## Why Invest?

- Investment-grade (IG) focus: The United Asian Bond Fund SGD is actively managed with a focus on Investment Grade (IG) bonds. In the current volatile market, a preference for IG bonds could potentially reduce the volatility and enhance the risk-return profile of the Fund.
- Attractive dividend payout: For Class A SGD Dist (Hedged), the current distribution policy is 4.5 per cent per annum, paid out monthly, which may be suitable for investors who are seeking regular income<sup>1</sup>.
- Country Diversification: The Fund currently holds bonds from issuers across a wide range of Asian economies to capitalise on the region's varied growth drivers. Bonds from China make up the largest allocation (17.3 per cent), followed by Indonesia (14.4 per cent) and Hong Kong (12.3 per cent).
- **Position for rate cuts:** With an intermediate duration of 4.68 years (as of 30 September 2025), the Fund appears to be well-positioned for the US Federal Reserve's rate-cutting cycle. Compared to very long-duration bonds (>10 years), intermediate-duration bonds match their yields without being overly affected by shifts in interest rate expectations.

## September 2025 Portfolio Performance

The United Asian Bond Fund - SGD	+1.93 per cent <sup>2</sup>
Benchmark: JP Morgan Asia Credit Index Investment Grade Total Return	+1.41 per cent

Source: Morningstar, Performance from 31 August 2025 to 30 September 2025 in SGD terms

#### **Performance Review**

The Fund returned 1.93 per cent in September 2025 versus the benchmark of 1.41 per cent. The outperformance was mainly due to credit spread tightening coupled with positive yield curve movements.

# **Portfolio Positioning**

We continue to stay up in credit quality while aiming to diversify across various markets, maintaining our preference for defensive sectors with resilient balance sheets, credits with leading market shares and of systemic importance. Instead, we continue to focus on corporate bonds with improving fundamentals and credit spread compression.

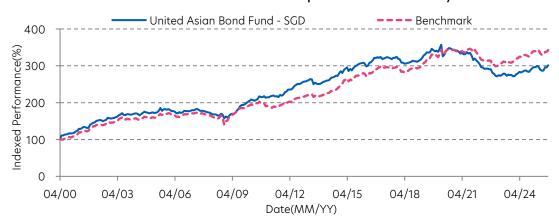
The Fund will: 1) Assess the relative value of bonds in the portfolio; 2) Focus on companies that have good access to capital markets and have defensive business models; 3) Benchmark duration along the curve relative to the benchmark to capture potential curve steepening; 4) Focus on credit spread compression by selecting corporates with improving fundamentals that have attractive yields/spreads but are not captured in their current pricing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fund performance is on a Net Asset Value ("NAV") basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested (if any).



### Performance (Class SGD)

## Fund Performance Since Inception<sup>3</sup> in Base Currency



Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

Fund performance is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis.

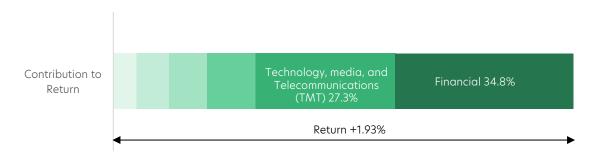
Benchmark: Apr 00 - Jul 03: JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Constrained Asia; Aug 03 - Dec 06: JP Morgan Asia Bond Total Return Composite; Jan 07 - 3 Apr 22: JP Morgan Asia Credit Index Total Return Composite: 4 Apr 22 - Present: JP Morgan Asia Credit Index Investment Grade Total Return

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 30 September 2025, SGD basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any.

Cumulative Performance (%)		Annualised Performance (%)			
	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund NAV to NAV	1.93	6.21	1.26	-2.62	3.99
Fund (Charges applied^)	-1.13	3.03	0.23	-3.21	3.86
Benchmark	1.41	5.39	2.98	-0.04	4.95

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 30 September 2025, SGD basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any. Performance figures for 1 month till 1 year show the per cent change, while performance figures above 1 year show the average annual compounded returns. Benchmark: Apr 00 – Jul 03: JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Constrained Asia; Aug 03 – Dec 06: JP Morgan Asia Bond Total Return Composite; Jan 07 –3 Apr 22: JP Morgan Asia Credit Index Total Return Composite: 4 Apr 22 – Present: JP Morgan Asia Credit Index Investment Grade Total Return. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. ^Includes the effect of the current subscription fee that is charged, which an investor might or might not pay.

# Performance Contributors/Detractors: September 2025

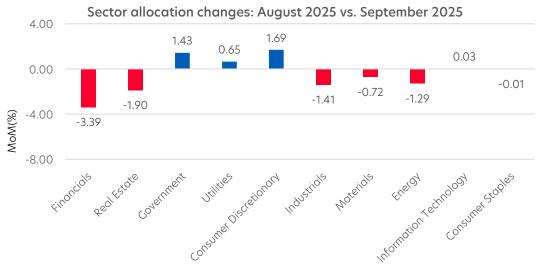


All statistics quoted in the write-up are sourced from Bloomberg as at 30 September 2025 unless otherwise stated.

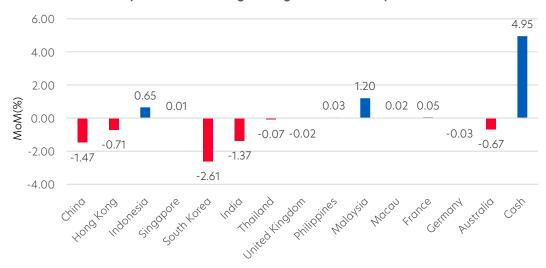
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The United Asian Bond Fund-SGD (ISIN Code: SG9999001416) was incepted on 5 April 2000.



## **Portfolio Changes**



# Country allocation changes: August 2025 vs. September 2025



### **Portfolio Review**

# **Analyst Insights**

The new positions we added to the portfolio in September 2025 were quality Corporate Credit in the Sovereign, TMT, and Utilities sectors. Meanwhile, we sold positions in the Financial, Real Estate and Quasi-sovereign sectors.

As shown in the left charts, the biggest increase in the sector allocation changes was in Consumer Discretionary (+1.69 per cent), while the biggest decrease was in Financials (-3.39 per cent). In terms of country allocation changes, the Fund has the biggest increase in Malaysia (+1.20 per cent) and the largest decrease in South Korea (-2.61 per cent) for September 2025.

Source: UOBAM



#### **Market Review**

**Government Bonds:** The US Treasury (UST) yield curve flattened in September 2025 as the Federal Reserve (Fed) cut rates by 25 basis points (bps) (amid soft US jobs data and benign inflation indicators), and the risk of a government shutdown grew. Meanwhile, the solid auction results of the 10-year and 20-year Treasuries eased market concerns about fiscal risks. The 2-year and 10-year UST yields closed at 3.61 per cent (-1bps) and 4.15 per cent (-8bps) respectively.

Corporate Bonds: Asian credit markets remained resilient in the face of noisy US policy and data, and bouts of political instability. The JP Morgan Asia Credit Index (JACI) Investment Grade credit spread tightened to 102bps (-12bps), underpinned by robust technicals and sound fundamentals as investors reached down the credit curve for yield. Asia G3 ex-Japan currency primary issuance activity rose to US\$27 billion of new issues from US\$13 billion in August 2025 (September 2024: US\$25 billion). This takes year-to-date supply to US\$173 billion (+25 per cent year-on-year (y/y)). The biggest issuers were HYNMTR (Hyundai Capital America, US\$2 billion), CCB (China Construction Bank Corporation, US\$1.5 billion) and EIBKOR (Export-Import Bank of Korea, US\$1.5 billion).

We expect limited spread compression opportunities in Asia as spreads hover at historical tight. We maintain our positioning in defensive credits, diversified across countries and sectors for carry.

# **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the United Asian Bond Fund seeks to provide stable current income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in debt securities issued by Asian corporations, financial institutions, governments and their agencies (including money market instruments).

#### **Fund Information**

Base Currency	Fund Size	Fund Manager
SGD	SGD 40.37 mil	Melvin Chan





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