

CSOP ETF SERIES* (*This includes synthetic ETFs) (An umbrella unit trust established in Hong Kong)

CSOP ETHER FUTURES ETF Stock Codes: 3068 (HKD counter) (A sub-fund of CSOP ETF Series* (*This includes synthetic ETFs))

Unaudited Semi-Annual Report FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024



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REPORT OF THE MANAGER TO THE UNITHOLDERS

Introduction

CSOP Ether Futures ETF (or the "Sub-Fund"), a sub-fund of the CSOP ETF Series, a Hong Kong umbrella unit trust authorized under Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong. It was launched on 15 December 2022 and commenced trading in HKD under the stock code 3068 on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "SEHK") on 16 December 2022. The investment objective of Sub-Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth by primarily investing in CME Ether Futures adopting an active investment strategy. The Manager of the CSOP Ether Futures ETF is CSOP Asset Management Limited (the "Manager"). The trustee is HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited (the "Trustee").

The CSOP Ether Futures ETF does not invest directly in ether and does not seek to deliver a return of the spot price of ether. The CSOP Ether Futures ETF seeks to achieve its investment objective by primarily investing in standardised, cash-settled ether futures contracts and/or micro ether futures contracts traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (the "CME") (collectively, the "CME Ether Futures").

The CSOP Ether Futures ETF generally intends to "roll" its Ether Futures prior to expiration. In determining whether to roll the CME Ether Futures in which the CSOP Ether Futures ETF invests, the Manager will take into account, among other things, the liquidity, roll spread level and bid-offer spread of the CME Ether Futures, the prevailing market conditions as well as the best interest of the investors.

The unlisted class of the Sub-Fund was introduced with effect from 31 May 2024.

The Sub-Fund Performance

The CSOP Ether Futures ETF seeks to invest in cash-settled, front-month CME Ether Futures, and may also invest in cash-settled, back-month CME Ether Futures. As of 28 June 2024, the dealing Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit of the the CSOP Ether Futures ETF was USD2.3131 and there were 8,739,500 units outstanding. The dealing NAV of its unlisted class A was USD8.823 and there were 1,000 units outstanding. The total asset under management was approximately USD20.2 million.

As of 28 June 2024, the dealing NAV of The CSOP Ether Futures ETF performed 35.42%. From 31 May 2024 to 28 June 2024, the dealing NAV of its unlisted class A performed -11.77%.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024

	30 June 2024 (Unaudited) USD	31 December 2023 (Audited) USD
ASSETS	0.52	0.02
CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	793,100	771,050
Derivative financial instruments	10,800	170,100
Bank interest receivables	301	133
Other receivable	135,501	92,151
Interest receivable from brokers	18,216	12,390
Deposits with brokers	8,529,973	5,028,594
Cash and cash equivalents	10,780,915	2,766,634
Total assets	20,268,806	8,841,052
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Derivative financial instruments	110,400	-
Management fee payable	33,259	15,536
Other accounts payable	36,358	31,897
Tax payable	1,822	1,239
- Liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)	181,839	48,672
Net assets attributable to unitholders*	20,086,967	8,792,380

* Net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as financial liabilities as at 30 June 2024 and as equity as at 31 December 2023.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the period ended 30 June 2024

INCOME	Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (Unaudited) USD	Period from 14 December 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) USD
INCOME	22 702	07.004
Interest income from bank deposits	33,792	25,804
Interest income from deposits with broker	154,160	105,508
Net gain on investments and derivative financial instruments	3,948,025	7,239,040
Net foreign currency gain	-	493
Other income	42,826	48,313
Total net income	4,178,803	7,419,158
EXPENSES Management fee ^{Note 2} Transaction costs on investments Audit fee Bank charges ^{Note 1} Legal and other professional fee Establishment cost Interest expenses	(214,926) (25,090) (10,243) (1,657) (58)	$(150,088) \\ (41,017) \\ (10,341) \\ (425) \\ (2,315) \\ (230,979) \\ (809)$
Other operating expenses ^{Note 1}	(29,432)	(16,611)
other operating expenses		(10,011)
Total operating expenses	(281,406)	(452,585)
Operating profit	3,897,397	6,966,573
Taxation	(14,722)	(10,590)
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders / total comprehensive income	3,882,675	6,955,983
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Note 1: During the period ended 30 June 2024 and 2023, other than Trustee fees that paid to the Trustee, other respective amounts paid to the Trustee/connected persons of Trustee were as follows:

		Period from
	Period from	14 December 2022
	1 January 2024	(date of inception)
	to 30 June 2024	to 30 June 2023
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	USD	USD
Bank charges	1,535	425
Other operating expenses	6,718	8,353

Note 2: During the period ended 30 June 2024 and 2023, other than Management fees that paid to the Manager, no other amounts paid to the Manager/connected person of Manager.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

For the period ended 30 June 2024

	Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (Unaudited) USD	Period from 14 December 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) USD
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the period	8,792,380	
the period	6,792,380	-
Issue of units	21,061,610	20,417,865
Redemption of units	(13,649,698)	(16,722,143)
Net increase from unit transactions	7,411,912	3,695,722
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders / total comprehensive income for the period	3,882,675	6,955,983
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the period	20,086,967	10,651,705

The movements of the redeemable units for the periods ended 30 June 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (Unaudited) <i>Units</i>	Period from 14 December 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) <i>Units</i>
Listed Class		
Number of units in issue at the beginning of the period Units issued Units redeemed Number of units in issue at the end of the period	5,239,500 9,500,000 (6,000,000) 8,739,500	20,239,500 (13,000,000) 7,239,500
Unlisted Class A		
Number of units in issue at the beginning of the period Units issued Units redeemed	1,000	- - -
Number of units in issue at the end of the period	1,000	-

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the period ended 30 June 2024

OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Period from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 (Unaudited) USD	Period from 14 December 2022 (date of inception) to 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) USD
Payments for purchase of investments Proceeds from sale of investments	4,195,675	(4,505,377) 9,619,051
Interest income from bank deposits received	4,195,075 33,624	25,737
Interest income from deposits with broker received	148,334	93,177
Management fee paid	(197,203)	(133,579)
Transaction costs paid	(197,203) (25,090)	(41,017)
Taxation paid	(14,139)	(9,357)
Interest paid	-	(809)
Establishment costs paid	-	(200,823)
Increase in deposits with brokers	(3,501,379)	(6,282,588)
Other operating expenses paid	(37,453)	(10,634)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	602,369	(1,446,219)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds on issue of units	21,061,610	20,417,865
Payments on redemption of units	(13,649,698)	(16,722,143)
Net cash generated from financing activities	7,411,912	3,695,722
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	8,014,281	2,249,503
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	-	493
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	2,766,634	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	10,780,915	2,249,996
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents Bank balances	10,780,915	2,249,996

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these condensed financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the period presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Sub-Fund have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKFRS").

HKFRS comprise the following authoritative literature:

- Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards
- Hong Kong Accounting Standards
- Interpretations developed by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and derivative financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Trustee and the Manager (together the "Management") to exercise their judgment in the process of applying the Sub-Fund's accounting policies.

<u>New standards</u>, amendments and interpretations effective from 1 January 2024 that are relevant to the Sub-Fund and have not been early adopted by the Sub-Fund.

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2024, and have not been early adopted in preparing these semi-annual financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Sub-Fund.

(b) Investments

(i) Classification

The Sub-Fund classifies its investments based on both the Sub-Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Sub-Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The contractual cash flows of the Sub-Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Sub-Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

(ii) Recognition/derecognition

Purchases and sales of investments are accounted for on the trade date basis - the date on which the Sub-Fund commits to purchase or sell the investments. Investments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Sub-Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Investments (Continued)

(iii) Measurement

Investments are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred in the statement of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all investments are measured at fair value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they arise.

(iv) Fair value estimation

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The Sub-Fund utilises the last traded market price for both listed financial assets and 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 Management will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using broker quotes or valuation techniques.

(v) Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the beginning of the reporting period.

(vi) Derivatives

A financial asset or financial liability is classified as held for trading if it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term or is part of a portfolio of identifiable financial investments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit taking. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. The Sub-Fund does not classify any derivatives as hedges in a hedging relationship.

Financial assets and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception are financial instruments that are not classified as held for trading but are managed, and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Sub-Fund's documented investment strategy.

The Sub-Fund's policy requires the Manager to evaluate the information about these financial assets and liabilities on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

(vii) 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 company or the counterparty.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Investments (Continued)

(viii) Structured entities

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual agreements. A structured entity often has some or all of the following features or attributes; (a) restricted activities, (b) a narrow and well-defined objective, such as to provide investment opportunities for investors by passing on risks and rewards associated with the assets of the structured entity to investors, (c) insufficient equity to permit the structured entity to finance its activities without subordinated financial support and (d) financing in the form of multiple contractually linked instruments to investors that create concentrations of credit or other risks (tranches).

The Sub-Fund considers their investment in investment funds to be investment in unconsolidated structured entities. The investment funds are managed by the Manager who apply various investment strategies to accomplish the respective investment objectives of the investment funds. The investment funds finance their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the holder's option and entitles the holder to a proportional stake in the respective Sub-Fund's net assets. The Sub-Fund holds redeemable units in the investment funds.

The Sub-Fund's investments in unconsolidated structured entities are shown as financial assets at fair value through profit and loss. The change in fair value of investment funds is included in the statement of comprehensive income in "Net gain on investments and derivative financial instruments".

(c) Expected credit losses on financial assets measured at amortised cost

At each reporting date, the Sub-Fund shall measure the loss allowance on financial assets measured at amortised cost at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Sub-Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the counterparty, probability that the counterparty will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, financial assets measured at amortised cost will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by Management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

(d) Interest income

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

(e) Transaction costs on investments

Transactions costs are costs incurred to acquire/dispose financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, brokers and dealers. Transactions costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as an expense.

(f) Expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, cash at bank, demand deposits, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Cash and cash equivalents excluded deposit with brokers as they are restricted from investment purpose.

(h) Foreign currencies translation

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Sub-Fund operates (the "functional currency"). The Sub-Fund invests in United States Dollar ("USD") denominated cash-settled, front-month CME Ether Futures, and also invest in cash-settled, back-month CME Ether Futures. The Manager considers USD as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The financial statements are presented in USD, which is the Sub-Fund's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate prevailing at the reporting date of statement of financial position.

Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from translation are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

Foreign exchange gains and losses relating to the financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within "net gain on investments and derivative financial instruments".

(i) **Redeemable units**

The Sub-Fund issues redeemable units, which are redeemable at the holder's option. These units represent puttable financial instruments of the Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund currently offers both listed class of units and unlisted class of units, namely class A.

As at 31 December 2023, the Sub-Fund had only issued listed class of units. As at 30 June 2024, the Sub-Fund has issued listed class of units and one unlisted class of units namely, listed class and unlisted class A.

The listed and unlisted class of unit have different terms and conditions as set out in the Sub-Fund's Prospectus, including dealing arrangements, fee structure and investment return/net asset value. As the different class of units do not have identical features, they are classified as financial liabilities. Previously, the Sub-Fund's units are classified as equity in accordance with HKFRS 32 (Amendment), "Financial instruments : Presentation".

Units are issued and redeemed at the holder's option at prices based on the Sub-Fund's net asset value per unit at the time of issue or redemption. The Sub-Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders with the total number of outstanding units.

In accordance with the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund, investment positions are valued based on the last traded market price for the purpose of determining the net asset value per unit for subscriptions and redemptions of the Sub-Fund.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(j) Taxation

The Sub-Fund may incur withholding taxes imposed by other jurisdictions on investment income. Such income is recorded gross of withholding taxes in the statement of comprehensive income. Withholding taxes are included as taxation in the statement of comprehensive income.

(k) Establishment costs

Establishment costs are recognised as an expense in the year in which they are incurred.

(l) Deposit with brokers

Cash collateral provided by the Sub-Fund is identified in the statement of financial position as deposit with brokers and is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents. Cash collateral received by the Sub-Fund is identified in the statement of financial position as cash collateral payable. Cash collateral received is treated as an on-balance sheet transaction with a corresponding liability shown separately.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited)

As at 30 June 2024

Investments and derivative financial instruments (3.45%)	Holdings	Fair value USD	% of net assets
Listed investment fund (3.95%)			
Hong Kong (3.95%)			
CSOP US DOLLAR MONEY MARKET ETF	7,000	793,100	3.95
Total listed investment fund		793,100	3.95
Listed futures contracts (-0.50%)	Contracts		
United States of America (-0.50%)			
CME ETHER FUTURE 29 JULY 2024	119	(99,600)	(0.50)
		(99,600)	(0.50)
Total investments and derivative financial instruments		693,500	3.45
Other net assets		19,393,467	96.55
Net assets attributable to unitholders as at 30 June 2024		20,086,967	100.00
Total investments and derivative financial instruments, at cost		733,433	

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STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (Unaudited)

For the period ended 30 June 2024

	% of net asset value 30 June 2024	% of net asset value 31 December 2023
Listed investment fund		
Hong Kong	3.95	8.77
	3.95	8.77
Listed futures contracts		
United States of America	(0.50)	1.93
Total investments and derivative financial instruments	3.45	10.70
Other net assets	96.55	89.30
Total net assets	100.00	100.00

DETAILS IN RESPECT OF FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (Unaudited) *As at 30 June 2024*

The financial derivative instruments held by the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2024 are summarised below:

Futures contracts

The details of futures contracts held by the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2024 are as follows:

Description	Expiration date	Underlying assets	Position	Counterparty	Fair value USD
<u>Financial assets:</u> CME ETHER FUTURE 29 JULY 2024	29 July 2024	Ether	Long	Phillip Nova Pte. Limited	10,800
<u>Financial liabilities:</u> CME ETHER FUTURE 29 JULY 2024	29 July 2024	Ether	Long	Macquarie Bank Ltd	(110,400) (110,400)

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Unaudited)

Net asset value

	Net asset value of the Sub-Fund* USD	Net asset value per unit USD
At the end of financial period dated		
30 June 2024* Listed class Unlisted class A	20,214,037 8,822	2.3130 8.8223
31 December 2023* Listed class	8,947,870	1.7078
Highest and lowest net asset value per unit		
	Highest issue price per unit USD	Lowest redemption price per unit USD
Financial period ended		
30 June 2024 Listed class Unlisted class A	2.8982 10.2727	1.6047 8.6283
31 December 2023 (since 14 December 2022 (date of inception)) Listed class	1.7723	0.9227

^{*} The dealing net asset value of the Sub-Fund disclosed is on a non-dealing day and calculated in accordance with the Trust's Prospectus.

INVESTMENT LIMITATION AND PROHIBITIONS UNDER THE SFC CODE (Unaudited)

There was no security (31 December 2023: nil) which is a collective investment scheme authorised by the SFC that individually accounted for more than 10% but less than 30% of the net asset value of the Sub-Fund as at 30 June 2024.

For the period ended 30 June 2024, the CME CF Ether-Dollar Reference Rate increased by 45.59% (for the period from 14 December 2022 (date of inception) 31 December 2023: increased by 84.49%) while the net asset value per unit of the Sub-Fund increased by 35.44% (for the period from 14 December 2022 (date of inception) 31 December 2023: increased by 67.81%).

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