

# **SMD-AM Funds**

*Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable*

**Audited Annual report  
as of 31 March 2024**

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## SMD-AM Funds

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Copies of the annual report and accounts to 31 March 2024 may be obtained from the registered office of the Company at 80, route d'Esch, L-1470 Luxembourg. The Articles of Incorporation of the Company have been lodged at the offices of the Chief Registrar of the District Court of Luxembourg (Greffier en chef du Tribunal d'Arrondissement de et à Luxembourg) where they are available for inspection and copies can be obtained upon request. The net asset value of each of the sub-funds is quoted in Bloomberg, Lipper and Morningstar Europe. The issue and redemption prices are available from the registered office or from Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management (UK) Limited, 100 Liverpool Street, London EC2M 2AT, UK.

No subscriptions can be received on the basis of financial reports. Subscriptions are only valid if made on the basis of the current prospectus accompanied by the latest annual and the most recent semi-annual report if published thereafter.

The mention of specific securities is not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold the securities.

The information contained in this report is historical and not necessarily indicative of future performance.

### For investors in Switzerland

The state of the origin of the fund is Luxembourg. This document may be offered in Switzerland to non-qualified and qualified investors. The Representative in Switzerland is 1741 Fund Solutions AG., Burggraben 16, 9000 St. Gallen, Switzerland. The Paying Agent is Tellco Bank Ltd., Bahnhofstrasse 4, 6430 Schwyz, Switzerland. In respect of the units offered in Switzerland, the place of performance is the registered office of the representative. The place of jurisdiction is at the registered office of the representative or at the registered office or place of residence of the investor. The prospectus, the articles of association, the key investor information (KIID) of the fund, the list of purchases and sales as well as the annual and, if applicable, semi-annual report may be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Swiss Representative.

Asset Management Association Switzerland (AMAS) is the representative association of the Swiss asset management industry. The reports are calculated in accordance with AMAS registration.

### For investors in Hong Kong

In the annual report as of 31 March 2024, the following sub-funds and share classes are not currently authorized in Hong Kong and are not available to the public in Hong Kong:

Sub-funds	Share Classes
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	S EUR (Unhedged), P JPY (Unhedged), S EUR (Hedged), S JPY (Unhedged), P EUR (Hedged), P USD (Hedged), P GBP (Unhedged)
DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund	All share classes
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund	All share classes
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	P EUR (Hedged), P GBP (Hedged)
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund	I RMB, A RMB, I RMB-M, A RMB-M
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund	All share classes

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## Organisation

### Registered Office

#### SMD-AM Funds

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### Board of Directors

#### *Chairman of the Board of Directors*

##### **Takahiro Ueno**

Principal at Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited

#### *Directors*

##### **Junya Okada**

Principal at Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited

##### **Chie Furukawa**

Director, Compliance & Fund Administration at Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management (UK) Limited

##### **Eric Chinchon**

Independent Director, Managing Partner at ME Business Solutions, Luxembourg

##### **Paul de Quant**

Independent Director, Associate of the Directors' Office, Luxembourg

### Management Company

#### **Kroll (Luxembourg) Management Company S.à r.l.**

AIR Building 1, rue Jean Piret, L-2350 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

### Depository Bank

#### **BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN (Luxembourg) S.C.A.**

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### Paying Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent, Domiciliary, Corporate Agent and Administrative Agent

#### **BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN (Luxembourg) S.C.A.**

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### Portfolio Manager

#### **Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management (UK) Limited**

100 Liverpool Street, London EC2M 2AT, United Kingdom

### Sub-Portfolio Managers

For DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value, SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund, SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund, SMD-AM China A Shares Fund:

#### **Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited**

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For SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund:

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### Representative in Hong Kong

#### **Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited**

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### Organisation (continued)

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#### Auditor

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2 rue Gerhard Mercator, B.P. 1443, L-1014 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Board of Directors

Dear Shareholders,

With this report we would like to give you an overview of the general economic environment and the performance of the SMD-AM Funds with its sub-funds DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value, DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund<sup>1</sup>, SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund, SMD-AM China A Shares Fund and SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund<sup>2</sup>.

The fund has been authorized under Part I of the Luxembourg Law of 17 December 2010 concerning undertakings for collective investment and qualifies as an undertaking for collective investments in transferable securities.

The SICAV was constituted in Luxembourg on 25 October 2013. The first net asset value was calculated on 27 November 2013.

As at March 31, 2024, the net asset value and the performance of the share price of the sub-funds during the reporting period were as follows:

Share class	ISIN	Net asset value of the share class in currency	Performance of the share price in %
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A HKD (Hedged) (16 January 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2710802476	16,588.03	10.59%
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A HKD (Unhedged) (16 January 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2710802120	15,919.40	6.13%
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A JPY (Unhedged)	LU1550201484	158,558,723.00	35.95%
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A USD (Hedged) (16 August 2023 to 31 March 2024)	LU1550201724	112,818.06	32.11%
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A USD (Unhedged) (16 January 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2710798344	2,122.14	6.11%
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value I GBP (Hedged)	LU1550201138	50,116.50	43.19%
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value P JPY (Unhedged)	LU1550200676	225,694,991.00	36.51%
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value S EUR (Unhedged)	LU1565290522	17,380,512.65	21.39%
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value S JPY (Unhedged)	LU1907539057	6,688,276,149.00	36.58%
DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund I JPY (Unhedged) (1 April to 26 March 2024)*	LU1767076315	1,067,241,285.00	29.26%**
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I JPY (Unhedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)*	LU1767076315	1,059,703,868.00	0.00%
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A EUR (Hedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU1767076828	1,220.85	0.00%
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A EUR (Unhedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2788607526	1,224.14	0.00%
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A HKD (Hedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2786910120	10,403.06	0.00%
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A HKD (Unhedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2786909114	10,383.32	0.00%
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A USD (Hedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU1767077123	1,330.47	0.00%
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A USD (Unhedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2786910047	1,327.66	0.00%

<sup>1</sup> DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund changed to SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund as of 27 March 2024.

<sup>2</sup> SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund launched on 22 March 2024.

\* Net assets of ISIN LU1767076315 changed from the Sustainable Dividend Fund to High Conviction Fund on 27 March 2024.

\*\* Share price calculations was from 31/03/2023 to 26/03/2024

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Share class	ISIN	Net asset value of the share class in currency	Performance of the share price in %
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I2 JPY (Unhedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2786909890	29,716,054.00	0.00%
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund S JPY (Unhedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2786909205	29,716,874.00	0.00%
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund S USD (Unhedged) (27 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2786909627	199,185.56	0.00%
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund A USD (Unhedged) (16 August 2023 to 31 March 2024)	LU2278475814	2,081.47	4.07%
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund A USD-M (Unhedged) (16 August 2023 to 31 March 2024)	LU2278475905	2,081.48	2.72%
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund P USD (Unhedged)	LU2278475061	10,477,042.37	3.04%
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund A USD (Unhedged) (16 August 2023 to 31 March 2024)	LU2560015609	1,717.54	-14.12%
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund P USD (Unhedged)	LU2560015195	8,377,170.66	-26.41%
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A EUR (Unhedged) (22 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2710800934	1,995.60	-0.71%
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A HKD-S (Unhedged) (22 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2710800264	14,939.54	-0.51%
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A USD (Unhedged) (22 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2710801742	1,990.83	-0.55%
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund F USD (Unhedged) (22 March 2024 to 31 March 2024)	LU2710802047	29,901,554.22	-0.44%

## SMD-AM Funds

### Techniques of efficient portfolio management (unaudited)

The sub-funds may employ techniques and instruments relating for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes and financial derivative instruments for hedging and efficient portfolio management and investment purposes as detailed in the prospectus.

The average exposure of derivatives used subdivided by applied techniques for the reporting period is shown in below mentioned table for derivatives.

The average exposure results from the average of the daily exposure of the sub-funds in relation to the net assets of the sub-funds on the respective day.

The hedged share classes are managed in line with the hedging ratios set in ESMA's opinion on UCITS share classes (ESMA34-43-296).

Description	Exposure in %
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	0.00
DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund	2.58*
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund	7.17
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	0.00
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund	0.00
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund	0.00

\*As at 26 March 2024

### Risk Management (unaudited)

When determining the global risk exposure of the fund and its sub-funds the management company used the commitment approach specified in CSSF Circular 11/512 as the risk management method for the fund.



## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

This report is for the period of 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 and is split into five parts in reference to the five UCITS sub-funds contained within the SMD-AM Funds. Namely:

- DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value
- SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)
- SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund
- SMD-AM China A Shares Fund
- SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

#### Note:

A banking day is considered to be a day which is simultaneously a stock exchange day in Luxembourg, London and Tokyo. As such, the unit price performance has been calculated to 31 March 2024.

All other data is shown to 31 March 2024 unless stated otherwise.

#### Part 1 - Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

Part one covers the following share classes:

SMD-AM Funds	Class	Ccy	Hedged	Launch date	ISIN
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	S	EUR	Unhedged	28/02/2017	LU1565290522
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	S	JPY	Unhedged	04/12/2018	LU1907539057
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	P	JPY	Unhedged	28/02/2017	LU1550200676
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	I	GBP	Hedged	13/06/2017	LU1550201138
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	A	JPY	Unhedged	20/04/2021	LU1550201484
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	A	USD	Hedged	09/05/2017	LU1550201724
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	A	USD	Unhedged	16/01/2024	LU2710798344
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	A	HKD	Hedged	16/01/2024	LU2710802476
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	A	HKD	Unhedged	16/01/2024	LU2710802120

Source: SMDAM and prospectus, as at 31 March 2024

#### SICAV Sub-Fund Name

DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Investment Objective

The Sub-Fund aims to maximise total return over the medium-to-long term by adopting a distinctive value-biased active investment style by looking for investment opportunities in undervalued, small-and-micro-cap companies with sustainable growth potential. The Sub-Fund is managed on an absolute/total return basis and not relative to any benchmarks, hence not looking to be managed on a relative return basis.

To achieve the investment objective, the Sub-Fund invests at least 75% of its net assets in stocks listed on the Japanese Stock Market. The remaining part of the portfolio will be invested in cash or cash related instruments.

Individual securities level: No set limit but the weight will be up to circa 5%.

There is no minimum weighting and shorting is not allowed.

Sector level: No set limit.

The Sub-Fund can have its assets in cash or cash equivalent securities, however, the Sub-Fund is typically managed on a fully invested basis with circa 3% of the net asset of the Sub-Fund invested held in cash.

#### Past Year's Market Environment (covering FY2023) \*

##### In April – June 2023 Quarter

In the April-June quarter, the TOPIX Total Return Index advanced by 14.45% thanks to a long-absent, full-scale inflow of foreign investors' funds. However, the Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index (including dividends) rose only by 9.04% because the investors mainly hunted out their targets, large cap stocks from April to May. The both growth rates of undervalued large and small cap stocks were higher than that of popular stocks because of factors, including the robust U.S. economy despite monetary tightening. The Fund gained by 13.73%, significantly exceeding the Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index (including dividends) due to its intensive investment in undervalued stocks. Viewing stock price fluctuations in recent years, Japanese undervalued small cap stocks have lagged behind the other stocks and are still at an extremely undervalued level even though they have advanced recently.

##### In July – September 2023 Quarter

In the July-September quarter, so-called growth stocks declined while undervalued ones climbed in Japanese stock markets. TOPIX (with dividends) rose by 2.45% in the quarter. On the other hand, the Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index (including dividends) rose by 4.40% because small cap stocks have a higher proportion of undervalued stocks than the entire stock markets. The Fund advanced by 3.10%, falling below the Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index (including dividends), as semiconductor-related stocks, including Yamaichi Electronics Co., Ltd. (6941), Nippon Pillar Packing Co., Ltd. (6490), and Asashi Yukizai Corp. (4216), declined after the rally in the April-June quarter.

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#### In October – December 2023 Quarter

In the October-December quarter, the global stock market advanced because the U.S. inflation is finally showing signs of calming down. The TOPIX (with dividends) advanced only by +2.04% (JPY terms) because undervalued large cap stocks that had led the index's rise so far made a pause. On the other hand, the Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index (with dividends) rose by +2.71% (JPY terms), more than the TOPIX (with dividends). It was because undervalued small cap stocks were less overheated than undervalued large cap stocks and continued to grow, albeit slightly. The Fund climbed by +2.70% (JPY terms), almost the same increase rate as Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index (with dividends), thanks to strong semiconductor-related stocks, including Nippon Pillar Packing Co., Ltd. (6490), Sinfonia Technology Co., Ltd. (6507), and Nichias Corp. (5393).

#### In January – March 2024 Quarter

In the January-March quarter, the Japanese stock market continued to rise, driven by foreign investments. While the TOPIX (incl. dividends) experienced a significant 18.14% increase, the Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index (incl. dividends) rose only 11.87% as investors continued to focus mainly on large-cap stocks. With Japan lifting the negative interest rates policy and expectation receding for the US monetary easing, value stocks were predominant both in large- and small-cap stocks. Since the Fund focuses on investing thoroughly in undervalued stocks, it achieved an increase rate of 18.41%, significantly outperforming both indices.

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\* Performance stated is in JPY, total returns

**The DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value strategy is benchmark agnostic and any reference benchmark is provided for information purposes only and in JPY terms.**

**Risk warnings: Some statements contained in this material concerning goals, strategies, outlook or other non-historical matters may be forward-looking statements and are based on current indicators and expectations. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the statements. The Company and/or its affiliates may or may not have a position in any financial instrument mentioned and may or may not be actively trading in any such securities.**

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## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Performance

SMD-AM Funds – DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value P JPY Fund performance returns, shown in Japanese yen terms. Returns are shown net of fees. The DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value strategy is benchmark agnostic and the reference benchmark is provided for information purposes only and in JPY terms.

JPY basis	1 year p.a. %	3 years p.a. %	5 years p.a. %	Since inception p.a.%
Portfolio	36.51	18.76	15.21	11.85
Reference benchmark	29.14	10.65	10.20	8.33
Excess return	7.37	8.12	5.01	3.52

Source: SMDAM (London), as at 31 March 2024

Performance inception date: 28 February 2017

ISIN Code: LU1550200676

The reference benchmark is the Russell/Nomura Small Cap index (including dividends)

Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding

Performance shows net of fees and are total net returns (dividends, net of tax, have been reinvested in the portfolio). Returns of the indexes also do not typically reflect the deduction of investment management fees, trading costs or other expenses.

**Risk Warnings: Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance and may not be repeated. An investment's value and the income deriving from it may fall, as well as rise, due to market fluctuations. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Performance is shown in JPY, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations, and is net of fees.**

#### Performance Drivers for the Review Period\*

During the period from 31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024, the DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value P JPY Fund returned 36.51%, versus 29.14% for the reference benchmark Russell/Nomura Small Cap (including dividends) Index; resulting in a net excess returns of 7.37%.

The DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value Strategy is benchmark agnostic and as such attribution analysis versus the reference benchmark is provided for information purposes and in JPY terms.

The equity-only attribution analysis to 31 March 2024 based on TOPIX17 sectors shows a positive stock selection effect of +7.41% and also positive contributions from the sector selection effect of +3.45%.

Regarding the sector allocation, an underweight position in Banks and underweight position in Energy Resources contributed negatively, but were offset by positive contributions from overweight position in Construction & Materials and underweight position in IT & Services, Others.

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### Report of the Portfolio Managers

Regarding the stock selection, **P.S. Mitsubishi Construction Co.,Ltd.**(OW +2.35%), **Nichias Corporation**(OW +4.16%), **TPR Co., Ltd.** (OW +2.42%), **Nichirin Co., Ltd.** (OW +3.21%) and **Krosaki Harima Corporation**(OW +0.72%) were major positive contributors, while major negative contributors were **Daiki Aluminium Industry Co., Ltd.** (OW +2.20%), **AB & Company Co., Ltd.** (OW +1.11%), **Hirakawa Hewtech Corp.** (OW +0.87%), **WILLPLUS Holdings Ltd.** (OW +0.93%) and **Fujikura Ltd.** (UW -0.33%).

\*Note: performance stated is in JPY, total returns

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### Fund Composition (as of 31 March 2024)

TOPIX 17 Sectors	%
Construction & Materials	18.56
It & Services, Others	18.07
Commercial & Wholesale Trade	14.89
Automobiles & Transportation	8.12
Machinery	7.48
Raw Materials & Chemicals	6.47
Retail Trade	6.16
Transportation & Logistics	5.66
Financials (Ex Banks)	5.12
Electric Appliances & Precision Instruments	4.60
Real Estate	3.81
Steel & Nonferrous Metals	0.86
Foods	0.19
Pharmaceutical	0.00
Energy Resources	0.00
Electric Power & Gas	0.00
Banks	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 31 March 2024  
Data provided for the DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value Fund  
Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Fund Sector Attribution

Table details the attribution analysis on a sector basis of the DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value UCITS Fund versus the Russell/Nomura Small Cap Index, for the TOPIX 17 sector categories. The data provided is shown in Japanese yen terms over the 12 months ending 31 March 2024.

31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024	Portfolio Weight (Average) %	Benchmark Weight (Average) %	Weight Difference %	Portfolio Return %	Benchmark Return %	Return Difference %	Sector Selection Effect %	Stock Selection Effect %
Foods	0.15	5.40	-5.25	38.87	32.28	6.59	-0.04	0.02
Energy Resources	0.11	0.63	-0.52	88.62	68.68	19.95	-0.17	0.10
Construction & Materials	21.10	8.52	12.58	60.91	46.87	14.04	2.00	2.57
Raw Materials & Chemicals	7.35	9.82	-2.47	62.08	25.31	36.77	0.13	2.62
Pharmaceutical	0.06	2.42	-2.36	236.54	10.85	225.69	0.50	-0.02
Automobiles & Transportation	8.15	3.21	4.94	62.35	47.17	15.18	0.67	1.40
Steel & Nonferrous Metals	3.76	3.55	0.21	22.30	54.88	-32.58	-0.01	-2.31
Machinery	8.06	6.76	1.30	54.72	38.16	16.56	0.21	1.24
Electric App. & Precision Inst.	3.96	10.07	-6.11	44.08	24.08	20.00	0.49	0.85
IT & Services, Others	12.33	18.67	-6.33	13.79	15.56	-1.76	1.14	-0.28
Electric Power & Gas	0.00	1.30	-1.30	0.00	38.42	-38.42	-0.10	0.00
Transportation & Logistics	4.65	3.17	1.48	47.28	25.36	21.92	-0.08	1.09
Commercial & Wholesale Trade	14.38	7.09	7.29	41.13	32.50	8.63	-0.05	1.49
Retail Trade	7.19	8.97	-1.78	19.78	26.67	-6.89	0.19	-0.59
Banks	0.00	5.36	-5.36	0.00	64.89	-64.89	-1.73	0.00
Financials (Ex Banks)	5.90	3.22	2.69	34.85	42.16	-7.31	0.30	-0.36
Real Estate	2.85	1.85	1.00	10.45	22.23	-11.77	0.00	-0.42
<b>Total</b>	100.00	100.00	0.00	41.64	30.78	10.86	3.45	7.41

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 31 March 2024

Benchmark: Russell/Nomura Small Cap (including dividends) index.

Data provided for the DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value Fund

Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding.

Attribution analysis is provided on an ex-cash basis only and is excluding all fees & expenses.

Return difference is the relative performance from that sector. Sector Allocation Effect is the % gained/lost from allocating investment to that sector. Stock Selection Effect is the % gained/lost from allocating investment to specific stocks within that sector. Performance is relative to Russell/Nomura Small Cap (including dividends) index, based on close of business prices, and is gross of fees. Stocks shown were held for any part of the month, not necessarily for the whole period.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Top 10 Positive Contributors (for 12 months to 31 March 2024)

Company Name	Active Average Weight† (%)	Stock Contribution (%)
P.S. Mitsubishi Construction Co., Ltd.	2.35	1.29
Nichias Corporation	4.16	1.12
TPR Co., Ltd.	2.42	1.10
Nichirin Co., Ltd.	3.21	1.10
Krosaki Harima Corporation	0.72	0.82
G-Tekt Corporation	2.84	0.77
NANKAI CHEMICAL COMPANY LIMITED	0.76	0.73
Endo Lighting Corporation	1.60	0.52
Ichiken Co., Ltd.	3.38	0.52
Kuriyama Holdings Corp.	1.25	0.52

#### Top 10 Negative Contributors (for 12 months to 31 March 2024)

Company Name	Average active Weight† (%)	Stock Contribution (%)
Daiki Aluminium Industry Co., Ltd.	2.20	-1.29
AB&Company Co.,Ltd.	1.11	-0.55
Hirakawa Hewtech Corp.	0.87	-0.38
WILLPLUS Holdings Corp.	0.93	-0.38
Fujikura Ltd	-0.33	-0.38
Kobe Steel, Ltd.	-0.40	-0.31
Cross Marketing Group, Inc.	0.46	-0.31
Tokyo Seimitsu Co., Ltd	-0.35	-0.30
Horiba , Ltd.	-0.36	-0.29
Micronics Japan Co., Ltd.	-0.10	-0.28

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 31 March 2024

Data provided for the DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value Fund

†Average active weight versus the reference benchmark over the 12 months ending 31 March 2024

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## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Material Changes to Portfolio Structure during period

No material changes during the FY 2023 period.

#### Source of Capital Gains during period

Essential sources of capital gains have been stock increases and dividends received.

#### Outlook for FY 2024\*

Due to the prolonged period that value stocks were dominant in the market, the number of large-cap stocks that can be labeled as undervalued stock has decreased. However, as small-cap value stocks have lagged behind for a longer period, a considerable number of them are still left with attractive prices. The fund will continue to rigorously pursue investing in undervalued stocks.

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## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Part 2 – DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend / SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (from 27 March 2024)

Part two covers the following share classes:

SMD-AM Funds	Class	Ccy	Hedged	Launch date	ISIN
DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund	I	JPY	Unhedged	26/02/2018	LU1767076315

Source: SMDAM and prospectus, as at 26 March 2024

#### SICAV Sub-Fund Name

DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund  
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund from 27 March 2024

#### Investment Objective

The Sub-Fund aims to maximise total return over the medium-to-long term by focusing on companies with sustainable dividend payments. The Sub-Fund is managed on a total return basis and not relative to any benchmarks, hence not looking to be managed on a relative return basis.

No set benchmark (Reference benchmark: TOPIX (total return index))

The Sub-Fund invests at least 75% of its net assets in Japanese stocks listed on stock exchanges in Japan. The remaining part of the portfolio will be invested in cash or cash related instruments.

Individual securities level: The maximum weight of a single issue is 10%. There is no minimum weighting and shorting is not allowed.

Sector level: No set limit.

The Sub-Fund can have its assets in cash or cash equivalent securities on an ancillary basis.

Currency positions may be established to hedge foreign currency exposure in relation to the relevant share classes to minimise any fluctuations between the base currency and the currency of the appropriate Sub-Fund.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Past Year's Market Environment (covering FY2023)

##### In April – June 2023 Quarter

The TOPIX (total return index) surged by 14.45% from April to June 2023. The rise in the TOPIX was fueled by several factors. The robust domestic economy played a significant role. The BOJ policymakers opted to maintain their monetary easing, and the investors anticipating progress in corporate governance reforms added further momentum to the market. Plus, foreign investors also poured into the market, propelling the TOPIX to reach a post-bubble high.

##### In July – September 2023 Quarter

The TOPIX (total return index) saw a 2.45% increase from July to September 2023. Despite lingering concerns about the Chinese economy, the TOPIX reached a post-bubble high, fueled by the robust domestic economy, ongoing monetary easing by BOJ policymakers, and investor optimism regarding upcoming wave of corporate governance reform. However, as the quarter drew to a close, long-term interest rates in Japan and the U.S. continued to rise, exerting pressure on stock prices.

##### In October – December 2023 Quarter

The TOPIX (total return index) saw a 2.04% upturn from October to December 2023. Monetary policy decisions and geopolitical risks in Japan and the U.S. had a significant impact on the equity markets. In Japan, the BOJ revised the YCC in October, while in the U.S., there was a growing sentiment toward suspending interest rate as the end of 2023 approached. Despite the challenge posed by a strong yen against the U.S. dollar, the decrease in U.S. long-term interest rates provided support to U.S. equities, thereby benefiting Japanese equities.

##### In January – March 2024 Quarter

The TOPIX (total return index) surged by an impressive 18.14% from January to March 2024. The equity market showed resilience with U.S. stock prices rising alongside a strong dollar/weak yen. Corporate earnings also improved steadily, serving as a catalyst for market optimism. Though there was a brief dip due to caution over BOJ's policy changes, the market quickly bounced back. Investors welcomed the prospect of continued accommodative stance, pushing the market to close higher by the quarter-end.

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The DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend strategy is benchmark agnostic and any reference benchmark is provided for information purposes only and in JPY terms.

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## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Performance

SMD-AM Funds – DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend I JPY Fund performance returns, shown in Japanese yen terms. Returns are shown net of fees.

JPY basis	1 year p.a. %	3 years p.a. %	5 years p.a. %	Since inception p.a.%
Portfolio	29.26	11.58	9.82	6.23
Reference benchmark	40.66	14.93	14.32	10.24
Excess return	-11.39	-3.35	-4.50	-4.01

Source: SMDAM (London), as at 25 March 2024

Performance inception date: 26 February 2018

ISIN Code: LU1767076315

The reference benchmark is the TOPIX index (including dividends).

Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding

Performance shows net of fees and are total net returns (dividends, net of tax, have been reinvested in the portfolio). Returns of the indexes also do not typically reflect the deduction of investment management fees, trading costs or other expenses.

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#### Performance Drivers for the Review Period\*

During the period from 31 March 2023 to 25 March 2024, the Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend I JPY UCITS Fund returned 29.26% (net of fees, based on the Japanese yen share class), versus 40.66% for the reference benchmark TOPIX (including dividends) Index; resulting in a net underperformance of -11.39%.

The Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Strategy is benchmark agnostic and as such attribution analysis versus the reference benchmark is provided for information purposes and in JPY terms.

The equity-only attribution analysis to 25 March 2024 based on TOPIX17 sectors shows a negative sector selection effect of -4.97%, and a negative stock selection effect of -1.51%.

Regarding the sector allocation, an underweight position in Electric Appliances & Precision Instruments and an overweight position in Real Estate contributed positively, on the other hand, an underweight position in Automobiles & Transportation and an overweight position in Pharmaceutical contributed negatively.

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Regarding the stock selection, **Obayashi Corporation** (OW +1.88 %), **Sony Group Corporation** (UW -2.78%), **Keyence Corporation** (UW -1.93%), **Sky Perfect JSAT Holding Inc.** (OW +1.06%) and **Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited** (UW -1.16%) were major positive contributors, while major negative contributors were **Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.** (OW +3.24%), **Pigeon Corporation** (OW +1.37%), **Tokyo Electron Ltd.** (UW -1.44%), **Astellas Pharma Inc.** (OW +1.92%) and **Mitsubishi Corporation** (UW -1.41%).

\*Note: performance stated is in JPY, total returns

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#### Fund Composition (as of 25 March 2024)

TOPIX 17 Sectors	%
It & Services, Others	19.61
Raw Materials & Chemicals	12.60
Real Estate	8.41
Transportation & Logistics	8.21
Construction & Materials	7.64
Banks	7.61
Pharmaceutical	7.32
Retail Trade	6.53
Commercial & Wholesale Trade	5.45
Financials (Ex Banks)	4.60
Machinery	4.31
Steel & Nonferrous Metals	2.52
Foods	1.97
Energy Resources	1.07
Electric Power & Gas	1.05
Automobiles & Transportation	0.61
Electric Appliances & Precision Instruments	0.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 25 March 2024

Data provided for the DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund

Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Fund Sector Attribution

Table details the attribution analysis on a sector basis of the DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund versus TOPIX index for the TOPIX 17 sector categories. The data provided is shown in Japanese yen terms over the 12 months ending 25 March 2024.

31 March 2023 to 25 March 2024	Portfolio Weight (Average) %	Benchmark Weight (Average) %	Weight Difference %	Portfolio Return %	Benchmark Return %	Return Difference %	Sector Selection Effect %	Stock Selection Effect %
Foods	1.98	3.49	-1.50	1.26	24.04	-22.78	0.15	-0.46
Energy Resources	0.79	0.80	-0.01	85.74	68.24	17.51	0.01	0.14
Construction & Materials	9.30	3.28	6.02	47.44	42.00	5.44	0.10	0.39
Raw Materials & Chemicals	8.70	6.57	2.13	17.71	24.01	-6.30	-0.31	-0.85
Pharmaceutical	7.81	5.00	2.81	3.23	9.66	-6.43	-0.97	-0.79
Automobiles & Transportation	3.66	9.03	-5.36	62.33	73.81	-11.48	-1.37	0.23
Steel & Nonferrous Metals	2.44	1.61	0.83	34.44	35.13	-0.69	-0.07	0.45
Machinery	2.27	5.39	-3.12	51.36	42.36	9.00	0.14	-0.02
Electric App. & Precision Inst.	1.12	20.00	-18.88	83.39	34.60	48.79	1.15	0.57
IT & Services, Others	21.30	15.15	6.15	22.70	26.67	-3.96	-0.97	-0.93
Electric Power & Gas	1.43	1.34	0.10	59.37	54.90	4.48	0.01	0.07
Transportation & Logistics	6.64	4.18	2.46	17.25	23.55	-6.30	-0.43	-0.52
Commercial & Wholesale Trade	6.81	6.89	-0.07	49.61	63.71	-14.10	0.18	-0.81
Retail Trade	7.51	4.35	3.16	29.46	31.57	-2.12	-0.31	-0.09
Banks	7.42	6.72	0.71	64.00	71.87	-7.87	0.31	-0.46
Financials (Ex Banks)	4.87	4.30	0.56	72.96	74.06	-1.10	0.24	-0.01
Real Estate	5.93	1.90	4.03	27.08	53.03	-25.95	0.64	-1.90
<b>Total</b>	100.00	100.00	0.00	34.02	40.50	-6.48	-1.51	-4.97

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 25 March 2024

Benchmark: TOPIX (including dividend).

Data provided for the DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund

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Return difference is the relative performance from that sector. Sector Allocation Effect is the % gained/lost from allocating investment to that sector. Stock Selection Effect is the % gained/lost from allocating investment to specific stocks within that sector. Performance is relative to TOPIX (including dividend), based on close of business prices, and is gross of fees. Stocks shown were held for any part of the month, not necessarily for the whole period.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Top 10 Positive Contributors (for 12 months to 25 March 2024)

Company Name	Average Active Weight† (%)	Stock Contribution (%)
Obayashi Corporation	1.88	0.91
Sony Group Corporation	-2.78	0.88
Keyence Corporation	-1.93	0.67
SKY Perfect JSAT Holdings Inc.	1.06	0.65
Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited	-1.16	0.57
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD.	-0.89	0.53
77 Bank, Ltd.	1.19	0.50
SWCC Showa Holdings Co., Ltd.	0.76	0.50
Fanuc Corporation	-0.64	0.40
Panasonic Holdings Corporation	-0.32	0.36

#### Top 10 Negative Contributors (for 12 months to 25 March 2024)

Company Name	Average Active Weight† (%)	Stock Contribution (%)
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	3.24	-1.44
Pigeon Corporation	1.37	-1.29
Tokyo Electron Ltd.	-1.44	-1.22
Astellas Pharma Inc.	1.92	-1.15
Mitsubishi Corporation	-1.41	-0.95
Toyota Motor Corp.	-1.78	-0.94
KDDI Corporation	2.68	-0.78
Kirin Holdings Co. Ltd.	1.71	-0.77
Disco Corporation	-0.42	-0.56
SG Holdings Co., Ltd.	1.13	-0.54

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) and FactSet Research Systems Inc. of the US, as at 25 March 2024

Data provided for the DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend I JPY Fund

†Average active weight versus the reference benchmark over the 12 months ending 25 March 2024

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## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Material Changes to Portfolio Structure during period

No material changes during the FY 2023 period.

#### Source of Capital Gains during period

Essential sources of capital gains have been stock increases and dividends received.

#### Outlook for FY 2024

We believe the Japanese stock market to continue its encouraging rally going forward driven by EPS growth thanks to the solid increase in nominal GDP and accelerating business cycle of manufacturers.

The market has risen for three consecutive months since the beginning of 2024 favouring the wage increase rate in spring negotiation, which was much higher than expected, and with the view that Bank of Japan will maintain the accommodative financial environment even after lifting the negative interest rate policy. Purchase expecting the exit from deflation, and the weak yen trend pushed up the Nikkei 225 Index higher to finish March above 40,000 yen. In early April, usually, financial institutions are seen to sell their holding stocks. In every past few years, financial institutions sold around JPY 500 billion worth of stocks on average. As the stock price increase was large in 2023, there is a possibility that more profit-taking sales may come in than usual year. It is concerned that stock price will fall in the short term due to worsening stock supply and demand.

However, the scenario that has driven the rise of Japanese equities to date remains. On top of the expectations for semiconductor-related stocks based on demand for generative AI, the expectations are spreading over the solid US economy, continued high level of USDJPY, and Japan's strong positioning in Asia relative to China. In addition to share buyback as a measure to push up PBR over 1x, elimination of cross-shareholding is a topic of high attention. We believe that the sustainability of inflation has increased and the behaviors of Japanese companies started to change. As we could see in the sharp wage increase rate in the spring negotiation, it seems quite likely that wage inflation will take root due to structural labor shortage. Under inflationary environment, it becomes difficult to preserve extra cash, surplus capital, and low-profit businesses. And corporates shall be required to raise product prices, improve the quality of products and services to enable price hikes, and accelerate the investment in automation and labor-saving. We believe that recent corporate reforms and increase in shareholder returns are based on these environmental changes, and are not temporary.

The BOJ's Tankan released the other day suggested that Japan economy has not weakened in general. As for the business conditions of large enterprises, figures for manufacturing industries worsened while the ones for non-manufacturing industries improved. The temporary weighing factors such as the automobile certification fraud issue and the Noto Peninsula earthquake resulted in the deterioration in manufacturing industry figures. Corporates' appetite for capital investment is solid, according to the capital expenditure plan for FY2023 and FY2024. The software investment plan in FY2024 is expected to continue to grow high at 9.8% year-on-year, led by financial institutions in particular. In general, corporates have strong appetites for IT investments, and the demand environment for IT services is expected to remain strong, especially on demand for renewal of decrepit core systems. If the end of deflation accompanied by increase of real wage and personal consumption is confirmed in the future, it would lead to the revival of Japanese economy's size and competitiveness.

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## SMD-AM Funds

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#### Part 3 – SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

Part three covers the following share classes:

SMD-AM Funds	Class	Ccy	Hedged	Launch date	ISIN
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	P	USD	Unhedged	16/02/2021	LU2278475061
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	A	USD	Unhedged	16/08/2023	LU2278475814
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	A	USD-M	Unhedged	16/08/2023	LU2278475905

Source: SMDAM and prospectus, as at 31 March 2024

#### SICAV Sub-Fund Name

SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

#### Investment Objective

The Sub-Fund invests in companies in the real estate industry throughout Asia Pacific Market, such as closed-end REITs and publicly quoted property unit trusts. The strategy's focus is to capture investment income via dividends and to achieve capital growth over the longer term.

No set benchmark (Reference benchmark: S&P Asia Pacific REIT Index)

Stock limits: Maximum 10% of individual stocks at the time of purchase

Sector limits: Real estate investment trusts (REITs) in Asia Pacific countries and regions including Japan

#### Past Year's Market Environment (covering FY2023)\*

##### In April – June 2023 Quarter

In the Q1 of 2023, S&P Asia Pacific REIT Index (USD) declined. Although the REIT markets grew, the foreign exchange rates exerted downward pressure. A closer look at the markets in local currency terms reveals a mixed picture. While the Australian REITs and J-REIT markets saw gains, their counterparts in Hong Kong and Singapore faced declines. April marked a rebound for all markets, shaking off the gloomy trends that had persisted since March 2023, a period marred by financial system instability in both Europe and the U.S. However, as May unfolded, the prices have been weighed down due to a global rise in long-term interest rates. Notably, the Hong Kong REITs market suffered a sharp decline, driven by concerns over China's economic trajectory falling below expectations and worries surrounding the potential bankruptcy of a major Chinese housing developer.

##### In July – September 2023 Quarter

In the Q2 of 2023, S&P Asia Pacific REIT Index (USD) declined. Not only did the REIT markets face a decline, but unfavourable currency exchange rates exacerbated the situation. Across the REIT landscape when assessed in local currency terms, the J-REIT market maintained its resilience, propelled by the BOJ's accommodative stance. However, the Australia, Singapore, and Hong Kong REIT markets experienced declines, largely due to the ripple effects of increasing global long-term interest rates, particularly evident in the U.S. Furthermore, investment sentiment in the Hong Kong REITs market soured as uncertainties surrounding the Chinese economy and real estate market escalated.



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#### In October – December 2023 Quarter

In the Q3 of 2023, S&P Asia Pacific Index (USD) surged significantly. Notably, alongside the uptick in the REIT markets, favourable currency exchange rates provided an additional boost. Taking a closer look at the local currency-based REIT markets, gains were evident in the Australian, Singapore, and Hong Kong markets, while the J-REIT market witnessed a downturn. Major Asia-Pacific REIT markets outside of Japan have shown remarkable resilience. Despite several downward pressure factors, including RBA's policy rate hike and persistent uncertainty surrounding China's economic and real estate landscapes, the major Asia-Pacific REIT markets outside of Japan rallied sharply on the back of lower long-term interest rates and expectations of interest rate cuts in the U.S. due to the country's slowing inflation.

#### In January – March 2024 Quarter

In the Q1 of 2024, S&P Asia Pacific REIT Index (USD) fell. Despite an uptick in the REIT markets, the impact of foreign exchange rates added to the downward pressure. In terms of local currency, we saw a mixed bag of results. While the Australia REITs market experienced growth, the J-REIT market remained flat, and both the Singapore and Hong Kong REIT markets faced declines. Notably, in Australia, the largest industrial REIT took the lead, propelled by robust earnings. The J-REIT market initially faltered as supply and demand deteriorated due to caution over the BOJ's monetary policy review, but rebounded when the uncertainty was resolved with the decision to change monetary policy. Meanwhile, the Singapore and Hong Kong REIT markets felt the impact of increasing global long-term interest rates, amid dwindling expectations of a U.S. interest rate cut.

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## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Performance

SMD-AM Funds – SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities P USD Fund performance returns, shown in US dollars terms. Returns are shown net of fees.

USD basis	1 year p.a.* %	3 years p.a.* %	5 years p.a.* %	Since inception %
Portfolio	3.04	-6.42	-	-6.64
Benchmark	3.30	-4.09	-	-3.48
Excess return	-0.26	-2.33	-	-3.16

Source: SMDAM (London) as at 31 March 2024

Performance inception date: 10 February 2021

ISIN Code: LU2278475061

The benchmark is the S&P Asia Pacific REIT index (including dividends)

Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding

Performance shows net of fees and are total net returns (dividends, net of tax, have been reinvested in the portfolio). Returns of the indexes also do not typically reflect the deduction of investment management fees, trading costs or other expenses.

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#### Performance Drivers for the Review Period \*

During the period from 31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024, the SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities P USD Fund returned 3.04%, versus 3.30% for the reference benchmark S&P Asia Pacific REIT (including dividends) Index resulting in a net underperformance of -0.26%.

The SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities is benchmark agnostic and as such attribution analysis versus the reference benchmark is provided for information purposes and in USD terms.

The equity-only attribution analysis on 31 March 2024 based on S&P Asia Pacific REIT (including dividends) Index shows the country selection effect of +0.26% and the stock selection effect of -0.06%.

Regarding the country allocation, an underweight position in Hong Kong contributed positively while an overweight position in Japan and an underweight in Australia contributed negatively.

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Regarding the stock selection, **DIGITAL CORE REIT NPV (REIT)** (OW +4.68%), **Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust** (UW +1.01%), **LINK R/EST NPV** (UW -1.24%), **Invincible Investment REIT** (OW+1.13%) and **Japan Real Estate Investment Corp.** (OW+1.57) were major positive contributors, while major negative contributors were **GOODMAN GROUP NPV (STAPLED UNITS)** (UW -1.11%), **Japan Metropolitan Fund** (OW +2.06%), **Industrial & Infrastructure Fund Investment REIT** (OW +2.73%), **HEIWA REAL ESTATE REIT** (OW +1.53%) and **ORIX JREIT REIT** (OW +1.35%).

\*Note: performance stated is in USD, total returns.

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#### Fund Composition (as of 31 March 2024)

Country Allocation	%, Average
Australia	39.26
Japan	36.98
Singapore	16.82
Hong Kong	2.49
India	2.30
New Zealand	2.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo), as at 31 March 2024

Data provided for the SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Fund Country Attribution

Table details the attribution analysis on a country basis of the SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund versus the S&P Asia Pacific REIT (including dividends) Index. The data provided is shown in US dollar terms.

31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024	Portfolio Weight (Average) %	Benchmark Weight (Average) %	Portfolio Return %	Benchmark Return %	Return Difference %	Country Selection Effect %	Stock Selection Effect %
Australia	33.12	33.46	26.74	31.93	-5.20	-0.11	-1.56
New Zealand	2.35	1.69	4.18	-1.42	5.60	-0.01	0.12
Hong Kong	4.59	6.27	-29.64	-31.11	1.47	0.49	0.04
Singapore	18.30	17.51	2.62	-6.95	9.57	-0.03	1.84
South Korea	-	1.03	-	2.53	-2.53	0.00	-
Japan	40.21	40.04	-9.61	-7.80	-1.82	-0.08	-0.71
India	1.43	-	17.32	3.16	14.15	-	0.20
Total	100.00	100.00	3.42	3.16	0.25	0.26	-0.06

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) as at 31 March 2024

Benchmark: S&P Asia Pacific REIT (including dividends) index.

Data provided for the SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding.

Attribution analysis is provided on an ex-cash basis only and is excluding all fees & expenses.

Return difference is the relative performance from that country. Country Allocation Effect is the % gained/lost from allocating investment to that country. Stock Selection Effect is the % gained/lost from allocating investment to specific stocks within that country. Performance is relative to S&P Asia Pacific REIT (including dividends) based on close of business prices, and is gross of fees. Stocks shown were held for any part of the month, not necessarily for the whole period.

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#### Top 10 Positive Contributors (as of 31 March 2024)

Company Name	Average Active Weight† (%)	Stock Contribution (%)
DIGITAL CORE REIT NPV (REIT)	4.68	1.60
Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust	-1.01	0.34
LINK R/EST INVEST NPV	-1.24	0.27
Invincible Investment REIT	1.13	0.25
Japan Real Estate Investment Corp.	1.57	0.24
Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	-0.79	0.22
Nomura Real Estate Master Fund, Inc.	-2.06	0.21
SCENTRE GROUP LTD STAPLED SECURITIES	1.09	0.19
Daiwa House REIT Investment	-1.19	0.17
EMBASSY OFFICE PAR NPV (REIT)	0.82	0.15

#### Top 10 Negative Contributors (as of 31 March 2024)

Company Name	Average Active Weight† (%)	Stock Contribution (%)
GOODMAN GROUP NPV (STAPLED UNITS)	-1.11	-1.33
Japan Metropolitan Fund Investment	2.06	-0.44
Industrial & Infrastructure Fund Investment REIT	2.73	-0.39
HEIWA REAL ESTATE REIT	1.53	-0.38
ORIX JREIT REIT	1.35	-0.33
GLP J-REIT	1.77	-0.32
MAPLETREE LOGISTIC NPV	2.06	-0.31
KDX Realty Investment REIT	0.00	-0.31
Japan Hotel REIT Investment	0.85	-0.29
VICINITY CENTRES NPV (STAPLED SECURITY)	-1.82	-0.25

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) as at 31 March 2024

Data provided for the SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

†Average active weight versus the reference benchmark over the 12 months ending 31 March 2024

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## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Material Changes to Portfolio Structure during period

No material changes during the FY 2023 period.

#### Source of Capital Gains during period

Essential sources of capital gains have been stock increases and dividends received.

#### Outlook for FY 2024

We expect the major Asia-Pacific REIT markets to remain susceptible to monetary policy, particularly in the U.S. The U.S. and other developed countries seem to be in the process of cutting interest rates, and we believe that the calm in global long-term interest rates is likely to be favorable to the REIT markets in the Asia-Pacific region. At the same time, we will be paying attention to trends in global real estate investment and asset prices. Also, we will be closely monitoring economic trends in China, which has strong economic ties to Asian REITs, and uncertainties surrounding the Chinese real estate market.

The Australia REITs market, like the U.S., is expected to face interest rates cut by the year-end, and we believe that the REITs market is likely to experience increasing upward pressure as interest rates peak out.

Our view is that the J-REIT market will continue to recover, supported by the outlook for ongoing accommodative monetary policy and robust real estate fundamentals.

Despite its sensitivity to the global economy, the Singapore REITs market is anticipated to maintain its robustness. We believe a virtuous cycle of external growth via property acquisitions can be expected, poised to unfold once interest rates stabilize. We think Hong Kong REITs market will be highly volatile. The enduring ambiguity surrounding the Chinese economic and real estate spheres casts a shadow, yet a potential glimmer of hope emerges with the anticipated shift towards lower interest rates in the U.S., which is closely associated with the monetary policy. If this happens, we see a probable correction of undervaluation to proceed in the market.

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## SMD-AM Funds

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#### Part 4 – SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

Part four covers the following share classes:

SMD-AM Funds	Class	Ccy	Hedged	Launch date	ISIN
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund	P	USD	Unhedged	20/12/2023	LU2560015195
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund	A	USD	Unhedged	16/08/2023	LU2560015609

#### SICAV Sub-Fund Name

SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

#### Investment Objective

The Sub-Fund aims for long-term growth of its assets through investment in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies predominantly listed and traded on China A Shares Equity Markets of the People's Republic of China ("PRC") ("China A Shares").

No set benchmark (Reference benchmark: MSCI China A Onshore NR USD Index)

Stock limits: Maximum 10% of individual stocks at the time of purchase

#### Past Year's Market Environment (covering FY2023)

##### In April – June 2023 Quarter

The mainland China A-share market (on a local currency basis) declined during the period. The market advanced towards mid-April as key economic indicators for January-March quarter, such as real GDP (gross national product) growth rate, exceeded the market expectations. After that, the market declined towards the end of May as concerns about deterioration of US-China relation grew after it was reported that U.S. president Biden planned to announce restrictions on U.S companies investing in China. Thereafter by mid-June, the market bounced as expectations for economic support measures such as monetary easing grew and Prime Minister Li Qiang expressed his confidence in the economic growth in the year at the summer Davos meeting in Tianjing, China. But, as the announced interest rate cut was just small, disappointment spread among investors. Also, concerns about the resurgence of Covid-19 infections and accelerating depreciation of Chinese yuan were downward factors for the market.

##### In July – September 2023 Quarter

The mainland China A-share market (on a local currency basis) declined during the period. From mid-July to late July, the stock market buoyed, as the Central Politburo Meeting indicated the direction to revitalize the sluggish economy, especially housing market, and the securities authority held a meeting with major securities companies, incurring a speculation that they were asked for their opinions on the measures to stimulate the capital market and to recover the investors' confidence. Since then, however, in addition to the fact that China's major economic indicators in July fell short of market expectations, growing concerns on the credit worthiness of major real estate companies weighed on to reverse down the market. The market was hit downward as well by concerns increased on deterioration of US-Sino relationship when it was reported that the US government would start technical verification on new smartphones of Chinese telecommunication device giant Huawei on the way for China' increasing sophistication of semiconductors.

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#### In October – December 2023 Quarter

The mainland China A-share market (on a local currency basis) continued to decline during the period.

In mid-October, the market declined as lower-than-expected CPI annual growth rate in September raised concerns for deflation, and the announcement of US government to tighten export restrictions on cutting-edge semiconductors to China were negatively perceived in the stock market. The market rebounded after the China government approved issuance of additional RMB 1 trillion government bonds to boost the economy. From mid-November, the market trended weak, as 1) the October new home price accelerated its month-on-month decline, 2) concerns on some private companies were reported, and 3) a major rating agency downgraded China's credit rating outlook from 'stable' to 'negative'. The market rebounded toward the end of December favoring good factors, such as rising expectations for an early rate cut in the US and significant improvement in earnings of Chinese industrial companies in November. But the market finished the quarter in decline.

#### In January – March 2024 Quarter

The mainland China A-share market (on a local currency basis) advanced during the period. In January, market declined as uncertainty grew over Chinese economy due to the negative year-on-year growth rate of CPI in December 2023 and stagnant real estate prices. Reversely, since February the market has remained firm with China government hinting at support for the sluggish stock market and reports on stable consumption-related spending during Lunar Chinese New Year holidays. The People's Bank of China (Central Bank) lowered the 5-year LPR (Loan Prime Rate) which is the base for mortgage rates, also pushing stock prices higher. After that, the year-on-year growth rate of February CPI exceeded market expectations, raising anticipation for improvement in Chinese economy, and Chinese government reportedly requested financial institutions to strengthen supports for real estate companies. Supported by these factors, the market advanced throughout the period.

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\* Performance stated is in USD, total returns

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## SMD-AM Funds

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#### Performance

SMD-AM Funds – SMD-AM China A Shares P USD Fund performance returns, shown in US dollars terms. Returns are shown net of fees.

USD basis	1 year p.a.* %	3 years p.a.* %	5 years p.a.* %	Since inception %
Portfolio	-26.41	-	-	-18.58
Benchmark	-17.76	-	-	-9.38
Excess return	-8.65	-	-	-9.19

Source: SMDAM (London) as at 31 March 2024

Performance inception date: 20 December 2022

ISIN Code: LU2560015195

The benchmark is the MSCI China A Onshore NR USD index

Any minor discrepancies are due to rounding

Performance shows net of fees and are total net returns (dividends, net of tax, have been reinvested in the portfolio). Returns of the indexes also do not typically reflect the deduction of investment management fees, trading costs or other expenses.

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#### Performance Drivers for the Review Period\*

During the period from 31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024, China A Shares P USD UCITS Fund returned -26.41%, versus -17.76% for the reference benchmark MSCI China A Onshore NR USD Index resulting in a net underperformance of -8.65%.

SMD-AM China A Shares Fund is benchmark agnostic and as such attribution analysis versus the reference benchmark is provided for information purposes and in USD terms.

The equity-only attribution analysis on 31 March 2024 based on MSCI China A Onshore NR Index USD shows the negative sector selection effect of -3.28% and the negative contributions from the stock selection effect of -5.50%.

Regarding the sector allocation, an underweight position in Industrial and non-holding in Real Estate contributed positively while an overweight position in Information Technology and an underweight in Energy contributed negatively.

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Regarding the stock selection, **SHANGHAI FRIENDESS A CNY1** (OW +2.59%), **HUIZHOU DESAY SV A A CNY1** (OW +2.77%), **CNOOC LTD NPV** (OW +0.49%), **JIANGSU YOKE TECHN A CNY1** (OW+2.68%) and **ZHONGJI INNOLIGHT A CNY1** (OW+0.23) were major positive contributors, while major negative contributors were **Glodon Company Limited Class A** (OW +2.30%), **Yunnan Energy New Material Co., Ltd. Class A** (OW +1.57%), **LUZHOU LAO JIAO CO. A CNY1** (OW +5.22%), **Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd Class A** (OW +2.00%) and **Zhejiang Jingsheng Mechanical & Electrical Co., Ltd. Class A** (OW +1.89%).

\*Note: performance stated is in USD, total returns

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### Composition (as of 31 March 2024)

Sector Allocation	%
Consumer Staples	22.54
Information Technology	17.21
Consumer Discretionary	11.45
Industrials	10.23
Health Care	9.75
Materials	8.81
Financials	7.30
Telecommunication Services	6.90
Energy	3.95
Utilities	1.85
Real Estate	-
Others	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo), as at 31 March 2024  
Data provided for the SMD-AM China A Shares Fund  
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#### Fund Sector Attribution

Table details the attribution analysis on a sector basis of the SMD-AM China A Shares Fund versus the MSCI China A NR Index USD. The data provided is shown in US dollar terms.

31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024	Portfolio Weight (Average) %	Benchmark Weight (Average) %	Portfolio Return %	Benchmark Return %	Return Difference %	Sector Selection Effect %	Stock Selection Effect %
Information Technology	25.02	18.00	-36.07	-27.47	-8.60	-1.19	-2.59
Health Care	9.06	8.71	-31.01	-26.03	-4.98	-0.08	-0.22
Telecommunication Services	3.01	2.28	-20.10	-16.59	-3.51	0.04	-0.11
Materials	9.51	11.64	-25.62	-19.57	-6.05	0.03	-0.72
Energy	0.78	2.35	11.79	22.69	-10.90	-0.72	0.44
Industrials	7.49	16.29	-26.82	-19.03	-7.79	0.15	-0.90
Consumer Discretionary	8.40	7.41	-6.69	-8.07	1.39	0.09	0.26
Consumer Staples	25.45	11.66	-21.56	-21.20	-0.36	-0.57	-0.15
Utilities	0.34	2.66	6.69	11.69	-5.00	-0.67	-0.10
Financials	10.93	17.46	-17.83	-3.91	-13.91	-0.59	-1.41
Real Estate	-	1.55	-	-33.08	33.08	0.24	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100.00	100.00	-25.77	-17.27	-8.50	-3.28	-5.50

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) as at 31 March 2024

Benchmark: MSCI China A NR Index USD.

Data provided for the SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

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Return difference is the relative performance from that sector. Sector Allocation Effect is the % gained/lost from allocating investment to that sector. Stock Selection Effect is the % gained/lost from allocating investment to specific stocks within that sector. Performance is relative to MSCI China A NR Index USD based on close of business prices, and is gross of fees. Stocks shown were held for any part of the month, not necessarily for the whole period.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Top 10 Positive Contributors (as of 31 March 2024)

Company Name	Average Active Weight† (%)	Stock Contribution (%)
SHANGHAI FRIENDESS A CNY1	2.59	1.06
HUIZHOU DESAY SV A A CNY1	2.77	0.88
CNOOC LTD NPV	0.49	0.48
JIANGSU YOKE TECHN A CNY1	2.68	0.37
ZHONGJI INNOLIGHT A CNY1	0.23	0.37
JIANGSU HENGRUI PH A CNY1	1.73	0.29
KWEICHOW MOUTAI A CNY1	3.82	0.27
YIFENG PHARMACY CH A CNY1	2.68	0.26
China Tourism Group Duty Free Corporation Limited Class A	-0.44	0.26
TCL Zhonghuan Renewable Energy Technology	-0.30	0.25

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) as at 31 March 2024

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†Average active weight versus the reference benchmark over the 12 months ending 31 March 2024

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## SMD-AM Funds

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#### Top 10 Negative Contributors (as of 31 March 2024)

Company Name	Average Active Weight† (%)	Stock Contribution (%)
Glodon Company Limited Class A	2.30	-3.02
Yunnan Energy New Material Co., Ltd. Class A	1.57	-1.01
LUZHOU LAO JIAO CO A CNY1	5.22	-0.91
Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. Class A	2.00	-0.84
Zhejiang Jingsheng Mechanical & Electrical Co., Ltd. Class A	1.89	-0.79
SG MICRO CORP A CNY1	1.64	-0.71
Suzhou Maxwell Technologies Co., Ltd. Class A	0.72	-0.70
IMEIK TECHNOLOGY D A CNY1	1.73	-0.51
HANGZHOU FIRST APPLIED MATERIAL CO.,LTD. Class A	0.76	-0.42
Beijing Kingsoft Office Software. Inc. Class A	0.91	-0.41

Source: SMDAM (Tokyo) as at 31 March 2024

Data provided for the SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

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#### Material Changes to Portfolio Structure during period

No material changes during the FY 2023 period.

#### Source of Capital Gains during period

Essential sources of capital gains have been stock increases and dividends received.

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Outlook for FY 2024

Inflationary pressures in the US and risk of economic slowdown due to monetary tightening to date remain as concerns in the global stock markets, but the US Federal Reserve Board's suggestion to cut interest rates within this year is a favorable news for China stock market. There remains a downside risk to China's corporate earnings' outlook due to the slowdown of global economy and uncertainty surrounding the real estate market, but it is likely that negative news has already been factored in, and we believe downside risk for the stock market is limited. We believe that European and U.S. economies will avoid a deep recession, and China economy will proceed with policy measures for normalization. We anticipate that the stock market will stabilize in line with the outlook of major companies' earnings expansion. As for our investment strategy, mainly focusing on sectors like Food, Beverage & Tobacco, Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology, and Technology Hardware & Equipment, we will carefully select and invest in stocks that are expected to achieve a sustainable growth with their competitive core business, unique technologies, and product development capabilities.

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## SMD-AM Funds

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#### Part 5 – SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

Part five covers the following share classes:

SMD-AM Funds	Class	Ccy	Hedged	Launch date	ISIN
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund	F	USD	Unhedged	22/03/2024	LU2710802047
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund	A	USD	Unhedged	22/03/2024	LU2710801742
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund	A	EUR	Unhedged	22/03/2024	LU2710800934
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund	A	HKD-S	Unhedged	22/03/2024	LU2710800264

Source: SMDAM and prospectus, as at 31 March 2024

#### SICAV Sub-Fund Name

SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

#### Investment Objective

The Sub-Fund targets long-term capital growth by investing in high-yield bonds globally, focusing on sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate issuers. It incorporates rigorous ESG criteria to minimize exposure to carbon-intensive sectors and controversial industries, aligning with article 8 SFDR standards.

Primarily, the fund invests in high-yield bonds predominantly from developed markets, with ratings typically below Baa/BBB. It maintains a strategic approach to distressed securities, ensuring they do not exceed 10% of net assets, and may hold up to 10% in equity resulting from bond restructuring.

The investment process involves comprehensive credit analysis and portfolio construction aimed at liquidity and diversification, focusing on high conviction names for significant positions. The benchmark is the ICE BofA Global High Yield Constrained Index, indicating a performance reference point while allowing for considerable investment discretion.

Investment limits include a maximum of 5% in a single issuer and 15% in a single industry, with up to 20% of net assets in ancillary liquid assets. Currency hedging strategies are employed to manage foreign exchange risk. The fund's total investment, including derivative exposure, adheres to the 100% net assets cap.

### Report of the Portfolio Managers

#### Outlook for FY 2024

Global economic growth is expanding at a decreasing rate, which we believe bodes well for credit. This slower economic expansion generally allows issuers to service debt and provides less incentive to over-leverage their balance sheets while not stoking additional inflationary pressure. Global central banks should provide an additional tailwind to fixed income as most are anticipated to reduce interest rates in the coming year. While the exact timing of monetary easing is not certain, the narrative largely remains the same with the market seeing rate reductions as 'non-recessionary adjustment cuts'. Europe is likely to begin easing ahead of the U.S. which is still grappling with aspects of stubborn inflation. Regarding fundamentals, Q4'2023 corporate earnings have been better-than-expected and accompanied by a significant increase in refinancing activity. In combination, we believe these factors provide a favourable backdrop for investing in global high yield. Default rates look to increase off historic lows but should level off near long-term averages. Given supportive fundamentals and optionality to refinance any near-term debt, we do not anticipate a meaningful spike in default rates ahead. Despite improving sentiment, forward guidance largely remains conservative, and we expect an increase in single-name dispersion this year as the lagging effect of tighter monetary policy will eventually pressure businesses. We remain focused on security selection as we expect single-name dispersion to increase in the coming months and believe pockets of volatility around any monetary easing announcements (or lack thereof) could provide for additional opportunity.

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## SMD-AM Funds

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## SMD-AM Funds

### Combined Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024\*)

Investment Focus	Market Value in EUR	% of the net assets
<b>I. Assets</b>	<b>125,050,566.89</b>	<b>110.58</b>
1. Equities	81,713,996.30	72.26
2. Bonds	27,291,510.54	24.13
3. Derivatives	39,314.71	0.03
4. Bank balances	7,233,645.08	6.40
5. Other Assets	8,772,100.26	7.76
<b>II. Liabilities</b>	<b>-11,965,633.01</b>	<b>-10.58</b>
1. Derivatives	-49.33	0.00
2. Other liabilities	-11,965,583.68	-10.58
<b>III. Net Assets</b>	<b>113,084,933.88</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*) The combined statement of net assets, the combined statement of operations and the combined statement of changes in net assets consist of the sum of the statements of each sub-fund expressed in the fund currency EUR using year-end exchange rates.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Combined Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the year from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024\*)

		<b>Total</b>
<b>I. Income</b>		
- Dividends	EUR	2,754,197.33
- Interest income	EUR	11,028.56
- Other income	EUR	161,056.53
<b>Total income</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>2,926,282.42</b>
<b>II. Expenses</b>		
- Interest on bank overdraft**)	EUR	-7,959.94
- Administration fee	EUR	-174,065.54
- Management Company and Portfolio Management fee	EUR	-602,606.63
- Depository Bank fee	EUR	-105,578.77
- Auditing and publication expenses	EUR	-43,652.14
- Subscription tax ("Taxe d'abonnement")	EUR	-15,466.69
- Directors' fee	EUR	-77,624.99
- Legal fee	EUR	-28,595.46
- Foreign withholding taxes	EUR	-384,612.77
- Transaction expenses	EUR	-155,198.75
- Other expenses	EUR	-191,017.90
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>-1,786,379.58</b>
- Expense (waiver)/reimbursement	EUR	94,561.10
<b>Net total expenses</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>-1,691,818.48</b>
<b>III. Equalisation</b>		
- Income Equalisation	EUR	-156,335.00
<b>Total equalisation</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>-156,335.00</b>
<b>IV. Ordinary net result</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>1,078,128.94</b>

\*) The combined statement of net assets, the combined statement of operations and the combined statement of changes in net assets consist of the sum of the statements of each sub-fund expressed in the fund currency EUR using year-end exchange rates.

\*\*) Including negative interest on bank accounts.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Combined Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the year from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024\*)

				Total
<b>V. Realised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Realised profit on			EUR	12,000,719.16
- Securities	EUR	11,569,451.14		
- Forward foreign exchange transactions	EUR	9,189.07		
- Futures transactions	EUR	92,865.12		
- Foreign exchange transactions	EUR	329,213.83		
2. Realised loss on			EUR	-8,541,130.34
- Securities	EUR	-8,193,412.92		
- Foreign exchange transactions	EUR	-347,717.42		
<b>Total realised profit/loss</b>			<b>EUR</b>	<b>3,459,588.82</b>
<b>VI. Net change in unrealised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Change in unrealised profit on			EUR	15,680,243.93
- Securities	EUR	15,636,189.48		
- Forward foreign exchange transactions	EUR	34,322.33		
- Futures transactions	EUR	6,458.32		
- Foreign exchange transactions	EUR	3,273.80		
2. Change in unrealised loss on			EUR	-2,045,844.72
- Securities	EUR	-2,039,707.23		
- Forward foreign exchange transactions	EUR	-33.88		
- Foreign exchange transactions	EUR	-6,103.61		
<b>Total net change in unrealised profit/loss</b>			<b>EUR</b>	<b>13,634,399.21</b>
<b>VII. Result of operations for the year</b>			<b>EUR</b>	<b>18,172,116.97</b>

\*) The combined statement of net assets, the combined statement of operations and the combined statement of changes in net assets consist of the sum of the statements of each sub-fund expressed in the fund currency EUR using year-end exchange rates.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Combined Statement of Changes in Net Assets\*)

**FY2024**

<b>I. Net assets at the beginning of the year</b>			<b>EUR</b>	<b>111,254,555.63</b>
1. Net cash flow			EUR	-7,639,949.90
a) Proceeds from shares issued	EUR	33,895,212.94		
b) Proceeds from shares redeemed	EUR	-41,535,162.84		
c) Dividends paid	EUR	-24.22		
d) Dividends reinvested	EUR	24.22		
2. Income/expense equalisation			EUR	156,335.00
3. Results of operations for the year			EUR	18,172,116.97
4. Currency translations			EUR	-8,858,123.82
<b>II. Net assets at the end of the year</b>			<b>EUR</b>	<b>113,084,933.88</b>

\*) The combined statement of net assets, the combined statement of operations and the combined statement of changes in net assets consist of the sum of the statements of each sub-fund expressed in the fund currency EUR using year-end exchange rates.

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Fund structure as at 31/03/2024

Investment Focus	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
<b>I. Assets</b>	<b>10,051,080,280.00</b>	<b>101.12</b>
1. Equities	9,629,302,820.00	96.88
2. Derivatives	632,454.00	0.01
3. Bank balances	186,453,012.00	1.88
4. Other Assets	234,691,994.00	2.35
<b>II. Liabilities</b>	<b>-111,750,704.00</b>	<b>-1.12</b>
1. Derivatives	-7,523.00	0.00
2. Other liabilities	-111,743,181.00	-1.12
<b>III. Net Assets</b>	<b>9,939,329,576.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
<b>Portfolio holdings</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>9,629,302,820.00</b>	<b>96.88</b>
<b>Exchange-traded securities</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>9,629,302,820.00</b>	<b>96.88</b>
<b>Equities</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>9,629,302,820.00</b>	<b>96.88</b>
AB&Company Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3160630004	Units	101,700	JPY	944.000	96,004,800.00	0.97
Aichi Electric Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3104000009	Units	17,600	JPY	4,115.000	72,424,000.00	0.73
Amaze Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3124730007	Units	3,100	JPY	1,222.000	3,788,200.00	0.03
Ambition Dx Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3128650003	Units	16,000	JPY	908.000	14,528,000.00	0.14
Anest Iwata Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3122450004	Units	100,000	JPY	1,344.000	134,400,000.00	1.35
Arealink Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3167620008	Units	3,200	JPY	2,687.000	8,598,400.00	0.08
Asahi Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3110500000	Units	50,000	JPY	1,330.000	66,500,000.00	0.66
Asahi Yukizai Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3117200000	Units	4,200	JPY	5,240.000	22,008,000.00	0.22
Asax Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3109900005	Units	6,000	JPY	763.000	4,578,000.00	0.04
Asia Air Survey Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3118800006	Units	20,800	JPY	1,027.000	21,361,600.00	0.21
Asia Quest Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3118700008	Units	4,400	JPY	3,040.000	13,376,000.00	0.13
ASO INTERNATIONAL INC Registered Shares o.N.	JP3120120005	Units	9,800	JPY	765.000	7,497,000.00	0.08
AUTOSERVER Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3172490009	Units	7,900	JPY	1,940.000	15,326,000.00	0.15
Axis Consulting Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3108230008	Units	11,700	JPY	1,053.000	12,320,100.00	0.12
B&P Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3799630003	Units	2,300	JPY	1,858.000	4,273,400.00	0.04
Basis Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3835270004	Units	2,100	JPY	1,285.000	2,698,500.00	0.03
Bewith Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3799670009	Units	31,800	JPY	2,242.000	71,295,600.00	0.72
Bookoff Group Holdings Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3829940000	Units	300	JPY	1,444.000	433,200.00	0.00
Bridge International Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3831050004	Units	4,000	JPY	1,643.000	6,572,000.00	0.07
Broad Minded Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3831510007	Units	600	JPY	1,791.000	1,074,600.00	0.01
BroadBand Security Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3831470004	Units	5,200	JPY	1,682.000	8,746,400.00	0.09
Career Design Center Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3244450007	Units	44,000	JPY	1,776.000	78,144,000.00	0.79
Caulis Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3205750007	Units	1,400	JPY	2,957.000	4,139,800.00	0.04
Central Automotive Products Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3515400004	Units	7,900	JPY	5,760.000	45,504,000.00	0.46
Chori Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3528200003	Units	47,300	JPY	3,370.000	159,401,000.00	1.60

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
CMC Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3347170007	Units	18,600	JPY	1,280.000	23,808,000.00	0.24
Cocolive Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3297390001	Units	200	JPY	1,929.000	385,800.00	0.00
Cocorport Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3297310009	Units	15,000	JPY	1,968.000	29,520,000.00	0.30
Columbia Works Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3305940003	Units	1,000	JPY	3,725.000	3,725,000.00	0.04
Coly Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3305910006	Units	10,700	JPY	954.000	10,207,800.00	0.10
Commerce One Holdings Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3302400001	Units	28,000	JPY	814.000	22,792,000.00	0.23
Crestec Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3271150009	Units	4,600	JPY	1,898.000	8,730,800.00	0.09
Cross Marketing Group Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3272760004	Units	66,600	JPY	551.000	36,696,600.00	0.37
CS Lumber Co. Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3346520004	Units	400	JPY	3,530.000	1,412,000.00	0.01
CUBE Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3244930008	Units	3,500	JPY	900.000	3,150,000.00	0.03
Dai Nippon Toryo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3495400008	Units	8,600	JPY	1,171.000	10,070,600.00	0.10
Dai-Ichi Cutter Kogyo KK Registered Shares o.N.	JP3473700007	Units	141,600	JPY	1,607.000	227,551,200.00	2.29
Daido Kogyo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3489000004	Units	82,100	JPY	762.000	62,560,200.00	0.63
Daiesangyo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3440300006	Units	6,100	JPY	1,150.000	7,015,000.00	0.07
Daikyonishikawa Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3481300006	Units	19,000	JPY	773.000	14,687,000.00	0.15
Dainichiseika Color & Chemicals Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3492200005	Units	9,300	JPY	2,948.000	27,416,400.00	0.28
Daito Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3486150000	Units	40	JPY	2,333.000	93,320.00	0.00
Daytona Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3548650005	Units	9,800	JPY	3,245.000	31,801,000.00	0.32
Decolte Holdings Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3548830003	Units	10,600	JPY	502.000	5,321,200.00	0.05
Densan System Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3551440005	Units	2,500	JPY	2,680.000	6,700,000.00	0.07
DM Solutions Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3548790009	Units	1,400	JPY	1,366.000	1,912,400.00	0.02
DMS Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3548550007	Units	1,500	JPY	1,760.000	2,640,000.00	0.03
Doshisha Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3638000004	Units	4,000	JPY	2,084.000	8,336,000.00	0.08
DreamArts Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3639400005	Units	21,200	JPY	2,248.000	47,657,600.00	0.48
EJ Holdings Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3130480001	Units	800	JPY	1,763.000	1,410,400.00	0.01
Endo Lighting Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3169600008	Units	120,000	JPY	1,507.000	180,840,000.00	1.82
Endo Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3169700006	Units	40,000	JPY	1,061.000	42,440,000.00	0.43
ERI Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3130050002	Units	700	JPY	1,774.000	1,241,800.00	0.01
Estic Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3163150000	Units	3,900	JPY	928.000	3,619,200.00	0.04
FB Care Service Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3166980007	Units	12,000	JPY	1,145.000	13,740,000.00	0.14
Fibergate Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3802380000	Units	1,000	JPY	1,145.000	1,145,000.00	0.01
Firstlogic Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3802340004	Units	15,400	JPY	525.000	8,085,000.00	0.08

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
For Startups Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3803070006	Units	1,200	JPY	1,223.000	1,467,600.00	0.01
Freebit Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3826720009	Units	1,200	JPY	1,531.000	1,837,200.00	0.02
Fuji Corp. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3815000009	Units	92,600	JPY	748.000	69,264,800.00	0.70
Fuji Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3812300006	Units	136,100	JPY	1,816.000	247,157,600.00	2.49
Fujikura Composites Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3811600000	Units	105,000	JPY	1,403.000	147,315,000.00	1.48
Fuluhashi EPO Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3828600001	Units	11,400	JPY	1,100.000	12,540,000.00	0.13
Gakujo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3234400004	Units	19,300	JPY	1,800.000	34,740,000.00	0.35
G-Tekt Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3236750000	Units	61,600	JPY	2,114.000	130,222,400.00	1.31
Giga Prize Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3263850004	Units	4,900	JPY	1,695.000	8,305,500.00	0.08
Global Style Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3472150006	Units	7,900	JPY	1,591.000	12,568,900.00	0.13
Hagiwara Electric Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3765600006	Units	45,100	JPY	4,430.000	199,793,000.00	2.01
Halmek Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3773350008	Units	20,900	JPY	970.000	20,273,000.00	0.20
Handsman Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3777500004	Units	1,700	JPY	990.000	1,683,000.00	0.02
Hard Off Corp. Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3765120005	Units	25,900	JPY	1,681.000	43,537,900.00	0.44
Heian Ceremony Service Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3834050001	Units	200	JPY	900.000	180,000.00	0.00
Higashi Twenty One Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3783480001	Units	12,000	JPY	1,305.000	15,660,000.00	0.16
Hirakawa Hewtech Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3795080005	Units	6,500	JPY	1,345.000	8,742,500.00	0.09
Hito Communications Holdings Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3791990009	Units	32,600	JPY	1,159.000	37,783,400.00	0.38
Honyaku Center Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3854900002	Units	2,000	JPY	2,014.000	4,028,000.00	0.04
Howtelevision Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3765460005	Units	1,800	JPY	2,455.000	4,419,000.00	0.04
Human Creation Holdings Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3794470009	Units	900	JPY	2,371.000	2,133,900.00	0.02
Hurxley Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3765100007	Units	9,200	JPY	926.000	8,519,200.00	0.09
i Cubed System Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3101050007	Units	13,900	JPY	1,568.000	21,795,200.00	0.22
Ichiken Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3141400006	Units	150,000	JPY	2,496.000	374,400,000.00	3.77
Ichinen Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3142100001	Units	40,000	JPY	1,746.000	69,840,000.00	0.70
Image Magic Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3149350005	Units	3,000	JPY	1,086.000	3,258,000.00	0.03
Imasen Electric Industrial Registered Shares o.N.	JP3149100004	Units	1,900	JPY	637.000	1,210,300.00	0.01
Innovation Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3147900009	Units	1,200	JPY	1,266.000	1,519,200.00	0.02
Interworks Confidence Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3306470000	Units	19,500	JPY	1,662.000	32,409,000.00	0.33
ISB Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3100700008	Units	1,900	JPY	1,367.000	2,597,300.00	0.03
Ishizuka Glass Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3136000001	Units	12,300	JPY	2,922.000	35,940,600.00	0.36
ITmedia Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3104880004	Units	10,000	JPY	1,784.000	17,840,000.00	0.18
Jaccs Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3388600003	Units	73,200	JPY	5,480.000	401,136,000.00	4.04

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
J-MAX Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3875400008	Units	14,600	JPY	520.000	7,592,000.00	0.08
Japan Insulation Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3687500003	Units	9,500	JPY	1,004.000	9,538,000.00	0.10
Japan Transcity Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3739600009	Units	69,500	JPY	662.000	46,009,000.00	0.46
JRC Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3386910008	Units	4,400	JPY	897.000	3,946,800.00	0.04
JSB Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3386630002	Units	8,300	JPY	2,834.000	23,522,200.00	0.24
Kamei Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3219400003	Units	60,000	JPY	2,060.000	123,600,000.00	1.24
Kanda Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3229980002	Units	7,100	JPY	848.000	6,020,800.00	0.06
Kanefusa Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3216800007	Units	7,100	JPY	730.000	5,183,000.00	0.05
Kimura Unity Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3242500001	Units	40,800	JPY	1,695.000	69,156,000.00	0.70
Kondotec Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3306050000	Units	14,200	JPY	1,252.000	17,778,400.00	0.18
Konoike Transport Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3288970001	Units	40,000	JPY	2,114.000	84,560,000.00	0.85
Kowa Co. Ltd. Osaka Registered Shares o.N.	JP3292900002	Units	11,200	JPY	1,473.000	16,497,600.00	0.17
Koyou Rentia Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3283850000	Units	2,900	JPY	2,103.000	6,098,700.00	0.06
Kozo Keikaku Engineering Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3288950003	Units	900	JPY	4,005.000	3,604,500.00	0.04
KU Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3277300004	Units	32,000	JPY	1,154.000	36,928,000.00	0.37
Kurashicom Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3268790007	Units	700	JPY	1,577.000	1,103,900.00	0.01
Kuriyama Holdings Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3270810009	Units	126,300	JPY	1,340.000	169,242,000.00	1.70
Kyosha Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3249230008	Units	3,500	JPY	420.000	1,470,000.00	0.01
Landnet Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3968860001	Units	45,600	JPY	1,024.000	46,694,400.00	0.47
Mainichi Comnet Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3860280001	Units	6,400	JPY	800.000	5,120,000.00	0.05
Maruzen Showa Unyu Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3876000005	Units	38,500	JPY	4,630.000	178,255,000.00	1.79
Matsuda Sangyo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3868500004	Units	25,300	JPY	2,451.000	62,010,300.00	0.62
Matsumoto Yushi-Seiyaku Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3869100002	Units	400	JPY	17,710.000	7,084,000.00	0.07
Media Research Institute Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3921330001	Units	4,600	JPY	1,985.000	9,131,000.00	0.09
MetalArt Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3920900002	Units	3,400	JPY	3,820.000	12,988,000.00	0.13
Mirai Works Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3910630007	Units	6,800	JPY	769.000	5,229,200.00	0.05
Miroku Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3910800006	Units	8,300	JPY	1,469.000	12,192,700.00	0.12
Miroku Jyoho Service Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3910700008	Units	200	JPY	1,787.000	357,400.00	0.00
Nalnet Communications Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3651950002	Units	10,000	JPY	900.000	9,000,000.00	0.09
Nankai Chemical Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3652150008	Units	17,900	JPY	4,900.000	87,710,000.00	0.88
Narasaki Sangyo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3651800009	Units	12,700	JPY	2,990.000	37,973,000.00	0.38
Nichias Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3660400007	Units	104,700	JPY	4,035.000	422,464,500.00	4.25
Nichidai Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3661940001	Units	80,000	JPY	366.000	29,280,000.00	0.29

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
Nichirin Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3665000000	Units	100,000	JPY	3,705.000	370,500,000.00	3.73
NIFTY Lifestyle Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3756210005	Units	30,000	JPY	1,056.000	31,680,000.00	0.32
Nihon Dengi Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3734350006	Units	400	JPY	5,820.000	2,328,000.00	0.02
Nihon Denkei Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3734400009	Units	8,500	JPY	2,415.000	20,527,500.00	0.21
Nihon Plast Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3749200006	Units	182,000	JPY	550.000	100,100,000.00	1.01
Nihon Tokushu Toryo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3739000002	Units	700	JPY	1,449.000	1,014,300.00	0.01
Nippi Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3685200002	Units	3,000	JPY	5,630.000	16,890,000.00	0.17
Nippon Dry-Chemical Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3740800002	Units	49,600	JPY	2,671.000	132,481,600.00	1.33
Nippon Pigment Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3747000002	Units	14,500	JPY	2,996.000	43,442,000.00	0.44
Nippon Sharyo Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3713600009	Units	14,200	JPY	2,370.000	33,654,000.00	0.34
Nissin Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3674400001	Units	30,000	JPY	2,849.000	85,470,000.00	0.86
Nitto Seiko Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3682800002	Units	69,400	JPY	635.000	44,069,000.00	0.44
No.1 Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3653590004	Units	1,600	JPY	951.000	1,521,600.00	0.02
Okamoto Machine Tool Works Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3193200007	Units	6,000	JPY	6,460.000	38,760,000.00	0.39
Okaya & Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3193400003	Units	1,500	JPY	16,670.000	25,005,000.00	0.25
Onamba Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3172800009	Units	46,200	JPY	1,319.000	60,937,800.00	0.61
Onoken Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3196700003	Units	150,000	JPY	1,870.000	280,500,000.00	2.82
OpenWork Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3173570007	Units	148,700	JPY	713.000	106,023,100.00	1.07
Oricon Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3200140006	Units	12,000	JPY	855.000	10,260,000.00	0.10
Outlook Consulting Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3105380004	Units	25,000	JPY	1,595.000	39,875,000.00	0.40
Pacific Industrial Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3448400006	Units	3,000	JPY	1,673.000	5,019,000.00	0.05
Paraca Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3781700004	Units	22,900	JPY	1,990.000	45,571,000.00	0.46
PORTERS Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3855840009	Units	1,000	JPY	2,104.000	2,104,000.00	0.02
PR Times Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3801050000	Units	15,000	JPY	2,044.000	30,660,000.00	0.31
Press Kogyo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3833600004	Units	95,800	JPY	703.000	67,347,400.00	0.68
Printnet Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3833250008	Units	8,000	JPY	637.000	5,096,000.00	0.05
Proto Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3833740008	Units	108,800	JPY	1,405.000	152,864,000.00	1.54
PS Mitsubishi Construction Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3801400007	Units	74,700	JPY	1,045.000	78,061,500.00	0.79
Punch Industry Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3782950004	Units	10,400	JPY	455.000	4,732,000.00	0.05
Quick Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3266000003	Units	11,000	JPY	2,360.000	25,960,000.00	0.26
Rasa Industries Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3967400007	Units	15,000	JPY	2,716.000	40,740,000.00	0.41
Realgate Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3969520000	Units	20,300	JPY	1,740.000	35,322,000.00	0.36
Rebase Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3974840005	Units	16,500	JPY	981.000	16,186,500.00	0.16

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
Rion Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3969700008	Units	6,700	JPY	2,916.000	19,537,200.00	0.20
Rise Consulting Group Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3965420007	Units	82,700	JPY	840.000	69,468,000.00	0.70
Rococo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3984090005	Units	700	JPY	1,150.000	805,000.00	0.01
S&B Foods Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3163600004	Units	4,200	JPY	4,405.000	18,501,000.00	0.19
Sac's Bar Holdings Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3584700003	Units	15,600	JPY	869.000	13,556,400.00	0.14
Sakata INX Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3314800008	Units	100	JPY	1,570.000	157,000.00	0.00
San Holdings Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3286300003	Units	6,200	JPY	1,053.000	6,528,600.00	0.07
Sanei Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3324650005	Units	4,600	JPY	4,075.000	18,745,000.00	0.19
Sanko Gosei Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3330900006	Units	2,000	JPY	751.000	1,502,000.00	0.02
Sanko Techno Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3330500004	Units	12,000	JPY	1,480.000	17,760,000.00	0.18
Sanritsu Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3343400002	Units	41,500	JPY	884.000	36,686,000.00	0.37
Sansei Landic Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3335000000	Units	30,000	JPY	1,077.000	32,310,000.00	0.33
Sanyo Denki Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3340800006	Units	3,300	JPY	7,050.000	23,265,000.00	0.23
Sanyo Trading Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3342500000	Units	21,800	JPY	1,430.000	31,174,000.00	0.31
SE Holdings and Incubations Co. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3361000007	Units	74,500	JPY	331.000	24,659,500.00	0.25
Seiyu Kogyo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3417600008	Units	200	JPY	3,400.000	680,000.00	0.01
SEMITEC Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3423350002	Units	30,100	JPY	1,766.000	53,156,600.00	0.53
Shinko Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3372500003	Units	1,200	JPY	2,205.000	2,646,000.00	0.03
Shinpo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3383600008	Units	1,500	JPY	1,470.000	2,205,000.00	0.02
sinops Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3977010002	Units	1,800	JPY	1,301.000	2,341,800.00	0.02
Softcreate Holdings Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3436040004	Units	16,500	JPY	1,853.000	30,574,500.00	0.31
Software Service Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3436020006	Units	400	JPY	12,690.000	5,076,000.00	0.05
Soken Chemical & Engineering Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3431550007	Units	11,900	JPY	3,190.000	37,961,000.00	0.38
SOLIZE Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3436230001	Units	600	JPY	2,919.000	1,751,400.00	0.02
SPK Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3163800000	Units	26,800	JPY	2,052.000	54,993,600.00	0.55
Sportsfield Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3400030007	Units	43,800	JPY	765.000	33,507,000.00	0.34
Star Mica Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3399340003	Units	43,500	JPY	619.000	26,926,500.00	0.27
Star Micronics Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3399000003	Units	40,000	JPY	1,848.000	73,920,000.00	0.74
Starzen Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3399100001	Units	55,200	JPY	2,821.000	155,719,200.00	1.57
Succeed Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3316900004	Units	14,900	JPY	1,171.000	17,447,900.00	0.18
Sumitomo Riko Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3564200008	Units	12,100	JPY	1,334.000	16,141,400.00	0.16
Sun-Wa Technos Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3345400000	Units	12,500	JPY	2,396.000	29,950,000.00	0.30
Suzuki Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3397210000	Units	59,400	JPY	1,264.000	75,081,600.00	0.76

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
Synchro Food Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3372300008	Units	2,000	JPY	605.000	1,210,000.00	0.01
System Support Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3350960005	Units	600	JPY	2,065.000	1,239,000.00	0.01
Syuppin Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3359940008	Units	12,300	JPY	1,177.000	14,477,100.00	0.15
Takagi Seiko Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3453900007	Units	13,800	JPY	2,245.000	30,981,000.00	0.31
Takahashi Curtain Wall Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3457800005	Units	99,400	JPY	575.000	57,155,000.00	0.58
Takaoka Toko Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3591600006	Units	5,700	JPY	2,535.000	14,449,500.00	0.15
Takayoshi Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3458600008	Units	5,100	JPY	810.000	4,131,000.00	0.04
Tobila Systems Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3630000002	Units	35,400	JPY	802.000	28,390,800.00	0.29
Tobishima Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3629800008	Units	199,500	JPY	1,473.000	293,863,500.00	2.96
Tomoe-gawa Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3631000001	Units	49,300	JPY	876.000	43,186,800.00	0.43
Tomoku Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3554000004	Units	82,700	JPY	2,628.000	217,335,600.00	2.19
Tow Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3538450002	Units	119,500	JPY	383.000	45,768,500.00	0.46
Toyo Drilube Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3617600006	Units	100	JPY	3,505.000	350,500.00	0.00
TPR Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3542400001	Units	22,000	JPY	2,350.000	51,700,000.00	0.52
Trinity Industrial Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3637000005	Units	7,500	JPY	1,183.000	8,872,500.00	0.09
Uniform Next Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3952530008	Units	1,500	JPY	633.000	949,500.00	0.01
Unite and Grow Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3949550002	Units	12,000	JPY	1,416.000	16,992,000.00	0.17
Vario Secure Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3778490007	Units	3,900	JPY	707.000	2,757,300.00	0.03
VIS Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3159890007	Units	1,900	JPY	1,128.000	2,143,200.00	0.02
VT Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3854700006	Units	61,300	JPY	535.000	32,795,500.00	0.33
W TOKYO Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3506020001	Units	1,000	JPY	2,725.000	2,725,000.00	0.03
Waseda Gakushukenkyukai Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3993770001	Units	10,800	JPY	1,110.000	11,988,000.00	0.12
Washington Hotel Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3993700008	Units	71,400	JPY	832.000	59,404,800.00	0.60
Watanabe Sato Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3993800006	Units	3,000	JPY	3,850.000	11,550,000.00	0.12
Wavelock Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3687800007	Units	58,900	JPY	687.000	40,464,300.00	0.41
Willplus Holdings Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3154270007	Units	80,000	JPY	1,054.000	84,320,000.00	0.85
Yagi & Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3930600006	Units	8,000	JPY	1,765.000	14,120,000.00	0.14
YAMABIKO Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3943000004	Units	80,000	JPY	2,003.000	160,240,000.00	1.61
Yamaichi Uniheim Real Estate Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3933900007	Units	43,700	JPY	1,000.000	43,700,000.00	0.44

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
YMIRLINK Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3952890006	Units	22,100	JPY	1,278.000	28,243,800.00	0.28
Yokogawa Bridge Holdings Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3955200005	Units	26,000	JPY	2,913.000	75,738,000.00	0.76
Zenhoren Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3430100002	Units	100,900	JPY	847.000	85,462,300.00	0.86
<b>Total securities</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>9,629,302,820.00</b>	<b>96.88</b>
<b>Derivatives</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>632,454.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>632,454.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
<b>Bank balances, non-securitised money market instruments and money market funds</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>186,453,012.00</b>	<b>1.88</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>186,453,012.00</b>	<b>1.88</b>
Balances with Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Ltd., London				
Time Deposits -0.23% due 01/04/2024	186,162,465.00	JPY	186,162,465.00	1.88
Time Deposits 4.68% due 01/04/2024	1,919.13	USD	290,547.00	0.00

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
<b>Other Assets</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>234,691,994.00</b>	<b>2.35</b>
Receivables for subscriptions	81,348,276.00	JPY	81,348,276.00	0.82
Investment receivables	30,799,127.00	JPY	30,799,127.00	0.31
Dividend receivables	122,200,685.00	JPY	122,200,685.00	1.22
Other assets	343,906.00	JPY	343,906.00	0.00
<b>Derivatives</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>-7,523.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>-7,523.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>-111,743,181.00</b>	<b>-1.12</b>
Investment payables	-54,858,236.00	JPY	-54,858,236.00	-0.55
Administration fee payable	-2,894,459.05	JPY	-2,894,459.05	-0.03
Management Company and Portfolio Management fee payable	-9,782,532.00	JPY	-9,782,532.00	-0.10
Depository Bank fee payable	-612,481.95	JPY	-612,481.95	-0.01
Audit fee payable	-7,753,670.00	JPY	-7,753,670.00	-0.08
Directors' fee payable	-2,351,985.00	JPY	-2,351,985.00	-0.02
Legal fee payable	-3,363,172.00	JPY	-3,363,172.00	-0.03
Taxe d'Abonnement payable	-267,176.00	JPY	-267,176.00	0.00
Other payables	-29,859,469.00	JPY	-29,859,469.00	-0.30
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>9,939,329,576.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A HKD (Hedged)

Net Asset Value per share	HKD	1,105.87
Subscription price	HKD	1,105.87
Redemption price	HKD	1,105.87
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	15.000

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A HKD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	HKD	1,061.29
Subscription price	HKD	1,061.29
Redemption price	HKD	1,061.29
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	15.000

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A JPY (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	JPY	16,702.48
Subscription price	JPY	16,702.48
Redemption price	JPY	16,702.48
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	9,493.124

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A USD (Hedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	125.82
Subscription price	USD	125.82
Redemption price	USD	125.82
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	896.680

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A USD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	106.11
Subscription price	USD	106.11
Redemption price	USD	106.11
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	20.000

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value I GBP (Hedged)

Net Asset Value per share	GBP	218.38
Subscription price	GBP	218.38
Redemption price	GBP	218.38
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	229.488

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value P JPY (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	JPY	22,126.96
Subscription price	JPY	22,126.96
Redemption price	JPY	22,126.96
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	10,200.000

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value S EUR (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	EUR	161.85
Subscription price	EUR	161.85
Redemption price	EUR	161.85
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	107,387.085

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value S JPY (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	JPY	18,937.22
Subscription price	JPY	18,937.22
Redemption price	JPY	18,937.22
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	353,181.475

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

		<b>Total</b>
<b>I. Income</b>		
- Dividends	JPY	313,877,994.00
- Other income	JPY	20,564,979.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>JPY</b>	<b>334,442,973.00</b>
<b>II. Expenses</b>		
- Interest on bank overdraft*)	JPY	-1,112,192.00
- Administration fee	JPY	-92,720.00
- Management Company and Portfolio Management fee	JPY	-55,811,269.00
- Auditing and publication expenses	JPY	-4,107,309.00
- Subscription tax ("Taxe d'abonnement")	JPY	-1,069,789.00
- Directors' fee	JPY	-6,808,848.00
- Legal fee	JPY	-2,079,393.00
- Foreign withholding taxes	JPY	-48,070,423.00
- Transaction expenses	JPY	-6,635,578.00
- Other expenses	JPY	-20,258,324.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>JPY</b>	<b>-146,045,845.00</b>
- Expense (waiver)/reimbursement	JPY	-25,536,393.00
<b>Net total expenses</b>	<b>JPY</b>	<b>-171,582,238.00</b>
<b>III. Equalisation</b>		
- Income Equalisation	JPY	-16,457,707.39
<b>Total equalisation</b>	<b>JPY</b>	<b>-16,457,707.39</b>
<b>IV. Ordinary net result</b>	<b>JPY</b>	<b>146,403,027.61</b>

\*) Including negative interest on bank accounts.

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

				Total
<b>V. Realised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Realised profit on			JPY	1,352,723,191.00
- Securities	JPY	1,342,183,316.00		
- Forward foreign exchange transactions	JPY	1,501,082.00		
- Foreign exchange transactions	JPY	9,038,793.00		
2. Realised loss on			JPY	-589,741,908.00
- Securities	JPY	-580,550,715.00		
- Foreign exchange transactions	JPY	-9,191,193.00		
<b>Total realised profit/loss</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>762,981,283.00</b>
<b>VI. Net change in unrealised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Change in unrealised profit on			JPY	2,196,821,261.00
- Securities	JPY	2,196,299,338.00		
- Forward foreign exchange transactions	JPY	521,923.00		
2. Change in unrealised loss on			JPY	-142,087.00
- Forward foreign exchange transactions	JPY	-4,998.00		
- Foreign exchange transactions	JPY	-137,089.00		
<b>Total net change in unrealised profit/loss</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>2,196,679,174.00</b>
<b>VII. Result of operations for the year</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>3,106,063,484.61</b>

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

**FY2024**

<b>I. Net assets at the beginning of the year</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>10,783,161,781.00</b>
1. Net cash flow			JPY	-3,966,353,397.00
a) Proceeds from shares issued	JPY	901,621,902.00		
b) Proceeds from shares redeemed	JPY	-4,867,975,299.00		
2. Income/expense equalisation			JPY	16,457,707.39
3. Results of operations for the year			JPY	3,106,063,484.61
<b>II. Net assets at the end of the year</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>9,939,329,576.00</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statistical Information

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A HKD (Hedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	15.000	HKD	16,588.03	HKD	1,105.87

\*) Inception: 16/01/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

0.000

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statistical Information

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A HKD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	15.000	HKD	15,919.40	HKD	1,061.29

\*) Inception: 16/01/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

0.000

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statistical Information

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A JPY (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency
2021/2022*)	Shares	5,626.987	JPY	59,336,293.00	JPY 10,544.95
2022/2023	Shares	5,463.540	JPY	67,124,586.00	JPY 12,285.91
2023/2024	Shares	9,493.124	JPY	158,558,723.00	JPY 16,702.48

\*) Inception: 20/04/2021

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

	Shares
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>5,463.540</b>
Number of shares issued	5,061.584
Number of shares redeemed	-1,032.000
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>9,493.124</b>

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statistical Information

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A USD (Hedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	896.680	USD	112,818.06	USD	125.82

\*) Relaunch: 16/08/2023

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

**0.000**

896.680

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statistical Information

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A USD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	20.000	USD	2,122.14	USD	106.11

\*) Inception: 16/01/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

0.000

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## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statistical Information

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value I GBP (Hedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2021/2022	Shares	344.856	GBP	44,058.57	GBP	127.76
2022/2023	Shares	271.189	GBP	41,359.57	GBP	152.51
2023/2024	Shares	229.488	GBP	50,116.50	GBP	218.38

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

#### Shares

#### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year

271.189

Number of shares issued

0.000

Number of shares redeemed

-41.701

#### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year

229.488

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statistical Information

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value P JPY (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2021/2022	Shares	10,200.000	JPY	140,880,929.00	JPY	13,811.86
2022/2023	Shares	10,200.000	JPY	165,332,205.00	JPY	16,209.04
2023/2024	Shares	10,200.000	JPY	225,694,991.00	JPY	22,126.96

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

	Shares
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>10,200.000</b>
Number of shares issued	0.000
Number of shares redeemed	0.000
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>10,200.000</b>

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statistical Information

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value S EUR (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency
2021/2022	Shares	220,857.273	EUR	26,880,569.57	EUR 121.71
2022/2023	Shares	94,732.085	EUR	12,631,006.77	EUR 133.33
2023/2024	Shares	107,387.085	EUR	17,380,512.65	EUR 161.85

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

	Shares
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>94,732.085</b>
Number of shares issued	31,950.000
Number of shares redeemed	-19,295.000
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>107,387.085</b>

## DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

### Statistical Information

#### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value S JPY (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2021/2022	Shares	628,181.475	JPY	7,421,361,180.00	JPY	11,814.04
2022/2023	Shares	628,181.475	JPY	8,710,044,707.00	JPY	13,865.49
2023/2024	Shares	353,181.475	JPY	6,688,276,149.00	JPY	18,937.22

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

	Shares
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>628,181.475</b>
Number of shares issued	0.000
Number of shares redeemed	-275,000.000
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>353,181.475</b>

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Fund structure as at 31/03/2024

Investment Focus	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
<b>I. Assets</b>	<b>2,136,765,166.00</b>	<b>185.73</b>
1. Equities	1,001,817,910.00	87.08
2. Derivatives	705,805.00	0.06
3. Bank balances	52,139,101.00	4.53
4. Other Assets	1,082,102,350.00	94.06
<b>II. Liabilities</b>	<b>-986,268,662.00</b>	<b>-85.73</b>
1. Derivatives	-536.00	0.00
2. Other liabilities	-986,268,126.00	-85.73
<b>III. Net Assets</b>	<b>1,150,496,504.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
<b>Portfolio holdings</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>1,001,817,910.00</b>	<b>87.08</b>
<b>Exchange-traded securities</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>1,001,817,910.00</b>	<b>87.08</b>
<b>Equities</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>1,001,817,910.00</b>	<b>87.08</b>
Advantest Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3122400009	Units	5,000	JPY	6,695.000	33,475,000.00	2.91
Astellas Pharma Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3942400007	Units	9,100	JPY	1,625.000	14,787,500.00	1.28
Daiichi Sankyo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3475350009	Units	8,800	JPY	4,798.000	42,222,400.00	3.67
Denso Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3551500006	Units	18,800	JPY	2,885.000	54,238,000.00	4.71
Disco Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3548600000	Units	800	JPY	55,190.000	44,152,000.00	3.84
Ebara Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3166000004	Units	1,900	JPY	13,685.000	26,001,500.00	2.26
FUJIFILM Holdings Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3814000000	Units	7,500	JPY	3,388.000	25,410,000.00	2.21
Fujitsu Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3818000006	Units	14,000	JPY	2,417.500	33,845,000.00	2.94
Hitachi Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3788600009	Units	3,000	JPY	13,755.000	41,265,000.00	3.59
Ibiden Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3148800000	Units	4,400	JPY	6,736.000	29,638,400.00	2.58
Inpex Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3294460005	Units	12,200	JPY	2,299.500	28,053,900.00	2.44
Internet Initiative Japan Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3152820001	Units	8,000	JPY	2,818.500	22,548,000.00	1.96
Kajima Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3210200006	Units	10,800	JPY	3,095.000	33,426,000.00	2.91
Kusuri No Aoki Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3266190002	Units	7,700	JPY	3,118.000	24,008,600.00	2.09
Kyoritsu Maintenance Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3253900009	Units	7,800	JPY	3,460.000	26,988,000.00	2.35
Mitsubishi Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3898400001	Units	18,200	JPY	3,483.000	63,390,600.00	5.51
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3900000005	Units	36,000	JPY	1,365.000	49,140,000.00	4.27
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3902900004	Units	39,200	JPY	1,535.000	60,172,000.00	5.23
Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3735400008	Units	248,600	JPY	180.000	44,748,000.00	3.89
Otsuka Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3188200004	Units	7,200	JPY	3,201.000	23,047,200.00	2.00
Renesas Electronics Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3164720009	Units	10,500	JPY	2,684.000	28,182,000.00	2.45
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3371200001	Units	5,800	JPY	6,606.000	38,314,800.00	3.33
SoftBank Group Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3436100006	Units	5,000	JPY	8,962.000	44,810,000.00	3.89
SONY Group Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3435000009	Units	2,200	JPY	12,930.000	28,446,000.00	2.47
Suzuki Motor Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3397200001	Units	7,600	JPY	1,721.000	13,079,600.00	1.14

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## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
Teijin Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3544000007	Units	8,800	JPY	1,370.500	12,060,400.00	1.05
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3910660004	Units	11,600	JPY	4,725.000	54,810,000.00	4.76
Tokyu Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3574200006	Units	9,700	JPY	1,838.500	17,833,450.00	1.55
Toray Industries Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3621000003	Units	24,600	JPY	725.600	17,849,760.00	1.55
Toyo Suisan Kaisha Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3613000003	Units	2,800	JPY	9,241.000	25,874,800.00	2.25
<b>Total securities</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>1,001,817,910.00</b>	<b>87.08</b>
<b>Derivatives</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>705,805.00</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>805.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Future Transactions</b>				<b>JPY</b>		<b>705,000.00</b>	<b>0.06</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
<b>Bank balances, non-securitised money market instruments and money market funds</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>52,139,101.00</b>	<b>4.53</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>52,139,101.00</b>	<b>4.53</b>
Balances with Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Ltd., London				
Time Deposits -0.23% due 01/04/2024	39,054,908.00	JPY	39,054,908.00	3.39
Balances with Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd., Tokyo				
Balances in the sub-fund currency	13,084,193.00	JPY	13,084,193.00	1.14

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## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in JPY	% of the net assets
<b>Other Assets</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>1,082,102,350.00</b>	<b>94.06</b>
Receivables for subscriptions	91,700,729.00	JPY	91,700,729.00	7.97
Investment receivables	982,687,039.00	JPY	982,687,039.00	85.41
Dividend receivables	7,714,582.00	JPY	7,714,582.00	0.68
<b>Derivatives</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>-536.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>-536.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>-986,268,126.00</b>	<b>-85.73</b>
Investment payables	-977,338,218.00	JPY	-977,338,218.00	-84.96
Administration fee payable	-1,195,932.60	JPY	-1,195,932.60	-0.10
Management Company and Portfolio Management fee payable	-3,504,896.00	JPY	-3,504,896.00	-0.30
Depository Bank fee payable	-545,410.40	JPY	-545,410.40	-0.05
Audit fee payable	-1,144,317.00	JPY	-1,144,317.00	-0.10
Directors' fee payable	-358,775.00	JPY	-358,775.00	-0.03
Legal fee payable	-394,566.00	JPY	-394,566.00	-0.03
Taxe d'Abonnement payable	-29,146.00	JPY	-29,146.00	0.00
Other payables	-1,756,865.00	JPY	-1,756,865.00	-0.16
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>JPY</b>	<b>1,150,496,504.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A EUR (Hedged)

Net Asset Value per share	EUR	99.03
Subscription price	EUR	99.03
Redemption price	EUR	99.03
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	12.328

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A EUR (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	EUR	99.30
Subscription price	EUR	99.30
Redemption price	EUR	99.30
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	12.328

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A HKD (Hedged)

Net Asset Value per share	HKD	991.05
Subscription price	HKD	991.05
Redemption price	HKD	991.05
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	10.497

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A HKD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	HKD	989.17
Subscription price	HKD	989.17
Redemption price	HKD	989.17
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	10.497

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A USD (Hedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	99.11
Subscription price	USD	99.11
Redemption price	USD	99.11
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	13.424

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A USD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	98.90
Subscription price	USD	98.90
Redemption price	USD	98.90
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	13.424

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I JPY (Unhedged)\*

Net Asset Value per share	JPY	14,343.38
Subscription price	JPY	14,343.38
Redemption price	JPY	14,343.38
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	73,881.033

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I2 JPY (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	JPY	9,905.35
Subscription price	JPY	9,905.35
Redemption price	JPY	9,905.35
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	3,000.000

\* DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund I JPY (Unhedged) changed to SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I JPY (Unhedged) on 27 March 2024.

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund S JPY (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	JPY	9,905.62
Subscription price	JPY	9,905.62
Redemption price	JPY	9,905.62
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	3,000.000

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund S USD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	98.92
Subscription price	USD	98.92
Redemption price	USD	98.92
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	2,013.626

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

		<b>Total</b>
<b>I. Income</b>		
- Dividends	JPY	27,518,940.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>JPY</b>	<b>27,518,940.00</b>
<b>II. Expenses</b>		
- Interest on bank overdraft*)	JPY	-188,105.00
- Administration fee	JPY	-8,681,857.95
- Management Company and Portfolio Management fee	JPY	-16,374,402.00
- Depository Bank fee	JPY	-3,959,400.05
- Auditing and publication expenses	JPY	-549,478.00
- Subscription tax ("Taxe d'abonnement")	JPY	-115,851.00
- Directors' fee	JPY	-834,998.00
- Legal fee	JPY	-229,134.00
- Foreign withholding taxes	JPY	-4,214,533.00
- Transaction expenses	JPY	-2,095,262.00
- Other expenses	JPY	-3,760,051.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>JPY</b>	<b>-41,003,072.00</b>
<b>III. Equalisation</b>		
- Income Equalisation	JPY	2,529,622.54
<b>Total equalisation</b>	<b>JPY</b>	<b>2,529,622.54</b>
<b>IV. Ordinary net result</b>	<b>JPY</b>	<b>-10,954,509.46</b>

\*) Including negative interest on bank accounts.



## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

				Total
<b>V. Realised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Realised profit on			JPY	441,764,603.00
- Securities	JPY	426,594,516.00		
- Futures transactions	JPY	15,170,000.00		
- Foreign exchange transactions	JPY	87.00		
2. Realised loss on			JPY	-13,019,783.00
- Securities	JPY	-13,019,783.00		
<b>Total realised profit/loss</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>428,744,820.00</b>
<b>VI. Net change in unrealised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Change in unrealised profit on			JPY	1,055,805.00
- Forward foreign exchange transactions	JPY	805.00		
- Futures transactions	JPY	1,055,000.00		
2. Change in unrealised loss on			JPY	-124,997,700.00
- Securities	JPY	-124,977,209.00		
- Forward foreign exchange transactions	JPY	-536.00		
- Foreign exchange transactions	JPY	-19,955.00		
<b>Total net change in unrealised profit/loss</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>-123,941,895.00</b>
<b>VII. Result of operations for the year</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>293,848,415.54</b>

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## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

**FY2024**

<b>I. Net assets at the beginning of the year</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>1,117,519,288.00</b>
1. Net cash flow			JPY	-258,341,577.00
a) Proceeds from shares issued	JPY	91,658,423.00		
b) Proceeds from shares redeemed	JPY	-350,000,000.00		
2. Income/expense equalisation			JPY	-2,529,622.54
3. Results of operations for the year			JPY	293,848,415.54
<b>II. Net assets at the end of the year</b>			<b>JPY</b>	<b>1,150,496,504.00</b>

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## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A EUR (Hedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	12.328	EUR	1,220.85	EUR	99.03

\*) Inception: 27/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

0.000

12.328

0.000

12.328

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A EUR (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	12.328	EUR	1,224.14	EUR	99.30

\*) Inception: 27/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

0.000

12.328

0.000

12.328

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A HKD (Hedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	10.497	HKD	10,403.06	HKD	991.05

\*) Inception: 27/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

#### Shares

#### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

0.000

Number of shares issued

10.497

Number of shares redeemed

0.000

#### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

10.497

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A HKD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	10.497	HKD	10,383.32	HKD	989.17

\*) Inception: 27/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

0.000

10.497

0.000

10.497

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A USD (Hedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	13.424	USD	1,330.47	USD	99.11

\*) Relaunch: 27/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

0.000

13.424

0.000

13.424

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A USD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	13.424	USD	1,327.66	USD	98.90

\*) Inception: 27/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

0.000

13.424

0.000

13.424



## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I JPY (Unhedged)\*

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2021/2022	Shares	100,000.000	JPY	1,070,557,657.00	JPY	10,705.58
2022/2023	Shares	100,000.000	JPY	1,117,519,288.00	JPY	11,175.19
2023/2024	Shares	73,881.033	JPY	1,059,703,868.00	JPY	14,343.38

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

	Shares
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>100,000.000</b>
Number of shares issued	0.000
Number of shares redeemed	-26,118.967
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>73,881.033</b>

\* DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund I JPY (Unhedged) changed to SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I JPY (Unhedged) on 27 March 2024.

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I2 JPY (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	3,000.000	JPY	29,716,054.00	JPY	9,905.35

\*) Inception: 27/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

**0.000**

3,000.000

0.000

**3,000.000**

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund S JPY (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	3,000.000	JPY	29,716,874.00	JPY	9,905.62

\*) Inception: 27/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

**0.000**

3,000.000

0.000

**3,000.000**

## SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund S USD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	2,013.626	USD	199,185.56	USD	98.92

\*) Inception: 27/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

**0.000**

2,013.626

0.000

**2,013.626**

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Fund structure as at 31/03/2024

Investment Focus	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>I. Assets</b>	<b>10,539,704.81</b>	<b>100.56</b>
1. Equities	10,036,268.81	95.75
2. Bank balances	333,206.37	3.18
3. Other Assets	170,229.63	1.63
<b>II. Liabilities</b>	<b>-58,499.49</b>	<b>-0.56</b>
1. Other liabilities	-58,499.49	-0.56
<b>III. Net Assets</b>	<b>10,481,205.32</b>	<b>100.00</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>Portfolio holdings</b>				<b>USD</b>		<b>10,036,268.81</b>	<b>95.75</b>
<b>Exchange-traded securities</b>				<b>USD</b>		<b>10,036,268.81</b>	<b>95.75</b>
<b>Equities</b>				<b>USD</b>		<b>10,036,268.81</b>	<b>95.75</b>
Activia Properties Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3047490002	Units	21	JPY	2,718.048	57,079.16	0.54
Capitaland India Trust Registered Shares o.N.	SG1V35936920	Units	97,161	SGD	0.777	75,536.10	0.72
CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust Registered Shares o.N.	SG1M51904654	Units	187,500	SGD	1.466	274,877.83	2.62
Charter Hall Group Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000CHC0	Units	40,700	AUD	8.930	363,448.44	3.46
Charter Hall Long Wale REIT Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000CLW0	Units	51,000	AUD	2.481	126,525.84	1.20
Charter Hall Social Infrastructure REIT Registered Shares o.N.	AU00000030645	Units	71,000	AUD	1.760	124,960.67	1.19
Comforia Residential REIT Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3047540004	Units	50	JPY	2,159.920	107,995.64	1.03
Daiwa House REIT Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3046390005	Units	455	JPY	1,708.114	777,192.11	7.42
Daiwa Office Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3046310003	Units	57	JPY	3,890.491	221,757.65	2.12
Daiwa Securities Living Investments Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3046410001	Units	320	JPY	694.209	222,147.36	2.12
Dexus Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000DXS1	Units	70,700	AUD	5.137	363,196.45	3.47
Digital Core REIT Management Pte Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	SGXC50067435	Units	816,700	USD	0.600	490,020.00	4.68
Embassy Office Parks REIT Registered Shares o.N.	INE041025011	Units	21,000	INR	4.412	92,656.58	0.88
Frasers Centrepoint Trust Registered Shares o.N.	SG1T60930966	Units	158,300	SGD	1.622	256,683.70	2.45
Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust Registered Shares o.N.	SG1CI9000006	Units	242,000	SGD	0.785	189,930.40	1.81
GLP J-Reit Registered Shares o.N.	JP3047510007	Units	115	JPY	837.548	96,317.58	0.92
Goodman Group Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000GMG2	Units	25,350	AUD	21.958	556,632.85	5.31
Goodman Property Trust Registered Shares o.N.	NZCPT0001S9	Units	159,000	NZD	1.360	216,243.16	2.06
GPT Group The Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000GPT8	Units	120,000	AUD	2.968	356,158.36	3.40
Heiwa Real Estate REIT Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3046220004	Units	121	JPY	938.603	113,571.12	1.08
HomeCo Daily Needs REIT Registered Shares o.N.	AU0000113136	Units	316,000	AUD	0.825	260,637.26	2.49
Industrial & Infrastructure Fund Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3046500009	Units	320	JPY	906.900	290,207.73	2.77
Invincible Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3046190009	Units	522	JPY	448.496	234,114.73	2.23
Japan Hotel REIT Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3046400002	Units	214	JPY	523.794	112,092.21	1.07

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
Japan Metropolitan Fund Invest Registered Shares o.N.	JP3039710003	Units	330	JPY	622.873	205,548.40	1.96
Japan Prime Realty Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3040890000	Units	95	JPY	2,216.053	210,525.45	2.01
Lendlease Global Commercial REIT Registered Shares o.N.	SGXC61949712	Units	235,000	SGD	0.429	100,918.11	0.96
Link REIT Registered Shares o.N.	HK0823032773	Units	58,400	HKD	4.300	251,148.29	2.40
Mapletree Logistics Trust Registered Shares o.N.	SG1S03926213	Units	280,101	SGD	1.081	302,789.47	2.89
Mindspace Business Parks REIT Registered Shares o.N.	INEOCCU25019	Units	14,000	INR	4.136	57,910.25	0.55
Mirvac Group Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000MGR9	Units	237,000	AUD	1.533	363,250.35	3.47
Mitsubishi Estate Logistics REIT Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3048480002	Units	35	JPY	2,543.029	89,005.58	0.85
Nexus Select Trust Registered Shares o.N.	INEONDH25011	Units	53,000	INR	1.535	81,340.49	0.78
Nippon Building Fund Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3027670003	Units	45	JPY	3,996.178	179,827.60	1.72
Nippon Hotel & Residential Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3048310001	Units	80	JPY	532.388	42,590.57	0.41
Nippon Prologis REIT Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3047550003	Units	73	JPY	1,780.767	129,996.37	1.24
NIPPON REIT Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3047750009	Units	57	JPY	2,341.561	133,468.74	1.27
Orix JREIT Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3040880001	Units	223	JPY	1,087.224	242,450.54	2.31
Rural Funds Group Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000RFF5	Units	86,975	AUD	1.357	118,055.55	1.13
Scentre Group Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000SCG8	Units	315,900	AUD	2.202	695,496.62	6.64
Star Asia Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3048200004	Units	306	JPY	385.085	117,836.12	1.12
Stockland Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000SGP0	Units	147,000	AUD	3.150	463,025.35	4.42
United Urban Investment Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3045540006	Units	117	JPY	1,016.547	118,935.90	1.13
Vicinity Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	AU000000VCX7	Units	110,000	AUD	1.383	152,166.13	1.45
<b>Total securities</b>				<b>USD</b>		<b>10,036,268.81</b>	<b>95.75</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>Bank balances, non-securitised money market instruments and money market funds</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>333,206.37</b>	<b>3.18</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>333,206.37</b>	<b>3.18</b>
Balances with Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A				
Balances in non-sub-fund currencies	160.00	INR	1.92	0.00
Balances in non-sub-fund currencies	4,443.29	SGD	3,289.86	0.03
Balances with Citibank, New York				
Time Deposits 4.68% due 01/04/2024	329,914.59	USD	329,914.59	3.15

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.



## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>Other Assets</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>170,229.63</b>	<b>1.63</b>
Dividend receivables	54,699.20	USD	54,699.20	0.52
Other assets	115,530.43	USD	115,530.43	1.11
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>-58,499.49</b>	<b>-0.56</b>
Administration fee payable	-16,869.29	USD	-16,869.29	-0.16
Management Company and Portfolio Management fee payable	-16,600.93	USD	-16,600.93	-0.16
Depositary Bank fee payable	-7,368.58	USD	-7,368.58	-0.07
Audit fee payable	-15,659.67	USD	-15,659.67	-0.15
Directors' fee payable	-541.40	USD	-541.40	-0.01
Legal fee payable	-1,197.81	USD	-1,197.81	-0.01
Taxe d'Abonnement payable	-261.81	USD	-261.81	0.00
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>10,481,205.32</b>	<b>100.00</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

#### SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund A USD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	104.07
Subscription price	USD	104.07
Redemption price	USD	104.07
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	20.000

#### SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund A USD-M (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	102.72
Subscription price	USD	102.72
Redemption price	USD	102.72
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	20.263

#### SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund P USD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	80.61
Subscription price	USD	80.61
Redemption price	USD	80.61
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	129,969.561

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

		<b>Total</b>
<b>I. Income</b>		
- Dividends	USD	584,966.76
- Other income	USD	17,613.91
<b>Total income</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>602,580.67</b>
<b>II. Expenses</b>		
- Administration fee	USD	-78,254.56
- Management Company and Portfolio Management fee	USD	-69,014.01
- Depository Bank fee	USD	-34,181.92
- Auditing and publication expenses	USD	-7,899.02
- Subscription tax ("Taxe d'abonnement")	USD	-6,941.54
- Directors' fee	USD	-21,218.80
- Legal fee	USD	-3,560.96
- Foreign withholding taxes	USD	-55,581.44
- Transaction expenses	USD	-69,665.94
- Other expenses	USD	-32,886.25
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>-379,204.44</b>
- Expense (waiver)/reimbursement	USD	104,800.32
<b>Net total expenses</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>-274,404.12</b>
<b>III. Equalisation</b>		
- Income Equalisation	USD	-76,687.15
<b>Total equalisation</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>-76,687.15</b>
<b>IV. Ordinary net result</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>251,489.40</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

				Total
<b>V. Realised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Realised profit on			USD	884,585.00
- Securities	USD	591,607.65		
- Foreign exchange transactions	USD	292,977.35		
2. Realised loss on			USD	-3,225,296.44
- Securities	USD	-2,924,320.19		
- Foreign exchange transactions	USD	-300,976.25		
<b>Total realised profit/loss</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>-2,340,711.44</b>
<b>VI. Net change in unrealised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Change in unrealised profit on			USD	2,345,238.43
- Securities	USD	2,345,238.43		
2. Change in unrealised loss on			USD	-189.35
- Foreign exchange transactions	USD	-189.35		
<b>Total net change in unrealised profit/loss</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>2,345,049.08</b>
<b>VII. Result of operations for the year</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>255,827.04</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

**FY2024**

<b>I. Net assets at the beginning of the year</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>20,495,162.31</b>
1. Net cash flow			USD	-10,346,471.18
a) Proceeds from shares issued	USD	4,000.00		
b) Proceeds from shares redeemed	USD	-10,350,471.18		
c) Dividends paid	USD	-26.13		
d) Dividends reinvested	USD	26.13		
2. Income/expense equalisation			USD	76,687.15
3. Results of operations for the year			USD	255,827.04
<b>II. Net assets at the end of the year</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>10,481,205.32</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statistical Information

#### SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund A USD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	20.000	USD	2,081.47	USD	104.07

\*) Inception: 16/08/2023

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year

#### Shares

0.000

20.000

0.000

20.000

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statistical Information

#### SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund A USD-M (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	20.263	USD	2,081.48	USD	102.72

\*) Inception: 16/08/2023

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

#### Shares

#### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year

0.000

Number of shares issued

20.000

Number of shares redeemed

0.000

Number of shares reinvested

0.263

#### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year

20.263

## SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund

### Statistical Information

#### SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund P USD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2021/2022	Shares	272,669.998	USD	26,282,293.37	USD	96.39
2022/2023	Shares	261,975.920	USD	20,495,162.31	USD	78.23
2023/2024	Shares	129,969.561	USD	10,477,042.37	USD	80.61

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year

#### Shares

**261,975.920**

0.000

-132,006.359

**129,969.561**



## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Fund structure as at 31/03/2024

Investment Focus	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>I. Assets</b>	<b>8,428,531.75</b>	<b>100.59</b>
1. Equities	7,912,048.97	94.43
2. Bank balances	388,124.17	4.63
3. Other Assets	128,358.61	1.53
<b>II. Liabilities</b>	<b>-49,643.55</b>	<b>-0.59</b>
1. Other liabilities	-49,643.55	-0.59
<b>III. Net Assets</b>	<b>8,378,888.20</b>	<b>100.00</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>Portfolio holdings</b>				<b>USD</b>		<b>7,912,048.97</b>	<b>94.43</b>
<b>Exchange-traded securities</b>				<b>USD</b>		<b>7,912,048.97</b>	<b>94.43</b>
<b>Equities</b>				<b>USD</b>		<b>7,912,048.97</b>	<b>94.43</b>
Advanced Micro-Fabrication Equipment Inc. China Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100003MM9	Units	5,000	CNH	20.551	102,753.68	1.23
Bank of Ningbo Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE1000005P7	Units	70,400	CNH	2.867	201,807.52	2.41
BeiGene Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100005XT6	Units	7,800	CNH	18.005	140,438.66	1.67
Bethel Automotive Safety Systems Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE1000030Y7	Units	21,000	CNH	7.526	158,042.13	1.89
Changzhou Xingyu Automotive Lighting Systems Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE1000011H2	Units	6,900	CNH	19.466	134,313.92	1.60
China CSSC Holdings Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000000W05	Units	38,600	CNH	4.764	183,885.45	2.19
China Jushi Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000000YM1	Units	57,200	CNH	1.442	82,456.84	0.98
China Merchants Bank Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000001B33	Units	45,200	CNH	4.431	200,266.56	2.39
China Merchants Expressway Network & Technology Holdings Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE1000032B1	Units	106,400	CNH	1.543	164,221.95	1.96
China Mobile Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE1000055G1	Units	8,100	CNY	14.679	118,897.95	1.42
China Resources Sanjiu Medical & Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE0000011K8	Units	27,100	CNH	7.260	196,748.31	2.35
China Telecom Corp. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100004QG0	Units	325,600	CNY	0.827	269,401.79	3.22
China Yangtze Power Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000001G87	Units	43,000	CNH	3.421	147,122.40	1.76
CNOOC Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100005980	Units	78,300	CNH	3.876	303,475.84	3.62
Focus Media Information Technology Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000001KK2	Units	178,700	CNH	0.895	159,927.03	1.91
Hang Zhou Great Star Industrial Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100000RC5	Units	52,100	CNH	3.368	175,460.00	2.09
Huizhou Desay Sv Automotive Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE1000033C7	Units	8,000	CNH	17.348	138,785.63	1.66
Imeik Technology Development Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100004868	Units	3,040	CNH	46.592	141,640.64	1.69
JCET Group Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000001F05	Units	20,000	CNH	3.997	79,939.42	0.95
Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE0000014W7	Units	34,300	CNH	6.362	218,229.79	2.60

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## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Price	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
Jiangsu Yoke Technology Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100000PG0	Units	28,800	CNH	7.351	211,707.56	2.53
Kweichow Moutai Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE0000018R8	Units	2,700	CNH	234.289	632,579.93	7.55
Luzhou Laojiao Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000000GF2	Units	15,086	CNH	25.480	384,388.70	4.59
Midea Group Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100001QQ5	Units	19,400	CNH	8.892	172,497.87	2.06
NAURA Technology Group Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100000ML7	Units	2,600	CNH	42.227	109,788.52	1.31
Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000001R84	Units	32,400	CNH	5.602	181,516.73	2.17
Proya Cosmetics Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100002TP9	Units	13,020	CNH	12.846	167,254.03	2.00
Sailun Group Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE1000015F7	Units	64,500	CNH	2.006	129,390.75	1.54
SG Micro Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100002NT4	Units	15,700	CNH	8.861	139,123.23	1.66
Shandong Hualu Hengsheng Chemical Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000001BM7	Units	46,991	CNH	3.482	163,624.18	1.95
Shanghai BOCHU Electronic Technology Corp. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100003LY6	Units	7,235	CNH	38.842	281,022.42	3.35
Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000000DH5	Units	10,600	CNH	33.746	357,711.69	4.27
Shengyi Technology Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000000XL5	Units	36,800	CNH	2.415	88,871.27	1.06
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100003G67	Units	2,100	CNH	38.536	80,926.48	0.97
Sieyuan Electric Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000001KM8	Units	20,000	CNH	8.016	160,319.43	1.91
Sinoseal Holding Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE1000020P6	Units	24,600	CNH	4.488	110,417.18	1.32
SUPCON Technology Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100005D92	Units	21,750	CNH	6.383	138,831.06	1.66
Wanhua Chemical Group Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE0000016J9	Units	20,000	CNH	11.077	221,533.80	2.64
Weichai Power Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE1000000D4	Units	78,000	CNH	2.246	175,159.03	2.09
Yifeng Pharmacy Chain Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100001TS5	Units	46,200	CNH	5.411	249,987.61	2.98
Yusys Technologies Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100003FQ4	Units	37,600	CNH	1.841	69,215.48	0.83
Zhongji Innolight Co. Ltd. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE100001CY9	Units	6,400	CNH	21.298	136,309.51	1.63
ZTE Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	CNE000000TK5	Units	61,400	CNH	3.779	232,057.00	2.77
<b>Total securities</b>				<b>USD</b>		<b>7,912,048.97</b>	<b>94.43</b>

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## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>Bank balances, non-securitised money market instruments and money market funds</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>388,124.17</b>	<b>4.63</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>388,124.17</b>	<b>4.63</b>
Balances with JPMorgan Chase & Co., New York				
Time Deposits 4.68% due 01/04/2024	388,124.17	USD	388,124.17	4.63

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## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>Other Assets</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>128,358.61</b>	<b>1.53</b>
Other assets	128,358.61	USD	128,358.61	1.53
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>-49,643.55</b>	<b>-0.59</b>
Administration fee payable	-21,419.16	USD	-21,419.16	-0.26
Management Company and Portfolio Management fee payable	-4,390.83	USD	-4,390.83	-0.05
Depository Bank fee payable	-15,396.88	USD	-15,396.88	-0.18
Audit fee payable	-5,744.20	USD	-5,744.20	-0.07
Legal fee payable	-220.83	USD	-220.83	0.00
Taxe d'Abonnement payable	-208.82	USD	-208.82	0.00
Other payables	-2,262.83	USD	-2,262.83	-0.03
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>8,378,888.20</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

#### SMD-AM China A Shares Fund A USD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	85.88
Subscription price	USD	85.88
Redemption price	USD	85.88
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	20.000

#### SMD-AM China A Shares Fund P USD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	76.88
Subscription price	USD	76.88
Redemption price	USD	76.88
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	108,964.115

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## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

		<b>Total</b>
<b>I. Income</b>		
- Dividends	USD	131,804.11
- Other income	USD	20,329.50
<b>Total income</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>152,133.61</b>
<b>II. Expenses</b>		
- Administration fee	USD	-51,603.98
- Management Company and Portfolio Management fee	USD	-97,584.84
- Depository Bank fee	USD	-37,094.82
- Auditing and publication expenses	USD	-2,940.03
- Subscription tax ("Taxe d'abonnement")	USD	-1,192.80
- Directors' fee	USD	-10,124.91
- Legal fee	USD	-6,427.46
- Foreign withholding taxes	USD	-13,180.42
- Transaction expenses	USD	-40,124.24
- Other expenses	USD	-9,804.49
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>-270,077.99</b>
- Expense (waiver)/reimbursement	USD	127,904.95
<b>Net total expenses</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>-142,173.04</b>
<b>III. Ordinary net result</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>9,960.57</b>

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## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

				<b>Total</b>
<b>IV. Realised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Realised profit on			USD	219,559.34
- Securities	USD	208,631.34		
- Foreign exchange transactions	USD	10,928.00		
2. Realised loss on			USD	-2,006,077.13
- Securities	USD	-1,995,697.81		
- Foreign exchange transactions	USD	-10,379.32		
<b>Total realised profit/loss</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>-1,786,517.79</b>
<b>V. Net change in unrealised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Change in unrealised loss on			USD	-1,230,309.48
- Securities	USD	-1,230,309.48		
<b>Total net change in unrealised profit/loss</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>-1,230,309.48</b>
<b>VI. Result of operations for the year</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>-3,006,866.70</b>

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## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

**FY2024**

<b>I. Net assets at the beginning of the year</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>11,383,754.90</b>
1. Net cash flow			USD	2,000.00
a) Proceeds from shares issued	USD	2,000.00		
2. Results of operations for the year			USD	-3,006,866.70
<b>II. Net assets at the end of the year</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>8,378,888.20</b>

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## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM China A Shares Fund A USD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	20.000	USD	1,717.54	USD	85.88

\*) Inception: 16/08/2023

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period

#### Shares

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## SMD-AM China A Shares Fund

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM China A Shares Fund P USD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2022/2023*)	Shares	108,964.115	USD	11,383,754.90	USD	104.47
2023/2024	Shares	108,964.115	USD	8,377,170.66	USD	76.88

\*) Inception: 20/12/2022

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

	Shares
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>108,964.115</b>
Number of shares issued	0.000
Number of shares redeemed	0.000
<b>Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>108,964.115</b>

## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Fund structure as at 31/03/2024

Investment Focus	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>I. Assets</b>	<b>35,457,703.12</b>	<b>118.56</b>
1. Bonds	29,447,539.62	98.46
2. Derivatives	33,581.05	0.11
3. Bank balances	5,507,814.72	18.42
4. Other Assets	468,767.73	1.57
<b>II. Liabilities</b>	<b>-5,550,095.54</b>	<b>-18.56</b>
1. Other liabilities	-5,550,095.54	-18.56
<b>III. Net Assets</b>	<b>29,907,607.58</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Rate	Maturity Date	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>Portfolio holdings</b>				<b>USD</b>			<b>29,447,539.62</b>	<b>98.46</b>
<b>Exchange-traded securities</b>				<b>USD</b>			<b>9,306,565.58</b>	<b>31.12</b>
<b>Bonds</b>				<b>USD</b>			<b>9,306,565.58</b>	<b>31.12</b>
888 Acquisitions Ltd.	XS2498543102	Units	265,000	EUR	7.56%	15/07/2027	276,642.11	0.93
Allwyn International AS	XS2113253210	Units	290,000	EUR	3.88%	15/02/2027	302,740.42	1.02
Ball Corp.	US058498AW66	Units	350,000	USD	2.88%	15/08/2030	298,620.49	1.00
Bath & Body Works, Inc.	US501797AL82	Units	350,000	USD	6.88%	01/11/2035	358,031.45	1.20
BCP V Modular Services Finance II PLC	XS2397447025	Units	150,000	EUR	4.75%	30/11/2028	151,329.75	0.51
BCP V Modular Services Finance PLC	XS2397448346	Units	155,000	EUR	6.75%	30/11/2029	146,774.21	0.49
Canpack S.A. / Canpack US LLC	XS2247616514	Units	300,000	EUR	2.38%	01/11/2027	299,195.91	1.00
Carnival PLC	XS2066744231	Units	300,000	EUR	1.00%	28/10/2029	253,033.05	0.85
Cerved Group SpA	XS2445836286	Units	260,000	EUR	6.00%	15/02/2029	261,513.77	0.87
CF Industries, Inc.	US12527GAF00	Units	350,000	USD	5.15%	15/03/2034	344,568.46	1.15
Chemours Co.	XS1827600724	Units	290,000	EUR	4.00%	15/05/2026	299,173.25	1.00
Cheplapharm Arzneimittel GmbH	XS2243548273	Units	285,000	EUR	4.38%	15/01/2028	297,251.38	0.99
Cirsa Finance International Sarl	XS2388186996	Units	255,000	EUR	4.50%	15/03/2027	269,466.00	0.90
Cullinan Holdco Scsp	XS2397354528	Units	265,000	EUR	4.63%	15/10/2026	255,124.93	0.85
Dana Financing Luxembourg Sarl	XS2345050251	Units	300,000	EUR	3.00%	15/07/2029	291,330.00	0.97
Deuce Finco PLC	XS2351480996	Units	225,000	GBP	5.50%	15/06/2027	268,560.51	0.90
Engineering - Ingegneria Informatica - SpA	XS2241097687	Units	245,000	EUR	5.88%	30/09/2026	259,739.36	0.87
Fiber Bidco SpA*	XS2748964850	Units	260,000	EUR	7.91%	15/01/2030	281,612.32	0.94
Iceland Bondco PLC	XS2304198331	Units	275,000	GBP	4.38%	15/05/2028	293,171.23	0.98
Kane Bidco Ltd.	XS2436313196	Units	290,000	EUR	5.00%	15/02/2027	301,785.42	1.01
Loarre Investments Sarl	XS2483510470	Units	275,000	EUR	6.50%	15/05/2029	297,586.55	1.00
Nexans S.A.	FR001400OL29	Units	300,000	EUR	4.25%	11/03/2030	325,318.50	1.09
Ocado Group PLC	XS2393761692	Units	235,000	GBP	3.88%	08/10/2026	265,346.01	0.89

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Rate	Maturity Date	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
OCI NV	US67091GAE35	Units	350,000	USD	4.63%	15/10/2025	341,898.07	1.14
OneMain Finance Corp.	US682691AC47	Units	350,000	USD	3.88%	15/09/2028	312,241.34	1.04
Q-Park Holding I BV	XS2747580319	Units	275,000	EUR	5.13%	01/03/2029	299,659.01	1.00
Shiba Bidco SpA	XS2397065330	Units	225,000	EUR	4.50%	31/10/2028	231,546.65	0.77
Sigma Holdco BV	XS1813504666	Units	280,000	EUR	5.75%	15/05/2026	284,337.21	0.95
Summer BC Holdco B SARL	XS2067263850	Units	250,000	EUR	5.75%	31/10/2026	264,355.00	0.88
Telecom Italia SpA/Milano	XS1698218523	Units	300,000	EUR	2.38%	12/10/2027	299,828.42	1.00
TK Elevator Midco GmbH	XS2199597456	Units	290,000	EUR	4.38%	15/07/2027	300,790.99	1.01
United Group BV	XS2758099779	Units	225,000	EUR	8.13%	15/02/2031	242,872.11	0.81
United Wholesale Mortgage LLC	US913229AA80	Units	350,000	USD	5.50%	15/04/2029	331,121.70	1.11

### Securities dealt in on other regulated markets

**USD** **20,140,974.04** **67.34**

### Bonds

**USD** **20,140,974.04** **67.34**

Acadia Healthcare Co., Inc.	US00404AAP49	Units	650,000	USD	5.00%	15/04/2029	618,275.97	2.06
Alliant Holdings Intermediate LLC / Alliant Holdings Co.-Issuer	US01883LAB99	Units	300,000	USD	4.25%	15/10/2027	282,448.89	0.94
Alliant Holdings Intermediate LLC / Alliant Holdings Co.-Issuer	US01883LAF04	Units	350,000	USD	7.00%	15/01/2031	353,628.10	1.18
AmWINS Group, Inc.	US031921AC31	Units	350,000	USD	6.38%	15/02/2029	352,029.87	1.18
ANGI Group LLC	US001846AA20	Units	350,000	USD	3.88%	15/08/2028	304,004.58	1.01
Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.	US043436AW48	Units	350,000	USD	4.63%	15/11/2029	323,009.33	1.08
Brookfield Property REIT, Inc. / BPR Cumulus LLC / BPR Nimbus LLC / GGSI Sellco LL	US11284DAA37	Units	350,000	USD	5.75%	15/05/2026	343,718.06	1.14
Builders FirstSource, Inc.	US12008RAP29	Units	350,000	USD	4.25%	01/02/2032	313,948.22	1.05
Chart Industries, Inc.	US16115QAG55	Units	350,000	USD	9.50%	01/01/2031	381,077.66	1.27
CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.	US12543DBG43	Units	700,000	USD	5.63%	15/03/2027	643,658.82	2.15
Clean Harbors, Inc.	US184496AN71	Units	350,000	USD	4.88%	15/07/2027	339,514.98	1.14
Cloud Software Group, Inc.	US88632QAE35	Units	700,000	USD	6.50%	31/03/2029	664,504.11	2.22
CommScope, Inc.	US20338QAD51	Units	100,000	USD	6.00%	01/03/2026	91,500.00	0.31
CommScope Technologies LLC	US20337YAA55	Units	100,000	USD	6.00%	15/06/2025	86,970.00	0.29

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Rate	Maturity Date	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
Compass Minerals International, Inc.	US20451NAG60	Units	350,000	USD	6.75%	01/12/2027	338,481.05	1.13
CP Atlas Buyer, Inc.	US12597YAA73	Units	350,000	USD	7.00%	01/12/2028	328,319.81	1.10
Daddy Operating Co. LLC / GD Finance Co., Inc.	US38016LAC90	Units	350,000	USD	3.50%	01/03/2029	315,732.45	1.06
Elastic NV	US28415LAA17	Units	350,000	USD	4.13%	15/07/2029	315,129.78	1.05
GFL Environmental, Inc.	US36168QAM69	Units	300,000	USD	3.50%	01/09/2028	274,479.12	0.92
GFL Environmental, Inc.	US36168QAP90	Units	350,000	USD	4.38%	15/08/2029	322,531.88	1.08
Gray Television, Inc.	US389375AL09	Units	350,000	USD	4.75%	15/10/2030	229,656.81	0.77
H&E Equipment Services, Inc.	US404030AJ72	Units	350,000	USD	3.88%	15/12/2028	320,389.65	1.07
HAT Holdings I LLC / HAT Holdings II LLC	US418751AD59	Units	200,000	USD	3.75%	15/09/2030	168,003.58	0.56
HAT Holdings I LLC / HAT Holdings II LLC	US418751AE33	Units	200,000	USD	3.38%	15/06/2026	188,405.74	0.63
Howden UK Refinance PLC / Howden UK Refinance 2 PLC / Howden US Refinance LLC	US44287GAA40	Units	350,000	USD	7.25%	15/02/2031	351,321.89	1.17
Iron Mountain, Inc.	US46284VAF85	Units	350,000	USD	4.88%	15/09/2029	328,743.49	1.10
Korn Ferry	US50067PAA75	Units	350,000	USD	4.63%	15/12/2027	333,466.25	1.11
Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP / Ladder Capital Finance Corp.	US505742AM88	Units	350,000	USD	4.25%	01/02/2027	327,557.30	1.10
Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	US513272AD65	Units	350,000	USD	4.13%	31/01/2030	319,374.72	1.07
LBM Acquisition LLC	US05552BAA44	Units	350,000	USD	6.25%	15/01/2029	328,085.35	1.10
LCM Investments Holdings II LLC	US50190EAA29	Units	350,000	USD	4.88%	01/05/2029	321,648.57	1.08
Level 3 Financing, Inc.	US527298BV47	Units	200,000	USD	11.00%	15/11/2029	208,000.00	0.70
LifePoint Health, Inc.	US53219LAV18	Units	200,000	USD	9.88%	15/08/2030	209,170.60	0.70
LPL Holdings, Inc.	US50212YAC84	Units	350,000	USD	4.63%	15/11/2027	335,681.74	1.12
Madison IAQ LLC	US55760LAB36	Units	200,000	USD	5.88%	30/06/2029	183,060.46	0.61
Midcap Financial Issuer Trust	US59567LAA26	Units	350,000	USD	6.50%	01/05/2028	322,882.18	1.08
Molina Healthcare, Inc.	US60855RAJ95	Units	350,000	USD	4.38%	15/06/2028	329,008.65	1.10
Nationstar Mortgage Holdings, Inc.	US63861CAC38	Units	350,000	USD	5.50%	15/08/2028	335,066.03	1.12
Nexi SpA	XS2332589972	Units	295,000	EUR	1.63%	30/04/2026	301,991.87	1.01
Nexstar Media, Inc.	US65336YAN31	Units	350,000	USD	4.75%	01/11/2028	318,910.76	1.07
OI European Group BV	US67777LAD55	Units	350,000	USD	4.75%	15/02/2030	322,145.85	1.08
ON Semiconductor Corp.	US682189AQ81	Units	350,000	USD	3.88%	01/09/2028	321,702.22	1.08
Open Text Holdings, Inc.	US683720AA42	Units	350,000	USD	4.13%	15/02/2030	313,509.49	1.05
Option Care Health, Inc.	US68404LAA08	Units	350,000	USD	4.38%	31/10/2029	321,103.48	1.07

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	ISIN	Units/ % in 1,000	Holdings 31/03/2024	Currency	Rate	Maturity Date	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
Science Applications International Corp.	US808625AA58	Units	350,000	USD	4.88%	01/04/2028	334,194.42	1.12
SCIH Salt Holdings, Inc.	US78433BAA61	Units	200,000	USD	4.88%	01/05/2028	186,299.30	0.62
SCIH Salt Holdings, Inc.	US78433BAB45	Units	200,000	USD	6.63%	01/05/2029	185,138.10	0.62
Scripps Escrow II, Inc.	US81105DAA37	Units	350,000	USD	3.88%	15/01/2029	278,332.29	0.93
Sealed Air Corp./Sealed Air Corp. US	US812127AA61	Units	350,000	USD	6.13%	01/02/2028	350,935.90	1.17
Sensata Technologies BV	US81725WAK99	Units	350,000	USD	4.00%	15/04/2029	319,595.26	1.07
Simmons Foods, Inc./Simmons Prepared Foods, Inc./Simmons Pet Food, Inc./Simmons Feed	US82873MAA18	Units	700,000	USD	4.63%	01/03/2029	617,852.13	2.07
Specialty Building Products Holdings LLC / SBP Finance Corp.	US84749AAA51	Units	350,000	USD	6.38%	30/09/2026	347,508.91	1.16
Standard Industries, Inc./NJ	US853496AG21	Units	350,000	USD	4.38%	15/07/2030	314,536.25	1.05
Summit Materials LLC / Summit Materials Finance Corp.	US86614RAP29	Units	350,000	USD	7.25%	15/01/2031	363,864.90	1.22
Synaptics, Inc.	US87157DAG43	Units	350,000	USD	4.00%	15/06/2029	315,027.58	1.05
TEGNA, Inc.	US87901JAJ43	Units	350,000	USD	4.63%	15/03/2028	320,120.61	1.07
Trident TPI Holdings, Inc.	US89616RAC34	Units	350,000	USD	12.75%	31/12/2028	373,398.55	1.25
Tronox, Inc.	US897051AC29	Units	350,000	USD	4.63%	15/03/2029	313,976.85	1.05
Univision Communications, Inc.	US914906AV42	Units	350,000	USD	4.50%	01/05/2029	312,731.27	1.05
Virgin Media Vendor Financing Notes III DAC	XS2187646901	Units	260,000	GBP	4.88%	15/07/2028	293,593.99	0.98
Wolverine World Wide, Inc.	US978097AG86	Units	350,000	USD	4.00%	15/08/2029	280,916.27	0.94
WR Grace Holdings LLC	US92943GAA94	Units	350,000	USD	5.63%	15/08/2029	313,075.77	1.05
Zayo Group Holdings, Inc.	US98919VAA35	Units	350,000	USD	4.00%	01/03/2027	288,026.33	0.96
<b>Total securities</b>				<b>USD</b>			<b>29,447,539.62</b>	<b>98.46</b>
<b>Derivatives</b>				<b>USD</b>			<b>33,581.05</b>	<b>0.11</b>
<b>Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>				<b>USD</b>			<b>33,581.05</b>	<b>0.11</b>

\* Floating Rate Bond

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>Bank balances, non-securitised money market instruments and money market funds</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>5,507,814.72</b>	<b>18.42</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>5,507,814.72</b>	<b>18.42</b>
Balances with HSBC Continental Europe, Paris				
Time Deposits 2.85% due 01/04/2024	1,246,303.53	EUR	1,344,761.50	4.50
Balances with Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Ltd., London				
Time Deposits 4.68% due 01/04/2024	4,163,052.80	USD	4,163,052.80	13.92
Balances with Brown Brothers Harriman Trust Co. (Cayman) Ltd.				
Time Deposits 4.15% due 01/04/2024	0.33	GBP	0.42	0.00

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

Description	Balances 31/03/2024	Currency	Market Value in USD	% of the net assets
<b>Other Assets</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>468,767.73</b>	<b>1.57</b>
Interest receivables	407,531.01	USD	407,531.01	1.36
Other assets	61,236.72	USD	61,236.72	0.21
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>-5,550,095.54</b>	<b>-18.56</b>
Investment payables	-5,485,021.17	USD	-5,485,021.17	-18.34
Management Company and Portfolio Management fee payable	-6,810.15	USD	-6,810.15	-0.02
Depositary Bank fee payable	-16,489.97	USD	-16,489.97	-0.06
Audit fee payable	-5,502.42	USD	-5,502.42	-0.02
Directors' fee payable	-1,924.23	USD	-1,924.23	-0.01
Legal fee payable	-5,617.71	USD	-5,617.71	-0.02
Taxe d'Abonnement payable	-722.78	USD	-722.78	0.00
Other payables	-28,007.11	USD	-28,007.11	-0.09
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>USD</b>	<b>29,907,607.58</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Net Assets as at 31/03/2024

#### SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A EUR (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	EUR	99.78
Subscription price	EUR	99.78
Redemption price	EUR	99.78
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	20.000

#### SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A HKD-S (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	HKD	995.97
Subscription price	HKD	995.97
Redemption price	HKD	995.97
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	15.000

#### SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A USD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	99.54
Subscription price	USD	99.54
Redemption price	USD	99.54
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	20.000

#### SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund F USD (Unhedged)

Net Asset Value per share	USD	99.67
Subscription price	USD	99.67
Redemption price	USD	99.67
Number of shares in circulation	Shares	300,000.000

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 22/03/2024 to 31/03/2024

		<b>Total</b>
<b>I. Income</b>		
- Interest income	USD	11,899.82
<b>Total income</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>11,899.82</b>
<b>II. Expenses</b>		
- Management Company and Portfolio Management fee	USD	-6,810.15
- Depository Bank fee	USD	-16,489.97
- Auditing and publication expenses	USD	-5,502.42
- Subscription tax ("Taxe d'abonnement")	USD	-722.78
- Directors' fee	USD	-1,924.23
- Legal fee	USD	-5,617.71
- Foreign withholding taxes	USD	-880.73
- Other expenses	USD	-4,770.50
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>-42,718.49</b>
- Expense (waiver)/reimbursement	USD	38,000.11
<b>Net total expenses</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>-4,718.38</b>
<b>III. Ordinary net result</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>7,181.44</b>

\*) Including negative interest on bank accounts.

## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Operations (including income equalisation) for the period from 22/03/2024 to 31/03/2024

				Total
<b>IV. Realised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Realised profit on			USD	-8,387.59
- Foreign exchange transactions	USD	-8,387.59		
2. Realised loss on			USD	-3,121.51
- Foreign exchange transactions	USD	-3,121.51		
<b>Total realised profit/loss</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>-11,509.10</b>
<b>V. Net change in unrealised profit/loss on</b>				
1. Change in unrealised profit on			USD	56,243.34
- Securities	USD	19,129.86		
- Forward foreign exchange transactions	USD	33,581.05		
- Foreign exchange transactions	USD	3,532.43		
2. Change in unrealised loss on			USD	-150,389.52
- Securities	USD	-145,030.39		
- Foreign exchange transactions	USD	-5,359.13		
<b>Total net change in unrealised profit/loss</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>-94,146.18</b>
<b>VI. Result of operations for the year</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>-98,473.84</b>

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

**FY2024**

<b>I. Net assets at the beginning of the year</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>0.00</b>
1. Net cash flow			USD	30,006,081.42
a) Proceeds from shares issued	USD	30,006,081.42		
2. Results of operations for the year			USD	-98,473.84
<b>II. Net assets at the end of the year</b>			<b>USD</b>	<b>29,907,607.58</b>

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A EUR (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	20.000	EUR	1,995.60	EUR	99.78

\*) Inception: 22/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year

#### Shares

0.000

20.000

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A HKD-S (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	15.000	HKD	14,939.54	HKD	995.97

\*) Inception: 22/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year

#### Shares

0.000

15.000

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15.000



## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A USD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period	Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency	Net asset value per share in currency
2023/2024*)	Shares 20.000	USD 1,990.83	USD 99.54

\*) Inception: 22/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year

#### Shares

0.000

20.000

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## SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

### Statistical Information

#### SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund F USD (Unhedged)

Financial year/period	Number of shares outstanding at end of the financial year/period		Net asset value at end of the financial year/period in currency		Net asset value per share in currency	
2023/2024*)	Shares	300,000.000	USD	29,901,554.22	USD	99.67

\*) Inception: 22/03/2024

#### Changes in number of shares outstanding

##### Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year

Number of shares issued

Number of shares redeemed

##### Number of shares outstanding at the end of the year

#### Shares

**0.000**

300,000.000

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**300,000.000**

# SMD-AM Funds

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1. General

SMD-AM Funds (the “company”) is an investment company with variable capital (société d’investissement à capital variable, “SICAV”), established for an unlimited period of time on 25 October 2013 in the form of a public limited company (société anonyme, S.A.) under Luxembourg law in accordance with the provisions of the Luxembourg law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended (the “1915” Law) and Part I of the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended (the “2010 Law”). The company qualifies as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities under article 1(2) of the Directive 2009/65/EC, as amended (the “UCITS Directive”) and may therefore be offered for sale in any EU Member State, subject to registration.

The company is presently structured as an umbrella fund with the ability to provide investors with investment opportunities in a variety of sub-funds.

The reference currency of the company is Euro (EUR).

### 2. Significant accounting policies

#### 2.1 Presentation of the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements on a going concern basis under the supervision of the Board of Directors of the company.

#### 2.2 Determination of the net asset value

The net asset value per sub-fund, net asset value per share, net asset value per class, the redemption price of shares and the issue price of shares shall be determined on each valuation date, at least twice a month. The valuation dates for each sub-fund are indicated in the relevant appendix of the prospectus.

The net asset value of each sub-fund and the net asset value of the relevant class shall be expressed in the currency of each sub-fund as described in the relevant appendix of the prospectus. Whilst the reporting currency of the company is the Euro, the net asset value is made available in the currency of each sub-fund as described in the relevant appendix of the prospectus. The net asset value shall be determined on each valuation date separately for each share of each sub-fund and for each class dividing the total net asset value of the relevant sub-fund and of the relevant class by the number of outstanding shares of such sub-fund and of the relevant class.

The net asset value shall be determined by subtracting the total liabilities of the sub-fund or class from the total assets of such sub-fund or class in accordance with the principles laid down in the company’s Articles of Incorporation and in such further valuation regulations as may be adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.3 Valuation of Investments

Investments shall be valued as follows:

The value of such assets is determined by the management company as follows:

(1) The value of any cash in hand or on deposit, discount notes, bills and demand notes and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends and interest declared or accrued and not yet received shall be deemed to be the full amount thereof, unless in any case the same is unlikely to be paid or received in full, in which case the value thereof shall be arrived at after making such provision as the company may consider appropriate in such case to reflect the true value thereof.

(2) The value of all securities which are listed on an official stock exchange is determined on the basis of the last available prices. If there is more than one stock exchange on which the securities are listed, the Board of Directors may in its discretion select the stock exchange which shall be the principal stock exchange for such purposes.

(3) Securities traded on a regulated market are valued in the same manner as listed securities.

(4) Securities which are not listed on an official stock exchange or traded on a regulated market shall be valued by the company in accordance with valuation principles decided by the Board of Directors, at a price no lower than the bid price and no higher than the ask price on the relevant valuation date.

(5) Derivatives and repurchase agreements which are not listed on an official stock exchange or traded on a regulated market shall be valued by the company in accordance with valuation principles decided by the Directors on the basis of their marked-to-market price.

(6) Term deposits shall be valued at their present value.

(7) Traded options and futures contracts to which the company is a party which are traded on a stock, financial futures or other exchange shall be valued by reference to the profit or loss which would arise on closing out the relevant contract at or immediately before the close of the relevant market.

All securities or other assets for which the valuation in accordance with the above sub-paragraphs would not be possible or practicable, or would not be representative of their fair value, will be valued at their fair value, as determined in good faith and prudently pursuant to the procedures established by the Board of Directors.

Amounts determined in accordance with such valuation principles shall be translated into the currency of the sub-fund's accounts at the respective average exchange rates, using the relevant rates quoted by a bank or another first class financial institution.

##### 2.4 Dividend and interest income

Dividends are recorded as income on the ex-dividend date.

Interest income, if any, is accrued on a daily basis.

Dividend and interest income received by the company may be subject to non-recoverable withholding tax in the source countries.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.5 Foreign currency translation

The annual reports of DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value and SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund) have been prepared in Japanese Yen (JPY) and the annual report of SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund, SMD-AM China A Shares Fund and SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund have been prepared in United States Dollar (USD), which are reporting currencies of the sub-funds.

The Combined Statement of Net Assets, The Combined Statement of Operations and The Combined Changes in Net Assets of the company are expressed in the reference currency of the company (EUR) after conversion from reporting currency of sub-fund at the exchange rate prevailing at the year end.

Assets and liabilities expressed in currencies other than reporting currency of the sub-fund are converted into that currency at the exchange rate prevailing at the year end.

The cost of investments, income and expenses denominated in currencies other than the reporting currency of the sub-fund have been translated at the exchange rates ruling on the day of the transaction.

As of 31 March 2024 positions denominated in foreign currencies were valued at the following exchange rates:

EUR – JPY	163.3552
EUR – USD	1.0790
GBP – JPY	190.9999
HKD – JPY	19.3483
USD – AUD	1.5398
USD – CNH	7.2630
USD – CNY	7.2275
USD – EUR	0.9268
USD – GBP	0.7926
USD – HKD	7.8247
USD – INR	83.4025
USD – JPY	151.3950
USD – NZD	1.6764
USD – SGD	1.3506

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.6 Realised profit and loss on securities

The realised profit/loss on sale of investments securities and derivatives is determined on the basis of average cost and is recognised in the Statement of Operations under “Realised profit/loss”.

##### 2.7 Futures transactions

Upon entering into a futures contract, the company is required to deposit with its futures' broker, an amount of cash in accordance with the initial margin requirements of the broker or stock exchange. Futures contracts are valued using quoted daily settlement prices established by the stock exchange on which they are traded. The company and the broker agree to exchange an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuations in the value of the futures contract (“variation margin”).

Futures transactions to which the company is a party which are traded on a stock, financial futures or other exchange shall be valued by reference to the profit or loss which would arise on closing out the relevant contract at or immediately before the close of the relevant market.

Unrealised profit/loss on Futures transactions is included in the Statement of Net Assets under “Futures transactions”.

Realised profit/loss and changes in unrealised profit/loss as a result thereof are included in the Statement of Operations respectively under “Realised profit on Futures transactions” or “Realised loss on Futures transactions” and “Change in unrealised profit on Futures transactions” or “Change in unrealised loss on Futures transactions”.

##### 2.8 Forward foreign exchange transactions

Forward foreign exchange contracts represent obligations to purchase or sell foreign currency on a specified future date at a price fixed at the time the contracts are entered into. Forward foreign exchange transactions are valued by the company in accordance with valuation principles decided by the Directors on the basis of their marked-to-market price. Change in the value of forward foreign exchange contracts are recorded as unrealised profit or loss until the contract settlement date. When the contract is closed, the sub-fund records a realised profit or loss equal to the difference between the value at the time the contract was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

Unrealised profit/loss on forward foreign exchange transactions is included in the Statement of Net Assets under “Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions”.

Realised profit/loss and changes in unrealised profit/loss as a result thereof are included in the Statement of Operations respectively under “Realised profit on Forward foreign exchange transactions” or “Realised loss on Forward foreign exchange transactions” and “Change in unrealised profit on Forward foreign exchange transactions” or “Change in unrealised loss on Forward foreign exchange transactions”. Net realised profit/ loss includes net gains on contracts which have been settled or offset by other contracts. The company also offers class level hedging. All unrealised profit/loss on class level hedges are allocated solely to the relevant share classes.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.9 Dividends paid

The following table summarises the dividends distributed by the Sub-Funds during the year ended 31 March 2024:

Share class	Ex-date	Dividend per Share USD
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund A USD-M (Unhedged)	02 November 2023	0.24
	01 December 2023	0.26
	04 January 2024	0.28
	01 February 2024	0.27
	01 March 2024	0.25

During the year ended 31 March 2024 all dividends distributed were reinvested.

#### 3. Taxes

The company is subject to the Luxembourg tax jurisdiction. Under Luxembourg law and current practice, the company is subject neither to income tax nor to any capital gains tax in respect of realized or unrealized valuation profits. No taxes are payable in Luxembourg on the issue of shares.

Under article 174 of the Law of 2010, the assets of the company are subject to an annual subscription tax (taxe d'abonnement) in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The sub-funds are subject to an annual subscription tax of 0.05% of the net asset value as valued at the end of each quarter, and which is payable quarterly. To the extent that parts of the company's assets are invested in other Luxembourg UCITS which are subject to the tax, such parts are not taxed.

The net asset value corresponding to a share category for "institutional investors" pursuant to the Luxembourg tax legislation, as defined in the relevant sub-fund appendices is subject to a reduced tax rate of 0.01% per annum, on the basis that the company classifies the investors in this share category as institutional investors within the meaning of the tax legislation. This classification is based on the company's understanding of the current legal situation. This legal situation may change, even with retrospective effect, which may result in a duty of 0.05% being applied, even with retrospective effect. Where applicable, the reduced tax may be applied to further share categories, as indicated in the relevant sub-fund appendix.

Capital gains and income from dividends, interest and interest payments originating in other countries may be subject to a non-recoverable withholding tax or capital gains tax in such countries.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 4. Management Company Fee

The management company shall receive an administration fee from the net asset value of the company for share classes "I", "P", "S" and "A" within the following sub-funds: DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value and SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund), up to 0.05% p.a., subject to a minimum fee of EUR 30,000.00 p.a., and for share classes "F", "I", "P" and "A" within the following sub-funds: SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund, SMD-AM China A Shares Fund and SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund, up to 0.08% p.a., subject to a minimum fee of EUR 42,000.00 p.a. The fee shall be calculated based on the daily calculation of the net asset value and paid monthly.

#### 5. Portfolio Management Fee

The portfolio manager shall receive a fee of up to 1.50% p.a. based on the net asset value for share "I", "P", "S" and "A" of DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value, a fee of up to 0.45% p.a. based on the net asset value for share "S", a fee of up to 0.70% p.a. based on the net asset value for share "I" and a fee of up to 1.20% p.a. based on the net asset value for share "A" of SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund), a fee of up to 2.00% p.a. based on the net asset value for share "F", "I", "P", and "A" within the following sub-funds: SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund, SMD-AM China A Shares Fund and SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund.

#### 6. Depositary Bank and Paying Agent Fee

The company of the above named function shall receive a fee for performing its duties of up to 0.04% p.a. of the sub-fund's net asset value with a minimum of up to EUR 2,250.00 per month plus Luxembourg VAT, depending on the transaction amount the fee can also be higher.

#### 7. Registrar and Transfer and Administrative Agency Fee

The company of the above named function shall receive a fee for performing its duties of up to 0.08% p.a. of the sub-fund's net asset value with a minimum of up to EUR 2,250.00 per month plus Luxembourg VAT, depending on the transaction amount the fee can also be higher.

#### 8. Other expenses

The caption "Other expenses" in the Statement of Operations is composed of extraordinary expenses.

#### 9. Equalisation

The equalisation procedure characterizes a method to keep the regular result and the earnings per share for all shares of the company equal, irrespective of the time of purchase or sale.



## SMD-AM Funds

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 10. Derivatives

##### DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value

##### Statement of Hedge Share Class Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions as at 31/03/2024

Share class	Ccy	Amount	Ccy	Amount	Commitment in JPY	Maturity	Unrealised profit/ loss in JPY	Counterparty		
A HKD	Sell	HKD	-276.85	Buy	JPY	5,193.00	5,356.59	15/04/2024	-155.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
A HKD	Buy	HKD	16,499.07	Sell	JPY	-309,720.00	319,229.70	15/04/2024	9,023.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
A USD	Sell	USD	-1,645.40	Buy	JPY	241,257.00	249,105.33	15/04/2024	-7,368.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
A USD	Buy	USD	3,949.14	Sell	JPY	-594,832.00	597,880.04	15/04/2024	1,895.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
A USD	Buy	USD	5,316.52	Sell	JPY	-779,407.00	804,894.54	15/04/2024	23,935.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
A USD	Buy	USD	103,874.23	Sell	JPY	-15,238,973.00	15,726,038.90	15/04/2024	456,741.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
I GBP	Buy	GBP	121.25	Sell	JPY	-22,720.00	23,158.74	15/04/2024	393.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
I GBP	Buy	GBP	48,884.44	Sell	JPY	-9,177,955.00	9,336,924.24	15/04/2024	140,467.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
<b>Total Unrealised Profit on Hedge Share Class Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>							<b>632,454.00</b>			
<b>Total Unrealised Loss on Hedge Share Class Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>							<b>-7,523.00</b>			
<b>Total Unrealised Profit on Derivatives</b>							<b>632,454.00</b>			
<b>Total Unrealised Loss on Derivatives</b>							<b>-7,523.00</b>			

## SMD-AM Funds

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 10. Derivatives (continued)

SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)

#### Statement of Hedge Share Class Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions as at 31/03/2024

Share class	Ccy	Amount	Ccy	Amount	Commitment in JPY	Maturity	Unrealised profit/ loss in JPY	Counterparty		
A EUR	Buy	EUR	1,232.82	Sell	JPY	-201,616.00	201,387.56	15/04/2024	-536.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
A HKD	Buy	HKD	10,497.04	Sell	JPY	-202,408.00	203,100.36	15/04/2024	382.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
A USD	Buy	USD	1,342.42	Sell	JPY	-202,421.00	203,235.67	15/04/2024	423.00	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
<b>Total Unrealised Profit on Hedge Share Class Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>							<b>805.00</b>			
<b>Total Unrealised Loss on Hedge Share Class Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>							<b>-536.00</b>			

#### Statement of Future Transactions as at 31/03/2024

Contract Description	Maturity	Number	Ccy	Cost price	Market price	Unrealised profit/ loss in JPY	Commitment in JPY	Counterparty
FUTURE TOKYO STK. PR. (TOPIX) IND. 01.24.OSE	13/06/2024	1.00	JPY	2,679.00	2,749.50	705,000.00	27,495,000.00	Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd., Tokyo
<b>Total Unrealised Profit on Future Transactions</b>						<b>705,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Unrealised Profit on Derivatives</b>						<b>705,805.00</b>		
<b>Total Unrealised Loss on Derivatives</b>						<b>-536.00</b>		

## SMD-AM Funds

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 10. Derivatives (continued)

##### SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund

#### Statement of Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions as at 31/03/2024

	Ccy	Amount	Ccy	Amount	Commitment in USD	Maturity	Unrealised profit/ loss in USD	Counterparty
Sell	EUR	-1,000.00	Buy	USD	1,084.04	15/04/2024	4.48	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
Sell	GBP	-911,498.00	Buy	USD	1,152,242.85	15/04/2024	2,221.15	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
Sell	EUR	-6,320,631.00	Buy	USD	6,854,850.73	15/04/2024	31,355.42	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York
<b>Total Unrealised Profit on Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions</b>							<b>33,581.05</b>	
<b>Total Unrealised Profit on Derivatives</b>							<b>33,581.05</b>	

## SMD-AM Funds

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 11. Portfolio Turnover Ratio/PTR

For reporting period from 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024:

DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	38.78%
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund)	247.90%
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	280.97%
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund	109.32%

For reporting period from 22 March 2024 until 31 March 2024:

SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund	(0.12)%
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The PTR was calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Turnover} = \frac{[\text{Total 1} - \text{Total 2}]}{M} * 100$$

Total 1 = Total purchases + Total sales of securities

Total 2 = Total subscription + Total redemption

M = Average Assets (daily)

## SMD-AM Funds

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 12. Total Expense Ratio/TER\*

**Total expense ratio (TER)** – a measure of the total costs charged to an investment fund and expresses in percentage terms of the fund's average total assets in the reporting period. The total expense ratio includes the administration fee, depositary bank fee, global depositary fee, subscription tax, audit fee, publication fee, legal fee, portfolio manager fee, registrar and transfer agent fee, payment agent fee and other expenses. Withholding tax, interest on bank overdraft, performance fee and transaction expenses are excluded from the total expense ratio.

The TER was calculated based on the version currently applicable of the "Guidelines on the calculation and disclosure of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) of collective investment schemes" of the AMAS.

Share class	Reporting period	TER in %
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A HKD (Hedged)	16 January 2024 until 31 March 2024	1.15
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A HKD (Unhedged)	16 January 2024 until 31 March 2024	1.13
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A USD (Hedged)	16 August 2023 until 31 March 2024	1.34
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A USD (Unhedged)	16 January 2024 until 31 March 2024	1.15
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value A JPY (Unhedged)	1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024	1.40
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value I GBP (Hedged)	1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024	0.97
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value P JPY (Unhedged)	1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024	1.00
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value S EUR (Unhedged)	1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024	0.95
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value S JPY (Unhedged)	1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024	0.95
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A EUR (Hedged)	27 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	15.18
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A EUR (Unhedged)	27 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	15.18
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A HKD (Hedged)	27 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	15.11
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A HKD (Unhedged)	27 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	15.11
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A USD (Hedged)	27 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	15.10
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund A USD (Unhedged)	27 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	15.10
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I JPY (Unhedged)**	1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024	2.97
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I2 JPY (Unhedged)	27 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	13.77
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund S JPY (Unhedged)	27 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	13.52
SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund S USD (Unhedged)	27 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	13.52
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund A USD (Unhedged)	16 August 2023 until 31 March 2024	3.84
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund A USD-M (Unhedged)	16 August 2023 until 31 March 2024	3.84
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund P USD (Unhedged)	1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024	1.14
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund A USD (Unhedged)	16 August 2023 until 31 March 2024	1.90
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund P USD (Unhedged)	1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024	0.95
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A EUR (Unhedged)	22 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	9.05
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A HKD-S (Unhedged)	22 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	8.93

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 12. Total Expense Ratio/TER\* (continued)

SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund A USD (Unhedged)	22 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	8.93
SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund F USD (Unhedged)	22 March 2024 until 31 March 2024	0.78

\*) The total expense ratio is calculated for the last twelve months. The total expense ratio is annualised for periods of less than one year.

\*\* DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund I JPY (Unhedged) changed to SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund I JPY (Unhedged) on 27 March 2024.

#### 13. Transaction cost

For the sub-fund DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value transaction costs occurred during the corresponding period of JPY 6,635,578.00.

For the sub-fund SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund) transaction costs occurred during the corresponding period of JPY 2,095,262.00.

For the sub-fund SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund transaction costs occurred during the corresponding period of USD 69,665.94.

For the sub-fund SMD-AM China A Shares Fund transaction costs occurred during the corresponding period of USD 40,124.24.

For the sub-fund SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund transaction costs occurred during the corresponding period of USD 0.

#### 14. Incorporation expenses

The company will pay its incorporation expenses, including the costs and expenses of producing the initial prospectus, and the legal and other costs and expenses incurred in determining the structure of the company, which incorporation expenses are expected not to exceed EUR 100,000.00 (excluding Tax). These expenses will be apportioned pro-rata to the initial sub-fund and amortised for accounting purposes over a period of maximum five years. Amortised expenses may be shared with new sub-funds at the discretion of the Board. Costs in relation to the launch of any additional sub-fund will be charged to such additional sub-fund and will be amortised over a period of maximum five years from the launch of the relevant sub-fund.

#### 15. Changes in portfolio composition

Details of purchases and sales of investments are available, free of charge, from the registered office of the company.

#### 16. Securities financing transactions regulation

During the reporting period no securities financing transactions and total return swaps as defined by the SFTR regulation 2015/2365 occurred. Furthermore, no corresponding transactions were carried out during the period referring to the financial statements.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 17. EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and Taxonomy Regulation

DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value is classified as Article 6 under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (“SFDR”) as at the date of the audit. All the participants of the sub-fund are ready to meet the requirements of disclosure and the process. For the purpose of the Taxonomy Regulation, it should be noted that the investments underlying the sub-fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund (formerly DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund), SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund, SMD-AM China A Shares Fund and SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund are classified as Article 8 under the SFDR regulation as at the date of the audit. Further details are included in Appendix 3.

#### 18. Report on remuneration (unaudited)

The remuneration paid to the staff of Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management (UK) Ltd. (SMDAM) in respect of FY2024 was £3.57 million, consisting of fixed remuneration of £2.98 million and variable remuneration of £0.59 million (and in respect of which there were 23 beneficiaries). This includes remuneration paid to staff whose role relates to other funds managed by SMDAM. On 31 March 2024 SMDAM’s total assets under management were £4.9 million. The asset under management represented by SMDAM UK at the same date was £96.58 million.

Remuneration paid to senior management in respect of FY2024 was £535 thousand and to other staff who have material impact on the risk profile of the SMDAM (which includes senior staff in centralized and control functions as well as within the portfolio management function) in respect of FY2024 is £625 thousand. The roles of these staff include activities in respect of other funds managed by SMDAM, and this remuneration reflects those other roles as well as the activities in respect of SMDAM. No carried interest was paid by the SMDAM.

Kroll (Luxembourg) Management Company S.à r.l. (“KLMC”) is an authorized Chapter 15 Management Company (“ManCo”) as per the meaning of the law of December 17, 2010.

As a result, KLMC must comply with the remuneration requirements set forth in the UCITS regulations.

The KLMC Compliance Officer (as approved by the CSSF) regularly assesses the adherence of KLMC with the remuneration requirements set forth in the UCITS directive.

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#### 18. Report on remuneration (unaudited) (continued)

The key principles of the remuneration policy are as follows:

1. All employees of KLMC are entitled to a fixed salary, capped pension benefits and a discretionary bonus. The amount of the bonus (if any) depends on each employee's performance of assigned tasks; the employee's achievement of personal objectives set forth at the beginning of each fiscal year; and the overall performance of the KLMC Business Unit.
2. As the portfolio management function is fully delegated to third party investment managers, there is no direct correlation between the total remuneration (inclusive of salary, bonus and pension benefits) and the performance of the funds for which KLMC acts as ManCo.
3. All employee remuneration amounts are reviewed annually by the Board of Directors of KLMC, considering the following:
  - a. Labour market conditions and seniority gained (in determining the fixed salary terms);
  - b. Individual performance as well as KLMC service line performance (in determining the discretionary bonus). If an employee leaves the company before the end of the performance cycle year, they are not entitled to a bonus;
  - c. Adherence to the service line and overall KLMC policies in terms of risk awareness, compliance with regulations and ethics at work. These policies are described in the staff manual, which are accepted by all employees when joining KLMC.
4. At least annually, the KLMC Compliance Officer reviews the remuneration approach for compliance with the principles of this Remuneration Policy, and in turn, the compliance of the Remuneration Policy with the regulatory framework. This review and assessment is documented and validated by the Board of Directors of KLMC.

Further information about the KLMC Remuneration Policy can be requested from the Compliance Officer of KLMC.

For the year ended as at December 31st, 2023, the total of the remunerations paid by the ManCo to its staff was the following:

- Fixed Remuneration: EUR 1,627,774.73
- Variable Remuneration: EUR 179,440.72

Eighteen (18) employees benefited from this remuneration. Each of those beneficiaries were fully or partly involved in the activity of the Fund.

Their remuneration was broken down as follows:

- Top Managers: EUR 866,662.99
- Staff Members: EUR 761,111.74

The implemented policies at the ManCo level are effectively operating, and subject to internal and external verification of their effectiveness. Further information on the ManCo's Remuneration Policy can be obtained free of charge upon request to the ManCo.



## SMD-AM Funds

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 19. Significant events during the year

The new prospectus for SMD-AM Funds was visa stamped on 11 January 2024.

The new sub-fund SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund was launched as of 22 March 2024.

The new prospectus for SMD-AM Funds was visa stamped on 25 March 2024.

Effective 27 March 2024, the Sub-Fund DSBI Japan Equity Sustainable Dividend Fund changed its name to SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund.

There have been no other significant events affecting the company during the year.

#### 20. Significant events after year-end

Kroll (Luxembourg) Management Company S.à r.l. transaction completion - subsequent to receiving the necessary CSSF approvals, Vistra has completed the acquisition of Kroll (Luxembourg) Management Company S.à r.l.

Change of ownership from Kroll Group to Vistra Group successfully took place on 02 May 2024. A new set of board members from Vistra have replaced previous Kroll board members except Mr. Anil Singh who will remain as member of Board of Directors and continue to lead as the Managing Director.

Kroll (Luxembourg) Management Company S.à r.l. will operate as a separate entity within the Vistra Luxembourg family of companies for the moment.

There have been no other significant events affecting the company after the year.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Unaudited appendices

#### Appendix 1: Related parties

As of 31 March 2024, the following sub-funds and share classes are currently authorized in Hong Kong and are available to the public in Hong Kong:

Sub-funds	Share Classes
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	Class I (JPY, EUR (Hedged), GBP (Hedged), GBP (Unhedged), USD (Hedged)), Class A (JPY, EUR (Hedged), GBP (Hedged), USD (Hedged), USD (Unhedged), HKD (Hedged), HKD (Unhedged))
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	Class P (USD), Class I (EUR (Hedged), GBP (Hedged), USD, USD-M), Class A (USD, USD-M)
SMD-AM China A Shares Fund	Class P (USD), Class I (USD, EUR (Hedged), GBP (Hedged), USD-M), Class A (USD, EUR (Hedged), GBP (Hedged), USD-M)

Parties are described as related if any one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over party in making financial or operational decisions.

The company's Directors, management company, and the portfolio manager are disclosed on page 4. Amounts expensed in the year to these parties are disclosed in the Statement of Operations. The portfolio manager shall receive a fee of up to 1.50% p.a. based on the net asset value for share "I" and "A" of DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value, a fee of up to 2.00% p.a. based on the net asset value for share "I", "P", and "A" of SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund. Details of the Total Expenses Ratio ("TER") can be found in Note 12, which outlines the TER per share class.

Mr Takahiro Ueno is the Chairman of the company and a Principal at Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited, the latter being the company's portfolio manager and distributor. Mr Junya Okada is a Director of the company and a Principal at Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management Company, Limited. Mrs Chie Furukawa is a Director of the company and a Director, Compliance & Fund Administration at Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management (UK) Limited.

The ability to direct the financial and operating policy of the sub-funds, and hence control, rests with the shareholders in general meetings. No Director held any interests in any of the Sub-Funds as at March 31, 2024.

Details of transactions effected through Daiwa Securities Group Inc., which is a broker who is a related party of the portfolio manager, are as follows:

Fund name	Aggregate value of such transactions	Percentage of such transactions in value to the total transactions in value of the Fund during the year	Total brokerage commission paid to such broker in relation to transactions effected through it	Average rate of commission effected through such broker
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	JPY 1,697,934,543.00	17.61%	JPY 1,187,845.00	0.07%
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	JPY 228,934,963.00	3.25%	JPY 953.55	0.00%

## SMD-AM Funds

### Unaudited appendices (continued)

#### Appendix 1: Related parties (continued)

Details of transactions effected through Nikko Securities Inc., which is a broker who is a related party of the portfolio manager, are as follows:

Fund name	Aggregate value of such transactions	Percentage of such transactions in value to the total transactions in value of the Fund during the year	Total brokerage commission paid to such broker in relation to transactions effected through it	Average rate of commission effected through such broker
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	JPY 1,421,994,793.00	14.75%	JPY 962,947.00	0.07%
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	JPY 279,185,817.00	3.96%	JPY 172,168.00	0.06%

Details of transactions effected through Daiwa Capital Markets Hong Kong Ltd., which is a broker who is a related party of the portfolio manager, are as follows:

Fund name	Aggregate value of such transactions	Percentage of such transactions in value to the total transactions in value of the Fund during the year	Total brokerage commission paid to such broker in relation to transactions effected through it	Average rate of commission effected through such broker
SMDAM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund	JPY 134,493,137.00	1.91%	N/A	N/A

Details of transactions effected through Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York, a counterparty for forwards foreign exchange transactions, who is a related party to BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN (Luxembourg) S.C.A., are as follows:

Fund name	Aggregate value of such transactions	Percentage of such transactions in value to the total transactions in value of the Fund during the year	Total brokerage commission paid to such broker in relation to transactions effected through it	Average rate of commission effected through such broker
DSBI Japan Equity Small Cap Absolute Value	JPY 26,370,057.00	0.27%	N/A	N/A

All transactions between the company and/or the sub-funds and its related parties have been entered into in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

## SMD-AM Funds

### Unaudited appendices (continued)

#### Appendix 2: Soft commission arrangements

During the financial year ended March 31, 2024, SMD-AM Funds did not enter into any soft commission arrangements.



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ANNEXES 1 to 4

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**COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../...**

**amending and correcting the regulatory technical standards laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 as regards the content and presentation of information in relation to disclosures in precontractual documents and periodic reports for financial products investing in environmentally sustainable economic activities**

Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** SMD-AM Japan Equity High Conviction Fund  
**Legal entity identifier:** 21380039FEH3QPIJV648

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

It made **sustainable investments with an environmental objective:** \_\_\_%

- in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

It made **sustainable investments with a social objective:** \_\_\_%

No

It **promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_% of sustainable investments

- with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- with a social objective

It promoted E/S characteristics, but **did not make any sustainable investments**



### To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

● **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

The Sub-Fund uses following sustainability indicators to measure the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund:

1. Percentage of the Sub-Fund's portfolio that Sustainalytics ESG Risk Ratings fall in the bottom 20% of the covered investment universe in Japan.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

2. Percentage of the Sub-Fund's portfolio that meets the exclusion criteria.

- Controversial weapons: zero percent revenue tolerance regarding any direct involvement in the production of controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons),
- Tobacco: more than 5% revenue generated from the manufacturing of tobacco products,
- Thermal Coal: more than 5% revenue from the extraction of thermal coal, and
- Coal Power: more than 25% production capacity to generate electricity from thermal coal

There were 3 holding stocks whose Sustainalytics ESG Risk Ratings fall in the bottom 20% of the covered investment universe in Japan as of the end of March 2024, and the aggregated percentage was 7.03%.

No investment was done in the stocks that meets the exclusion criteria for the portfolio.

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

● ***...and compared to previous periods?***

Not applicable.

● ***What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

Not applicable.

● ***How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

Not applicable.

— *How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?*

Not applicable.

— *Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

The consideration on PAIs of investment decisions was made throughout comprehensive investment actions, alongside the relevant financial risks and relevant sustainability risks while embracing dynamic materiality to focus on information material or likely to be material.

"PAI Due Diligence" is the essential foundational process of the Sub-Fund, to be systematically carried out throughout the entire life-cycle of investment operations, which is an on-going, proactive and reactive, and process-oriented activity of firm-wide stewardship activities with active ownership.

The Investment Manager had considered and will continue to consider and mitigate PAIs typically regarding GHG emissions, through appropriate due diligence, alongside the relevant financial and sustainability risks, taking due account of its business size, the nature and scale of its activities as well as the product type.

While environmental and social adverse impacts are taken into consideration and reflected in investment decisions whenever needed with reference to the metrics for the selected indicators in its entity level PAI statement, the Responsible Investment Section and the investment team intended to promote sustainability by suggesting more disclosure of relevant investees and process to identify, prevent, and mitigate their actual and potential negative impacts, especially where financially material.





## What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is:

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
<i>Mitsubishi Corp.</i>	<i>Industrials</i>	<i>5.51%</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.</i>	<i>Financials</i>	<i>5.23%</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Tokio Marine Holdings Inc.</i>	<i>Financials</i>	<i>4.76%</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Denso Corp.</i>	<i>Consumer Discretionary</i>	<i>4.71%</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.</i>	<i>Industrials</i>	<i>4.27%</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>SoftBank Group Corp.</i>	<i>Communication Services</i>	<i>3.89%</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Nippon Telegraph &amp; Telephone Corp.</i>	<i>Communication Services</i>	<i>3.89%</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Disco Corp.</i>	<i>Information Technology</i>	<i>3.84%</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.</i>	<i>Health Care</i>	<i>3.67%</i>	<i>Japan</i>
<i>Hitachi Ltd.</i>	<i>Industrials</i>	<i>3.59%</i>	<i>Japan</i>

As of the end of March 2024



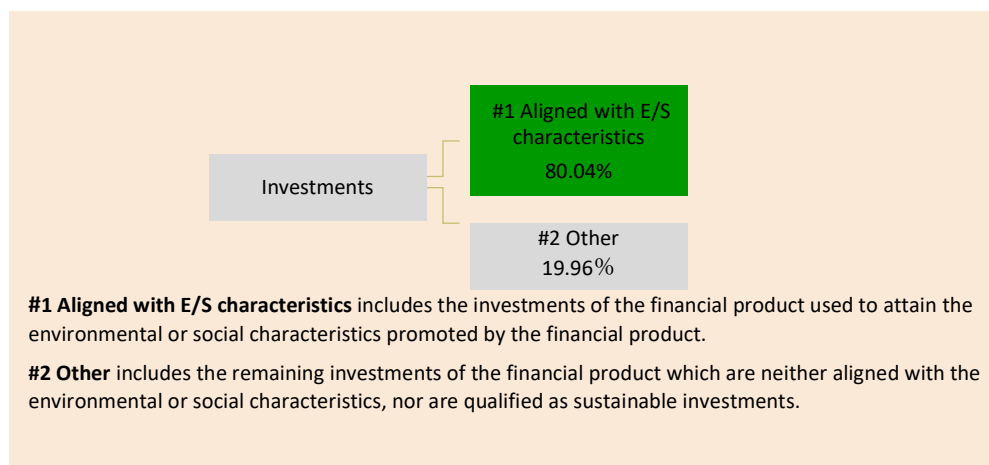
## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

### ● What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-Fund is supposed to invest at least 80% of its assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

The investments which are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other) may include cash or cash equivalent securities.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



The actual ratio of the investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics) as at the end of March 2024 was 80.04%.

● **In which economic sectors were the investments made?**

GICS Sector	% Assets
<b>Industrials</b>	<b>20.08%</b>
<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>18.93%</b>
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	<b>10.67%</b>
<b>Financials</b>	<b>9.99%</b>
<b>Communication Services</b>	<b>9.74%</b>
<b>Materials</b>	<b>5.93%</b>
<b>Health Care</b>	<b>4.96%</b>
<b>Consumer Staples</b>	<b>4.34%</b>
<b>Energy *</b>	<b>2.44%</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Cash equivalent</b>	<b>12.92%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* - The allocation in Energy sector is for a company that derives revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, production, processing, storage, refining or distribution, including transportation, storage and trade, of fossil fuels (Oil & Gas).

(As of the end of March 2024)

Note : Minor discrepancies are due to rounding.



**To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

● **Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

Yes:

In fossil gas

In nuclear energy

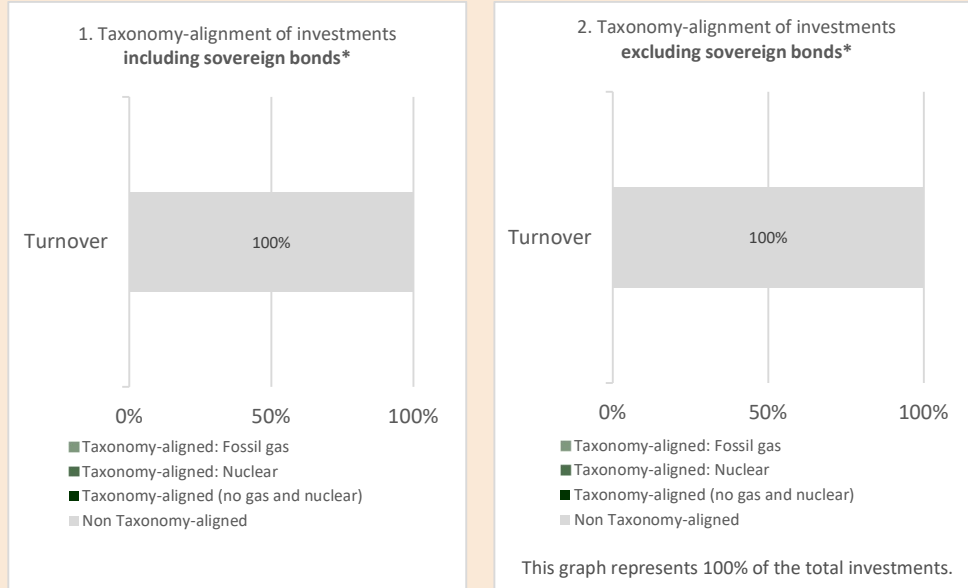
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<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change (“climate change mitigation”) and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- **capital expenditure (CapEx)** showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure (OpEx)** reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

*The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

- **What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**

Not applicable.

- **How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**

Not applicable.



- **What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

Not applicable.



- **What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

Not applicable.



- **What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

12.92%, Cash & Cash equivalents to prepare for the liquidity and hedging.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

7.03%, Three holding stocks whose Sustainalytics ESG Risk Ratings fall in the bottom 20% of the covered investment universe in Japan, for the enhancement of performance on the outlook for ESG rating improvement through our engagement.

There were no minimum environmental or social safeguards considered for these investments.



### **What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?**

While engagement is not a key component of the Sub-Fund's strategy to promote its environmental and/or social characteristic, the Investment Manager engaged with the portfolio investments whose ESG risks are recognized as high by Sustainalytics, with a focus on issues with room for improvement; Climate Change, Human Rights, and Human Capital.



### **How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?**

No reference benchmark is designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

- ***How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?***

Not applicable.

- ***How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?***

Not applicable.

- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?***

Not applicable.

- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?***

Not applicable.

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



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**Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852**

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** SMD-AM Asia Pacific Real Estate Securities Fund  
**Legal entity identifier:** 213800WEOYYHZZ25J362

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective:</b> ___%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:</b> ___%</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of ___% of sustainable investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



**To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?**

● **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

The Sub-Fund uses the following sustainability indicator to measure the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund:

Percentage of the Sub-Fund's portfolio that the Investment Manager's ESG Scores (REIT) fall in the bottom 5% of the covered investment universe.

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

There was only one holding stock whose ESG Score (REIT) was in the bottom 5% of the covered investment universe as of the end of March 2024, and the percentage was 0.42%.

● **...and compared to previous periods?**

Not applicable.

● **What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

Not applicable.

● **How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

Not applicable.

— How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

— Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.*

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



## How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The consideration on PAIs of investment decisions was made throughout comprehensive investment actions, alongside the relevant financial risks and relevant sustainability risks while embracing dynamic materiality to focus on information material or likely to be material.

"PAI Due Diligence" is the essential foundational process of the Sub-Fund, to be systematically carried out throughout the entire life-cycle of investment operations, which is an on-going, proactive and reactive, and process-oriented activity of firm-wide stewardship activities with active ownership.

The Investment Manager had considered and will continue to consider and mitigate PAIs typically regarding GHG emissions, through appropriate due diligence, alongside the relevant financial and sustainability risks, taking due account of its business size, the nature and scale of its activities as well as the product type.

While environmental and social adverse impacts are taken into consideration and reflected in investment decisions whenever needed with reference to the metrics for the selected indicators in its entity level PAI statement, the Responsible Investment Section and the investment team intended to promote sustainability by suggesting more disclosure of relevant investees and process to identify, prevent, and mitigate their actual and potential negative impacts, especially where financially material.



## What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is:

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
<b><i>Daiwa House REIT Investment Corp.</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>7.46%</i></b>	<b><i>Japan</i></b>
<b><i>Scentre Group</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>6.70%</i></b>	<b><i>Singapore</i></b>
<b><i>Goodman Group</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>5.36%</i></b>	<b><i>Australia</i></b>
<b><i>Digital Core REIT</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>4.73%</i></b>	<b><i>Singapore</i></b>
<b><i>Stockland</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>4.46%</i></b>	<b><i>Australia</i></b>
<b><i>Charter Hall Group</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>3.50%</i></b>	<b><i>Australia</i></b>
<b><i>Mirvac Group</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>3.50%</i></b>	<b><i>Australia</i></b>
<b><i>Dexus Property Group</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>3.50%</i></b>	<b><i>Australia</i></b>
<b><i>GPT Group</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>3.43%</i></b>	<b><i>Australia</i></b>
<b><i>Mapletree Logistics Trust</i></b>	<b><i>Real Estate</i></b>	<b><i>2.90%</i></b>	<b><i>Singapore</i></b>

As of the end of March 2024





## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

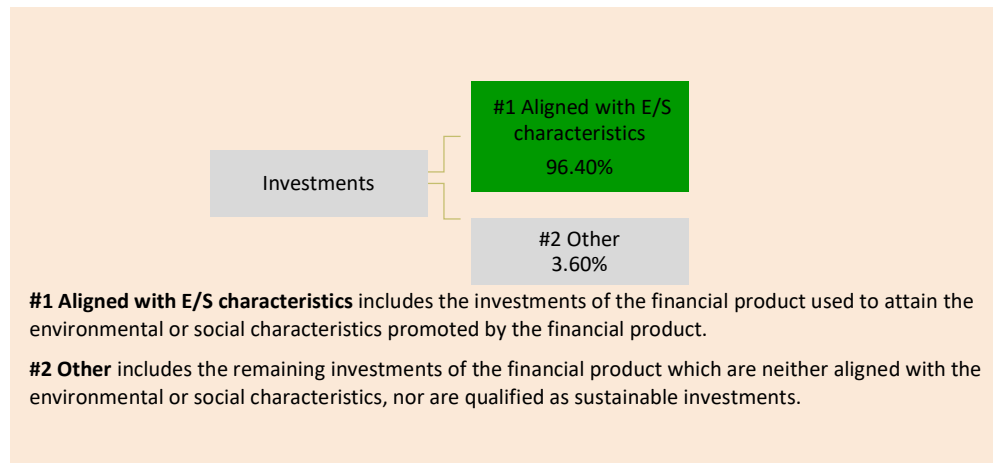
**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

### ● *What was the asset allocation?*

The Sub-Fund is supposed to invest at least 80% of its assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

The investments which are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other) may include cash or cash equivalent securities.



The actual ratio of the investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics) as at the end of March 2024 was 96.40%.

### ● *In which economic sectors were the investments made?*

96.82% in Real Estate sector.

3.18% in Cash & Cash equivalents



## To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

### ● **Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change (“climate change mitigation”) and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

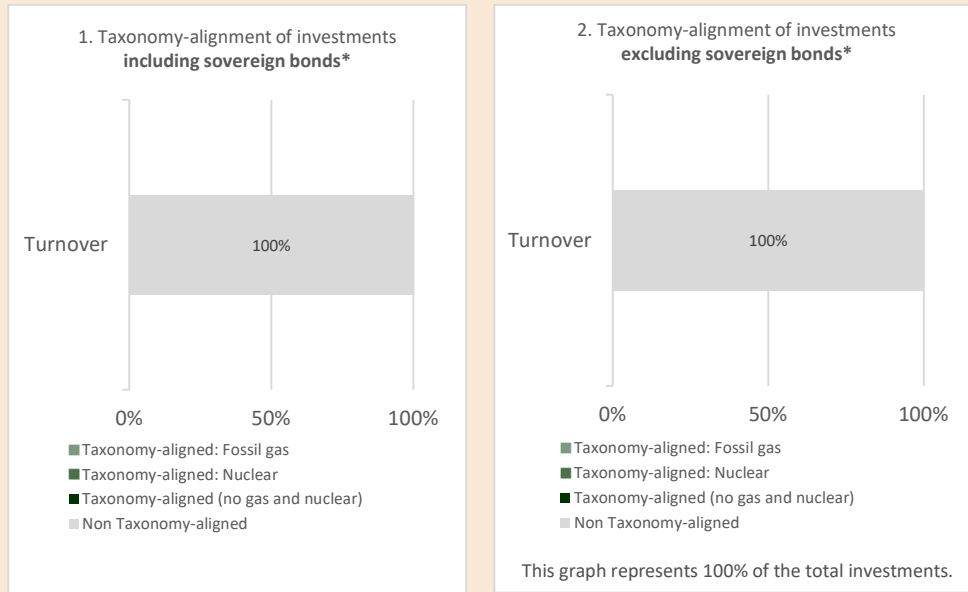
- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

Yes:


In fossil gas     In nuclear energy

No

**The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.**



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

● **What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**

Not applicable.

● **How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**

Not applicable.



**What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

Not applicable.



**What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

Not applicable.



### What investments were included under “other”, what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" part of investments included;

3.18%, Cash and Cash equivalents for the liquidity

0.42%, one holding stock whose ESG Score (REIT) was in the bottom 5% of the coverage, for the enhancement of performance on the outlook for ESG rating improvement through our engagement

There were no minimum environmental or social safeguards considered for these investments.



### What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

While engagement is not a key component of the Sub-Fund’s strategy to promote its environmental and/or social characteristic, the Investment Manager engaged with the portfolio investments whose ESG scores are relatively low in the covered investment universe with a focus on issues with room for improvement; long term target, human rights, IR and disclosure, and strategy



### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

No reference benchmark is designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

- **How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?**

Not applicable.

- **How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?**

Not applicable.

- **How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?**

Not applicable.

- **How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?**

Not applicable.

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



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The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

**Product name:** SMD-AM China A Shares Fund  
**Legal entity identifier:** 2138000Ezs7UQ87INZ98

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective:</b> ___%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:</b> ___%</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of ___% of sustainable investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make any sustainable investments</b></p>



**To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?**

● **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

The Sub-Fund uses following sustainability indicators to measure the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund:

1. Percentage of the Sub-Fund's portfolio which maintains a better weighted-average ESG score than that of the Benchmark (MSCI China A Onshore NR USD).

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

2. Percentage of the Sub-Fund's portfolio that meets the exclusion criteria.

- Controversial weapons: zero percent revenue tolerance regarding any direct involvement in the production of controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons),
- Tobacco: more than 5% revenue generated from the manufacturing of tobacco products,
- Thermal Coal: more than 5% revenue from the extraction of thermal coal, and
- Coal Power: more than 25% production capacity to generate electricity from thermal coal

The weighted-average Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating was better (26.18) than that of the Benchmark (31.02) as of the end of March 2024, and no investment was done in the stocks that meets the exclusion criteria for the portfolio.

● ***...and compared to previous periods?***

Not applicable.

● ***What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

Not applicable.

● ***How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

Not applicable.

--- *How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?*

Not applicable.

--- *Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:*

Not applicable.

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

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*Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.*



### **How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?**

The consideration on PAIs of investment decisions was made throughout comprehensive investment actions, alongside the relevant financial risks and relevant sustainability risks while embracing dynamic materiality to focus on information material or likely to be material.

"PAI Due Diligence" is the essential foundational process of the Sub-Fund, to be systematically carried out throughout the entire life-cycle of investment operations, which is an on-going, proactive and reactive, and process-oriented activity of firm-wide stewardship activities with active ownership.

The Investment Manager had considered and will continue to consider and mitigate PAIs typically regarding GHG emissions, through appropriate due diligence, alongside the relevant financial and sustainability risks, taking due account of its business size, the nature and scale of its activities as well as the product type.

While environmental and social adverse impacts are taken into consideration and reflected in investment decisions whenever needed with reference to the metrics for the selected indicators in its entity level PAI statement, the Responsible Investment Section and the investment team intended to promote sustainability by suggesting more disclosure of relevant investees and process to identify, prevent, and mitigate their actual and potential negative impacts, especially where financially material.



## What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is:

Largest investments	MSCI11 Sector	% Assets	Country
<b>Kweichow Moutai Co. Ltd.</b>	<b>Consumer Staples</b>	<b>7.56%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>
<b>Luzhou Laojiao Co. Ltd.</b>	<b>Consumer Staples</b>	<b>4.58%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>
<i>Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co. Ltd.</i>	<b>Consumer Staples</b>	<b>4.27%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>
<b>CNOOC Ltd.</b>	<b>Energy</b>	<b>3.76%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>
<i>Shanghai Friendess Electronic Technology Corp., Ltd.</i>	<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>3.27%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>
<b>China Telecom Corp. Ltd.</b>	<b>Telecommunication Services</b>	<b>3.26%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>
<b>Yifeng Pharmacy Chain Co. Ltd.</b>	<b>Consumer Staples</b>	<b>3.03%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>
<b>ZTE Corp.</b>	<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>2.83%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>
<b>Wanhua Chemical Group Co.Ltd.</b>	<b>Materials</b>	<b>2.72%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>
<b>Jiangsu Yoke Technology Co. Ltd.</b>	<b>Materials</b>	<b>2.64%</b>	<b>P.R. of China</b>

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## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

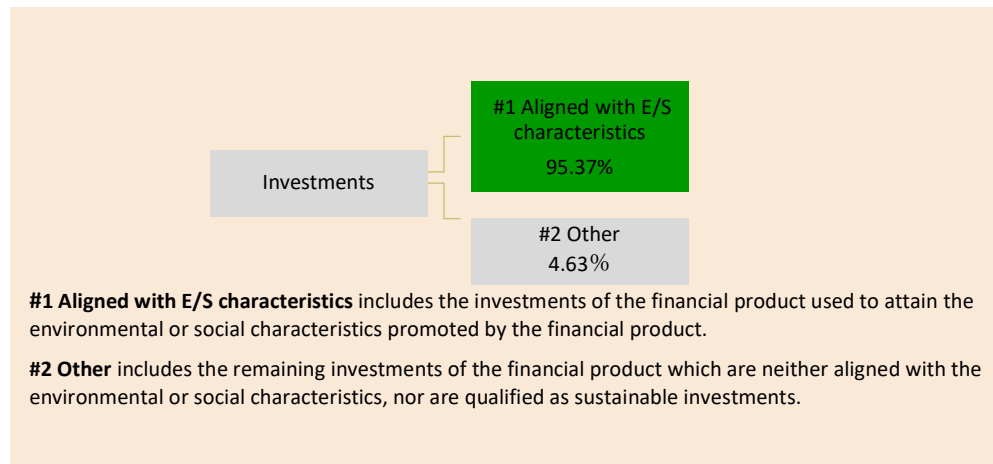


### ● What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-Fund is supposed to invest at least 80% of its assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

The investments which are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other) may include cash or cash equivalent securities.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.





The actual ratio of the investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics) as at the end of March 2024 was 95.37%.

● **In which economic sectors were the investments made?**

MSCI11 Sector	% Assets
<b>Consumer Staples</b>	<b>21.50%</b>
<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>16.42%</b>
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	<b>10.92%</b>
<b>Industrials</b>	<b>9.76%</b>
<b>Health Care</b>	<b>9.30%</b>
<b>Materials</b>	<b>8.40%</b>
<b>Financials</b>	<b>6.96%</b>
<b>Telecommunication Services</b>	<b>6.58%</b>
<b>Energy *</b>	<b>3.76%</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>1.76%</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>4.63%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* - The allocation in Energy sector is for a company that derives revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, production, processing, storage, refining or distribution, including transportation, storage and trade, of fossil fuels (Oil & Gas).

(As of the end of March 2024)

Note : Minor discrepancies are due to rounding.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



**To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

● **Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

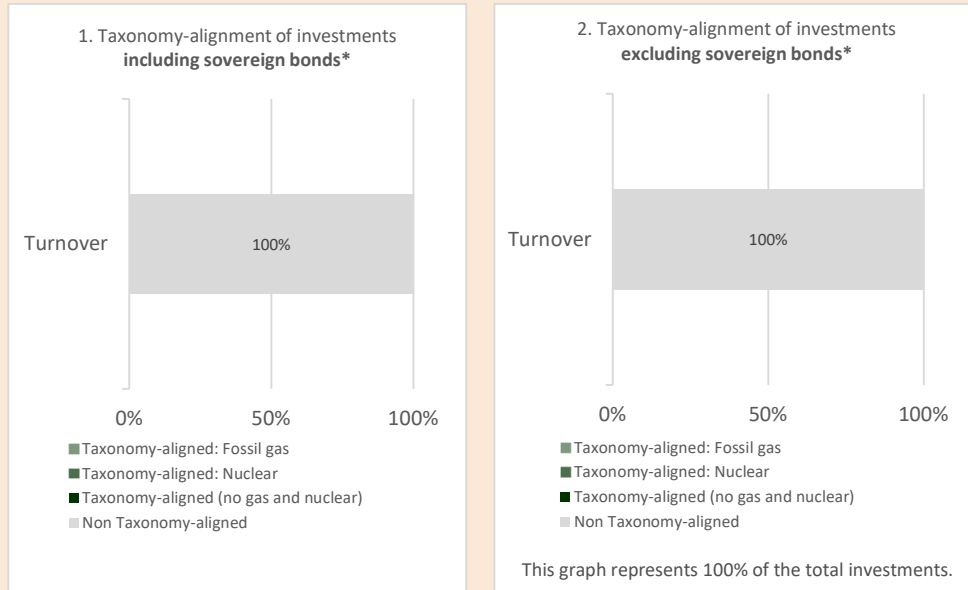
- Yes:
- In fossil gas     In nuclear energy
- No

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change (“climate change mitigation”) and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

*The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*




\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

- **What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**

Not applicable.

- **How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**

Not applicable.

 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



- **What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

Not applicable.



- **What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

Not applicable.



**What investments were included under “other”, what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

4.63% Cash & Cash equivalents to prepare for the daily liquidity.

There were no minimum environmental or social safeguards considered for these investments.



**What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?**

While engagement is not a key component of the Sub-Fund’s strategy to promote its environmental and/or social characteristic, the Investment Manager engaged with the portfolio investments whose ESG risks are recognized as “Severe” or “High” by Sustainalytics, to encourage such companies to enhance disclosure of their ESG practice and framework that may contribute to the ESG rating improvement.



**How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?**

No reference benchmark is designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

- ***How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?***  
Not applicable.
- ***How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?***  
Not applicable.
- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?***  
Not applicable.
- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?***  
Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



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ANNEXES 1 to 4

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**COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../...**

**amending and correcting the regulatory technical standards laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 as regards the content and presentation of information in relation to disclosures in precontractual documents and periodic reports for financial products investing in environmentally sustainable economic activities**

Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Product name: SMD-AM Ares ESG Enhanced Global High Yield Bond Fund  
 Legal entity identifier: 213800IKWO7BJPUD7M73

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?**

<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective:</b> ___% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:</b> ___%	<input type="checkbox"/> It <b>promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of ___% of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make any sustainable investments</b>



**To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?**

The Sub-Fund promoted environmental and/or social characteristics through the application of a Negative Exclusion Screen.

The Sub-Investment Manager minimized the Sub-Fund's exposure to certain carbon intensive sectors and controversial industries and issuers with an Ares ESG Rating of Single-B or less by

**Sustainability indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

reference to the issuers which comprise the ICE BofA Global High Yield Constrained Index (HWOC) (the "Benchmark").

Specifically the Sub-Investment Manager screened out any investments made by the Sub-Fund in debt issuers which at the time of the Sub-Fund's initial investment in such issuer (and as determined by the Sub-Investment Manager in its reasonable opinion, having made reasonable enquiry in good faith):

(Excluding Certain carbon intensive sectors)

- a) derive a majority of revenues from oil and gas exploration and product and related downstream activities (e.g. refining; distribution & retail; pipeline & transportation);
- b) derive a majority of revenues from fossil fuel-based and/or thermal coal power generation;

(Investing in a socially responsible manner)

- a) derive a majority of revenues from the production or mining of coal;
- b) derive a majority of revenues from the production, dissemination and/or promotion of pornography;
- c) derive a majority of revenues from the manufacturing and/or production of cigarettes and/or other tobacco products;
- d) derive a majority of revenues from the manufacture, production and/or sale of controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons);
- e) have violated the UN Guiding Principles and OECD Guidelines relating to human rights and labour rights and has demonstrated an ongoing failure to take action to address, manage and prevent human rights and labour rights risks in such business's operations; or
- f) have been (or whose current senior management have been) convicted for violations of anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws and has demonstrated an ongoing failure to take action to address, manage and prevent bribery and corruption risks in such business operations

The Sub-Investment Manager will excluded from the Sub-Fund, issuers which at the time of the Sub-Fund's initial investment in such issuer (and as determined by the Sub-Investment Manager in its reasonable opinion, having made reasonable enquiry in good faith) have an Ares ESG Rating of Single-B or less.

The methodology underlying the proprietary ESG score is outlined below.

The Investment Manager will establish whether a potential borrower/issuer has an MSCI ESG Rating:

- a) Where the borrower/issuer does have an existing MSCI ESG Rating, the Investment Manager will assess the ESG scores and data which support the MSCI ESG Rating with a view to determining the issuer/borrower's progress on ESG issues (beyond the management of ESG risk or opportunity). In addition, the Investment Manager will carry out its own ESG due diligence assessment to determine such progress on ESG issues by reference to (I) comparative ratings or underlying data provided by third party sustainability data providers; and (II) (where possible), direct engagement and feedback with the borrower/issuer. After such assessment, the Investment Manager will (in its reasonable opinion) adjust the underlying ESG scores as necessary to be reflective of the issuer/borrowers' progress on ESG issues; and
- b. Where the borrower/issuer does not have an official MSCI ESG Rating, the Investment Manager will seek to use what the Investment Manager reasonably considers to be similar methodology and research tools to MSCI (in addition to the use of comparative ratings or data provided by third parties and direct engagement

as described above), to determine what the Investment Manager (in its reasonable opinion) considers are ESG scores that are reflective of the relevant borrower/issuer progress on ESG issues;

The Sub-Fund does not use a reference benchmark to attain its promoted environmental and social characteristics.

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

● **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

*Not applicable.*

● **...and compared to previous periods?**

*Not applicable.*

● **What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

The Sub-Fund used the following sustainability indicator to measure the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund:

Percentage of excluded investments that do not meet the requirements of the Negative Exclusion Screen.

● **How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

*Not applicable.*

— How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

*Not applicable.*

— Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

*Not applicable.*

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

*Not applicable.*



### What were the top investments of this financial product?<sup>1</sup>

The list includes the investments constituting the **greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is:

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
<i>Chart Industries Inc</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>1.37%</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>Trident TPI Holdings, Inc.</i>	<i>Packaging</i>	<i>1.34%</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>Summit Materials</i>	<i>Building Materials</i>	<i>1.31%</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>Bath &amp; Body Works</i>	<i>Specialty Retail</i>	<i>1.29%</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>Alliant Holdings International</i>	<i>Insurance Brokerage</i>	<i>1.27%</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>AmWINS Group</i>	<i>Insurance Brokerage</i>	<i>1.26%</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>Howden UK Refinance</i>	<i>Insurance Broekrage</i>	<i>1.26%</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>Sealed Air Corp</i>	<i>Packaging</i>	<i>1.26%</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>Speciality Building Products</i>	<i>Support-Services</i>	<i>1.25%</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>CF Industries Inc</i>	<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>1.24%</i>	<i>US</i>



### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Sub-Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in investments that are aligned with the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics).

The investments which are not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other) may include cash or cash equivalent securities.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- **capital expenditure**

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

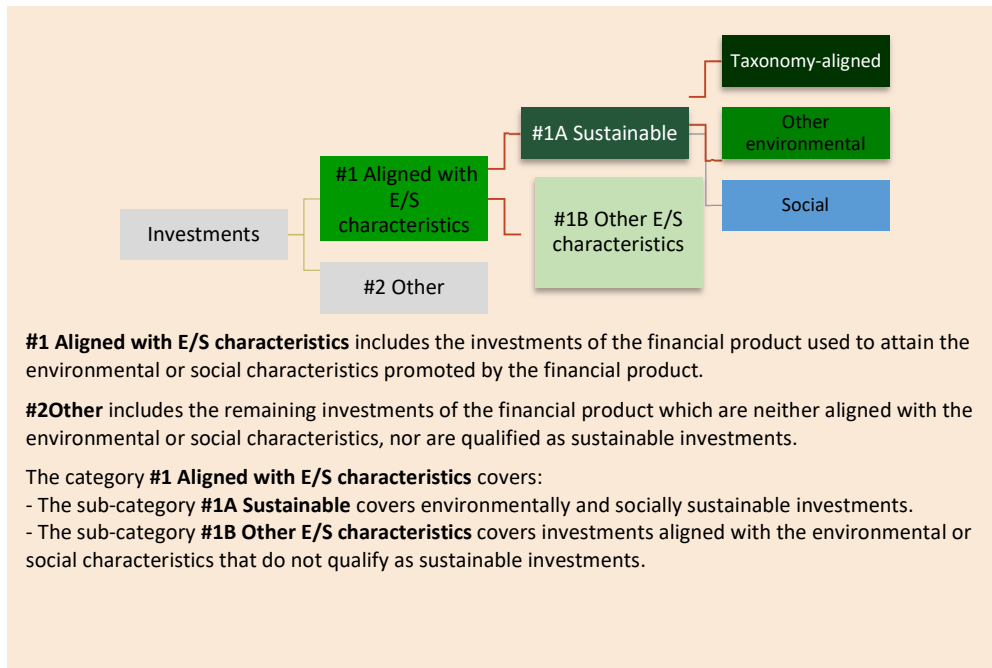
**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

**Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

During the reporting period, the Sub-Fund invested 94.3% of its assets in investments that are aligned with the promote environmental and/or social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). The assets which were not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other) were a 5.7% allocation to cash.<sup>1</sup>

● **What was the asset allocation?**

The asset allocation was 94.3% bonds that are aligned with the promoted environmental and/or social characteristics (#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics). The assets which were not aligned with these characteristics (#2 Other) were a 5.7% allocation to cash.<sup>1</sup>



● **In which economic sectors were the investments made?**

*Not Applicable.*



**To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

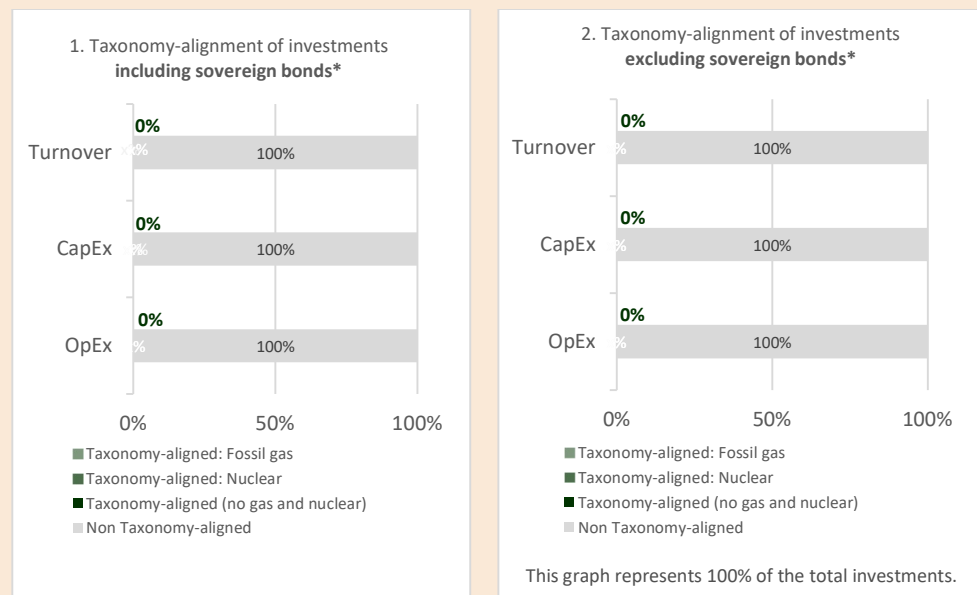
The Sub-Fund did not commit to a minimum extent of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The Sub-Fund manager will periodically report with respect to the extent the Sub-Fund’s investments were aligned with an environmental objective in line with EU Taxonomy during the reference period based on available and reliable information.

<sup>1</sup> As of March 31, 2024.

● **Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>2</sup>?**

- Yes:
- In fossil gas     In nuclear energy
- No

*The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

● **What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**

The Sub-Fund did not commit to a minimum extent of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The Sub-Fund manager will periodically report with respect to the extent the Sub-Fund's investments were aligned with an environmental objective in line with EU Taxonomy during the reference period based on available and reliable information.

<sup>2</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

- **How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**

*Not applicable.*



- **What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

*Not applicable.*



- **What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

*Not applicable.*



- **What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

"Other" investments or assets such as cash can be used by the Sub-Investment Manager for example for performance, diversification, liquidity and/or hedging purposes. No minimum safeguards are considered for these investments, while "Other" investments do not include any above-specified carbon intensive sectors and controversial industries.



- **What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?**

The Sub-Fund promoted environmental and/or social characteristics through the application of a Negative Exclusion Screen.



- **How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?**

*Not applicable. The Sub-Fund does not have a reference benchmark designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.*

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?**

*Not applicable.*

- **How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?**

*Not applicable.*

- **How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?**

*Not applicable*

- ***How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?***

*Not applicable*



## Audit report

To the Shareholders of  
**SMD-AM Funds**

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### Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of SMD-AM Funds (the "Fund") and of each of its sub-funds as at 31 March 2024, and of the results of their operations and changes in their net assets for the year then ended in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

#### *What we have audited*

The Fund's financial statements comprise:

- the combined statement of net assets for the Fund and the statement of net assets for each of the sub-funds as at 31 March 2024;
- the combined statement of operations for the Fund and the statement of operations for each of the sub-funds for the year then ended;
- the combined statement of changes in net assets for the Fund and the statement of changes in net assets for each of the sub-funds for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

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### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Law of 23 July 2016 on the audit profession (Law of 23 July 2016) and with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as adopted for Luxembourg by the "Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier" (CSSF). Our responsibilities under the Law of 23 July 2016 and ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF are further described in the "Responsibilities of the "Réviseur d'entreprises agréé" for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, including International Independence Standards, issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code) as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities under those ethical requirements.

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### Other information

The Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information stated in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our audit report thereon.

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Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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#### **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Fund for the financial statements**

The Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors of the Fund determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for assessing the Fund's and each of its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors of the Fund either intends to liquidate the Fund or close any of its sub-funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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#### **Responsibilities of the "Réviseur d'entreprises agréé" for the audit of the financial statements**

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control;



- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors of the Fund;
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors of the Fund's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's or any of its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund or any of its sub-funds to cease to continue as a going concern;
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Represented by

Luxembourg, 5 July 2024



Kenneth Kai Siong Iek