United SGD Money Market Fund



Why Invest?

- Alternative to deposits: The United SGD Money Market Fund A1 SGD ("the Fund") invests in liquid and high-quality, short-term debt securities and money market instruments. It aims to provide a return that is comparable to that of Singapore dollar short-term deposits but has higher liquidity. As of December 2023, the Fund's weighted average yield to maturity is 4.32 per cent.
- Award-winning expertise: The Fund is managed by UOBAM's award-winning fixed-income team in Singapore which also manages the flagship United SGD Fund, which has clinched over 20 awards¹.
- **Minimal currency risk:** The Fund invests in higher-yielding foreign currency securities, but hedges any foreign currency exposure back to Singapore Dollar to minimise any currency risks.
- Consistent performance since inception: The Fund has generated an annualised return of 1.39 per cent since its inception in 2019.



• **Highly rated:** The Fund currently holds a Morningstar five-star rating as of 31 January 2024.

January 2024 Portfolio Performance

The United SGD Money Market Fund- A1 SGD	+0.32 per cent ²
Benchmark: 3-month Compounded Singapore Overnight Rate Average	+0.31 per cent

Source: Morningstar, Performance from 31 December 2023 to 31 January 2024 in SGD terms

Performance Review

In January 2024, the return of the Fund came from short-duration sovereign and quasi-sovereign bills given the inverted yield curve.

Portfolio Positioning

We continue to stay up in credit quality, maintaining our preference for defensive sectors with resilient balance sheets, credits with leading market shares and of systemic importance.

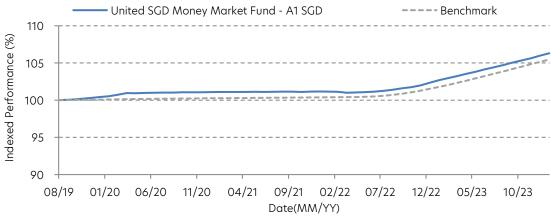
The Fund will continue to: 1) Focus on companies that have good access to capital markets and have defensive business models; 2) Invest up to 50 per cent of the Fund in corporate bonds for the purposes of enhancing return to the portfolio; 3) Maintain the average duration of the Fund at six months; 4) Keep 3-5 per cent cash for liquidity; and 5) Hedge foreign currency risk to Singapore Dollar.

² Fund performance is on a Net Asset Value ("NAV") basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested (if any).



Performance (Class A1 SGD)

Fund Performance Since Inception³ in Base Currency



Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

Fund performance is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis.

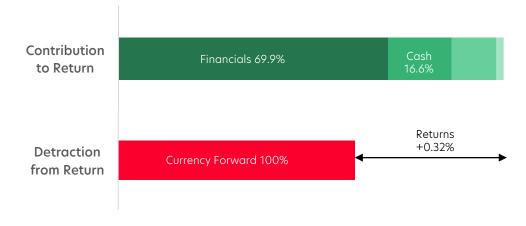
Benchmark: Since inception - 7 April 2022: 3M Bank Deposit Rate; 8 April 2022 to Present: 3-month Compounded Singapore Overnight Rate Average.

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 31 January 2024, SGD basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any.

	Cumulative Performance (%)	Annualised Performance (%)			
	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund NAV to NAV	0.32	3.53	1.69	-	1.39
Fund (Charges applied^)	0.32	3.53	1.69	-	1.39
Benchmark	0.31	3.61	1.70	-	1.20

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 31 January 2024, SGD basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any. Performance figures for 1 month till 1 year show the per cent change, while performance figures above 1 year show the average annual compounded returns. Benchmark: Since inception – 7 April 2022: 3M Bank Deposit Rate; 8 April 2022 to Present: 3-month Compounded Singapore Overnight Rate Average. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. ^Includes the effect of the current subscription fee that is charged, which an investor might or might not pay.

Performance Contributors/Detractors: January 2024



³ The United SGD Money Market Fund - A1 SGD (ISIN Code: SGXZ56370984) was incepted on 19 August 2019.

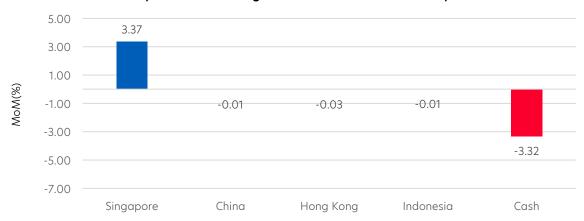
All statistics quoted in the write-up are sourced from Bloomberg as at 31 January 2024 unless otherwise stated.



Portfolio Changes

Sector allocation changes: December 2023 vs January 2024 4.00 3.00 2.00 1.00 -3.32 0.00 -0.03 -0.01 -0.01 -1.00 -2.00 -3.00 -4.00 Information Cash Government Financials Industrials Technology

Country allocation changes: December 2023 vs January 2024



Portfolio Review

Analyst Insights

The new positions we added to the portfolio in January 2024 were mainly Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) Bills that mature in the next 1-3 months.

As shown on the left charts, the biggest increase in the sector allocation changes for January 2024 was Government (+3.37 per cent). In terms of country allocation, the Fund has the highest increase in Singapore (+3.37 per cent).

Source: UOBAM



Market Review

Government bonds: The US economy showed strong resilience with its better-than-expected fourth-quarter 2023 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, rebound in Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for January 2024, and robust labour market alongside easing inflation readings, which boosted hopes for a soft landing. The Federal Reserve (Fed) decided to hold interest rates unchanged at 5.25-5.50 per cent in the January Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting but pushed back the prospects of a March (2024) rate cut. The US Treasury (UST) curve steepened with the 2year UST yield declining 4 basis points (bps) to 4.21 per cent while the 10-year UST yield increased by 3 bps to 3.91 per cent in January 2024. Oil prices rallied (West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil price +5.9 per cent, Brent oil price +6.1 per cent) amid rising geopolitical tension in the Middle East/Red Sea. However, other commodities did not fare well (iron ore price of -6.4 per cent, copper price of +0.4 per cent) as China's growth concerns persisted. The Chinese government announced more supportive policies in January 2024, including a 50bps cut to the Reserve Requirement Ratio (RRR) following the release of a mixed set of economic data.

Corporate bonds: JP Morgan Asia Credit Index (JACI) Investment Grade credit spreads widened slightly to 150bps (+2bps) as new issues supply kicked in on a fresh year of 2024. A total of US\$19.6 billion of Asia ex-Japan G3 currency bonds (bonds issued denominated in US Dollars, Japanese Yen, or Euros) were priced in January 2024 versus US\$1.63 billion of bonds priced in December 2023. However, this was 33 per cent year-on-year (v/v) lower when compared to US\$29.2 billion in January 2023. The financials sector and Korea continue to lead new supply at 43 per cent and 48 per cent of total issuances.

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the United SGD Money Market Fund is to provide a return which is comparable to that of Singapore dollar short-term deposits.

Fund Information

Morningstar Rating	Base Currency	Fund Size	Fund Manage
****	SGD	SGD 381.52 mil	Joyce Tan





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