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### **IMPORTANT**

#### ABF PAN ASIA BOND INDEX FUND

A Singapore unit trust authorised under

Section 286 of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore and

Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571) of Hong Kong

(Stock Code: 2821)

#### NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS

## **Amendments to Prospectus**

We, as the Manager of the ABF Pan Asia Bond Index Fund (the "Trust"), are writing to inform you that with effect from 31 March 2022 (the "Effective Date"), there will be several changes to Markit iBoxx<sup>®</sup> ABF Pan-Asia Index (the "Underlying Index") in relation to the investment in green bonds and sub-sovereign bonds, as further discussed below. The Trust will issue a second supplementary prospectus (the "Second Supplementary Prospectus") of the Trust to reflect such updates on the Effective Date. Unless otherwise defined in this notice, terms and expressions used in this notice shall have the same meanings ascribed to them under the Prospectus.

The Second Supplementary Prospectus reflects the adjustments (the "Adjustments") to the Underlying Index, including:

1. Review of sub-sovereign issuer limit

The current rule of five bonds per sub-sovereign issuer will be replaced with a maximum weight cap per issuer. All eligible bonds from each sub-sovereign issuer will be included in the index subject to a cap of 10% per sub-sovereign issuer in each eligible market. The excess weight is distributed across all other issuers within the respective eligible market. As a result, the number of sub-sovereign bonds in the Underlying Index will increase.

2. New minimum amount outstanding threshold for green bonds

A lower minimum outstanding notional threshold for sub-sovereign green bonds is established. The threshold for other sub-sovereign bonds remains unchanged.

The following criteria are used to identify and classify green bonds:

- (i) Bonds that are labelled green by Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI); or
- (ii) Bonds that are self-labelled and externally-reviewed as green in alignment with the Green Bond Principles of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA).

The Second Supplementary Prospectus further reflects that the Adjustments will take effect from the next re-balance date of the Underlying Index on 31 March 2022 (the "Rebalance Date"), on which date all new bonds will be added and the new thresholds for sub-sovereign green bonds become effective. The sub-sovereign bonds that become eligible for index inclusion on the Rebelance Date will be included through monthly re-balancing over six months, where 1/6th of the market value will be included at each rebalance.

Lastly, the Second Supplementary Prospectus also reflects that the updated market weights of the Underlying Index, effective from 31 October 2021.

The Prospectus (together with the First Supplementary Prospectus and the Second Supplementary Prospectus) with the relevant above-mentioned changes incorporated are available at <a href="www.abf-paif.com">www.abf-paif.com</a>1, and for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of the Manager at 68/F Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong or the Receiving Agent (i.e. HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited) at 6/F, Tower 1, HSBC Centre, 1 Sham Mong Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Save as disclosed in this notice, there will be no change in the operation and/or manner in which the Trust is being managed, there will be no change in the fee structure in managing the Trust and the changes will not result in any material change to the investment objective and overall risk profile of the Trust.

Investors who have any questions concerning the Trust may contact the Manager at telephone number +65 6826 7555 in Singapore and +852 2103 0100 in Hong Kong.

State Street Global Advisors Singapore Limited Manager 21 February 2022

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The Manager accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this notice as at the date of publication, and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement in this notice misleading.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The above website has not been reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission.