

# Phillip Global Opportunities Funds

## Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2024



**Phillip Capital Management**

(A member of PhillipCapital)

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## **PHILLIP GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES FUNDS**

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### Manager's Investment Report

The investment objective of the Global Opportunities Fund is to achieve medium to long-term capital appreciation. It is targeted at investors with a moderate risk appetite, with a balanced allocation of equities, commodities, REITs and bonds.

History suggest that aggressive monetary tightening often, but not always leads to a recession. Since 1971, there have been eight cycles of interest rate hikes before the current one in which the Federal Reserve raised by more than 500 basis points. A recession followed in five of those instances, including in all four when rates were hiked by 375 basis points or more. In two, 1983-84 and 1994-95, the Fed achieved a soft landing. The conditions that allowed this included future inflation expectations being well-anchored, a tight labour market and sizable household savings – three features that are present in today's environment. The recession in 2020 was triggered by coronavirus pandemic. Consensus view remains that the US will achieve a “soft-ish” landing in 2024, given the robust labour demand, solid investment spending and strong consumer and business balance sheets.

Americans are wrapping up 2023 feeling better about the economy, with consumer confidence surging past expectations. The Conference Board's consumer confidence index jumped to 110.7 in December from November's downwardly revised 101 reading. Economists were forecasting it would tick up to 104.5, according to FactSet consensus estimates. December's increase in consumer confidence reflected more positive ratings of current business conditions and job availability, as well as less pessimistic views of business, labour market, and personal income prospects over the next six months. The outlook for the next six months also improved, with the expectations index, which measures the short-term outlook for the economy, rising to 85.6 from 77.4 in November. Americans are also more optimistic that the economy will avoid a recession within the next year.

Expectations that interest rates will rise in the year ahead plummeted to the lowest levels since January 2021, and consumers' outlook for stock prices rose to levels of optimism last seen in mid-2021. Inflation has been slowing in recent months, undergirding consumers' optimism. By end March 2024, Fed's US Personal Consumption Expenditure Core Price Index (PCE) rose 2.82% y/y, its lowest lever since the US Federal Reserve paused hiking of FED Fund rates since August 2023, according to the latest consumer-price index report. The deceleration is already having a positive impact on consumers' evaluation of the economy

In the last 10 instances of Fed rate-hike cycles since 1970, interest rates stayed at the peak for a median three months. The shortest “hold” was just one month and the longest 15. When the Fed started cutting rates, it cut by an average of 260 basis point in the first 12 months (excluding 1987 and 2006) and 410 basis points within the first 24 months. By end December 2023, markets are pricing 150 basis points of easing within the next two years. While the recent rise in the long end yield has been swift, it is not without precedent. There has been 16 recurrence in which the 10-year US Treasury yields has climbed more than 100 basis points over six months. All but one of them (1979-80) were followed by a decline in yields over the following 12-months and this time will be no exception.

US Federal Reserve, Chairman Jerome Powell made the historical decision to pause rate hike during the FOMC meeting in August 2023, which marks the end of the United States' monetary policy tightening cycle. The rate hike pause provided a relief to global equities market as the S&P 500 and MSCI World AC Index ended 2023 with gains of more than 11 percentage points q/q. **Phillip Global Opportunities Fund (PGOF)** registered a modest gain of 11.0% in SGD terms over the six months ended 31 March 2024. Leading the charge are the exposures to developed markets equities through holdings of Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (+25.9%, q/q), Vanguard S&P 500 ETF (+21.0%, q/q), iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (20.9%, q/q), Phillip Global Quality Fund (19.9%, q/q) and iShares CORE MSCI Europe ETF (16.1%). Our reference index, which comprises of 60% weights on MSCI World All Countries Index and 40% weights on Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index scored 13% over the quarter as at end March 2024.

PGOF's outperformance on the fixed income allocation are attributed to the selling down on the Asia investment grade credits and shifting into Global investment grade name like Vanguard

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Intermediate-Term Corporate Bond ETF whereby fund duration tend to stretch longer between 5 to 10 years. US investment-grade bonds had an impressive quarter driven by the rally in Treasuries as traders bet the Fed was done hiking interest rate. Corporate credits continued to be the best performer for fixed income markets in 2023, which was primarily driven by stronger demand given the higher yield. The rally in 10-year treasuries was supported by the surprise from the Treasury Department on the decision to issue more T-bills and fewer long-term bonds, and cooler economic data in November 2023. Upon the holding rates steady in December, Fed Chair's "pivot" narrative on the discussion of cutting rates drove yields lower further.

On the forward lens, the European Central Bank (ECB) and the US Federal Reserves (US FED) both sounded out that policy easing will start in 2024 but execution will be dependant on data. Unlike the US Federal Reserve, ECB does not have a dot plot for the guidance on Eurozone policy rates but based on Christine Lagarde's press conference in March, the ECB be in a better position to make the pivoting decision in June 2024. The capital markets are pricing in on the forecast that ECB will be cutting rates earlier than US FED in 2024, as European equities (Stoxx 50 Index) have outperformed S&P 500 year to date as at 31 March 2024 and the EURO has weakened against USD by 2.5% over the same quarter. We foresee European equities will outperformed its US counterparts throughout 2024.

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### Report to unitholders<sup>1</sup>

#### a) I Investments classified by geography

	Fair Value at 31/03/2024 S\$	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders at 31/03/2024 %
Singapore	7,507,699	7.80
United States of America	84,964,945	88.29
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	<b>92,472,644</b>	<b>96.09</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>	<b>3,766,731</b>	<b>3.91</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>96,239,375</b>	<b>100.00</b>

#### i II Investments classified by industry

	Fair Value at 31/03/2024 S\$	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders at 31/03/2024 %
Equity Fund	92,472,644	96.09
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	<b>92,472,644</b>	<b>96.09</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>	<b>3,766,731</b>	<b>3.91</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>96,239,375</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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<sup>1</sup> As required by the Code on Collective Investment Schemes

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### i III Investments classified by asset class

	Fair Value at 31/03/2024 S\$	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders at 31/03/2024 %
Equity Fund	92,472,644	96.09
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	<b>92,472,644</b>	<b>96.09</b>
<b>Other net assets</b>	<b>3,766,731</b>	<b>3.91</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>96,239,375</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### c) Top Ten Holdings

<u>10 Largest Holdings at 31 March 2024</u>	Fair Value at 31/03/2024 S\$	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders at 31/03/2024 %
Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	9,278,840	9.64
Vanguard Intermediate-Term Corporate Bond ETF	8,973,895	9.32
iShares Broad USD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	8,716,665	9.06
iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	8,672,907	9.01
PIMCO Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index ETF	8,657,419	9.00
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Small-Cap ETF	8,001,132	8.31
Phillip Global Quality Fund	7,507,699	7.80
iShares Core MSCI Europe ETF	7,087,590	7.36
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	5,955,768	6.19
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	5,954,365	6.19

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<b>10 Largest Holdings at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>Fair Value at 31/03/2023 S\$</b>	<b>Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders at 31/03/2023 %</b>
Fullerton SGD Cash Fund Class A	10,050,324	12.37
Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	8,644,301	10.64
UOB United SGD Fund Class A Acc	7,784,926	9.58
iShares Dow Jones U.S. ETF	7,393,569	9.10
iShares Core MSCI Europe ETF	6,650,953	8.19
Phillip Global Quality Fund	6,635,753	8.17
iShares MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Index ETF	5,452,951	6.71
JP Morgan Beta Builders Developed Asia Pacific-Ex Japan ETF	5,049,950	6.22
iShares USD Short Duration Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	4,070,015	5.01
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	3,823,919	4.71

d) (i) Exposure to Derivatives as at 31 March 2024.  
Nil

(ii) Loss on derivative contracts realised for the year ended 31 March 2024  
Nil

(iii) Loss on outstanding derivative contracts marked to market as at 31 March 2024  
Nil

e) Description of the method used to calculate the global exposure of financial derivatives

The global exposure relating to derivative instruments is calculated using the commitment approach. The global exposure of the sub-fund is calculated as the sum of:

(i) the absolute value of the exposure of each individual financial derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangements;

(ii) the absolute value of the net exposure of each individual financial derivative after netting or hedging arrangements; and

(iii) the sum of the values of cash collateral received pursuant to:

(a) the reduction of exposure to counterparties of OTC financial derivatives; and

(b) efficient portfolio management techniques relating to securities lending and repurchase transactions, and that are reinvested.

f) Amount and percentage of total fund size invested in other unit trusts, mutual funds and collective investment schemes as at 31 March 2024.

	S\$	%
Equity Fund	92,472,644	96.09



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- g) Amount and percentage of borrowings of total fund size as at 31 March 2024.  
Nil
- h) Amount of redemptions and subscriptions for the year ended 31 March 2024.
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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Total amount of redemptions   | S\$ 24,678,375 |
| Total amount of subscriptions | S\$ 28,478,736 |
- i) Amount of related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.
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| Bank balances held with a related party of the Trustee | S\$ 3,739,917 |
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j) **Performance of the Fund as at 31 March 2024**

Returns are in Singapore dollar calculated on a bid-to-bid basis, with net dividends reinvested.  
Source: Bloomberg

<b>Cumulative (%)*</b>	
3 months	5.44
6 months	11.24
1 year	13.23
3 years	9.06
5 years	32.39
10 years	48.22
Since inception **	54.74
<b>Annualised (%)</b>	
1 year	13.23
3 years	2.93
5 years	5.77
10 years	4.01
Since inception **	3.51

k) **Expense Ratio**

Please refer to Note 10 of Notes to Financial Statements.

l) **Turnover Ratio**

Please refer to Note 10 of Notes to Financial Statements.

- m) Any material information that will adversely impact the valuation of the scheme such as contingent liabilities of open contracts.

Nil.

- n) For schemes which invest more than 30% of their deposited property in another scheme, the following key information on the second-mentioned scheme ("the underlying scheme") should be disclosed as well.

- (i) Top 10 holdings at market value and as percentage of NAV as at 31 March 2024  
Not applicable.
- (ii) Expense ratios for the period ended 31 March 2024.  
Not applicable.
- (iii) Turnover ratios for the period ended 31 March 2024  
Not applicable

**o) Soft dollar arrangements**

The Manager will comply with applicable regulatory and industry standards on soft-dollars. The soft-dollar commissions which the Manager may receive include research and advisory services, economic and political analyses, portfolio analyses including valuation and performance measurements, market analyses, data and quotation services, computer hardware and software or any other information facilities to the extent that they are used to support the investment decision making process, the giving of advice, or the conduct of research or analysis and custodial service in relation to the investments managed for clients. The soft dollar credits utilised are not allocated on a specific client basis. The brokers also execute trades for other funds managed by the Manager.

The Manager does not accept or enter into soft dollar commissions or arrangements unless such soft-dollar commissions or arrangements would, in the opinion of the Manager, assist the Manager in its management of clients' funds, provided that the Manager shall ensure at all times that transactions are executed on the best available terms taking into account the relevant market at the time for transactions of the kind and size concerned, and that no unnecessary trades are entered into in order to qualify for such soft-dollar commissions or arrangements.

The Manager does not, and is not entitled to, retain cash rebates for its own account in respect of rebates earned when transacting in securities for account of clients' funds.

During the year, soft dollar services received from each broker were investment research and publications, data and quotation services. Soft dollar services were received from the Manager's panel of brokers which executed transactions for the Fund and other funds managed by the Manager.

## **Report of the Trustee**

The Trustee is under a duty to take into custody and hold the assets of Phillip Global Opportunities Funds in trust for the unitholders. In accordance with the Securities and Futures Act 2001, 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 period and report thereon to unitholders in an annual report.

To the best knowledge of the Trustee, the Manager has, in all material respects, managed Phillip Global Opportunities Funds during the period covered by these financial statements, set out on pages FS1 to FS15, 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  
**HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited**

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**Authorised signatory**

26 June 2024

**Statement by the Manager**

In the opinion of the directors of Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages FS1 to FS15, 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 Phillip Global Opportunities Funds as at 31 March 2024, and the financial performance and movement in unitholders' funds for the year then ended in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "Reporting Framework for Investment Funds" issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Phillip Global Opportunities Funds will be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they materialise.

For and on behalf of directors of the Manager  
**Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd**

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## **Independent auditors' report**

Unitholders  
Phillip Global Opportunities Funds  
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### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Phillip Global Opportunities Funds ("the Fund"), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Portfolio as at 31 March 2024, the Statement of Total Return and Statement of Movement of Unitholders' Funds for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages FS1 to FS15.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 "*Reporting Framework for Investment Funds*" 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 Fund as at 31 March 2024 and the financial performance and movements in unitholders' funds for the year ended on that date.

#### *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 are independent of the 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. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### *Other information*

Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd, the Manager of the Fund (the "Manager") is responsible for the other information contained in the annual report. Other information is defined as all information in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

We have obtained all other information prior to the date of this auditors' report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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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 representation of these financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 “Reporting Framework for Investment Funds” issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, and for such internal controls 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 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 Fund or to cease the Fund’s operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Manager’s responsibilities include overseeing the Fund’s financial reporting process.

#### *Auditors’ 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 auditors’ 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.

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 controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls 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 Fund’s internal controls.

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- 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 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 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 controls that we identify during our audit.

**KPMG LLP**  
*Public Accountants and  
Chartered Accountants*

**Singapore**

26 June 2024

**Statement of Total Return**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Dividends		1,816,751	751,748
Interest		4,088	363
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		1,820,839	752,111
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Less:			
<b>Expenses</b>			
Audit fees		16,854	16,275
Custody fees		16,811	16,681
Management fee rebate		(135,778)	(47,101)
Management fee		1,293,950	1,157,169
Transaction costs		42,540	19,022
Trustee fees		43,132	38,572
Valuation fees		43,132	38,572
Other expenses		100,108	89,318
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		1,420,749	1,328,508
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<b>Net income/(losses)</b>		400,090	(576,397)
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<b>Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives</b>			
Net gains/(losses) on investments		11,319,221	(2,138,229)
Net losses on foreign exchange		(106,682)	(81,531)
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		11,212,539	(2,219,760)
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<b>Total return/(deficit) for the year before income tax</b>		11,612,629	(2,796,157)
Less: Income tax	7	(417,745)	(91,064)
<b>Total return/(deficit) for the year after income tax before distribution</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		11,194,884	(2,887,221)
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The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 31 March 2024**

		<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Portfolio of investments		92,472,644	75,659,556
Receivables	3	281,838	32,139
Cash and cash equivalents	4	3,739,917	5,880,672
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>96,494,399</b>	<b>81,572,367</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payables	5	255,024	328,237
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>255,024</b>	<b>328,237</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Net assets attributable to unitholders	6	96,239,375	81,244,130

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Movement of Unitholders' Funds**  
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of financial year</b>		81,244,130	75,764,636
<b>Operations</b>			
Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations		11,194,884	(2,887,221)
<b>Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals)</b>			
Creation of units		28,478,736	24,860,916
Cancellation of units		(24,678,375)	(16,494,201)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units		3,800,361	8,366,715
Total increase in net assets attributable to unitholders		14,995,245	5,479,494
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial year</b>	6	96,239,375	81,244,130

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Portfolio**  
**As at 31 March 2024**

	<b>Holdings as at 31/3/2024</b>	<b>Fair value as at 31/3/2024 S\$</b>	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31/3/2024 %</b>
<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>			
<b>By Geography (Primary)</b>			
<b>Quoted</b>			
<b>Singapore</b>			
Phillip Global Quality Fund	5,814,063	7,507,699	7.80
		<u>7,507,699</u>	<u>7.80</u>
<b>United States of America</b>			
Distillate US Fundamental Stability & Value ETF	81,355	5,919,142	6.15
Fidelity MSCI Information Technology Index ETF	9,368	1,969,156	2.05
iShares Broad USD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	127,240	8,716,665	9.06
iShares Core MSCI Europe ETF	90,780	7,087,590	7.36
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	8,393	5,954,365	6.19
iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	59,000	8,672,907	9.01
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Small-Cap ETF	100,911	8,001,132	8.31
PIMCO Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index ETF	66,800	8,657,419	9.00
Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund ETF	33,016	9,278,840	9.64
Vaneck Morningstar Wide Moat ETF	47,639	5,778,066	6.01
Vanguard Intermediate-Term Corporate Bond ETF	82,600	8,973,895	9.32
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	9,179	5,955,768	6.19
		<u>84,964,945</u>	<u>88.29</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>		92,472,644	96.09
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		92,472,644	96.09
<b>Other net assets</b>		3,766,731	3.91
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<u>96,239,375</u>	<u>100.00</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Portfolio**  
**As at 31 March 2024**

	<b>Fair value as at 31/3/2024 S\$</b>	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31/3/2024 %</b>	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31/3/2023 %</b>
<b>Global Opportunities Fund By Geography (Summary)</b>			
<b>Quoted</b>			
Hong Kong	-	-	6.71
Ireland	-	-	5.01
Singapore	7,507,699	7.80	30.12
United States of America	84,964,945	88.29	47.61
	92,472,644	96.09	89.45
<b>Quoted Bonds</b>			
Singapore	-	-	3.68
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	92,472,644	96.09	93.13
<b>Other net assets</b>	3,766,731	3.91	6.87
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	96,239,375	100.00	100.00

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**Statement of Portfolio**  
**As at 31 March 2024**

	<b>Fair value as at 31/3/2024 S\$</b>	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31/3/2024 %</b>	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31/3/2023 %</b>
<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>			
<b>By Industry (Secondary)</b>			
Equity Fund	92,472,644	96.09	89.45
Government Bond	-	-	3.68
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<b>Portfolio of investments</b>	92,472,644	96.09	93.13
<b>Other net assets</b>	3,766,731	3.91	6.87
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<hr/> <b>96,239,375</b>	<hr/> <b>100.00</b>	<hr/> <b>100.00</b>

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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### **1. Domicile and activities**

Phillip Global Opportunities Funds (the “Fund”) is an open ended umbrella unit trust constituted pursuant to a Trust Deed dated 26 May 2011 together with its Supplemental Deeds thereon (hereafter referred to as the “Trust Deed”) between Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd (the “Manager”) and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (the “Trustee”). The Trust Deed is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Singapore.

The Fund comprises one sub-fund, Global Opportunities Fund (the “Sub-Fund”), which was launched on 13 June 2011.

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to aim to achieve medium to long term capital appreciation. The Sub-Fund will invest primarily in collective investment schemes including Exchange Traded Funds (“ETFs”) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”). The Sub-Fund may only invest in REITs which are constituted in Singapore and such investment into REITs are capped at 20% of the net asset value of the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund may also invest into business trusts and individual securities (including equities and bonds) in accordance with the Sub-Fund’s investment objective.

### **2. Material accounting policies**

Management reviewed the accounting policies and made updates to the information disclosed in Note 2 Material accounting policies (2023: Significant accounting policies) in certain instances in line with the amendments.

#### *2.1 Basis of financial statements preparation*

The financial statements, expressed in Singapore Dollars, have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 “Reporting Framework for Investment Funds” revised and issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants.

The adoption of the Revised RAP 7 did not result in substantial changes to the accounting policies of the Fund and had no material effect on the amounts reported for the current or prior years.

For the purposes of preparation of these financial statements, the basis used for calculating the expense ratio and turnover ratio are in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Investment Management Association of Singapore (“IMAS”) and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes under the Securities and Futures Act (Cap 289) (“Code”) respectively.

#### *2.2 Basis of valuation of investments*

Quoted investments are stated at fair value based on the bid prices at the reporting date. Unrealised gains/losses on investments are represented by the difference between the fair value and the carrying value of investments and are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Realised gains and losses upon disposal of investments are computed on the basis of the difference between the carrying value and the selling price of investments on trade date and are taken to the Statement of Total Return.

2.3 *Financial derivatives*

Derivatives are recognised initially at fair value; attributable transaction costs are recognised in the Statement of Total Return when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value, and changes in fair value therein are recognised in the Statement of Total Return.

2.4 *Recognition of income*

Dividend income is recognised when declared and is stated gross of tax credits.

Interest income is recognised as it accrues in the Statement of Total Return using the effective interest method.

2.5 *Foreign currency translation*

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at the date of transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated at exchange rates at the reporting date. All exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Total Return.

2.6 *Income tax expense*

The Fund was approved for the Enhanced-Tier Fund Tax Incentive Scheme under Section 13U (formerly 13X) of the Income Tax Act by the Monetary Authority of Singapore ("MAS") with effect from 21 April 2022. The tax exemption status will be for the life of the Fund, provided the Fund continues to meet all the terms and conditions set out by MAS and the relevant Income Tax legislations.

2.7 *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and amounts held with brokers. Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

2.8 *Net assets attributable to unitholders*

Net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as equity.

3. **Receivables**

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
Receivable from unitholders for creation of units	281,836	32,133
Interest receivable	2	6
	281,838	32,139

**4. Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
Bank balances	3,739,917	5,880,672
	<u>3,739,917</u>	<u>5,880,672</u>

The bank balances are placed with a financial institution related to the Trustee.

**5. Payables**

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
Payable to unitholders for cancellation of units	46,195	69,482
Accrued operating expenses	208,829	258,755
	<u>255,024</u>	<u>328,237</u>

**6. Units in issue**

During the year, the number of shares issued, redeemed and outstanding were as follows:

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Units at beginning of the year	59,630,478	53,524,206
Units created	19,973,377	18,417,401
Units cancelled	(17,387,644)	(12,311,129)
Units at end of the year	<u>62,216,211</u>	<u>59,630,478</u>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders – S\$</b>	<u>96,239,375</u>	<u>81,244,130</u>
<b>Net asset value per unit – S\$</b>	<u>1.5468</u>	<u>1.3624</u>

For subscriptions and redemption and for various fee calculations, investments are stated at the last traded price on the valuation day for the purpose of determining net asset value per unit while for reporting purpose, the investments are valued at the relevant bid market prices as at the reporting date.



The effect of last traded price in the net assets attributable to unitholders is as follows:

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
Net assets attributable to unitholders per financial statements	1.5468	1.3624
Effect of adopting last traded price	0.0006	0.0042
Net assets attributable to unitholders for issuing/redeeming	1.5474	1.3666

**7. Income tax**

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
Overseas income tax	417,745	91,064

The overseas income tax charge relates to withholding tax suffered on receipt of distributions from overseas investments.

**8. Financial risk management**

The Sub-Fund's activities expose it to a variety of market risks (including price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), liquidity risk and credit 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 derivative instruments, 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.

**a) Market risks**

Market risk is the risk of potential adverse change to the value of financial instruments because of changes in market conditions such as interest rate movements and volatility in securities' prices. The Manager manages the Sub-Fund's exposure to market risk through the use of risk management strategies and various analytical monitoring techniques.

*i. Price risk*

Price risk is the risk that the fair values of equities or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk).

The investments of the Sub-Fund are subject to normal market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investing in securities markets and there can be no assurance that appreciation will occur. It is the policy of the Manager to maintain a diversified portfolio of investments so as to minimise the risk. The Manager's preferred strategy is to hold investments for the medium to long term. The Manager is therefore not concerned about the short-term price volatility with respect to its investments provided that the underlying business, economic and management characteristics of its investments remain favourable.

A 10% increase in the market prices of investments at the reporting date would increase the fair value of investments by the following amount:

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
Equity securities	9,247,264	7,266,766

*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 is not subject to significant risk of fluctuations in market interest rates as the Sub-Fund's financial assets and liabilities are largely non-interest bearing other than the cash and cash equivalents.

*iii. Currency risk*

The Sub-Fund is denominated in Singapore Dollars. The Sub-Fund invests in underlying securities which are denominated in foreign currencies where fluctuations in the relevant exchange rates may have an impact on the income and value of the Sub-Fund. The Manager may seek to minimise exposure to foreign currency fluctuation to the extent practicable.

As at 31 March 2024 and 2023, the concentration of the Sub-Fund's investments is set out in the Statement of Portfolio.

Investments denominated in currencies other than the Sub-Fund's functional currency comprise the following:

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
Hong Kong Dollar	-	5,452,951
US Dollar	84,964,945	42,743,702

Cash and cash equivalents denominated in currencies other than the Sub-Fund's functional currency comprise the following:

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
US Dollar	1,260	1,330

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 March 2024 and 2023, with respect to the monetary assets and monetary liabilities of the Sub-Fund, had the Singapore Dollar increased/decreased by 10% against foreign currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, the decrease/increase in net assets attributable to unitholders would be as follows:

	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
	<b>Decrease/increase in net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
Hong Kong Dollar	-	545,295
US Dollar	8,496,621	4,274,503
	8,496,621	4,274,503

**b) Liquidity risk**

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

**c) Credit risk**

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

The Sub-Fund is exposed to counterparty credit risk on trading derivative products, cash and cash equivalents and receivable balances.

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.

The Sub-Fund may also enter into derivative contracts to manage exposures to currency risk and price risk, including foreign exchange forward contracts and options. Hence, the Sub-Fund is also exposed to the risk that amounts held with counterparties for derivative contracts may not be recoverable in the event of any default by the parties concerned.

The table below analyses the Sub-Fund's debt instruments by credit ratings.

	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders 2024</b>	<b>Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders 2023</b>
<u><b>Debt securities by rating category</b></u>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
AAA	-	3.68
	-	3.68

**d) Capital management**

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

**e) Fair value estimation**

Except for investments which are measured at fair value, at 31 March 2024 and 2023, the fair values of the other assets and liabilities approximate their carrying values on the Statement of Financial Position due to their short period to maturity.

The fair value of the investments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Sub-Fund is the current bid price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current asking price. When the Sub-Fund holds derivatives with offsetting market risks, it uses mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair values for the offsetting risk positions and applies this bid or asking price to the net open position, as appropriate.

The Sub-Fund classifies 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 table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Sub-Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value at 31 March 2024 and 2023:

<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	<b>Level 1 S\$</b>	<b>Level 2 S\$</b>	<b>Level 3 S\$</b>	<b>Total S\$</b>
<b>2024</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity Fund	92,472,644	-	-	92,472,644
	92,472,644	-	-	92,472,644
<b>2023</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity Fund	72,667,656	-	-	72,667,656
Government Bond	-	2,991,900	-	2,991,900
	72,667,656	2,991,900	-	75,659,556

**9. Related parties**

In the normal course of business of the Sub-Fund, management fees and trustee fees have been paid or are payable to the Manager and the Trustee respectively as noted in the Statement of Total Return.

In addition, the bank holding company and related parties of the Trustee have also provided custodian, banking, foreign exchange, fund administration, brokerage and valuation services to the Sub-Fund in the normal course of business at terms agreed between the parties and within the provisions of the Trust Deed.

The Manager may also use the services of related parties to carry out transactions involving the purchase and sale of securities.

Except as disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the following significant transactions took place between the Sub-Fund and its related parties during the year:

	Note	<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>S\$</b>	<b>S\$</b>
Bank balances held with a related party of the Trustee	4	3,739,917	5,880,672

**10. Financial ratios**

		<b>Global Opportunities Fund</b>	
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Expense ratio</b>			
Total operating expenses	S\$	1,377,276	1,308,436
Average daily net asset value	S\$	85,956,764	77,150,334
Prorated expense ratio of the underlying funds <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	%	0.40	0.38
Expense ratio <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	%	2.00	2.08
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Turnover ratio</b>			
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	65,649,967	28,839,414
Average daily net asset value	S\$	85,956,764	77,150,334
Turnover ratio <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	%	76.38	37.38

Note 1: The expense ratio has been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the IMAS.

The calculation of the expense ratio is based on total operating expenses divided by average net asset value for the year.

The total operating expenses do not include (where applicable) brokerage and other transaction 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.

In the case of funds of funds, which are generally defined as funds with more than 50% of their total assets in other underlying funds, a summarised expense ratio of the target funds and the fund of funds is calculated as of the closing date of the financial year. This corresponds to the sum of:

- The prorated ratio of the individual target funds, weighted according to the share they represent in the assets of the fund of funds as of the closing date, and
- The expense ratio of the fund of funds minus any rebates of management fees and commissions received from the target funds during the reporting period.

Note 2: The turnover ratio is calculated in accordance with the formula stated in the Code. The calculation of the turnover ratio is based on the total value of purchases (or sales) of the underlying investments divided by the weighted average daily net asset value. The total value of purchase (or sales) do not include brokerage and other transaction costs.

## **Important Information**

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