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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**

We, as the Manager of the ABF Pan Asia Bond Index Fund (the "**Trust**"), are writing to inform you that the distribution of the fund dividend for the period from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 was paid on the morning of 8 February 2023 instead of 7 February 2023 that was initially announced (the "**Incident**").

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this notice shall have the meaning given to them in the Prospectus of the Trust.

Reference is made to the announcements dated 6 January 2023 and 13 January 2023 in relation to dividend distribution (together, the "**Dividend Announcements**"). Pursuant to the Dividend Announcements, a dividend distribution was announced to be payable to unitholders of the Trust ("**Unitholders**") on 7 February 2023. The Incident was due to an internal communication issue of the Administrator whereby there was a delay in the processing of the relevant payment to the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited for distribution to Unitholders, which resulted in the distribution payment of the fund dividend being issued to Unitholders on the morning of 8 February 2023.

The Manager had taken the following actions promptly following the Incident:

- a. the Manager confirmed that on the morning of 8 February 2023, the fund dividend was distributed to Unitholders;
- b. on 8 February 2023, a dividend announcement form was uploaded to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited's [website](#)<sup>1</sup> as an update to the Dividend Announcements whereby the dividend payment date was stated as 8 February 2023;<sup>2</sup> and
- c. on 9 February 2023, a banner notification was put up prominently on the Trust's website to inform Unitholders that the distribution payment of the fund dividend for 7 February 2023 was delayed and that payment had been made on 8 February 2023.

For the reasons set out below, the Manager and the Trustee are of the view that the Incident (i) does not present any material prejudicial effect to Unitholders and (ii) does not have material financial impact on Unitholders:

- a. The Trust has made an announcement with information on the dividend distribution in line with regulatory requirements and the ex-dividend date and record date remain correct and are not affected.
- b. The overnight delay in the planned distribution of fund dividend was promptly remediated and the distribution was made the next morning on 8 February 2023 with no net asset value impact to the Trust.
- c. The Trust has promptly informed Unitholders on 8 February 2023 of the change in the distribution payment date through the dividend announcement form on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and on 9 February 2023 the Trust's website.
- d. The fund dividend was distributed within four weeks of the relevant ex-dividend date (i.e. before 17 February 2023), in line with disclosure in the Prospectus.
- e. Remedial steps (as detailed above) and preventive measures (as detailed below) have been acted upon promptly.

To prevent similar issues in the future, the Administrator is working to review and streamline the current process flow on the funding arrangement for payment of dividends to reduce the processing turnaround time and ensure the fund dividend can be released before the cut-off time. Communication means will be improved to avoid miscommunication, and briefings will also be performed with the relevant teams within the Administrator on the new process flow and communication means.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> The website address is <https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2023/0208/2023020800283.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> The above website has not been reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission.

**State Street Global Advisors Singapore Limited**  
**Manager**  
**14 April 2023**



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