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ABF PAN ASIA BOND INDEX FUND

A Singapore 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)

NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS

Amendments to Reflect the Requirements under the Revised Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds and Other Updates

We, as the Manager of the ABF Pan Asia Bond Index Fund (the "**Trust**"), are writing to inform you that with effect from 27 December 2019 (the "**Effective Date**") the Trust Deed of the Trust (the "**Trust Deed**") has been amended by way of a fifth amending and restating trust deed. The purpose of the fifth amending and restating the Trust Deed is to incorporate changes in compliance and to align with the requirements of the revised Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the "**Code**"). The revised Code came into effect on 1 January 2019 with a 12-month transition period for existing schemes (i.e. funds previously authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission).

Unless otherwise defined in this notice, terms and expressions used in this notice shall have the same meanings ascribed to them under the prospectus of the Trust, as amended from time to time (the "**Prospectus**").

Amendments to the Trust Deed

The changes to the Trust Deed relate to the following:

- (i) the investment restrictions applicable to the Trust are revised to reflect the updated investment restrictions under Chapter 7 and Chapter 8.6 (unlisted index funds and index

tracking exchange traded funds) of the revised Code. Investors can also refer to the section titled "Investment Objective and Policies of the Trust" in the Prospectus for the revised investment restrictions;

- (ii) enhanced obligations of the Trustee and the Manager respectively under the revised Code;
- (iii) other changes to comply or align with the revised Code (including for example with respect to operational requirements, retirement of management company and transactions with connected person); and
- (iv) other factual and drafting updates.

Pursuant to Clauses 38.1 and 38.2 of the Trust Deed, the trustee of the Trust, HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (the "**Trustee**"), has certified that in its opinion the alterations, modifications or variations to the Trust Deed effected by the fifth amending and restating trust deed as reflected therein (i) are not materially prejudicial to the interest of the Trust's unitholders, do not to any material extent release the Trustee or the Manager or any other person from any liability to the Trust's unitholders and do not increase the costs and charges payable out of the Trust (other than costs incurred in altering, modifying or varying the Trust Deed) and/or (ii) are made in order either that the Trust should comply with fiscal or other statutory or official requirements (whether or not having the force of law) of Hong Kong and that such alterations, modifications or variations are necessary to comply with such requirements.

Accordingly, such alterations, modifications or variations of the Trust Deed do not require the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the Trust's unitholders.

Offering Documents

The Prospectus and the product key facts statement of the Trust (the "**KFS**") are also amended on the Effective Date to reflect the requirements of the revised Code and the revised Trust Deed.

The revised Prospectus also provides updates in relation to the following:

- (i) updated disclosures in relation to custody risk and conflicts of interest;
- (ii) other changes to comply or align with the revised Code (including for example, lending securities, collateral policy, soft dollar policy, financial reports, unclaimed assets, Index constituents and other information disclosure);
- (iii) removal of outdated disclosures; and
- (iv) other factual and drafting updates.

The revised KFS also provides updates in relation to the following:

- (i) clarification changes with respect to the use of financial derivative instruments;
- (ii) other changes to comply or align with the revised Code (including for example Index constituents and other information disclosures);
- (iii) the risk disclosure relating to investment in financial derivative instruments; and
- (iv) other factual and drafting updates.

The revised Trust Deed, Prospectus and KFS with the relevant above-mentioned changes incorporated will be available from the Effective Date at www.abf-paif.com¹, 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. The expenses arising as a result of the above changes will be borne by 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
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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.

¹ The above website has not been reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission.