

September 2026

United SGD Fund

UOB Asset Management

Why Invest?

• **High-quality bonds with attractive yield pick-up:** The United SGD Fund – A (Acc) SGD (the "Fund") has an average credit rating of BBB+ and an investment-grade allocation of 98 per cent. The Fund's weighted average yield-to-maturity is 3.94 per cent as of September 2026.

• **Attractive dividend payout:** For Class S SGD Dist, the current distribution policy is 5.0 per cent p.a., paid out monthly, which may be suitable for investors who are seeking regular income[1].

• **Strong Fundamentals:** Defaults on Asian credits declined in 2025 and are expected to fall further in 2026, primarily due to the resolution of distressed Chinese property high-yield names. Overall credit metrics are improving across Asia Investment-grade, with rating upgrades outpacing downgrades in recent quarters.

• **A stabilising allocation for portfolios:** In periods of heightened uncertainty and elevated market volatility, investors may find merit in allocating a portion of their portfolios to high-quality short-term bonds that can provide income while offering flexibility to navigate changing market conditions. This makes the Fund a suitable place to park capital for investors who prefer to stay cautious while awaiting clearer signals on the direction of financial markets.

September 2026 Portfolio Performance

The United SGD Fund– A (Acc) SGD	-0.54 per cent[2]
Benchmark: 6-month Compounded Singapore Overnight Rate Average	+0.09 per cent

Source: Morningstar, Performance from 31 August 2026 to 30 September 2026 in SGD terms

[2] Fund performance is on a Net Asset Value ("NAV") basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested (if any).

Performance Review

The Fund returned -0.54 per cent in September 2026, as performance was pressured by the continued rise in 2-year US Treasury (UST) yields in September 2026. As a result, year-to-date returns edged slightly into negative territory at -0.04 per cent.

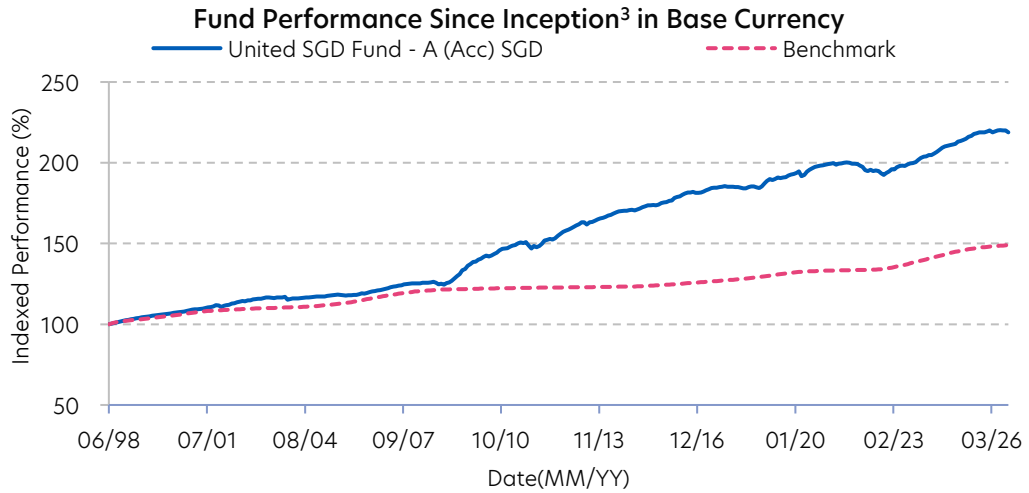
Portfolio Positioning

We continue to prioritise coupon returns while aiming to diversify across various markets. Our focus remains on defensive sectors with resilient balance sheets, credits with leading market shares and of systemic importance, such as utilities, telecommunications, consumer goods, insurance, and government-related entities.

The Fund will continue to: 1) Invest in bonds maturing/callable/puttable on rolling three years for the purpose of return enhancement; 2) Focus on companies that have good access to capital markets and have defensive business models; 3) Pursue active relative-value opportunities across diverse currency-denominated bonds; 4) Hedge foreign currency risk to the Singapore Dollar; and 5) Maintain 1-3 per cent cash for liquidity.

[1] Distributions (in SGD) are not guaranteed. Distributions may be made out of income, capital gains and/or capital. This relates to the disclosed distribution policy as set out in the Fund's prospectus.

Performance (Class A (Acc) SGD)



Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

Fund performance is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis.

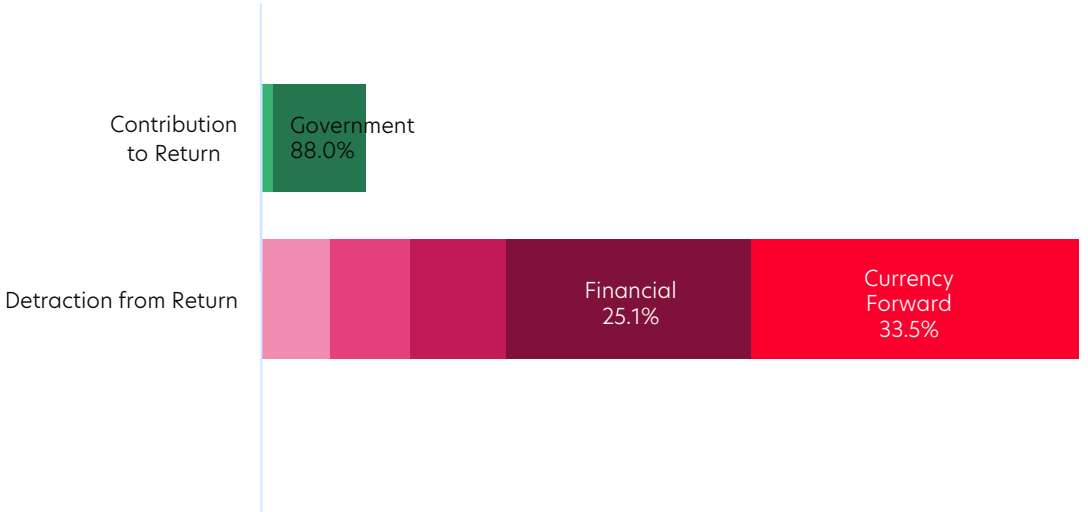
Benchmark: Since inception – 2 May 2021: 6-month SIBID rate; 3 May 2021 – 7 Apr 2022: 12-month Bank Deposit Rate; 8 Apr 2022 – Present: 6-month Compounded Singapore Overnight Rate Average.

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 30 September 2026, 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	-0.54	0.19	3.06	1.82	2.81
Fund (Charges applied^)	-2.53	-1.81	2.37	1.41	2.73
Benchmark	0.09	1.24	2.57	2.23	1.42

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 30 September 2026, 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: Since inception – 2 May 2021: 6-month SIBID rate; 3 May 2021 – 7 Apr 2022: 12M Bank Deposit Rate; 8 Apr 2022 – Present: 6-month Compounded Singapore Overnight Rate Average. 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.

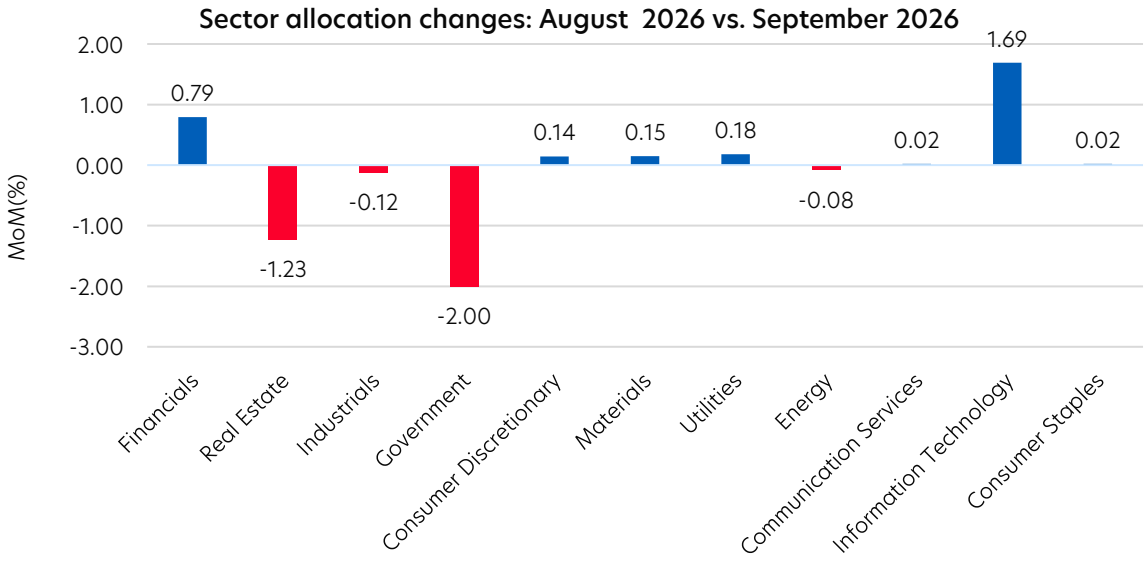
Contributors/Detractors to Fund's -0.54% Return

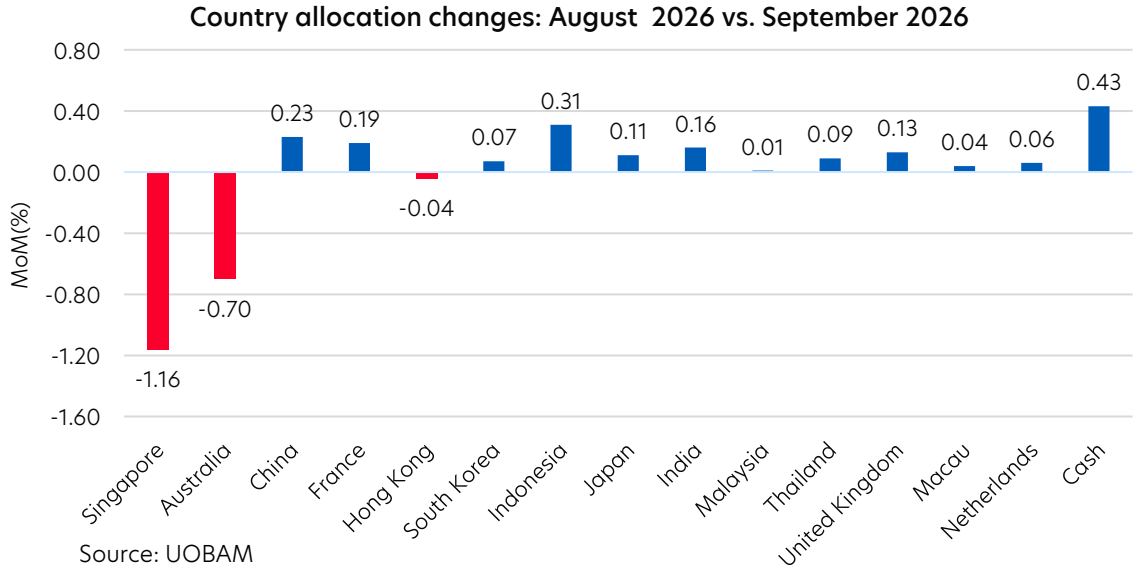


[3] The United SGD Fund – A (Acc) SGD (ISIN Code: SG9999001382) was incepted on 19 June 1998.

All statistics quoted in the write-up are sourced from Bloomberg as at 30 September 2026 unless otherwise stated.

Portfolio Changes





Source: UOBAM

Portfolio Review

Analyst Insights

The new positions we added to the portfolio in September 2026 were in the Financial and Industrial sectors. Meanwhile, we sold positions in the Communications and Government sectors.

As shown in the charts on the left, the biggest decrease in sector allocation was in Government (-2.00 per cent). Meanwhile, the largest increment was in Information Technology (+1.69 per cent). In terms of country allocation changes, the Fund had the highest decline in Singapore (-1.16 per cent) and the largest increase in Indonesia (+0.31 per cent) for September 2026.

Market Review

US Treasuries (USTs) experienced a sharp selloff in September 2026, as a hawkish Federal Reserve (Fed) and escalating tensions in the Middle East drove bond yields higher across the curve. The 2-year and 10-year UST yields rose 55 basis points (bps) and 53bps to 4.89 per cent and 5.28 per cent, respectively. The 10-year yield ended September 2026 at its highest level since 2002, underscoring significant repricing in the rates market and capping the worst monthly selloff of 2026.

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) delivered a unanimous 25bps rate hike on 16 September 2026, raising the target range to 3.75 per cent-4.00 per cent - its first increase in nearly three years. While the move was widely anticipated, policymakers' guidance fuelled market expectations that rates would remain higher for longer, with investors increasingly pricing in additional rate hikes through end-2027.

Meanwhile, continued US strikes on Iran, described by President Trump as retaliation for Iranian mining activities in the Strait of Hormuz, together with renewed Houthi attacks along Yemen's Red Sea coast, added upward pressure to oil prices. Brent crude reached an intra-month high of US$108/bbl (barrel) following the seizure of the port of Mokha by Houthi forces.

Against this challenging backdrop, Asia ex-Japan G3 bond issuance remained resilient; US$20.8 billion in bonds were priced compared to US$17.9 billion in August 2026. However, issuance was significantly lower than the US$32.6 billion recorded in September 2025. Year-to-date issuance reached US$175.2 billion, marginally exceeding the US$172.5 billion raised over the corresponding period in the prior year. September's major issuers included PKSTAN (Pakistan 10-year Government Bond, US$3.0 billion), KDB (Korea Development Bank, US$2.0 billion), KOROIL (Korea National Oil Corporation, US$1.6 billion), and HYNMTR (Hyundai Capital America, US$1.5 billion). Reflecting the cautious market tone, the **JPMorgan Asia Credit Index (JACI) Investment Grade spreads** widened modestly by 4 bps to 98 bps.

Higher risk-free rates have made all-in yields increasingly attractive; however, tight credit spreads continue to temper investor sentiment. We expect Asia investment-grade credits to remain relatively stable, underpinned by solid corporate fundamentals and healthy balance sheets. Nevertheless, geopolitical risks and macroeconomic uncertainties warrant continued caution. As such, we remain defensively positioned while staying agile and opportunistic in identifying pockets of value across the market.

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the United SGD Fund is to invest substantially all its assets in money market and short-term interest-bearing debt instruments and bank deposits with the objective of achieving a yield enhancement over Singapore dollar deposits.

Fund Information

Morningstar Rating	Base Currency	Fund Size	Fund Manager
★★★	SGD	SGD 3,457.38 mil	Joyce Tan



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