# LIONGLOBAL INVESTMENT FUNDS II - LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund

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## PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND

For the financial year ended 31 December 2018

## LIONGLOBAL JAPAN GROWTH FUND

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Cumulative returns for the Fund are calculated up to 31 December 2018 in SGD terms, on a single pricing basis with dividends reinvested net of all charges payable upon reinvestment.

Time Period	Fund Returns (%) LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund - SGD Class	Benchmark* Returns (%)
3 months	-15.6	-14.9
6 months	-12.8	-12.1
1 year	-14.3	-12.3
3 years**	3.4	2.5
5 years**	5.7	5.5
10 years**	7.5	4.1
Since Inception** (3 December 1999)	0.2	-1.9

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Cumulative returns for the Fund are calculated up to 31 December 2018 in USD terms, on a single pricing basis with dividends reinvested net of all charges payable upon reinvestment.

Time Period	Fund Returns (%) LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund - USD Class	Benchmark* Returns (%)
3 months	-15.6	-14.7
6 months	-12.9	-12.1
1 year	-16.2	-14.0
3 years**	4.7	3.9
5 years**	4.1	3.9
10 years**	8.1	4.7
Since Inception** (25 June 2004)	4.0	2.2

Source: Morningstar/Lion Global Investors Ltd.

Nikkei 225: Inception – 30 June 2002 Tokyo Stock Price Index: From 1 July 2002 TOPIX Total Return Index: From 1 March 2014 \*\* Returns of more than 1 year are annualised.

The Fund's net asset value may have a higher volatility as a result of its narrower investment focus on a limited geographical market, when compared to funds investing in global or wider regional markets.

<sup>\*</sup> Benchmark:

## **REVIEW**

For the year ended 31 December 2018, the Fund returned -14.3% against the benchmark TOPIX Total Return Index which returned -12.3% in SGD terms.

After a strong start in January buoyed by strong global economic growth, the Japanese market was weighed down for the remainder of the year by the prospect of a global trade war and continuing weakness in economic data across major countries. The steady rate hikes by the U.S. Federal Reserve also pushed bond yields higher and pressured emerging markets' currencies.

The first salvo of the global trade war was fired in March by the U.S. with tariffs announced on steel and aluminum imports. Subsequently, despite China's willingness to reduce its trade surplus with the U.S., tariffs were levied on US\$34 billion worth of Chinese imports in July, with incremental imports targeted in the following months to include nearly half of all China imports by September 2018. In the meantime, U.S., Mexico and Canada managed to negotiate a new tripartite trade agreement and both the European Union and Japan managed to fend off additional tariffs on their automotive exports to U.S. by agreeing to start trade negotiations with the U.S.. The uncertainty generated by the trade wars took its toll as the global economy slowed, in particular China, which had a knock-on effect on many countries. In Japan, Prime Minister Abe secured his third term as Liberal Democratic Party (Japan) president while Bank of Japan (BoJ) kept monetary policy largely unchanged. Japanese corporate profit outlook had slowed sharply by the September quarter. By December 2018, despite a lull in the trade war between U.S. and China, the Japanese stock market sold off sharply together with other major stock markets as the deterioration in the global economy became more evident.

For the period, the positive contributors to performance came from multiple sectors with stocks like DA Consortium, Asahi Intecc and Nichirei. Negative contribution came mainly from our overweight in the technology and machinery sectors which performed poorly and underweight in the telecommunications and utilities sectors which did well.

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## STRATEGY AND OUTLOOK

The global economy and stock markets appear to be at a crossroad. As the trade tensions between the U.S. and its major trading partners drag on, business and consumer confidence has waned. With the continuous interest rate hikes by the U.S. Federal Reserve, liquidity and credit has tightened across most countries. The twin effects have slowed the global economy to a point where a global recession is becoming a possibility. In such a scenario, Japanese companies will clearly suffer and the Japanese stock market will not be a safe haven. However, much of the current situation has been created by policy-makers, particularly in the U.S. As such, the situation can be reversed fairly easily. Already, the U.S. Federal Reserve has taken a more neutral stance towards interest rate hikes and the normalization of its balance sheet. The trade war is at a lull and remains a drag on business sentiment, but the main protagonists appear willing to come to a settlement. The next step will be crucial. In the meantime, market valuations in Japan have reached attractive levels on a historical basis, barring a global recession. In addition, shareholders' returns continue to be enhanced by corporates. This makes the Japan stock market attractive for the longer term despite the unfavorable short term environment.

Our investment strategy is focused on bottom-up stock selection based on business fundamentals and long term earnings potential of companies. We prefer globally-competitive companies that can ride on structural growth trends and companies that can grow through value-added products and services. We like structural growth themes like factory automation where wage inflation and productivity needs drive demand for automation. The electronics sector is also gaining new momentum from new applications such as advanced driver assistance systems in cars, the expansion of cloud services, big data and the Internet of Things in many areas, as well as advancements in the use of artificial intelligence. In consumer-related areas, we like consumer brands with quality and value-added products that can benefit from rising consumerism in emerging markets. Finally, we expect conditions to remain favourable for the construction sector in light of the multiple large scale projects in the coming years.

As of 27 February 2019

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## DISCLOSURES ON THE FUND 1

For the financial year ended 31 December 2018

## LIONGLOBAL JAPAN GROWTH FUND

#### 1. DISTRIBUTION OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

		Fair Value \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders %
a) <u>By Ass</u>	set Class		
Equitie	es es	192,532,504	98.8
Financ	ial derivatives at fair value	(515,217)	(0.3)
Cash a	and other net assets	2,857,188	1.5
Net as	sets attributable to unitholders	194,874,475	100.0
,	edit Rating of Debt Securities		
c) By De	rivative Type		
Ü	n exchange forward contracts n exchange spot contracts	(514,096) (1,121)	(0.3)
J		(515,217)	(0.3)

Total net realised and unrealised losses from financial derivatives at the end of the year were \$384,524 and \$515,217 respectively.

<sup>\*</sup> denotes amount less than 0.1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As required by Code on Collective Investment Schemes

## 2. TOP 10 HOLDINGS

## As at 31 December 2018

	Fair Value	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders
	\$	%
Sony Corporation	5,438,796	2.8
Orix Corporation	4,872,632	2.5
Murata Manufacturing Company Limited	4,533,212	2.3
Chiba Bank Limited	4,425,638	2.3
Keyence Corporation	4,357,823	2.2
ROHM Company Limited	4,198,012	2.2
Denso Corporation	3,884,239	2.0
Mitsui & Company Limited	3,519,808	1.8
Koito Manufacturing Company Limited	3,147,118	1.6
Shiseido Company Limited	3,099,443	1.6

## As at 31 December 2017

	Fair Value	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders
	\$	%
Orix Corporation	5,747,822	2.5
Chiba Bank Limited	5,363,584	2.4
Sony Corporation	4,956,752	2.2
Keyence Corporation	4,717,509	2.1
Komatsu Limited	4,499,201	2.0
Mitsubishi Corporation	4,165,752	1.8
Nidec Corporation	4,032,511	1.8
Concordia Financial Group Limited	3,860,078	1.7
Sanwa Holdings Corporation	3,691,572	1.6
Chugai Pharmaceutical Company Limited	3,607,378	1.6

#### 3. GLOBAL EXPOSURE

The global exposure relating to derivative instruments is calculated using the commitment approach by converting the derivative positions into equivalent positions in the underlying assets embedded in those derivatives.

The global exposure of the Sub-Fund to financial derivative instruments or embedded financial derivative instruments will not exceed 100% of the net asset value of the Sub-Fund at any time.

#### 4. COLLATERAL

Nil

#### 5. SECURITIES LENDING OR PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

Nil

# 6. INVESTMENT IN OTHER UNIT TRUSTS, MUTUAL FUNDS AND COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES

Nil

#### 7. BORROWINGS

Nil

## 8. SOFT DOLLAR COMMISSION RECEIVED BY THE MANAGERS

The soft dollar commissions from various brokers for the year were utilised on research and advisory services, economic and political analyses, portfolio analyses, market analyses, data and quotation analyses and computer hardware and software used for and in support of the investment process of fund managers. Goods and services received were for the benefit of the scheme and there was no churning of trades. These brokers also execute trades for other funds managed by the managers. The trades are conducted on best available terms and in accordance with best practices.

#### 9. OTHER MATERIAL INFORMATION

There is no other material information that will adversely impact the valuation of the Sub-Fund.

#### 10. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON UNDERLYING SUB-FUNDS

Not applicable

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

For the financial year ended 31 December 2018

The Trustee is under a duty to take into custody and hold the assets of the sub-fund of LionGlobal Investment Funds II, namely LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund (the "Sub-Fund") in trust for the unitholders. In accordance with the Securities and Futures Act (Cap. 289), its subsidiary legislation and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes, the Trustee shall monitor the activities of the Manager for compliance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers as set out in the Trust Deed in each annual accounting year and report thereon to unitholders in an annual report.

To the best knowledge of the Trustee, the Manager has, in all material respects, managed the Sub-Fund during the financial year covered by these financial statements, set out on pages 12 to 42, in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed.

For and on behalf of the Trustee CITICORP TRUSTEE (SINGAPORE) LIMITED

Authorised signatories

26 March 2019

## STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

For the financial year ended 31 December 2018

In the opinion of Lion Global Investors Limited, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 12 to 42, comprising the Statement of Total Return, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds, Statement of Portfolio and Notes to the Financial Statements are drawn up so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and portfolio holdings of the Sub-Fund of LionGlobal Investment II namely, LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund (the "Sub-Fund") as at 31 December 2018, and the financial performance and movements in unitholders' funds for the year then ended in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Unit Trusts" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Sub-Fund will be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they materialise.

For and on behalf of LION GLOBAL INVESTORS LIMITED

GERARD LEE HOW CHENG

26 March 2019

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF SUB-FUND OF LIONGLOBAL INVESTMENT FUNDS II

(Constituted under a Trust Deed in the Republic of Singapore)

#### **Our Opinion**

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the sub-fund of LionGlobal Investment Funds II namely LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund (the "Sub-Fund") is properly drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Unit Trusts" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and portfolio holdings of the Sub-Fund as at 31 December 2018, and of the financial performance and movements of unitholders' funds for the financial year ended on that date.

#### What we have audited

The financial statements of the Sub-Fund comprise:

- the Statement of Total Return for the financial year ended 31 December 2018;
- the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2018;
- the Statement of Movement of Unitholders' Funds for the financial year ended 31 December 2018;
- the Statement of Portfolio as at 31 December 2018; and
- the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities 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 audit opinion.

## Independence

We are independent of the Sub-Fund in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities ("ACRA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF SUB-FUND OF LIONGLOBAL INVESTMENT FUNDS II

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#### Other Information

The Sub-Fund's Manager (the "Manager") is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all sections of the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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 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.

#### Responsibilities of the Manager for the Financial Statements

The Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Unit Trusts" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and for such internal control as the Manager 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 Manager is responsible for assessing the Sub-Fund's 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 Manager either intends to terminate the Sub-Fund or to cease the Sub-Fund's operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Manager's responsibilities inlude overseeing the Sub-Fund's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives 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 auditor's 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 SSAs 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF SUB-FUND OF LIONGLOBAL INVESTMENT FUNDS II

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#### Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement 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 Sub-Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager'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 Sub-Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Sub-Fund 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 the Manager 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants

Singapore, 26 March 2019

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the financial year ended 31 December 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Income			
Dividends		4,262,910	1,253,254
Interest on cash and bank balances		2,331	10
Other Income			155
		4,265,241	1,253,419
Less: Expenses			
Audit fee		24,150	33,787
Custodian fees	10	36,851	24,125
Management fee	10	3,128,037	1,279,229
Professional fees	10	25,874	26,206
Registration fee		26,984	28,240
Trustee fee	10	106,130	43,402
Transaction cost	10	531,786	223,930
Valuation and administration fees		80,195	33,970
Miscellaneous expenses		70,116	53,781
		4,030,123	1,746,670
Net income/(expenses)		235,118	(493,251)
Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives Net (losses)/gains on investments Net (losses)/gains on foreign exchange spot		(32,590,793)	17,503,503
contracts  Net (losses)/gains on foreign exchange forward		(6,531)	4,314
contracts		(893,210)	948,284
Net foreign exchange gains		496,202	17,322
3 3 3 3		(32,994,332)	18,473,423
Total (deficit)/return for the financial year before income tax		(32,759,214)	17,980,172
Less: Income tax	3	(636,836)	(188,330)
Total (deficit)/return for the financial year		(33,396,050)	17,791,842

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS	11010	*	•
Portfolio of investments		192,532,504	217,233,073
Receivables	4	486,986	1,478,462
Financial derivatives at fair value	5	86,399	447,693
Cash and bank balances	6	7,640,916	7,246,959
Total assets		200,746,805	226,406,187
LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	5,270,714	656,626
Financial derivatives at fair value	5	601,616	7,282
Total liabilities		5,872,330	663,908
EQUITY			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	8	194,874,475	225,742,279

## STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

For the financial year ended 31 December 2018

	Note	<b>2018</b> \$	2017 \$
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial year		225,742,279	67,787,492
<b>Operations</b> Change in net assets attributable to unitholders			
resulting from operations		(33,396,050)	17,791,842
Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)			
Creation of units		40,130,175	192,876,319
Cancellation of units		(37,601,929)	(52,713,374)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		2,528,246	140,162,945
Total (decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to unitholders		(30,867,804)	157,954,787
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial year	8	194,874,475	225,742,279

## STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 31 December 2018

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By Industry (Primary)	
QUOTED EQUITIES	
INDUSTRIAL	
Mitsui & Company Limited 167,600 3,519,808 1.8	}
Mitsubishi Corporation 82,600 3,098,966 1.6	6
Seibu Holdings Inc. 130,100 3,093,492 1.6	5
ITOCHU Corporation 131,300 3,045,362 1.6	;
Kajima Corporation 165,500 3,038,801 1.6	;
Sanwa Holdings Corporation 188,400 2,923,298 1.5	)
Nidec Corporation 18,400 2,851,597 1.5	)
Recruit Holdings Company Limited 78,400 2,593,197 1.3	}
Komatsu Limited 87,800 2,580,164 1.3	}
Seino Holdings Company Limited 125,700 2,251,803 1.1	
Sankyu Inc. 32,100 1,983,937 1.0	)
Taisei Corporation 33,700 1,969,787 1.0	)
SMC Corporation Japan 4,400 1,816,952 0.9	)
Hitachi Transport System Limited 46,200 1,790,715 0.9	)
Daikin Industries Limited 12,000 1,743,457 0.9	)
NSK Limited 147,100 1,734,238 0.9	)
Persol Holdings Company Limited 66,500 1,351,558 0.7	,
Mitsubishi Electric Corporation 87,100 1,316,316 0.7	,
FANUC Corporation 5,800 1,201,139 0.6	5
Amada Holdings Company Limited 79,900 980,694 0.5	)
Daifuku Company Limited 11,100 692,240 0.4	
West Japan Railway Company 7,100 684,551 0.3	3
SECOM Company Limited 4,400 498,186 0.2	)
Japan Steel Works Limited 17,100 376,222 0.2	)
Kubota Corporation 19,100 370,515 0.2	)
IHI Corporation 8,900 335,014 0.2	)
SG Holdings Company Limited 6,600 234,826 0.1	
Harmonic Drive Systems Inc. 5,500 205,664 0.1	
Misumi Group Inc. 5,400 155,570 0.1	
Nishimatsu Construction Company Limited 4,400 136,818 0.1	
48,574,887 24.9	)

By Industry (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2018	Fair value at 31 December 2018 \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2018 %
QUOTED EQUITIES (continued)			
CONSUMER, NON-CYCLICAL			
Shiseido Company Limited	36,200	3,099,443	1.6
Yakult Honsha Company Limited	30,900	2,963,505	1.5
Chugai Pharmaceutical Company			
Limited	36,000	2,853,336	1.5
Nichirei Corporation	72,200	2,713,266	1.4
Pigeon Corporation	43,700	2,551,580	1.3
Tsuruha Holdings Inc.	21,000	2,457,537	1.3
Asahi Intecc Company Limited	41,100	2,369,134	1.2
Seven & I Holdings Limited	38,600	2,293,599	1.2
Kao Corporation	19,900	2,015,829	1.0
Hoya Corporation	24,300	1,996,944	1.0
Asahi Group Holdings Limited	32,400	1,718,308	0.9
Unicharm Corporation	38,100	1,684,546	0.9
Nippon Shinyaku Company Limited	16,800	1,458,869	0.7
Otsuka Holdings Company Limited	25,300	1,412,169	0.7
Terumo Corporation	15,600	1,206,213	0.6
Daiichi Sankyo Company Limited	25,500	1,112,246	0.6
Olympus Corporation	25,100	1,052,391	0.5
M3 Inc.	56,400	1,032,777	0.5
EISAI Company Limited	9,100	961,152	0.5
Ono Pharmaceutical Company Limited	25,600	713,980	0.4
Shionogi & Company Limited	5,000	389,526	0.2
Sysmex Corporation	3,300	216,296	0.1
MTG Corporation Limited	3,000	196,782	0.1
		38,469,428	19.7

By Industry (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2018	Fair value at 31 December 2018 \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2018 %
QUOTED EQUITIES (continued)			
TECHNOLOGY			
Murata Manufacturing Company Limited	24,400	4,533,212	2.3
Keyence Corporation	6,300	4,357,823	2.2
ROHM Company Limited	48,000	4,198,012	2.2
Hitachi Limited	68,700	2,505,351	1.3
Fuji Film Holdings Corporation	34,900	1,851,327	1.0
Hitachi High - Technologies Corporation	37,100	1,592,398	0.8
Tokyo Electron Limited	9,900	1,539,203	0.8
SCSK Corporation	31,800	1,536,762	0.8
Net One Systems Company Limited	46,200	1,110,014	0.6
Advantest Corporation	38,500	1,073,281	0.5
Itochu Techno-Solutions Corporation	39,100	1,031,718	0.5
Disco Corporation	4,900	782,220	0.4
Comture Corporation	26,200	771,400	0.4
TDK Corporation	7,900	757,660	0.4
Iriso Electronics Company Limited	14,400	728,093	0.4
KOA Corporation	43,000	691,246	0.4
Fujitsu Limited	7,500	637,957	0.3
Nippon Chemi-Com Corporation	24,900	593,923	0.3
Omron Corporation	5,700	283,247	0.1
		30,574,847	15.7
CONSUMER, CYCLICAL			
Sony Corporation	82,200	5,438,796	2.8
Denso Corporation	63,900	3,884,239	2.0
Koito Manufacturing Company Limited	44,600	3,147,118	1.6
Panasonic Corporation	192,900	2,373,889	1.2
Suzuki Motor Corporation	33,300	2,303,007	1.2
Stanley Electric Company Limited	46,900	1,800,367	0.9

By Industry (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2018	Fair value at 31 December 2018 \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2018 %
QUOTED EQUITIES (continued)			
CONSUMER, CYCLICAL (continued)			
Oriental Land Company Limited	12,800	1,757,918	0.9
Nitori Holdings Company Limited	6,800	1,159,870	0.6
Fast Retailing Company Limited	1,600	1,120,464	0.6
Isuzu Motors Limited	56,500	1,086,900	0.6
Ryohin Keikaku Company Limited	3,100	1,022,483	0.5
Bridgestone Corporation	19,400	1,020,910	0.5
Subaru Corporation	23,200	680,189	0.4
Sekisui House Limited	19,800	398,237	0.2
NGK Spark Plug Company Limited	10,500	285,930	0.1
Don Quijote Company Limited	2,800	237,231	0.1
		27,717,548	14.2
FINANCIAL			
Orix Corporation	244,300	4,872,632	2.5
Chiba Bank Limited	580,200	4,425,638	2.3
Gunma Bank Limited	492,400	2,807,763	1.4
Tokio Marine Holdings Inc.	38,500	2,504,322	1.3
Dai-Ichi Life Holdings Inc.	106,400	2,270,882	1.1
T&D Holdings Inc.	136,200	2,164,101	1.1
Daiwa Securities Group Inc.	105,000	726,043	0.4
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holding Inc.	11,400	569,609	0.3
Sompo Holdings Inc.	11,300	523,902	0.3
		20,864,892	10.7

Dr. Industry (Drivery) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2018	Fair value at 31 December 2018 \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2018 %
By Industry (Primary) (continued)			
QUOTED EQUITIES (continued)			
BASIC MATERIALS			
Shin-Etsu Chemical Company Limited	28,300	3,001,032	1.5
Mitsui Chemicals Inc.	69,400	2,141,612	1.1
Sumitomo Bakelite Company Limited	43,000	2,029,934	1.0
Showa Denko K.K.	40,500	1,645,252	0.9
Asahi Kasei Corporation	82,700	1,160,951	0.6
JFE Holdings Inc.	49,700	1,084,821	0.6
Toray Industries Inc.	99,500	954,268	0.5
Nitto Denko Corporation	7,700	530,231	0.3
Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal			
Corporation	16,600	390,278	0.2
Nippon Shokubai Company Limited	3,100	269,966	0.1
		13,208,345	6.8
REAL ESTATE			
Daiwa House Industry Company			
Limited	52,600	2,285,785	1.2
Mitsui Fudosan Company Limited	48,700	1,479,236	0.7
Mitsubishi Estate Company Limited	45,600	979,750	0.5
Tokyu Fudosan Holdings Corporation	119,400	803,958	0.4
Sumitomo Realty & Development Company Limited	12,200	610,188	0.3
Invincible Investment Corporation REIT	591	331,861	0.2
		6,490,778	3.3
COMMUNICATIONS			
Nintendo Company Limited	5,400	1,964,576	1.0
Yahoo Japan Corporation	485,100	1,651,245	0.9
Dentsu Inc.	9,800	597,166	0.3
		4,212,987	2.2

By Industry (Primary) (continued)	Holdings at 31 December 2018	Fair value at 31 December 2018 \$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 December 2018 %
QUOTED EQUITIES (continued)			
ENERGY JXTG Holdings Inc. Inpex Corporation	226,900 24,700	1,625,602 301,235 1,926,837	0.8 0.2 1.0
UTILITIES Kansai Electric Power Company Inc.	24,000	491,955	0.3
Portfolio of investments Other net assets Net assets attributable to unitholders		192,532,504 2,341,971 194,874,475	98.8 1.2 100.0

	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at	
	31 December 31 December	
	2018	2017
	%	%
By Industry (Summary)		
Industrial	24.9	24.8
Consumer, Non-cyclical	19.7	15.5
Technology	15.7	14.5
Consumer, Cyclical	14.2	14.9
Financial	10.7	12.1
Basic Materials	6.8	7.3
Real Estate	3.3	4.6
Communications	2.2	-
Energy	1.0	1.8
Utilities	0.3	0.7
Portfolio of investments	98.8	96.2
Other net assets	1.2	3.8
Net assets attributable to unitholders	100.0	100.0

By Geography (Secondary)	Fair value at 31 December 2018 \$	Percentage of t attributable to 31 December 2018 %	
by Geography (Secondary)			
Japan	192,532,504	98.8	96.2
Portfolio of investments	192,532,504	98.8	96.2
Other net assets	2,341,971	1.2	3.8
Net assets attributable to unitholders	194,874,475	100.0	100.0

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the financial year ended 31 December 2018

These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

#### 1. GENERAL

LionGlobal Investment Funds II (the "Fund") is a Singapore domiciled umbrella fund constituted by a deed of trust dated 9 November 1999 together with its supplemental deeds thereon (thereafter referred to as "Trust Deed") between Lion Global Investors Limited (the "Manager") and Citicorp Trustee (Singapore) Limited (the "Trustee"). The Trust Deed is governed by the laws of the Republic of Singapore.

The Fund is a Singapore constituted umbrella fund currently offering units in two subfunds, namely, the LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund and LionGlobal RMB Equity Fund. LionGlobal RMB Quality Bond Fund and LionGlobal RMB Flexi Fund had been terminated on 31 December 2018. An umbrella fund is a collection of sub-funds under a common umbrella fund structure, in this case the Fund, with each sub-fund having a separate investment objective and focus. The umbrella fund has launched only the following subfund as at 31 December 2018, the investment objective as follows:

The LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund aims for the long-term capital growth of assets by investing primarily in quoted or listed securities in any Recognised Stock Exchange or Over-the-counter ("OTC") Market in Japan and this is a unit trust under the Central Provident Fund Investment Scheme.

LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund offers five classes of units, namely SGD Class, SGD-Hedged Class, USD Class, USD-Hedged Class and JPY Class. Subscriptions and redemptions of the Sub-Fund are denominated in Singapore Dollar, United States Dollar and Japanese Yen. Investors may subscribe in United State Dollar and Japanese Yen at the applicable rate of exchange from Singapore Dollar. In respect of the SGD-Hedged class and USD-Hedged class units, the Manager has the ability to hedge the units of such class in relation to the currency of the underlying investments, which is Japanese Yen, as they deem appropriate. Where hedging of this kind is undertaken, the Manager may engage, for the exclusive account of the SGD-Hedged class and USD-Hedged class units in currency forwards, currency futures, currency option transactions and currency swaps in order to preserve the value of the SGD-Hedged class and USD-Hedged class units against the currency of the underlying investments. The effects of this hedging will be reflected in the Net Asset Value of the SGD-Hedged class and USD-Hedged class, respectively, and therefore, in the performance of the relevant class. Similarly, any expenses arising from such hedging transactions will be borne by the respective class units. The management fee rates are the same for all five classes. The management fee rate is 1.4% per annum.

All the classes of units of the Sub-Fund may be subscribed by all investors.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Unit Trusts" ("RAP 7") issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants.

#### (b) Recognition of income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.

## (c) Financial derivatives

Financial derivatives are entered into for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, tactical asset allocation or specific hedging of financial assets held as determined by the Manager and in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

Financial derivatives outstanding at the end of the financial year are measured at their fair values using the marked-to-market method, and the resultant gains and losses are taken up in the Statement of Total Return.

#### (d) <u>Investments</u>

Investments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

#### (i) Initial recognition

Purchases of investments are recognised on the trade date. Investments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition.

## (ii) Subsequent measurement

Investments are subsequently carried at fair value. Net change in the fair value of investments are included in the Statement of Total Return in the year in which they arise.

## (iii) Derecognition

Investments are derecognised on the trade date of disposal. The resultant realised gains and losses on the sale of investments are computed on the basis of the difference between the weighted average cost and selling price gross of transaction costs, and are taken up in the Statement of Total Return.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

## (e) Basis of valuation of investments

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The quoted market price used for investments in equities held by the Sub-Fund is the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

## (f) Receivables

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Receivables are initially recognised at their fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less accumulated impairment losses.

## (g) Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances comprise cash at banks and on hand which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

## (h) Payables

Payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## (i) Foreign currencies

## (i) Functional and presentation currency

Subscriptions and redemptions of the units in the Sub-Fund is denominated in Singapore Dollar, United States Dollar, and Japanese Yen. The primary activity is to invest in quoted or listed securities in any recognised stock exchange or over-the-counter market in Japan.

The performance of the Sub-Fund is measured and reported to the investors in Singapore Dollar. The Manager considers the Singapore Dollar as the currency which most faithfully represent the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The Sub-Fund's functional and presentation currency is the Singapore Dollar.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

## (i) <u>Foreign currencies</u> (continued)

## (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the closing rates at the reporting date are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities such as equities are also recognised in the Statement of Total Return within the net gain or loss on investments.

## (j) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Sub-Fund or the counterparty.

## 3. INCOME TAX

The Sub-Fund is approved by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) for the Enhanced-Tier Fund ("ETF") Tax Incentive Scheme under Section 13X of the Income Tax Act and the relevant regulations. Subject to certain conditions being met on an annual basis, the Sub-Fund may enjoy Singapore corporate tax exemption on "specified income" derived from "designated investments" for the life of the Sub-Fund. The tax exemption does not apply in the year when the relevant conditions are not met. Losses from "designated investments" are correspondingly disregarded. The terms "specified income" and "designated investments" are defined in the relevant income tax regulations.

The Trustee and Manager of the Sub-Fund will ensure that the the Sub-Fund fulfills its reporting obligations under the ETF scheme.

## 3. INCOME TAX (continued)

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Overseas income tax	636,836	188,330

The overseas income tax represents tax deducted at source on dividends derived from outside Singapore.

## 4. RECEIVABLES

\$
5,229
2,694
0,539
8,462
5

## 5. FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES

Financial derivatives comprise foreign exchange spot contracts and foreign exchange forward contracts due for settlement within 1 month (2017: 1 month) from the reporting date. The contracts or underlying principal amounts of these financial derivatives and their corresponding gross fair values at the reporting date are analysed below.

## As at 31 December 2018

	Contract or underlying principal	Fair v	<i>r</i> alue
	amount \$	Asset \$	Liability \$
Foreign exchange forward contracts Foreign exchange spot contracts	38,968,924 767,879	86,399 - 86,399	600,495 1,121 601,616

## 5. FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES (continued)

## As at 31 December 2017

	Contract or underlying principal	Fair v	ralue
	amount \$	Asset \$	Liability \$
Foreign exchange forward contracts	26,693,339	447,693	7,282

## 6. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

The cash and bank balances are placed with a financial institution which is a related company of the Trustee.

## 7. PAYABLES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Amount payable for cancellation of units	4,994,999	338,440
Amount due to the Manager	221,086	256,863
Amount due to the Trustee	7,495	8,871
Amount due to the Custodian	593	593
Amount due to the Registrar	8,360	8,510
Other payables	38,181	43,349
	5,270,714	656,626
<u> </u>	38,181	43,349

## 8. UNITS IN ISSUE

	2018 Units	2017 Units
SGD Class		
Units at beginning of the year	37,791,950	48,257,351
Units created	13,190,697	9,112,071
Units cancelled	(12,791,670)	(19,577,472)
Units at end of the year	38,190,977	37,791,950

## 8. UNITS IN ISSUE (continued)

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Net assets attributable to unitholders Net asset value per unit	38,054,527 0.996	43,751,287 1.157
	2018 Units	2017 Units
SGD - Hedged Class	Offics	Office
Units at beginning of the year Units created Units cancelled	14,788,259 10,137,393 (10,039,188)	14,699,930 12,051,458 (11,963,129)
Units at end of the year	14,886,464	14,788,259
	2018 \$	2017 \$
Net assets attributable to unitholders	21,323,412	25,338,794
Net asset value per unit	1.432	1.713
	2018 Units	2017 Units
USD Class		
Units at beginning of the year	990,265	1,099,285
Units created Units cancelled	140,428 (324,551)	366,113 (475,133)
Units at end of the year	806,142	990,265
	·	
	2018 USD	2017 USD
Net assets attributable to unitholders	589,333	857,811
Net assets attributable to unitholders (SGD equivalent)	803,261	1,146,378
Net asset value per unit	0.731	0.866
Net asset value per unit (SGD equivalent)	0.996	1.157
	2018 Units	2017 Units
USD - Hedged Class	Omis	Oille
Units at beginning of the year	219,903	532,130
Units created	2,830,259	220,786
Units cancelled	(2,742,228)	(533,013)
Units at end of the year	307,934	219,903

## 8. UNITS IN ISSUE (continued)

	2018 USD	2017 USD
	035	000
Net assets attributable to unitholders	413,490	360,340
Net assets attributable to unitholders (SGD equiva	ent) 563,587	481,559
Net asset value per unit	1.342	1.638
Net asset value per unit (SGD equivalent)	1.830	2.189
	2018	2017
	Units	Units
JPY Class		
Units at beginning of the year	76,792,607	157,091
Units created	854,591	83,658,566
Units cancelled	(452,090)	(7,023,050)
Units at end of the year	77,195,108	76,792,607
	JPY	JPY
Net assets attributable to unitholders	10,796,801,065	13,067,558,039
Net assets attributable to unitholders (SGD		
equivalent)	134,129,688	155,024,261
Net asset value per unit	140	170
Net asset value per unit (SGD equivalent)	1.737	2.018

A reconciliation of the net assets attributable to unitholders per unit per the financial statements and the net assets attributable to unitholders per unit for issuing/redeeming units at the reporting date is presented below:

_	SGD Class		JPY Class	
_	2018	2017	2018	2017
	\$	\$	JPY	JPY
Net assets attributable to unitholders per unit per the financial statements	0.996	1.157	140	170
Effect of movement in the net asset value between the last dealing date				
and the end of the reporting period	(0.004)	*	*	*
Net assets attributable to unitholders				
per unit for issuing/redeeming units _	0.992	1.157	140	170
value between the last dealing date and the end of the reporting period _ Net assets attributable to unitholders	(====)			

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes amount less than \$0.001/USD0.001/JPY1

## 8. UNITS IN ISSUE (continued)

	SGD - Hedged Class		USD Class	
	2018 2017		2018	2017
	\$	\$	USD	USD
Net assets attributable to unitholders per unit per the financial statements	1.432	1.713	0.731	0.866
Effect of movement in the net asset value between the last dealing date				
and the end of the reporting period	(0.006)	*	(0.005)	*
Net assets attributable to unitholders				
per unit for issuing/redeeming units	1.426	1.713	0.726	0.866

	OOD Treaged Olds.	
	2018	2017
	USD	USD
Net assets attributable to unitholders		
per unit per the financial statements	1.342	1.638
Effect of movement in the net asset		
value between the last dealing date		
and the end of the reporting period	(0.008)	*
Net assets attributable to unitholders		
per unit for issuing/redeeming units	1.334	1.638

USD - Hedged Class

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Sub-Fund's activities expose it to a variety of market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Sub-Fund's overall risk management programme seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Sub-Fund's financial performance. The Sub-Fund may use financial futures contracts, options and/or currency forward contracts subject to the terms of the Trust Deed to moderate certain risk exposures. Specific guidelines on exposures to individual securities and certain industries are in place for the Sub-Fund at any time as part of the overall financial risk management to reduce the Sub-Fund's risk exposures.

The Sub-Fund's assets principally consist of investment in equities. They are held in accordance with the published investment policies of the Sub-Fund. The allocation of assets between the various types of investments is determined by the Manager to achieve their investment objectives.

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes amount less than \$0.001/USD0.001/JPY1

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The following is a summary of the main risks and risk management policies:

## (a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss to the value of financial investments because of changes in market conditions like interest and currency rate movements and volatility in security prices. External factors such as changes in economic environment, consumption patterns and investor's expectation contribute to market risk which may have a significant impact on the asset's value.

The Sub-Fund's investments are substantially dependent on changes in market prices. The Manager monitors the Sub-Fund's investments closely so as to assess changes in fundamentals and valuation. Although the Manager makes reasonable efforts in the choice of investments, events beyond reasonable control of the Manager could affect the prices of the underlying investments and hence the asset value of the Sub-Fund. Guidelines are set to reduce the Sub-Fund's risk exposures to market volatility such as diversifying the portfolio by investing across various geographies/ industries.

The Sub-Fund's market risk is affected primarily by three components: changes in actual market prices, interest rate volatilities and foreign exchange movements.

## (i) Price risk

The Sub-Fund's sensitivity to the market is measured using its beta, a ratio that describes how the expected return of a portfolio is correlated to the return of the financial market as a whole. The daily funds' price movements are measured against the daily price movement of the benchmark to derive the beta.

As at 31 December 2018, the Sub-Fund's beta was 1.05 (2017: 0.99) which was calculated based on the daily returns over the preceding 12 months for the Sub-Fund and its benchmark (2017: based on the daily returns over the preceding 12 months for the Sub-Fund and its benchmark).

The table below summarises the impact of increases/decreases from the Sub-Fund's underlying investments in equities on the Sub-Fund's net assets attributable to the unitholders as at 31 December 2018 and 2017. The analysis was based on the assumptions that the index components within the benchmark index increased/decreased by a reasonable possible shift, with all variables held constant and that the fair value of the Sub-Fund's investments moved according to the beta.

#### 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

- (a) Market risk (continued)
- (i) Price risk (continued)

		benchmark on net assets			
Fund	Benchmark	2018 \$	2017 \$		
LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund	TOPIX Total Return	10,107,956	10,753,037		

Impact of 5%

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Sub-Fund does not hold substantial financial assets or liabilities of which the values are sensitive to changes in interest rates. The Sub-Fund invests in equity securities, which may be subject to interest rate risk as any interest rate change may affect the equity risk premium through at varying degrees. To manage this risk, the Manager analyses how interest rate changes may affect different industries and securities and then seeks to adjust the Sub-Fund's portfolio investments accordingly. However, the effects of changes in interest rates on the Sub-Fund's portfolio may not be quantified as the relationship between interest rates and the value of the equity securities is indirect. Hence, no separate sensitivity analysis has been presented for the Sub-Fund.

#### (iii) Currency risk

The Sub-Fund has monetary financial assets/liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency and the Sub-Fund may be affected favorably or unfavorably by exchange rate regulations or changes in the exchange rates between their functional currency and such other currencies. The Sub-Fund may enter into foreign currency contracts designed to either hedge some or all of this exposure, or alternatively increase exposure to preferred foreign currencies.

The tables below summarise the Sub-Fund's exposure to key currencies at the end of the financial year. Monetary and non-monetary items have been taken into account for the analysis.

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

- (a) Market risk (continued)
- (iii) <u>Currency risk</u> (continued)

As at 31 December 2018	JPY	USD	SGD	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Portfolio of investments	192,532,504	-	-	192,532,504
Receivables	218,436	6,465	262,085	486,986
Cash and bank balances		224,427	940,949	7,640,916
Total assets	199,226,480	230,892	1,203,034	200,660,406
Liabilities				
Payables		4,810,099	460,615	5,270,714
Total liabilities		4,810,099	460,615	5,270,714
Net financial assets/ (liabilities)	199,226,480	(4,579,207)	742,419	
Currency forwards and				
spots	(21,387,396)	1,201,337	20,186,059	
Net currency exposure	177,839,084	(3,377,870)	20,928,478	_
As at 31 December 2017	JPY	USD	SGD	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b> Portfolio of investments	<b>\$</b> 217,233,073	<b>\$</b> -	<b>\$</b> -	<b>\$</b> 217,233,073
		<b>\$</b> - 12,553	<b>\$</b> - 661,269	·
Portfolio of investments	217,233,073 804,640	-	661,269 361,534	217,233,073
Portfolio of investments Receivables	217,233,073 804,640	12,553	- 661,269	217,233,073 1,478,462
Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances <b>Total assets</b>	217,233,073 804,640 6,840,815	12,553 44,610	661,269 361,534	217,233,073 1,478,462 7,246,959
Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances	217,233,073 804,640 6,840,815	12,553 44,610	661,269 361,534	217,233,073 1,478,462 7,246,959
Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances <b>Total assets</b> <b>Liabilities</b> Payables	217,233,073 804,640 6,840,815	12,553 44,610 57,163	661,269 361,534 1,022,803	217,233,073 1,478,462 7,246,959 225,958,494
Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances Total assets Liabilities	217,233,073 804,640 6,840,815	12,553 44,610 57,163	661,269 361,534 1,022,803	217,233,073 1,478,462 7,246,959 225,958,494
Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances Total assets Liabilities Payables Total liabilities	217,233,073 804,640 6,840,815 224,878,528	12,553 44,610 57,163	661,269 361,534 1,022,803 651,890 651,890	217,233,073 1,478,462 7,246,959 225,958,494
Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances <b>Total assets</b> <b>Liabilities</b> Payables	217,233,073 804,640 6,840,815	12,553 44,610 57,163	661,269 361,534 1,022,803	217,233,073 1,478,462 7,246,959 225,958,494
Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances Total assets Liabilities Payables Total liabilities	217,233,073 804,640 6,840,815 224,878,528	12,553 44,610 57,163 4,736 4,736	661,269 361,534 1,022,803 651,890 651,890	217,233,073 1,478,462 7,246,959 225,958,494
Portfolio of investments Receivables Cash and bank balances Total assets Liabilities Payables Total liabilities Net financial assets	217,233,073 804,640 6,840,815 224,878,528	12,553 44,610 57,163 4,736 4,736 52,427	661,269 361,534 1,022,803 651,890 651,890 370,913	217,233,073 1,478,462 7,246,959 225,958,494

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

- (a) Market risk (continued)
- (iii) <u>Currency risk</u> (continued)

Equity investments are non-monetary financial assets and are exposed to both currency risk and price risk. As these financial assets are non-monetary, no separate sensitivity analysis has been performed to analyse currency risk. The impact of currency risk arising from these financial assets on the Sub-Fund's net asset value has been included in the price risk sensitivity analysis.

The Sub-Fund's monetary assets/liabilities are measured for their sensitivity to exchange rate movements based on the balance of the monetary assets/liabilities, forecasted exchange rate movements and the net asset value of the Sub-Fund.

As at 31 December 2018 and 2017, the Sub-Fund's exposure to foreign currency fluctuations with respect to the monetary assets/liabilities is not considered to be significant except for the currency presented in the table below which shows the Sub-Fund's sensitivity to exchange rate movements on significant monetary assets/liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, should those currencies increase by a reasonable possible shift with all other variables held constant. This sensitivity analysis is not presented separately should the currency decrease as it is the reversal of the impact disclosed below.

LionGlobal Japan Growth Fund Currency	Reasonable possible FX movement 2018 %	Impact of increase in FX rates on net assets attributable to the unitholders 2018	Reasonable possible FX movement 2017 %	Impact of increase in FX rates on net assets attributable to the unitholders 2017
- JPY	5	(734,671)	5	(871,037)

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

## (b) Liquidity risk

The Sub-Fund is exposed to daily redemption of units. They therefore invest the majority of their assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of.

The tables below analyse the Sub-Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the reporting to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

3 months-

Above 5

1-5

Less than

As at 31 December 2018	3 months \$	1 year \$	years \$	years \$
Derivative financial instruments				
- inflows	(30,946,039)	-	-	-
- outflows	31,547,655	-	-	-
Payables	5,270,714	-	-	
	Less than	3 months-	1-5	Above 5
As at 31 December 2017	3 months	1 year	years ¢	years ¢

As at 31 December 2017	3 months	1 year \$	years \$	years \$	
Derivative financial instruments					
- inflows	(840,300)	-	-	-	
- outflows	847,582	-	-	-	
Payables	656,626	-	-	-	

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

## (c) <u>Credit risk</u>

Credit risk is the risk that counterparty will fail to perform contractual obligations, either in whole or in part, under a contract.

Concentrations of credit risk are minimised primarily by:

- ensuring counterparties, together with the respective credit limits, are approved,
- ensuring that transactions are undertaken with a large number of counterparties, and
- ensuring that the majority of transactions are undertaken on recognised exchanges.

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

Credit risk also arises from cash and cash equivalents and assets held with financial institutions.

The Sub-Fund may also enter into derivatives to manage its exposures to currency risk and price risk, including foreign exchange forward contracts and options. Hence, the Sub-Fund are also exposed to the risk that its derivatives held with counterparties may not be recoverable in the event of any default by the parties concerned. The Manager minimises the Sub-Fund's credit risk by undertaking transactions with banks that are part of banking groups with good credit ratings assigned by Standard and Poor's ("S&P") or Moody's.

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

## (c) <u>Credit risk</u> (continued)

The tables below summarise the credit rating of banks and custodian in which the Sub-Fund's assets are held as at 31 December 2018 and 2017.

	Credit rating ##	Source of credit rating
As at 31 December 2018		
Custodian		
Citibank N.A., Citigroup® Global Transaction Services, Securities & Fund Services	A+	S&P
Bank		
Citibank N.A.	A+	S&P
Oversea Chinese Banking Corporation Limited	AA-	S&P
State Street Bank and Trust Company	AA-	S&P
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking		
Corporation Limited	AA-	S&P
As at 21 December 2017	Credit rating ##	Source of credit rating
As at 31 December 2017	0.00	
Custodian Citibank N.A., Citigroup® Global Transaction	0.00	
Custodian	rating ##	credit rating
Custodian Citibank N.A., Citigroup® Global Transaction Services, Securities & Fund Services  Bank	rating ##	credit rating
Custodian Citibank N.A., Citigroup® Global Transaction Services, Securities & Fund Services  Bank Citibank N.A.	rating ##  BBB+	s&P
Custodian Citibank N.A., Citigroup® Global Transaction Services, Securities & Fund Services  Bank	rating ##	credit rating

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of the financial assets.

The credit ratings are based on the Long-Term Issuer Ratings published by the rating agency.

<sup>##</sup> Group credit ratings are presented for unrated subsidiaries.

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

## (d) <u>Capital management</u>

The Sub-Fund's capital is represented by the net assets attributable to unitholders. The Sub-Fund strive to invest the subscriptions of redeemable participating units in investments that meet the Sub-Fund's investment objectives while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet unitholders' redemptions.

#### (e) Fair value estimation

The Sub-Fund classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

The following tables analyse within the fair value hierarchy the Sub-Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value at 31 December 2018 and 2017:

As at 31 December 2018	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Assets				
Portfolio of Investments				
- Quoted equities	192,532,504	-	-	192,532,504
Finanicial derivatives at				
fair value	-	86,399	-	86,399
_	192,532,504	86,399	-	192,618,903
Liabilities				
Finanicial derivatives at				
fair value	-	601,616	-	601,616
	-	601,616	-	601,616

## 9. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

## (e) <u>Fair value estimation</u> (continued)

As at 31 December 2017	Level 1	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Assets	•	•	·	•
Portfolio of Investments				
- Quoted equities	217,233,073	-	-	217,233,073
Finanicial derivatives at				
fair value		447,693		447,693
	217,233,073	447,693	-	217,680,766
Liabilities				
Finanicial derivatives at				
fair value		7,282		7,282
		7,282	_	7,282

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and therefore classified within Level 1, comprise active listed equities. The Sub-Fund does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include over-the-counter derivatives.

Except for cash and cash balances which are classified as Level 1, the Sub-Fund's assets and liabilities not measured at fair value at 31 December 2018 and 2017 have been classified as Level 2. The carrying amounts of these assets and liabilities approximate their fair values as at the reporting date.

## (f) Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

There are no financial assets or financial liabilities subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangement and similar agreement as at 31 December 2018 and 2017.

#### 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Management fees are paid to the Manager, while trustee fee is paid to the Trustee. These fees paid or payable by the Sub-Fund shown in the Statement of Total Return and in the respective notes to the financial statements are on terms set out in the Trust Deed.

In addition to the related party information shown elsewhere in the financial statements, the following significant transactions took place during the financial year between the Sub-Fund and related parties at terms agreed between the parties and within the provisions of the Trust Deed:

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Interest expenses incurred with a bank which is a related company of the Trustee	1,454	2,603
Transaction fees charged by a related company of the Trustee	4,997	4,723
Custodian fees charged by a related company of the Trustee	36,851	24,125
Bank service fees charged by a bank which is a related company of the Trustee	52	770

#### 11. FINANCIAL RATIOS

	<b>2018</b> %	2017 %
Expense ratio <sup>1</sup>	1.56	1.63
Portfolio turnover ratio <sup>2</sup>	57	53

The expense ratios have been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the Investment Management Association of Singapore ("IMAS"). The calculation of the Sub-Fund's expense ratios at 31 December 2018 was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net asset value for the year. The total operating expenses do not include, (where applicable) brokerage and other transactions costs, performance fee, interest expense, distribution paid out to unitholders, foreign exchange gains/losses, front or back end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds and tax deducted at source or arising out of income received. The Sub-Fund does not pay any performance fee. The average net asset value is based on the daily balances.

The following table presents the total operating expenses and average net asset values of the Sub-Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 and 2017.

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Total operating expenses	3,496,883	1,520,138
Average net asset value	224,025,494	92,978,102

The portfolio turnover ratios are calculated in accordance with the formula stated in the Code on Collective Investment Schemes. The calculation of the portfolio turnover ratio was based on the lower of the total value of purchases or sales of the underlying investments divided by the weighted average daily net asset value respectively as follows:

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Total value of purchases/sales of the underlying investments	128,701,638	49,179,285
Average daily net asset value	224,025,494	92,978,102

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