

## Press Release

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# ABF Pan Asia Bond Index Fund (PAIF) Dividend Announcement

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**A unit trust authorised under section 286 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore and section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap 571) of Hong Kong**

**Stock Code: 2821**

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- ABF Pan Asia Bond Index Fund ("PAIF") is an exchange traded bond fund which seeks to provide investment returns that corresponds closely to the total return of the Markit iBoxx ABF Pan-Asia Index ("Index"), before fees and expenses, and its return may deviate from that of the Index.
- PAIF primarily invests in local currency government and quasi-government bonds in eight Asian markets, comprising of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
- Investment involves risks, including risks of exposure to bonds in both developed and emerging Asia markets. Investors may lose part or all of their investments.
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- The trading price of PAIF may differ from the underlying net asset value per share.
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**HONG KONG, 05 January, 2018** — State Street Global Advisors Singapore Limited, as manager of ABF Pan Asia Bond Index Fund ("PAIF"), announced today that the distribution for the period from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 shall be allocated on 19 January 2018 (the Ex. Dividend Date) to Unit Holders in accordance with the number of units held by them on the PAIF's Register of Unit Holders on the Record Date (22 January 2018).

The dividend per unit will be determined and announced on 16 January 2018. The distribution payable date is 1 February 2018. PAIF was launched on 7 July 2005 and is listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong under the stock code: 2821.

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