty about the future of Chinese economy, where the lockdown of Shanghai and other areas was prolonged, and the rise in **US** long-term interest rates as the Federal Reserve Board's (FRB) monetary tightening observations. After that, the stock market rose partly because concerns over excessive monetary tightening by the Fed receded. Towards the end of the quarter, the stock market fell due to rising concerns about a global recession as central banks in each country raised interest rates.

Third Quarter

The economy showed a gradual recovery. Although rising prices of food and other daily necessities weighed on households, pent-up demand from COVID-19 supported consumer spending. In addition, logistics improved on the back of the lifting of the lockdown in Shanghai City in **China**, and production of automobiles and production machinery picked up.

The stock market for the period declined by 0.79% on TOPIX (TSE Stock Price Index including dividends). At the beginning of the period, the stock market rallied on the back of receding concerns about inflation in the **US** on the back of lower gasoline prices and other factors, as well as upward revisions to earnings forecasts following the announcement of financial results for the April-June period. However, at the Jackson Hole meeting, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell made it clear that he would prioritise inflation control and continue to raise interest rates, and the stock market fell back and continued to decline due to the negative impact of further monetary tightening policy at the September FOMC meeting.

Fourth Quarter

The economy showed a gradual recovery. Although rising prices of food and other daily necessities weighed on households, pent-up demand from COVID-19 supported consumer spending. However, exports and production slowed due to the slowdown in overseas economies such as the **US** and **China**.

A) Fund Performance (continued)

The stock market for the period rose by 3.26% on TOPIX (TSE Stock Price Index including dividends). Although the stock market continued to rise on the back of slowing **US** inflation growth and rising expectations of a reduction in interest rate hikes and solid earnings announcements, it fell in December due to concerns of recession in the **US** and **Europe** and the Bank of Japan's expansion of the range of fluctuation in long-term interest rates.

Outlook and Fund Strategy

Inflation in the **US** is slowing due to falling prices of goods, but the risk of a global recession will be high as the Fed is poised to keep policy rates at high levels as wages continue to rise on the back of a strong labor market.

In addition, we see increasing speculation of a change in policy by the Bank of Japan, which has been conducting large-scale monetary easing, as a negative factor for the stock market.

With regards to corporate earnings, we believe that domestic demand-related shares will continue to recover due to increased inbound demand and other factors, but we expect the stock market to soften as the global economic slowdown will make it tougher for foreign-demand-related shares.

From the viewpoint of the stock selection, we will focus on investing in companies which satisfy conditions that can expand good business performance in the medium to the long term, improve their profitability and capital efficiency, and are expected to recover in business performance due to a recovery in domestic consumption.

From the viewpoint of the **Industrials** sector allocation, we plan to keep *overweight* the domestic demand related sectors, such as **Financials** and **Consumption**, due to expectations for a revision of the Bank of Japan's large-scale monetary easing measures and a recovery of inbound demand.

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B) Investments at fair value and as a percentage of net asset value (“NAV”) as at 31 December 2022 under review classified by

i) Country

	Fair Value (S\$)	% of NAV
Japan	4,829,896	99.48
Portfolio of investments	4,829,896	99.48
Other net assets/(liabilities)	25,060	0.52
Total	4,854,956	100.00

ii) Industry

	Fair Value (S\$)	% of NAV
Communication Services	284,128	5.85
Consumer Discretionary	918,356	18.92
Consumer Staples	346,196	7.13
Financials	563,529	11.61
Health Care	416,606	8.58
Industrials	1,001,118	20.62
Information Technology	684,150	14.09
Materials	402,750	8.30
Real Estate	158,935	3.27
Utilities	54,128	1.11
Portfolio of investments	4,829,896	99.48
Other net assets/(liabilities)	25,060	0.52
Total	4,854,956	100.00

iii) Asset Class

	Fair Value (S\$)	% of NAV
Quoted equities	4,829,896	99.48
Other net assets/(liabilities)	25,060	0.52
Total	4,854,956	100.00

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B) Investments at fair value and as a percentage of net asset value (“NAV”) as at 31 December 2022 under review classified by (continued)

iv) Credit rating of quoted bonds

N/A

C) Top Ten Holdings

10 largest holdings as at 31 December 2022

	Fair Value (S\$)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
SONY GROUP CORP	193,808	3.99
MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP INC	182,538	3.76
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	175,026	3.61
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL CO LTD	142,078	2.93
SUMITOMO MITSUI FINANCIAL GROUP	139,966	2.88
ITOCHU CORP	126,430	2.60
HITACHI LTD	122,423	2.52
CENTRAL JAPAN RAILWAY CO	115,305	2.38
WEST JAPAN RAILWAY CO	104,822	2.16
KEYENCE CORP	104,535	2.15

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C) Top Ten Holdings (continued)

10 largest holdings as at 31 December 2021

	Fair Value (S\$)	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
SONY GROUP CORP	321,979	5.16
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	199,662	3.20
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	195,895	3.14
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD	183,265	2.94
KEYENCE CORP	169,240	2.71
HITACHI LTD	160,460	2.57
TOKIO MARINE HOLDINGS INC	149,666	2.40
CENTRAL JAPAN RAILWAY CO	143,718	2.30
ITOCHU CORP	140,033	2.25
SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO LTD	139,925	2.24

D) Exposure to derivatives

The global exposure relating to derivative instruments is calculated using the commitment approach:

- (i) the absolute value of the exposure of each individual financial derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangements;
- (ii) the absolute value of the net exposure of each individual financial derivative after netting or hedging arrangements; and
- (iii) the sum of the values of cash collateral received under certain cases.

i) Fair value of derivative contracts and as a percentage of NAV as at 31 December 2022

	Contract or underlying principal amount \$	Positive fair value \$	% of NAV	Negative fair value \$	% of NAV
Foreign currency contracts	20,276	-	-	54	-*

* denotes amount less than 0.01%

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D) Exposure to derivatives (continued)

- ii) There was a net realised gain of SGD 102 on derivative contracts during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
- iii) There was a net unrealised loss of SGD 54 on outstanding derivative contracts marked to market as at 31 December 2022.

E) Amount and percentage of NAV invested in other schemes as at 31 December 2022

N/A

F) Amount and percentage of borrowings to NAV as at 31 December 2022

N/A

G) Amount of redemptions and subscriptions for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Total amount of redemptions	SGD	320,666
Total amount of subscriptions	SGD	112,442

H) The amount and terms of related-party transactions for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Please refer to Note 9 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

I) Expense ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

J) Turnover ratios

Please refer to Note 10 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

K) Any material information that will adversely impact the valuation of the scheme such as contingent liabilities of open contracts

N/A

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L) For schemes which invest more than 30% of their deposited property in another scheme, the following key information on the second-mentioned scheme (“the underlying scheme”)¹ should be disclosed as well

i) Top 10 holdings at fair value and as percentage of NAV as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021

N/A

ii) Expense ratios for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021

N/A

iii) Turnover ratios for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021

N/A

¹ *Where the underlying scheme is managed by a foreign manager which belongs to the same group of companies as, or has a formal arrangement or investment agreement with, the Singapore manager, the above information should be disclosed on the underlying scheme. In other cases, such information on the underlying scheme should be disclosed only if it is readily available to the Singapore manager.*

M) Soft dollar commissions/arrangements

UOB Asset Management has entered into soft dollars arrangements with selected brokers from whom products and services are received from third parties. The products and services relate essentially to computer hardware and software to the extent that they are used to support the investment decision making process, research and advisory services, economic and political analyses, portfolio analyses including performance measurements, market analyses, data and quotation services, all of which are believed to be helpful in the overall discharge of UOB Asset Management’s duties to clients. As such services generally benefit all of UOB Asset Management’s clients in terms of input into the investment decision making process, the soft credits utilised are not allocated on a specific client basis. The Manager confirms that trades were executed on a best execution basis and there was no churning of trades.

The Sub-Manager (Fukoku Capital Management, Inc.) does not receive or enter into soft-dollar commissions/arrangements in respect of the sub-management of the Fund.

N) Where the scheme offers pre-determined payouts, an explanation on the calculation of the actual payouts received by participants and any significant deviation from the pre-determined payouts

N/A

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

The Trustee is under a duty to take into custody and hold the assets of United Japan Growth Fund (the “Fund”) in trust for the unitholders. In accordance with the Securities and Futures Act 2001, its subsidiary legislation and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes, the Trustee shall monitor the activities of the Manager for compliance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers as set out in the Trust Deed in each annual accounting year and report thereon to unitholders in an annual report.

To the best knowledge of the Trustee, the Manager has, in all material respects, managed the Fund during the financial year covered by these financial statements, set out on pages 15 to 42, in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed.

For and on behalf of the Trustee
STATE STREET TRUST (SG) LIMITED

Authorised signatory
24 March 2023

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STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

In the opinion of UOB Asset Management Ltd, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 15 to 42, comprising the Statement of Total Return, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds, Statement of Portfolio and Notes to the Financial Statements are drawn up so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and portfolio holdings of United Japan Growth Fund (the "Fund") as at 31 December 2022, and the financial performance and movements of unitholders' funds for the year then ended in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they materialise.

For and on behalf of the Manager
UOB ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD

THIO BOON KIAT
Authorised signatory
24 March 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF UNITED JAPAN GROWTH FUND

Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of United Japan Growth Fund (the "Fund"), are properly drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and portfolio holdings of the Fund as at 31 December 2022, and the financial performance and movements of unitholders' funds for the financial year ended on that date.

What we have audited

The financial statements of the Fund comprise:

- the Statement of Total Return for the financial year ended 31 December 2022;
- the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2022;
- the Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds for the financial year ended 31 December 2022;
- the Statement of Portfolio as at 31 December 2022; and
- the Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). 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 audit opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities ("ACRA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code.

Other Information

The Fund's Manager (the "Manager") is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all sections of the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF UNITED JAPAN GROWTH FUND

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.

Responsibilities of the Manager for the Financial Statements

The Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and for such internal control as the Manager 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 Manager is responsible for assessing the 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 Manager either intends to terminate the Fund or to cease the Fund's operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Manager's responsibilities include overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

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. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF UNITED JAPAN GROWTH FUND

- 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 Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager'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 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 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.

We communicate with the Manager 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants
Singapore, 24 March 2023

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income			
Dividends		117,689	174,887
Interest		<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>117,739</u>	<u>174,887</u>
Less: Expenses			
Management fee	9	78,540	169,154
Trustee fee	9	5,000	5,028
Audit fee		14,713	14,711
Registrar fee	9	15,000	14,979
Custody fee	9	4,286	22,358
Transaction costs		4,424	14,323
Interest expenses		-	34
Other expenses		<u>29,135</u>	<u>33,335</u>
Total		<u>151,098</u>	<u>273,922</u>
Net income/(losses)		<u>(33,359)</u>	<u>(99,035)</u>
Net gains/(losses) on value of investments and financial derivatives			
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(1,115,212)	263,497
Net gains/(losses) on financial derivatives		48	26,565
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		<u>(13,308)</u>	<u>(36,397)</u>
		<u>(1,128,472)</u>	<u>253,665</u>
Total return/(deficit) for the financial year before income tax			
		(1,161,831)	154,630
Less: Income tax	3	<u>(18,024)</u>	<u>(26,784)</u>
Total return/(deficit) for the financial year		<u>(1,179,855)</u>	<u>127,846</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Assets			
Portfolio of investments		4,829,896	6,208,889
Receivables	4	7,688	23,819
Cash and bank balances		<u>64,325</u>	<u>78,636</u>
Total assets		<u>4,901,909</u>	<u>6,311,344</u>
Liabilities			
Payables	5	46,899	68,309
Financial derivatives at fair value	6	<u>54</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities		<u>46,953</u>	<u>68,309</u>
Equity			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	7	<u>4,854,956</u>	<u>6,243,035</u>

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STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial year		6,243,035	14,715,072
Operations			
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		(1,179,855)	127,846
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units		112,442	375,430
Cancellation of units		(320,666)	(8,975,313)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		(208,224)	(8,599,883)
Total increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders		(1,388,079)	(8,472,037)
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial year	7	4,854,956	6,243,035

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STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 31 December 2022

	Holdings at 31 December 2022	Fair value at 31 December 2022 \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %
By Industry - Primary			
Quoted equities			
COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
NINTENDO CO LTD	1,800	101,217	2.08
SOFTBANK GROUP CORP	1,600	91,793	1.89
Z HOLDINGS CORP	27,000	<u>91,118</u>	<u>1.88</u>
TOTAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES		<u>284,128</u>	<u>5.85</u>
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY			
BANDAI NAMCO HOLDINGS INC	600	50,706	1.05
JAPAN ORIENTAL LAND CO LTD	100	19,476	0.40
JTEKT CORP	7,900	74,601	1.54
KOITO MANUFACTURING CO LTD	1,900	38,375	0.79
MARUI GROUP CO LTD	1,800	39,905	0.82
PAN PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD	2,800	69,816	1.44
RESORTTRUST INC	1,400	33,428	0.69
ROUND ONE CORP	7,800	38,057	0.78
SONY GROUP CORP	1,900	193,808	3.99
SUBARU CORP	2,400	49,462	1.02
SUZUKI MOTOR CORP	1,600	69,462	1.43
TOYOTA INDUSTRIES CORP	900	66,234	1.36
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	9,500	<u>175,026</u>	<u>3.61</u>
TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY		<u>918,356</u>	<u>18.92</u>
CONSUMER STAPLES			
AJINOMOTO CO INC	1,300	53,267	1.10

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By Industry - Primary (continued)			
Quoted equities			
CONSUMER STAPLES (continued)			
KIRIN HOLDINGS CO LTD	4,400	89,943	1.85
SEVEN & I HOLDINGS CO LTD	1,600	92,053	1.90
SHISEIDO CO LTD	900	59,199	1.22
SUNDRUG CO LTD	1,300	51,734	1.06
TOTAL CONSUMER STAPLES		346,196	7.13
FINANCIALS			
DAI ICHI LIFE HOLDINGS INC	3,000	91,301	1.88
MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP INC	20,200	182,538	3.76
SUMITOMO MITSUI FINANCIAL GROUP	2,600	139,966	2.88
SUMITOMO MITSUI TRUST HOLDINGS INC	1,300	60,627	1.25
TOKIO MARINE HOLDINGS INC	3,100	89,097	1.84
TOTAL FINANCIALS		563,529	11.61
HEALTH CARE			
DAIICHI SANKYO CO LTD	1,700	73,441	1.51
HOYA CORP	600	77,487	1.60
ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO LTD	2,000	62,676	1.29
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL CO LTD	3,400	142,078	2.93
TERUMO CORP	1,600	60,924	1.25
TOTAL HEALTH CARE		416,606	8.58

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By Industry - Primary (continued)			
Quoted equities			
INDUSTRIALS			
CENTRAL JAPAN RAILWAY CO	700	115,305	2.38
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD	400	82,132	1.69
HITACHI LTD	1,800	122,423	2.52
ITOCHU CORP	3,000	126,430	2.60
MINEBEA MITSUMI INC	4,200	84,147	1.73
mitsubishi corp	1,500	65,304	1.35
NIDEC CORP	900	62,566	1.29
PERSOL HOLDINGS CO LTD	800	22,997	0.47
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	1,900	80,671	1.66
SECOM CO LTD	600	46,004	0.95
SMC CORP	100	56,496	1.16
WEST JAPAN RAILWAY CO	1,800	104,822	2.16
YAMATO HOLDINGS CO LTD	1,500	<u>31,821</u>	<u>0.66</u>
TOTAL INDUSTRIALS		<u>1,001,118</u>	<u>20.62</u>
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
ACSL LTD	500	9,067	0.19
FUJIFILM HOLDINGS CORP	900	60,608	1.25
HAMAMATSU PHOTONICS KK	700	44,969	0.93
IRISO ELECTRONICS CO LTD	300	12,899	0.26
KEYENCE CORP	200	104,535	2.15
NOMURA RESEARCH INSTITUTE LTD	2,800	88,658	1.83
NTT DATA CORP	4,000	78,554	1.62
OBIC CO LTD	500	98,650	2.03
SHIMADZU CORP	2,300	87,555	1.80
TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	100	39,521	0.81

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	Holdings at 31 December 2022	Fair value at 31 December 2022 \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %
By Industry - Primary (continued)			
Quoted equities			
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (continued)			
TOPCON CORP	500	7,781	0.16
YOKOGAWA ELECTRIC CORP	2,400	<u>51,353</u>	<u>1.06</u>
TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		<u>684,150</u>	<u>14.09</u>
MATERIALS			
FP CORP	600	23,115	0.48
JFE HOLDINGS INC	3,600	56,207	1.16
NIPPON SANZO HOLDINGS CORP	1,800	35,057	0.72
NISSAN CHEMICAL CORP	900	52,878	1.09
RENGO CO LTD	6,300	58,147	1.20
SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO LTD	500	82,462	1.70
TOKAI CARBON CO LTD	4,100	44,718	0.92
TORAY INDUSTRIES INC	6,700	<u>50,166</u>	<u>1.03</u>
TOTAL MATERIALS		<u>402,750</u>	<u>8.30</u>
REAL ESTATE			
DAIWA HOUSE INDUSTRY CO LTD	2,600	80,316	1.65
MITSUI FUDOSAN CO LTD	3,200	<u>78,619</u>	<u>1.62</u>
TOTAL REAL ESTATE		<u>158,935</u>	<u>3.27</u>

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	Holdings at 31 December 2022	Fair value at 31 December 2022 \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %
By Industry - Primary (continued)			
Quoted equities			
UTILITIES			
OSAKA GAS CO LTD	2,500	<u>54,128</u>	<u>1.11</u>
Total Equities		<u>4,829,896</u>	<u>99.48</u>
Portfolio of investments		4,829,896	99.48
Other net assets/(liabilities)		<u>25,060</u>	<u>0.52</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders		<u>4,854,956</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2021 %
By Industry - Primary (Summary)		
Quoted equities		
Communication Services	5.85	8.28
Consumer Discretionary	18.92	18.45
Consumer Staples	7.13	3.53
Financials	11.61	9.17
Health Care	8.58	7.20
Industrials	20.62	27.19
Information Technology	14.09	14.37
Materials	8.30	8.26
Real Estate	3.27	3.00
Utilities	1.11	-
Portfolio of investments	99.48	99.45
Other net assets/(liabilities)	0.52	0.55
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.00	100.00

By Geography - Secondary
Quoted equities

The Fund invests wholly in Japanese equities.

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These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

1 General

United Japan Growth Fund (the “Fund”) is a Singapore-registered trust fund constituted under a Trust Deed between UOB Asset Management Ltd (the “Manager”) and State Street Trust (SG) Limited (the “Trustee”). The Trust Deed is governed by the laws of the Republic of Singapore.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital growth through investing in companies with assets in, or revenues derived from Japan.

Subscriptions and redemptions of the units are denominated in the Singapore Dollar and the United States Dollar. Investors may subscribe in the United States Dollar at the applicable rate of exchange from the Singapore Dollar.

2 Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified by the revaluation of financial instruments at fair value, and in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 “Reporting Framework for Investment Funds” (“RAP7”) issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants.

(b) Recognition of income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established. Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Investments

Investments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

(i) Initial recognition

Purchases of investments are recognised on the trade date. Investments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition.

(ii) Subsequent measurement

Investments are subsequently carried at fair value. Net changes in fair value on investments are included in the Statement of Total Return in the year in which they arise.

(iii) Derecognition

Investments are derecognised on the trade date of disposal. The resultant realised gains and losses on the sale of investments are computed on the basis of the difference between the weighted average cost and selling price gross of transaction costs, and are taken up in the Statement of Total Return.

(d) Basis of valuation of investments

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial year end date. The quoted market price used for investments held by the Fund is the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial 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 Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

(e) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

The performance of the Fund is measured and reported to the investors in the Singapore Dollar. The Manager considers the Singapore Dollar as the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates. The financial statements are presented in the Singapore Dollar, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Foreign currency translation (continued)

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities are also recognised in the Statement of Total Return within "Net gains/losses on investments".

(f) Receivables

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Receivables are initially recognised at their fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less accumulated impairment losses.

(g) Sales and purchases awaiting settlement

Sales and purchases awaiting settlement represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the Statement of Financial Position date respectively. These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(h) Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances comprise cash at banks which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(i) Payables

Payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Financial derivatives

Financial derivatives including forwards and swaps may be entered into for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, tactical asset allocation or specific hedging of financial assets held as determined by the Manager and in accordance with the provision of the Trust Deed and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes.

Financial derivatives outstanding on the financial year end date are valued at the forward rate or at the current market prices using the "mark-to-market" method, as applicable, and the resultant gains and losses are taken up in the Statement of Total Return.

(k) Distributions

The Manager has the absolute discretion to determine whether a distribution is to be made. In such an event, an appropriate amount will be transferred to a distribution account, to be paid out on the distribution date. The amount shall not be treated as part of the property of the Fund. Distributions are accrued for at the financial year end date if the necessary approvals have been obtained and a legal or constructive obligation has been created.

(l) 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 Fund or the counterparty.

3 Income tax

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Overseas income tax	18,024	26,784

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3 Income tax (continued)

The Trustee of the Fund has assessed and is satisfied that the Fund has met the requisite conditions under the Designated Unit Trust (“DUT”) Scheme for the current financial year. The Trustee of the Fund will ensure that the Fund fulfills its reporting obligations under the DUT Scheme.

Under the DUT Scheme, subject to certain conditions and reporting obligations being met, certain income of the DUT Fund is not taxable in accordance with Sections 35(12) and 35(12A) of the Income Tax Act 1947. Such income includes:

- (i) gains or profits derived from Singapore or elsewhere from the disposal of securities;
- (ii) interest (other than interest for which tax has been deducted under Section 45 of the Income Tax Act 1947);
- (iii) dividends derived from outside Singapore and received in Singapore;
- (iv) gains or profits derived from foreign exchange transactions, transactions in futures contracts, transactions in interest rate or currency forwards, swaps or option contracts and transactions in forwards, swaps or option contracts relating to any securities or financial index;
- (v) discount, prepayment fee, redemption premium and break cost from qualifying debt securities issued during the prescribed period; and
- (vi) distributions from foreign unit trusts derived from outside Singapore and received in Singapore.

The overseas income tax represents tax withheld on foreign sourced income.

4 Receivables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Amounts receivable for creation of units	439	1,955
Dividends receivable	2,876	3,646
Other receivables	<u>4,373</u>	<u>18,218</u>
	<u>7,688</u>	<u>23,819</u>

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5 Payables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	3,266	4,141
Amount due to the Manager	18,363	24,734
Amount due to Trustee	1,260	1,260
Tax payables	438	562
Other creditors and accrued expenses	<u>23,572</u>	<u>37,612</u>
	<u>46,899</u>	<u>68,309</u>

6 Financial derivatives at fair value

Financial derivatives contracts comprise of foreign currency contracts for the sale and purchase of foreign currencies. The contract or underlying principal amounts of these financial derivatives and their corresponding gross positive or negative fair values at the financial year end date are analysed below.

	2022	
	Contract or underlying principal amount	
	\$	Positive fair value \$
		Negative fair value \$
Foreign currency contracts	20,276	-
		54

There were no outstanding financial derivatives as at 31 December 2021.

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7 Units in issue

During the financial years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021, the numbers of units issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follows:

	2022	2021
Units at the beginning of the financial year	3,266,068	7,577,619
Units created	67,500	186,478
Units cancelled	<u>(196,230)</u>	<u>(4,498,029)</u>
Units at the end of the financial year*	<u>3,137,338</u>	<u>3,266,068</u>
*Included above are units denominated in USD	253,998	248,719
	\$	\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders	4,854,956	6,243,035
Net assets value per unit	1.547	1.911

A reconciliation of the net assets attributable to unitholders per unit per the financial statements and the net assets attributable to unitholders per unit for issuing/redeeming units at the financial year end date is prepared below:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders per financial statements per unit	1.547	1.911
Effect of movement in the net asset value between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period*	<u>-</u>	<u>0.006</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming per unit	<u>1.547</u>	<u>1.917</u>

* *The net asset value for the purpose of processing unit subscription and redemption was established in accordance with the methodology indicated in the Fund's Prospectus. This item reflects the movement in net asset value between such date and the end of the financial year.*

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8 Financial risk management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of market risk (including foreign exchange risk, price risk and interest rate risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The Fund's overall risk management programme seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance. The Fund may use financial futures contracts, financial options contracts and/or foreign currency contracts subject to the terms of the Trust Deed to moderate certain risk exposures. Specific guidelines on exposures to individual securities and certain industries are in place for the Fund at any time as part of the overall financial risk management to reduce the Fund's risk exposures.

The Fund's assets principally consist of financial instruments such as equity investments and cash. They are held in accordance with the published investment policies of the Fund. The allocation of assets between the various types of investments is determined by the Manager to achieve its investment objectives.

(a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from uncertainty concerning movements in market prices and rates, including observable variables such as interest rates, credit spreads, exchange rates, and others that may be only indirectly observable such as volatilities and correlations. Market risk includes such factors as changes in economic environment, consumption pattern and investor's expectation etc. which may have significant impact on the value of the investments. The Fund's investments are substantially dependent on changes in market prices and are monitored by the Manager on a regular basis so as to assess changes in fundamentals and valuation. Although the Manager makes reasonable efforts in the choice of investments, events beyond reasonable control of the Manager could affect the prices of the underlying investments and hence the asset value of the Fund. Guidelines are set to reduce the Fund's risk exposures to market volatility such as diversifying the portfolio by investing across various industries, alternatively, the Fund may be hedged using derivative strategies.

(i) Foreign exchange risk

The Fund has monetary financial assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Singapore Dollar and it may be affected favourably or unfavourably by exchange rate regulations or changes in the exchange rates between the Singapore Dollar and such other currencies. The Manager may at his discretion, implement a currency management strategy either to reduce currency volatility or to hedge the currency exposures of the Fund.

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(i) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

The tables below summarise the Fund's exposure to foreign currencies at the end of the financial year.

As at 31 December 2022

	SGD \$	JPY \$	USD \$	Total \$
Assets				
Portfolio of investments	-	4,829,896	-	4,829,896
Receivables	4,373	2,876	439	7,688
Cash and bank balances	2,773	57,314	4,238	64,325
Total Assets	<u>7,146</u>	<u>4,890,086</u>	<u>4,677</u>	<u>4,901,909</u>
Liabilities				
Payables	46,461	438	-	46,899
Total Liabilities	<u>46,461</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,899</u>
Net Assets	(39,315)	4,889,648	4,677	
Foreign currency contracts (notional value)	20,276	(20,276)	-	
Net currency exposure	<u>(19,039)</u>	<u>4,869,372</u>	<u>4,677</u>	

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(i) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

As at 31 December 2021

	SGD \$	JPY \$	USD \$	Total \$
Assets				
Portfolio of investments	-	6,208,889	-	6,208,889
Receivables	18,318	3,646	1,855	23,819
Cash and bank balances	<u>26,382</u>	<u>36,603</u>	<u>15,651</u>	<u>78,636</u>
Total Assets	<u>44,700</u>	<u>6,249,138</u>	<u>17,506</u>	<u>6,311,344</u>
Liabilities				
Payables	<u>67,747</u>	<u>562</u>	-	<u>68,309</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>67,747</u>	<u>562</u>	-	<u>68,309</u>
Net currency exposure	<u>(23,047)</u>	<u>6,248,576</u>	<u>17,506</u>	

Investments, which is the significant item in the Statement of Financial Position, is exposed to foreign exchange risk and other price risk. Other price risk sensitivity analysis includes the impact of foreign exchange risk on non-monetary investments. The Fund's net financial assets comprise significantly of non-monetary investments, hence foreign exchange risk sensitivity analysis has not been presented on the remaining financial assets.

(ii) Price risk

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and develop. The situation is dynamic with various cities and countries around the world responding in different ways to address the pandemic. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, global financial markets have experienced significant volatility. Given the extent of the crisis, it is difficult to estimate the impact or duration of the volatility on the portfolio of the Fund. The Manager is closely monitoring the development of the COVID-19 pandemic and its related impact.

Price risk is the risk of potential adverse changes to the value of financial investments because of changes in market conditions and volatility in security prices.

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Price risk (continued)

The table below summarises the impact of increases/decreases from the Fund's investments in equities on the Fund's net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2022 and 2021. The analysis is based on the assumption that the index components within the benchmark increased/decreased by a reasonable possible shift, with all other variables held constant and that the prices of the Fund's investments moved according to the historical correlation with the index.

Benchmark component	2022		2021	
	Volatility %	Net impact to net assets attributable to unitholders \$	Volatility %	Net impact to net assets attributable to unitholders \$
MSCI Japan Index	20	940,022	20	1,238,825

(iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

Investment funds that invest in equity securities may be subject to interest rate risk as any interest rate change may affect the equity risk premium though at varying degrees. To manage this risk, the Manager analyses how interest rate changes may affect different industries and securities and then seeks to adjust the Fund's portfolio investments accordingly. However, the effects of changes in interest rates in the Fund's portfolio may not be quantified as the relationship between the interest rates and the value of equity securities is indirect.

Other than cash and bank balances which are at short term market interest rates, and therefore subject to insignificant interest rate risk, the Fund's financial assets and liabilities are largely non-interest bearing.

Hence, no sensitivity analysis has been presented separately.

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity risk

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions and disbursements for the settlements of purchases. The Manager therefore ensures that the Fund maintains sufficient cash and bank balances and that it is able to obtain cash from the sale of investments held to meet its liquidity requirements. Reasonable efforts will be taken to invest in securities which are traded in a relatively active market and which can be readily disposed of.

The Fund's investments in quoted securities are considered to be readily realisable as they are quoted on established regional stock exchanges.

The Manager may from time to time employ derivatives to implement a portfolio strategy to reduce risk or for the purpose of efficient portfolio management. Market liquidity of complex derivatives are significantly less than traditional investment instruments and such positions may therefore require a longer time to reverse than would typically be expected for traditional investment instruments.

The tables below analyse the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the financial year end to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the tables 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 3 months \$	3 months to 1 year \$	Over 1 year \$
As at 31 December 2022			
Payables	46,899	-	-
Financial derivatives at fair value			
- Foreign currency contracts	54	-	-
	Less than 3 months \$	3 months to 1 year \$	Over 1 year \$
As at 31 December 2021			
Payables	68,309	-	-

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

The table below analyses the Fund's derivatives financial instruments in a loss position that will be settled on a gross basis into relevant maturity groups based on the remaining period at the Statement of Financial Position date to the contractual maturity date.

	Less than 3 months \$	3 months to 1 year \$	Over 1 year \$
As at 31 December 2022			
Financial derivatives at fair value			
- Foreign currency contracts			
- inflow	20,276	-	-
- outflow	(20,330)	-	-

(c) Credit risk

The Fund takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. The Fund's credit risk is concentrated on cash and bank balances and amounts or securities receivable on the sale and purchase of investments respectively. In order to mitigate exposure to credit risk, all transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery and transacted with approved counterparties using an approved list of brokers that is regularly assessed and updated by the Manager.

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Credit risk (continued)

The table below summarises the credit rating of banks and custodians in which the Fund's assets are held as at 31 December 2022 and 2021.

The credit ratings are based on the Viability ratings published by Fitch.

	Credit rating as at 31 December 2022	Credit rating as at 31 December 2021
Bank and custodian		
State Street Bank and Trust Company	aa-	aa-
Counterparty of foreign currency contracts		
State Street Bank and Trust Company	aa-	n/a*

* *The Fund has no exposure to the counterparty as at 31 December 2021.*

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the financial year end date is the carrying amount of the portfolio of investments and cash and bank balances as presented in Statement of Financial Position.

For purposes of impairment assessment, the Fund's assets which are measured at amortised cost are considered to have low credit risk as they are not due for payment at the end of the reporting period and there has been no significant increase in the risk of default on the receivables since initial recognition. Accordingly, for the purpose of impairment assessment for these receivables, the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses ("ECL"). The ECL for these assets as at the end of the reporting period is not significant.

(d) Capital management

The Fund's capital is represented by the net assets attributable to unitholders. The Fund strives to invest the subscriptions of redeemable participating units in investments that meet the Fund's investment objectives while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet unitholder redemptions.

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Fair value estimation

The 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 (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 following tables analyse within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value at 31 December 2022 and 2021:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at 31 December 2022				
Assets				
Portfolio of investments				
- Quoted equities	<u>4,829,896</u>	-	-	<u>4,829,896</u>
Total	<u>4,829,896</u>	-	-	<u>4,829,896</u>
Liabilities				
Financial derivatives at fair value	-	<u>54</u>	-	<u>54</u>
Total	-	<u>54</u>	-	<u>54</u>

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at 31 December 2021				
Assets				
Portfolio of investments				
- Quoted equities	<u>6,208,889</u>	-	-	<u>6,208,889</u>
Total	<u>6,208,889</u>	-	-	<u>6,208,889</u>

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

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

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. These include over-the-counter derivatives.

Except for cash and bank balances which are classified as Level 1, the Fund's assets and liabilities not measured at fair value at 31 December 2022 and 2021 have been classified as Level 2. The carrying amounts of these assets and liabilities approximate their fair values as at the financial year end date.

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

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 gross and net positions of financial assets and liabilities that have been offset in the Statement of Financial Position are disclosed in the first three columns of the table below.

Financial liabilities	Effects of offsetting on the Statement of Financial Position			Related amounts not offset		
	Gross amounts of financial liabilities	Gross amounts set off in the Statement of Financial Position	Net amount of financial liabilities presented in the Statement of Financial Position	Financial instruments	Collateral pledged/received	Net amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
31 December 2022						
Derivative financial instruments	54	-	54	-	-	54
Total	54	-	54	-	-	54
31 December 2021						
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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9 Related party transactions

(a) The Manager and the Trustee of the Fund are UOB Asset Management Ltd and State Street Trust (SG) Limited, respectively. The Manager is a subsidiary of United Overseas Bank Limited while the Trustee is a subsidiary of State Street Bank and Trust Company.

Management fee is paid to the Manager for the financial year. Trustee fee is paid to the Trustee while registrar fee and custody fee are paid to State Street Bank and Trust Company, Singapore Branch.

These fees paid or payable by the Fund shown in the Statement of Total Return and in the respective Notes to the Financial Statements are on terms set out in the Trust Deed. All other related party transactions are shown elsewhere in the financial statements.

(b) As at the end of the financial year, the Fund maintained the following accounts with the related parties:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
State Street Bank and Trust Company, Singapore Branch		
Cash and bank balances	64,325	78,636

(c) The following transactions took place during the financial year between the Fund and related parties at terms agreed between the parties:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
State Street Bank and Trust Company, Singapore Branch		
Interest income	50	-
United Overseas Bank Limited		
Bank charges	5,061	5,587
Interest expense	-	34

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10 Financial ratios

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Total operating expenses	146,674	259,565
Average daily net assets value	<u>5,220,976</u>	<u>11,206,797</u>
Expense ratio ¹	<u>2.81%</u>	<u>2.32%</u>
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	1,662,383	5,231,903
Average daily net assets value	<u>5,220,976</u>	<u>11,206,797</u>
Turnover ratio ²	<u>31.84%</u>	<u>46.69%</u>

1 *The expense ratio has been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the Investment Management Association of Singapore ("IMAS"). The calculation of the Fund's expense ratio at financial year end was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net assets value respectively for the financial year. The total operating expenses do not include (where applicable) brokerage and other transactions costs, performance fee, interest expense, distribution paid out to unitholders, foreign exchange gains/losses, front or back end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds and tax deducted at source or arising out of income received. The Fund does not pay any performance fee. The average net assets value is based on the daily balances.*

2 *The portfolio turnover ratio is calculated in accordance with the formula stated in the Code on Collective Investment Schemes. The calculation of the portfolio turnover ratio was based on the lower of the total value of purchases or sales of the underlying investments divided by the average daily net assets value.*

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