ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund

Resilient returns through AAA-rated government bonds

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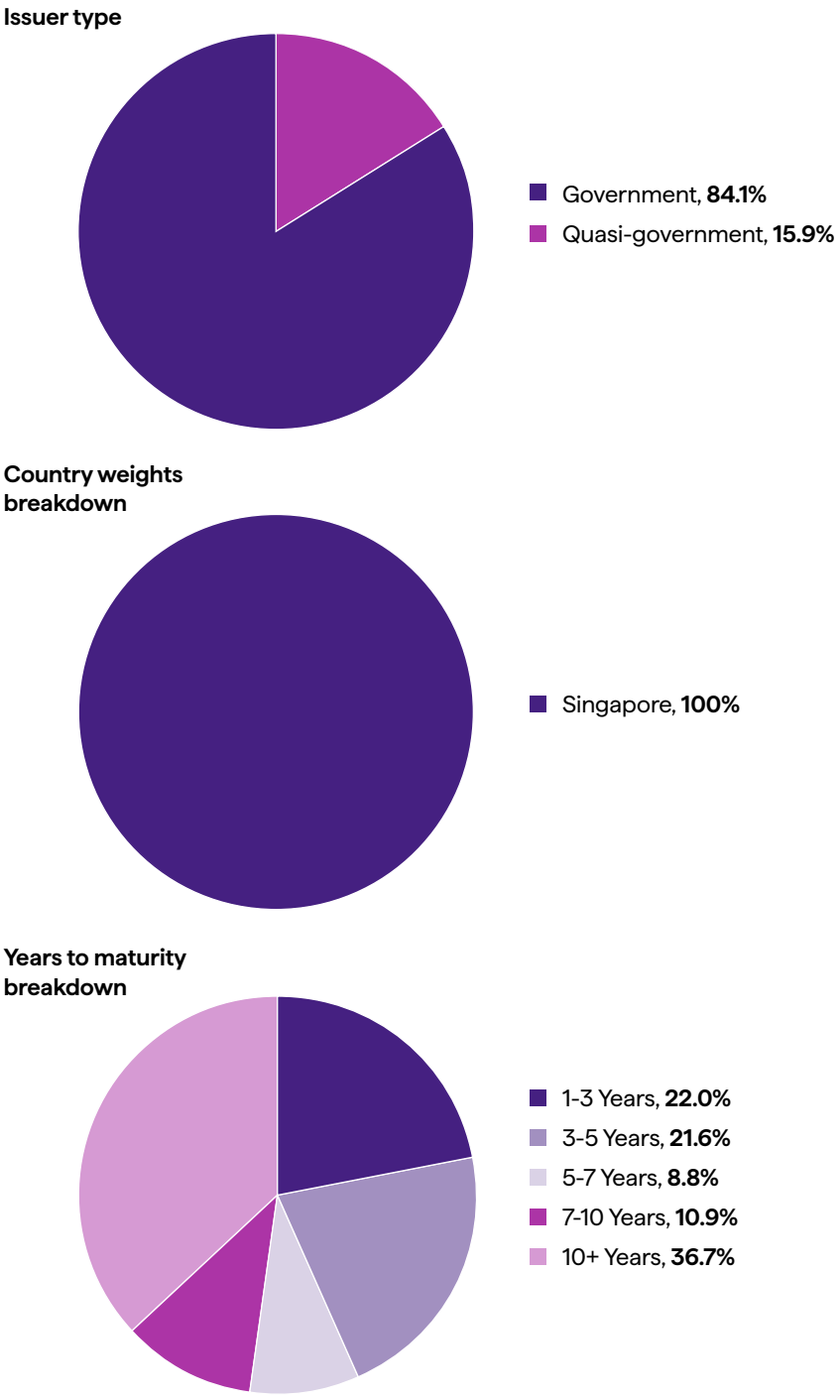
The iBoxx ABF Singapore index

The iBoxx ABF Singapore index (the "index") comprises mainly of SGD bonds issued by the Singapore Government and Singapore Quasi-government entities. From time to time, the index may also include SGD bonds issued by other Asian Governments, Asian Quasi-government entities, and/or supranational organisations.

Figure 1 shows the issuer type, country weights, and years to maturity breakdown of bonds that make up the index as at March 2026.

Figure 1 Index characteristics of iBoxx ABF Singapore index



Source: S&P Global, 31 Mar 2026

01 Why invest in the ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund?

1. Singapore government bonds are rated with the highest credit rating possible

Singapore is the only Asian country that has the highest AAA credit rating awarded by all 3 major credit rating agencies. Singapore has retained this status throughout the last 20 years, covering multiple periods of crisis, including the Asian Financial Crisis in 1997, the Global Financial Crisis in 2008, and the Covid-19 Pandemic from 2020 to 2022. Singapore's AAA credit rating is supported by its USD 403 billion* of official foreign reserves and a prudent fiscal policy.

* Source: Monetary Authority of Singapore, Feb 2026 (preliminary)

Figure 2 Sovereign credit ratings

	S&P	Moody's	Fitch
Singapore	**AAA**	**Aaa**	**AAA**
Asia			
Taiwan	AA+	Aa3	AA
Hong Kong	AA+	Aa3	AA-
South Korea	AA	Aa2	AA-
China	A+	A1	A
Malaysia	A-	A3	BBB+
Thailand	BBB+	Baa1	BBB+
Philippines	BBB+	Baa2	BBB
Indonesia	BBB	Baa2	BBB
India	BBB	Baa3	BBB-
Vietnam	BB+	Ba2	BB+
Major advanced economies (G7 countries)			
Germany	AAA	Aaa	AAA
Canada	AAA	Aaa	AA+
United States	AA+	Aa1	AA+
United Kingdom	AA	Aa3	AA-
France	A+	Aa3	A+
Japan	A+	A1	A
Italy	BBB+	Baa2	BBB+

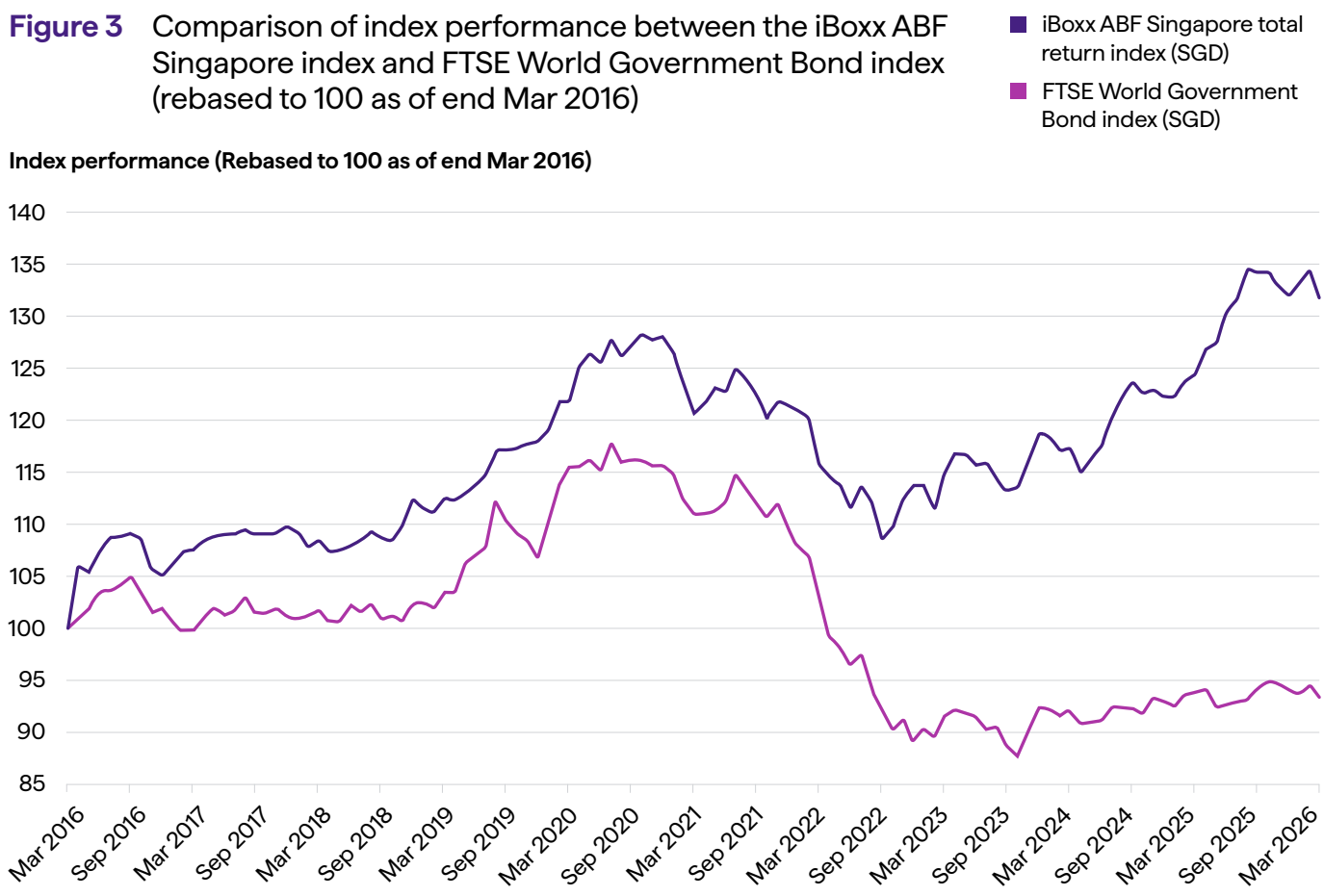
Source: Bloomberg, 9 Apr 2026

2. Resilient returns through AAA-rated government bonds

Over the last 10 years*, the iBoxx ABF Singapore index has an annualised return of 2.8%. In comparison, the FTSE World Government Bond index (WGBI), a widely used benchmark which tracks sovereign debt from over 20 countries, returned -0.7% on an annualised basis.

*Mar 2016 – Mar 2026

Figure 3 Comparison of index performance between the iBoxx ABF Singapore index and FTSE World Government Bond index (rebased to 100 as of end Mar 2016)



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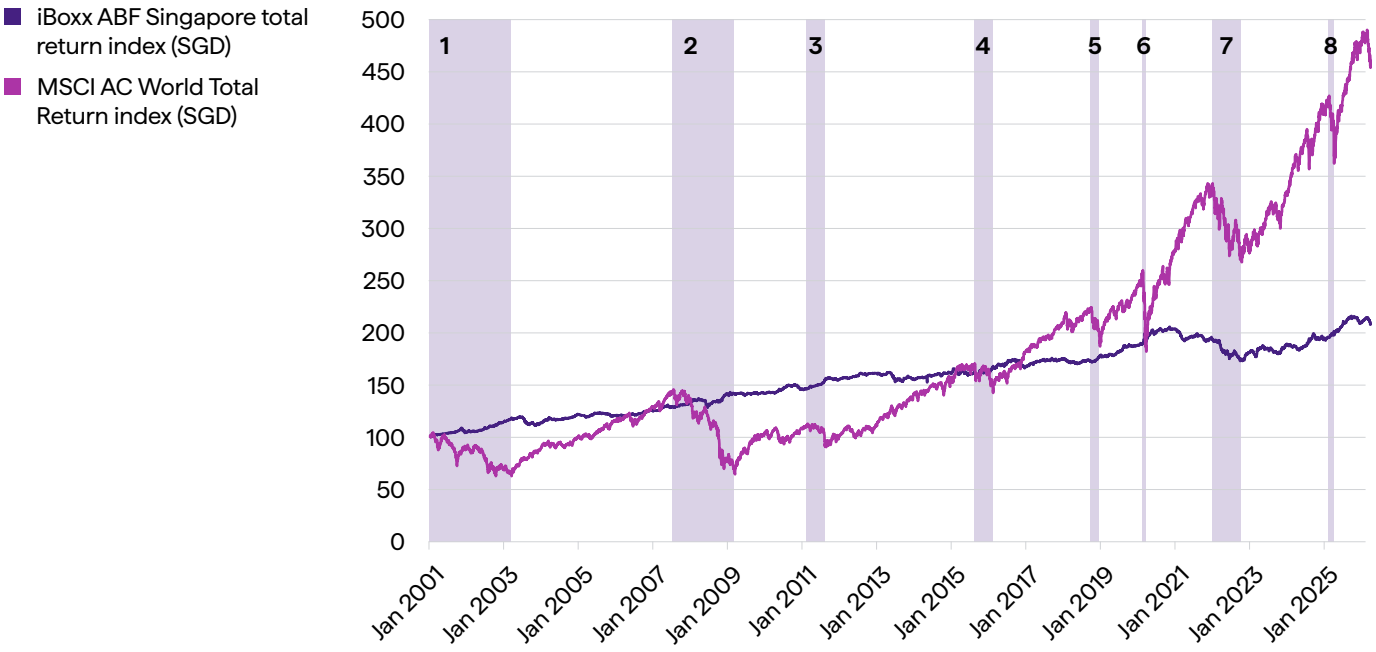
3. A portfolio diversifier

The index has largely performed well relative to global equities during periods of challenging market conditions, as illustrated in Figure 4 below where global equities are represented by the MSCI All Country (AC) World index. Due to the high credit quality of its constituents and strength of the SGD, Singapore Government bonds can be a compelling asset class for strategic asset allocation purposes to improve risk-adjusted returns of a portfolio.

Figure 4 Returns comparison during periods of market distress

Index cumulative returns (Rebased to 100 as of January 2001)



1 **2001 Dot-Com Bust, 9/11 Crash**
iBoxx ABF Singapore index: **+18.5%**
MSCI AC World index: **-37.1%**

2 **2008 Global Financial Crisis**
iBoxx ABF Singapore index: **+10.0%**
MSCI AC World index: **-55.5%**

3 **2011 Euro Debt Crisis**
iBoxx ABF Singapore index: **+6.7%**
MSCI AC World index: **-19.6%**

4 **2015-2016 Market Selloff**
iBoxx ABF Singapore index: **+4.4%**
MSCI AC World index: **-16.3%**

5 **2018 Market Selloff**
iBoxx ABF Singapore index: **+2.8%**
MSCI AC World index: **-16.7%**

6 **2020 COVID-19 Pandemic Selloff**
iBoxx ABF Singapore index: **+1.7%**
MSCI AC World index: **-30.6%**

7 **2022 Market Selloff**
iBoxx ABF Singapore index: **-9.9%**
MSCI AC World index: **-22.0%**

8 **2025 Tariff Uncertainty Selloff**
iBoxx ABF Singapore index: **+2.0%**
MSCI AC World index: **-15.3%**

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4. Stability and strength of the Singapore Dollar

100%

SGD-denominated

For local investors, the ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund being SGD-denominated poses no currency risk.

For foreign investors, the stability and strength of the Singapore Dollar is positive.

The Singapore Dollar is managed against a basket of currencies of its major trading partners along a typically appreciating path or crawl within a policy band.

An appreciating trajectory for the Singapore Dollar Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (S$NEER) helps to contain inflationary pressures, and Singapore believes that a strong S$NEER is one of the several prime indicators of a highly-competitive economy.

Source: MAS FAQ on Singapore's Monetary Policy Framework, 23 May 2025

Who is the Fund suitable for?

The Fund is only suitable for investors who:
- Seek medium to long-term capital appreciation
- Believe that the index will increase in value
- Are willing and able to accept that their principal will be at risk
- Seek an "index-based" approach to investing in a portfolio of Singapore government (or any other Asian Government) sovereign and quasi-sovereign bond securities in a cost effective and easy to access manner

You should consult your financial advisers if in doubt about whether this product is suitable for you.

What are the key risks of this Fund?

- Market and credit risks
- Liquidity risks
- Fund-specific risks
    - Tracking error risk
    - Risk associated with the investment strategy of the Fund / lack of discretion by Manager to adapt to market changes
    - Emerging market risks

You should be aware that investment in the Fund may be exposed to other risks of an exceptional nature from time to time. Please refer to the Fund Prospectus and Product Highlights Sheet for further details.

02 ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund

The ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund is Singapore's first bond ETF. It seeks to track the total return of the index before expenses.

It adopts a full replication strategy, investing substantially all of its assets in the bond securities of the index, and in the same approximate proportion of their weightings within the index.

In Singapore, the ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund is classified as an Excluded Investment Product. This means that a Customer Account Review is not required before an investor transacts in the fund.

The Fund is included under the CPF Investment Scheme ("CPFIS") – Ordinary Account and has been classified by the CPF Board under the Low to Medium Risk - Narrowly Focused - Country - Singapore.

The ABF Singapore Bond Index Fund could be of interest to investors:

- **Seeking a portfolio of high quality Singapore-government/ government-linked bonds**
- **Seeking potentially higher returns* than SGD risk-free rate in the medium to long-term**
- **Seeking a lower risk asset class that has mostly performed well relative to global equities during periods of adverse market conditions**

Fund information

Benchmark	iBoxx ABF Singapore index total return series
Listing Date	31 August 2005
Fund Structure	Open-ended Listed Unit Trust traded on Singapore Exchange
Lot Structure	1 unit per lot
Dividend Distribution Frequency	Semi-annually^
Manager	Amova Asset Management Asia Limited
Trustee	HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited
Management Fee	0.15% p.a.
Total Expense Ratio	0.24% p.a. (Audited as of financial period ended 30 June 2025)
Designated Market Makers	Flow Traders Asia Pte Ltd, North Point Global Pte Ltd, Phillip Securities Pte Ltd
SGX Stock Code	A35
SGX Trading Name	ABF SG BOND ETF
Bloomberg Ticker	SBIF SP
ISIN Stock Code	SG1S08926457

* Please note that Fund investment is subject to risks, including the possible loss of principal amount invested. Please refer to the Fund prospectus for more information on risks of investing in the Fund.

^ Distributions are not guaranteed and are at the absolute discretion of the Manager. Please refer to the Fund Prospectus and Product Highlight Sheet for further details.

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