

### **UOB Asset Management launches the United SGD Fund for retail and institutional investors in Brunei**

*Fund invests in investment grade bonds; focuses on providing regular returns*

**Singapore, 27 March 2018** – UOB Asset Management (B) Sdn Bhd (UOBAM (B)) has launched the award-winning<sup>1</sup> United SGD Fund for retail and institutional investors in Brunei who seek regular returns.

#### **The investment approach**

To smoothen out the impact of fluctuating interest rates, the United SGD Fund invests in investment grade bonds with different maturity dates across a three-year timeframe. In an environment of rising interest rates, the capital from matured bonds in the fund will be re-invested into higher yielding, shorter-dated bonds. In an environment of lower interest rates, the capital stays invested in longer maturity bonds and continues to earn higher yields.

The United SGD Fund also invests in various bond securities covering a diverse geographical footprint and multiple sectors. The fund invests in bonds denominated in different currencies for greater diversification and to minimise foreign exchange risk. The fund maintains the Singapore dollar as its base currency and hedges all exposure to foreign currencies.

#### **Two decades of consistent returns**

The launch of the United SGD Fund in Brunei coincides with the Fund's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Singapore. Since its inception in June 1998, the fund has generated an annualised return of 3.27 per cent<sup>2</sup> (before sales charge) as at 31 January 2018 versus its 6-month Singapore Interbank Bid Rate benchmark of 1.25 per cent<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> iFast Best Selling Fund 2016 Award; Top Selling Recommended Fund, Fundsupermart Choice Awards 2016

<sup>2</sup> The returns are calculated based on an NAV basis and the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested based on Accumulation class shares

<sup>3</sup> Source: Morningstar

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The total size of the fund is S\$1.54 billion as at end February 2018. It is available in US dollar and Singapore dollar denominations in both the retail and institutional classes. Retail investors can invest in the fund with a minimum amount of S\$1,000 or US\$1,000.

The United SGD fund is a recognised Collective Investment Scheme by Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam. Retail investors may approach Baiduri Capital, the appointed distributor of the fund.

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### About UOB Asset Management

UOB Asset Management Ltd (UOBAM) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Overseas Bank Limited. Established in 1986, UOBAM has been managing collective investment schemes and discretionary funds in Singapore for more than 30 years. We currently manage 58 unit trusts in Singapore and are one of the largest unit trust managers in terms of assets under management. As at 31 December 2017, UOBAM and our subsidiaries manage about S\$34.6 billion (US\$25.9 billion) in clients' assets. UOBAM has an extensive presence in Asia with regional business and investment offices in Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, Taiwan and Japan. Our network includes UOB Alternative Investment Management Pte. Ltd. and UOB Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd in Malaysia. We have two joint ventures: Ping-An UOB Fund Management Company (China) and UOB-SM Asset Management Pte Ltd (Singapore). In addition, we forged strategic alliances with UTI International (India) and Wellington Management Singapore. UOBAM is one of the most awarded fund management companies, winning the 'Best Fixed Income Fund House' award from Morningstar Awards 2017.

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