

#### **Fixed Income Investment Products**

**DBS ESG Focus Note** 



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#### Overview

The DBS ESG Focus Note is an open-ended note referencing the DBS ESG Focus Bond Portfolio (the "Portfolio"), which is a portfolio of bonds jointly selected by DBS Group Research and DBS Fixed Income Analysts. Portfolio changes will be made in line with market and research analysis. A quarterly report will be published to update Investors of any changes made to the Portfolio and investment direction.

This product aims to provide Investors access to a well-diversified portfolio with interests nett of fees fully distributed to Investors.



#### Investment Rationale

**Sustainable Investing:** As part of our sustainability efforts, DBS has been broadening the investment universe in support of ESG companies. With this in mind, DBS Fixed Income Desk Analyst Team has curated a portfolio of over 80 bonds issued by high ESG-rated companies. This diversified portfolio of bonds aims to generate steady income while dynamically adjusting any portfolio constituents as per DBS Research. Companies who follows an ESG mandate are more likely to deliver superior and more sustainable returns over the long-run, with lower risk of negative headlines and regulatory issues.

**Diversification:** The Note provides Investors access to the DBS ESG Focus Bond Portfolio, which is a diversified and equally weighted fixed income portfolio of at least 80 bonds. Our DBS Fixed Income Analysts will be actively monitoring the bonds and rebalancing the bonds in the portfolio every quarter.

**DBS Credit Expertise:** Our team of analysts provides deep fundamental research into individual companies, to ascertain not only their creditworthiness but also to identify the ESG rating and contribution to society. By investing into the DBS ESG Focus Note, Investors can participate in a diversified basket of bonds, leveraging on DBS Fixed Income Analyst team's timely recommendations.

**Risk Management using Derivatives:** The portfolio duration of the DBS ESG Focus Bond Portfolio can be adjusted each quarter using interest rate derivatives to align with DBS CIO's portfolio target duration to manage the Portfolio's interest rate risk. Cross-currency swaps may be used for hedging FX risks.

**High Income Visibility:** All income received on The DBS ESG Focus Bond Portfolio will be distributed to Investors, less structuring fees and costs, on a quarterly basis.



# **Key Portfolio Guidelines**

The Portfolio assumes an equally weighted investment in each selected bond. The portfolio may contain Additional Tier-1 (AT1) and Restricted Tier-1 (RT1) securities with loss absorption features issued by banks and insurers respectively.

### Portfolio Restrictions by nominal amount are as follows:

Exposure cap by:

Country 35% Industry 35% Issuer 3%

### Portfolio Allocation

Please refer to our monthly updates on the DBS ESG Focus Portfolio.

## **Product Summary**

**Issuer** DBS Bank Limited (Moody's Aa1, S&P AA-, Fitch AA-)

Tenor Open Ended^

**Currency** USD

Coupon Variable\*

Underlying Investment DBS ESG Focus Bond Portfolio

Issuer Call Annually, starting 1st July 2022#, at prevailing market price

Investor Put Every 3 years, starting 1st July 2024#, at prevailing market price

**Structuring Fee** 0.75% p.a., accrued daily

LV 85%

Client Risk Profile Balanced

Please refer to the <u>term sheet</u> for more details.

<sup>^</sup> The issuer has an annual option to redeem the Note at market value if the product becomes non-viable

<sup>\*</sup> Sum of cash received in the DBS ESG Focus Bond Portfolio, net of fees and borrowing costs

<sup>#</sup> Subject to adjustment in accordance with Following Business Day Convention



#### General Product Information

**Product Name** DBS ESG Focus Note (the "Note")

**Description** The Note pays the Investor interest for taking on the credit risk of the bonds in the DBS ESG Focus

**Bond Portfolio** 

**Worst Case** In a worst-case scenario, Investors may lose their full investment notional amount.

Principal at Risk Ye

**Issuer Risk** Investor bears the credit risk of the issuer.

**Key Risk** Credit risk. Investor is taking on the Credit risk of the Issuer with respect of all payments due

under the Notes.

**Underlying Bond risk**. Investor is taking on the risk of the bonds held in the Portfolio. Bonds in the Portfolio may default and Investors will not be able to select the corporate action options for individual bonds.

**Mark-to-market risk.** Structured notes are subject to mark-to-market fluctuations depending on market conditions. Market price can drop significantly in case of market downturn, with potential for total loss.

**Currency risk**: In case where currency denomination of the Note differs from the currency of the bonds in the portfolio, client may be subject to currency risks on interest received in an alternate currency.

**Issuer Call risk**. The note may be unilaterally redeemed by the Issuer annually at the prevailing market price. In case of Issuer call, Investors may not be able to reinvest in a product with similar risk adjusted returns.

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