

## Why Invest?

- **Attractive and regular income:** The United Income Focus Trust - SGD Acc (the "Fund") aims to achieve a robust income stream by tapping into multiple uncorrelated sources of return and income. For share class SGD Dist, the current distribution policy is 5.50 per cent per annum, paid out monthly<sup>1</sup>.
- **Income stream is secured with an all-weather strategy:** The Fund's robust multi-asset allocation strategy invests in a broad spectrum of global assets (traditional and alternative), which allows the Fund to build resilience in riding out economic peaks and troughs while aiming to provide regular and smoother returns.
- **Disciplined multi-layered downside risk control:** The additional layers of downside risk control, such as volatility-based signals, and momentum-based signals, are built into the Fund to ensure yield and to limit the investment downside during a market downturn.
- **Capitalise on the expertise of sub-manager:** Wellington Management is one of the world's oldest and largest sub-advisors of active mutual funds and has Assets Under Management (AUM) of over US\$1 trillion as of the end of August 2024.

<sup>1</sup> Distributions (in SGD) are not guaranteed. Distributions may be made out of income, capital gains and/or capital. This relates to the disclosed distribution policy as set out in the Fund's prospectus.

## August 2024 Portfolio Performance

The United Income Focus Trust - SGD Acc	-1.07 per cent <sup>2</sup>
Benchmark: 35 per cent MSCI World Index (USD Hedged), 5 per cent MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Unhedged), 25 per cent Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index (USD Hedged), 15 per cent Bloomberg Global High Yield Index (USD Hedged) and 20 per cent FTSE World Government Bond 10+ Years Index (USD Hedged)	-0.93 per cent

Source: Morningstar, Performance from 31 July 2024 to 31 August 2024 in SGD terms

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

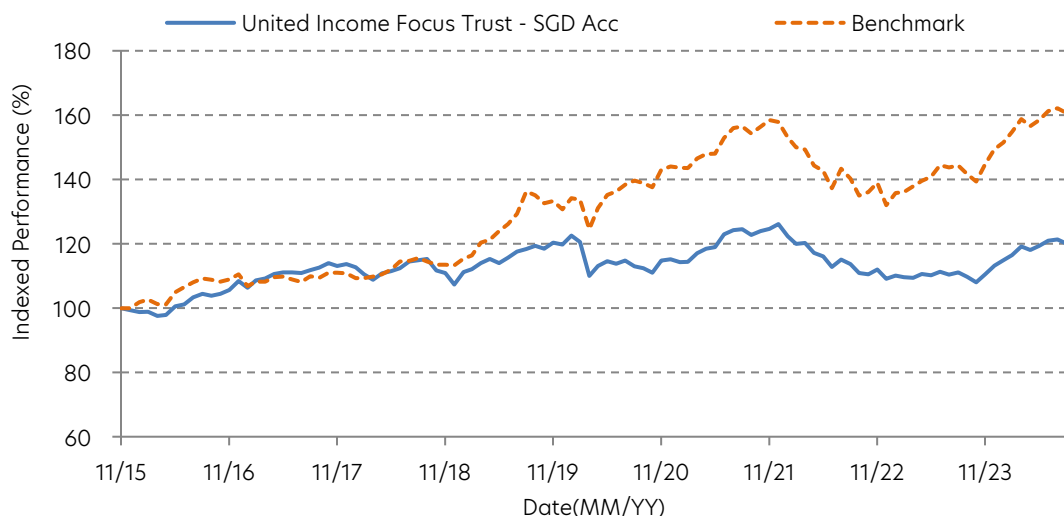
## Performance Review

The Fund returned +1.6 per cent (gross, in USD) in August 2024, bringing year-to-date performance to +8.8 per cent and since inception annualised performance to +5.2 per cent. Positive returns were driven by global equities (+1.1 per cent), global fixed income (+0.6 per cent) and to a lesser extent, active asset allocation (+0.1 per cent).

Within global equities, the US was a key driver in a turbulent month where initial recession fears were allayed by dovish sentiment from the Fed. All sectors generated positive returns, led by real estate and financials.

Within global fixed income, investment grade and emerging market debt were the top contributors on the back of falling yields. Lastly, active asset allocation added modestly to overall returns in August 2024 as a result of our long US and Japan equity positions.

### Performance (Class SGD Acc) Fund Performance Since Inception<sup>3</sup> 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 - 14 Jan 2020 - 25 per cent MSCI All Country World Index and 75 per cent FTSE World Government Bond 10+ Years Index (Hedged); 15 Jan 2020 - present: 35 per cent MSCI World Index (USD Hedged), 5 per cent MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Unhedged), 25 per cent Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index (USD Hedged), 15 per cent Bloomberg Global High Yield Index (USD Hedged) and 20 per cent FTSE World Government Bond 10+ Years Index (USD Hedged).

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

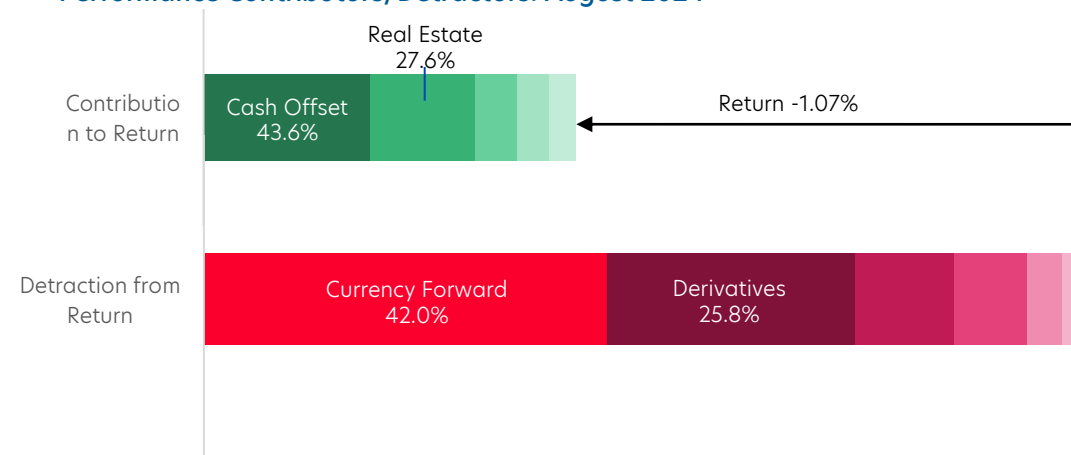
<sup>3</sup> The United Income Focus Trust - SGD Acc (ISIN Code: SG9999014542) and SGD Dist (ISIN Code: SG9999014559) were incepted on 30 November 2015.

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

	Cumulative Performance (%)	Annualised Performance (%)			
	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund NAV to NAV	-1.07	8.11	-1.19	0.29	2.12
Fund (Charges applied <sup>^</sup> )	-6.02	2.70	-2.87	-0.74	1.52
Benchmark	-0.93	11.30	0.89	3.35	5.57

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 31 August 2024 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 - 14 Jan 2020 - 25 per cent MSCI All Country World Index and 75 per cent FTSE World Government Bond 10+ Years Index (Hedged); 15 Jan 2020 - present: 35 per cent MSCI World Index (USD Hedged), 5 per cent MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Unhedged), 25 per cent Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index (USD Hedged), 15 per cent Bloomberg Global High Yield Index (USD Hedged) and 20 per cent FTSE World Government Bond 10+ Years Index (USD Hedged). Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. <sup>^</sup>Includes the effect of the current subscription fee that is charged, which an investor might or might not pay.

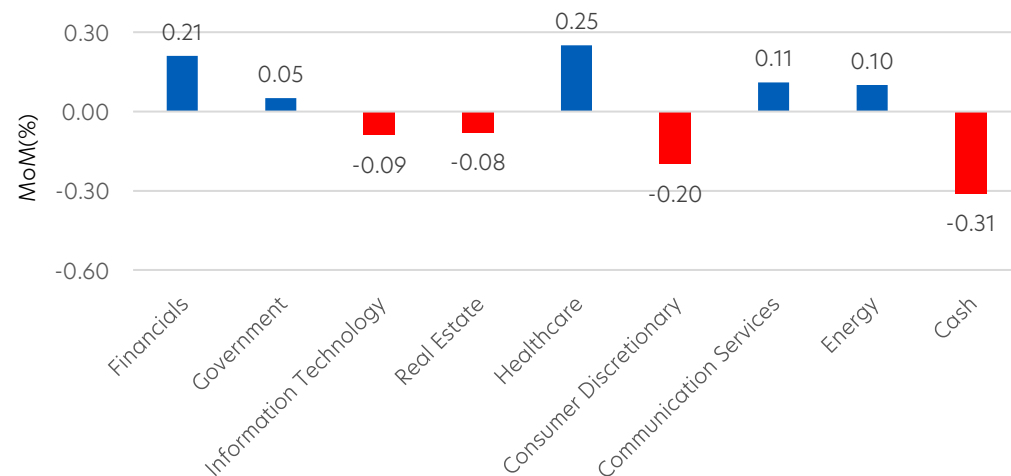
### Performance Contributors/Detractors: August 2024



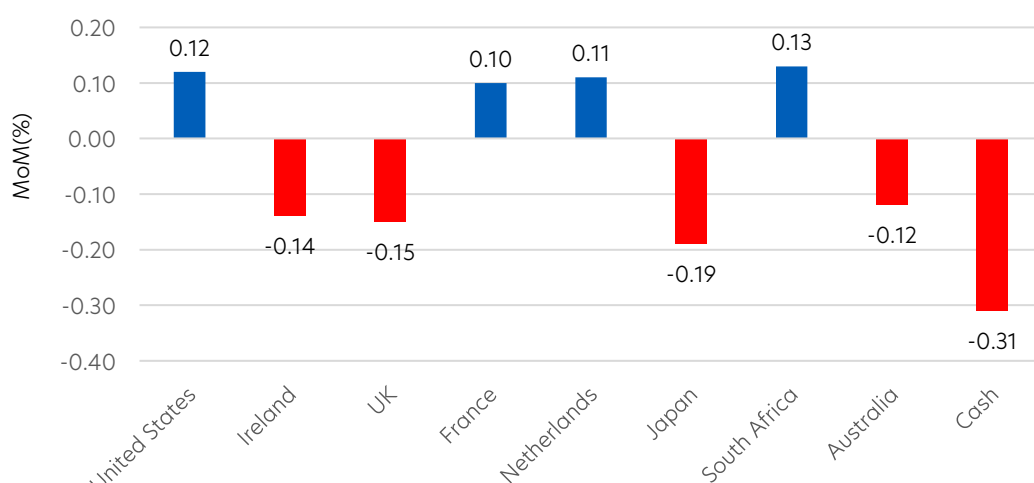
## Portfolio Changes

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Sector allocation changes: July 2024 vs. August 2024



Country allocation changes: July 2024 vs. August 2024



### Analyst Insights

Our base case is a soft landing with steady economic growth and low recession risk. We expect most central banks globally to loosen monetary policy over the next 12 months and are of the view that inflation will continue to trend downwards. That said, we do expect bouts of volatility to continue which may present opportunities for long-term investors.

We remain optimistic about **equities** as we believe that the fundamental strength of companies coupled with steady economic growth and largely controlled inflation will support robust earnings growth and equity valuations. This is especially so within the US where we are currently overweight as we saw a broadening of earnings growth outside of large-cap technology stocks. As for Europe, we maintain a modest underweight view as earnings of European companies are expected to be lacklustre in the coming 12 months. In Japan, we have moved from neutral to modest overweight as the recent volatility and technical sell-off are allowing us to lean into Japanese equities at more attractive levels. We believe the structural case for Japanese equities, including an improving macro backdrop and corporate reforms, remains largely intact. As for China, cyclical and structural headwinds persist along with weakness in the property market, leading us to retain a modest underweight stance. In the current environment, we saw a wide range of potential outcomes for emerging markets ex-China.

Within **defensive fixed income**, we have downgraded our view to neutral as we believe current yield levels are sensible and reflect a healthy economy with falling inflation and a cooling labour market, which should give central banks plenty of headroom to cut rates. On a relative basis, we are neutral across all regions. We maintain a neutral posture on investment grade credit given tighter valuations. As for **growth fixed income**, we have a slightly overweight view as spreads are likely to remain range-bound with carry being the primary return driver.

Finally, we believe this market environment to be supportive of security selection and active management. Against this backdrop, income investors will be best served through a highly diversified portfolio of multi-asset income-producing assets that can be dynamically adjusted as market conditions evolve.

## Market Review

**Global equities** rose in August 2024. Exacerbated by an abrupt unwinding of the Japanese yen carry trade, equities fell precipitously at the beginning of August 2024 amid an uptick in recession risks. However, equity markets rebounded amid optimism that the US economy could achieve a soft landing. Most **global sovereign bond** yields moved lower in August 2024, mainly driven by softening labour market data in the US and expectations that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) will start cutting rates in September 2024. Global credit bonds outperformed duration-equivalent government bonds. Within the securitized sectors, agency mortgage-backed and commercial mortgage-backed securities outperformed, while asset-backed securities performed in line with duration-equivalent government bonds.

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the United Income Focus Trust aims to provide regular income to investors with a secondary focus on capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing globally in a diverse set of traditional and alternative asset classes. The investment universe of the Fund will be broad, encompassing traditional asset classes (for example, equities and fixed income securities) and alternative asset classes (for example, real estate investment trusts, convertibles, preferred securities and currencies).

## Fund Information

Base Currency	Fund Size	Fund Manager
SGD	SGD 402.25 mil	Wellington

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