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QUARTERLY REPORT

FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	AHAM World Series – China A Opportunity Fund
Fund Type	Growth
Fund Category	Feeder (Wholesale)
Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long term period
Benchmark	MSCI China A Onshore
Distribution Policy	The Fund is not expected to make distribution. However, incidental distribution may be declared whenever is appropriate.

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

USD Class

Category	As at 29 Feb 2024	As at 30 Nov 2023
Total NAV (million)	18.491	20.406
NAV per Unit (USD)	0.4611	0.4771
Unit in Circulation (million)	40.104	42.770

AUD-Hedged Class

Category	As at 29 Feb 2024	As at 30 Nov 2023
Total NAV (million)	21.363	24.969
NAV per Unit (AUD)	0.4203	0.4362
Unit in Circulation (million)	50.823	57.236

MYR-Hedged Class

Category	As at 29 Feb 2024	As at 30 Nov 2023
Total NAV (million)	532.528	594.692
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.4502	0.4689
Unit in Circulation (million)	1182.960	1268.327

MYR Class

Category	As at 29 Feb 2024	As at 30 Nov 2023
Total NAV (million)	137.787	155.678
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.5319	0.5410
Unit in Circulation (million)	259.039	287.746

SGD-Hedged Class

Category	As at 29 Feb 2024	As at 30 Nov 2023
Total NAV (million)	16.281	18.616
NAV per Unit (SGD)	0.4325	0.4497
Unit in Circulation (million)	37.643	41.395

Fund Performance

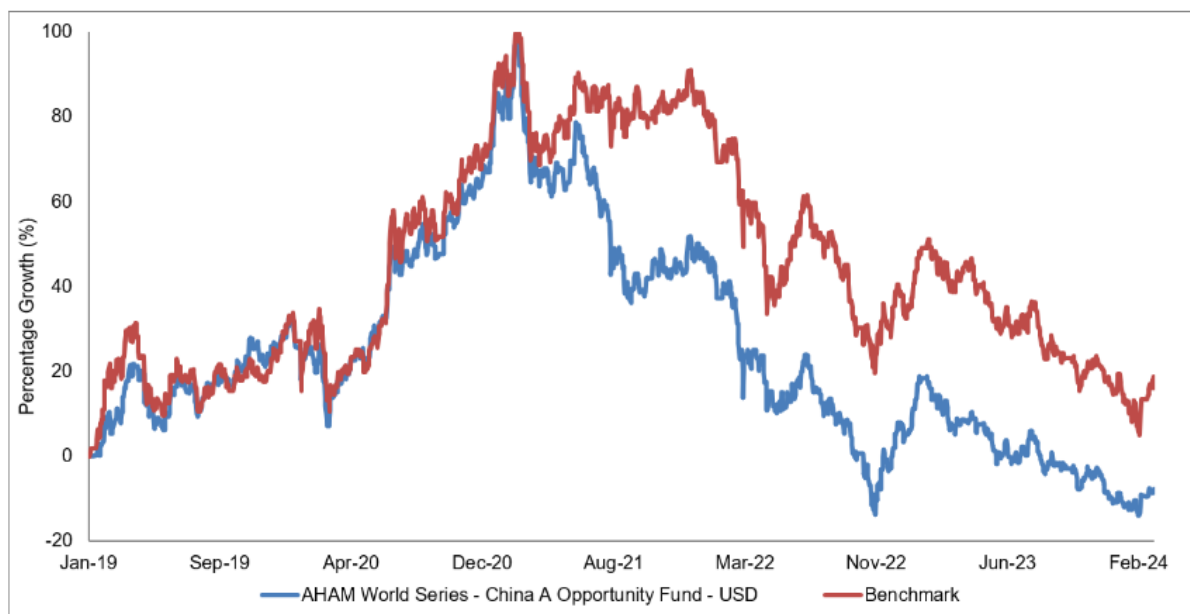
USD Class

Performance as at 29 February 2024

	3 Months (1/12/23 - 29/2/24)	6 Months (1/9/23 - 29/2/24)	1 Year (1/3/23 - 29/2/24)	3 Years (1/3/21 - 29/2/24)	5 Years (1/3/19 - 29/2/24)	Since Commencement (29/1/19 - 29/2/24)
Fund	(3.35%)	(6.15%)	(16.53%)	(47.82%)	(14.10%)	(7.78%)
Benchmark	(1.69%)	(5.29%)	(17.01%)	(35.29%)	2.28%	18.80%
Outperformance	(1.66%)	(0.86%)	0.48%	(12.53%)	(16.38%)	(26.58%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



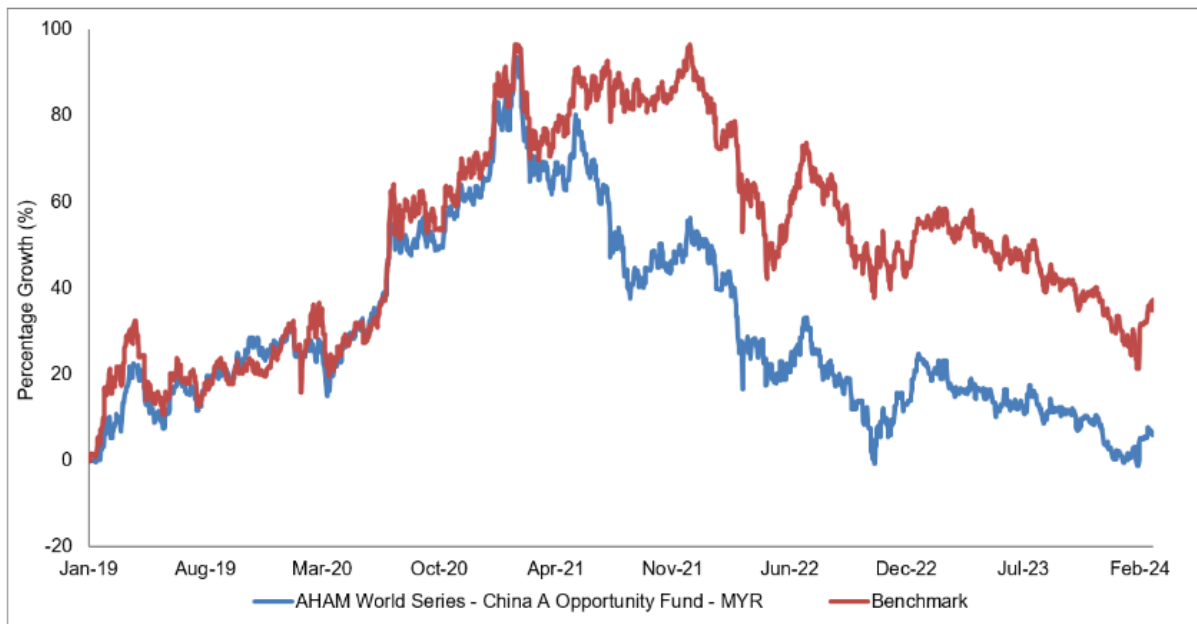
MYR Class

Performance as at 29 February 2024

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Fund	(1.68%)	(4.06%)	(11.78%)	(38.90%)	(0.49%)	6.38%
Benchmark	0.01%	(3.14%)	(12.20%)	(24.19%)	19.34%	37.22%
Outperformance	(1.69%)	(0.92%)	0.42%	(14.71%)	(19.83%)	(30.84%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



AUD Hedged-Class

Performance as at 29 February 2024

	3 Months (1/12/23 - 29/2/24)	6 Months (1/9/23 - 29/2/24)	1 Year (1/3/23 - 29/2/24)	3 Years (1/3/21 - 29/2/24)	5 Years (1/3/19 - 29/2/24)	Since Commencement (29/1/19 - 29/2/24)
Fund	(3.65%)	(6.95%)	(18.39%)	(50.60%)	(21.44%)	(15.94%)
Benchmark	(0.01%)	(5.64%)	(13.71%)	(23.05%)	11.81%	31.09%
Outperformance	(3.64%)	(1.31%)	(4.68%)	(27.55%)	(33.25%)	(47.03%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



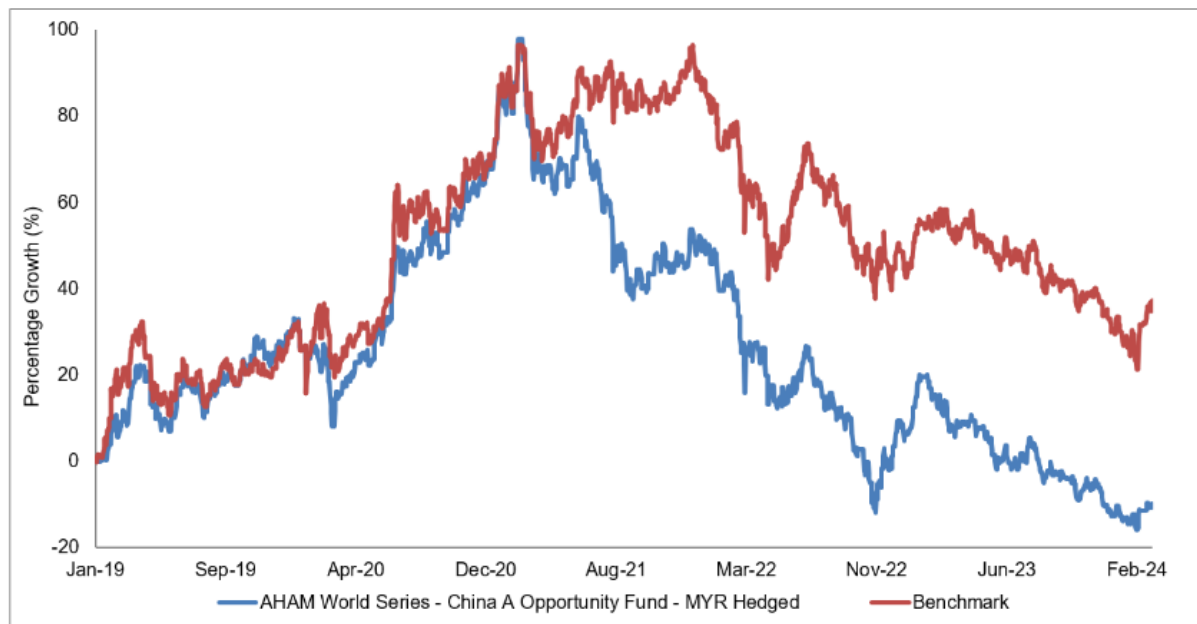
MYR Hedged-Class

Performance as at 29 February 2024

	3 Months (1/12/23 - 29/2/24)	6 Months (1/9/23 - 29/2/24)	1 Year (1/3/23 - 29/2/24)	3 Years (1/3/21 - 29/2/24)	5 Years (1/3/19 - 29/2/24)	Since Commencement (29/1/19 - 29/2/24)
Fund	(3.99%)	(7.56%)	(19.12%)	(49.35%)	(16.41%)	(9.96%)
Benchmark	0.01%	(3.14%)	(12.20%)	(24.19%)	19.34%	37.22%
Outperformance	(4.00%)	(4.42%)	(6.92%)	(25.16%)	(35.75%)	(47.18%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



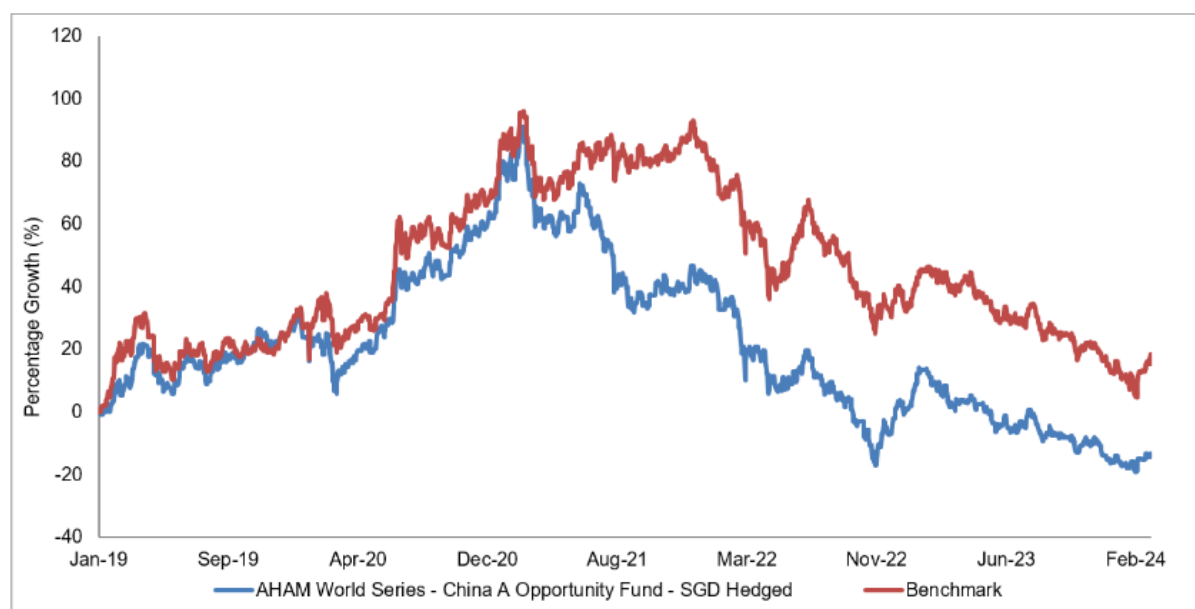
SGD Hedged-Class

Performance as at 29 February 2024

	3 Months (1/12/23 - 29/2/24)	6 Months (1/9/23 - 29/2/24)	1 Year (1/3/23 - 29/2/24)	3 Years (1/3/21 - 29/2/24)	5 Years (1/3/19 - 29/2/24)	Since Commencement (29/1/19 - 29/2/24)
Fund	(3.82%)	(7.09%)	(18.18%)	(49.48%)	(19.16%)	(13.50%)
Benchmark	(1.04%)	(5.69%)	(17.02%)	(34.61%)	1.87%	18.21%
Outperformance	(2.78%)	(1.40%)	(1.16%)	(14.87%)	(21.03%)	(31.71%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



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 Benchmark: MSCI China A Onshore Index

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Asset Allocation

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

	29 February 2024
	(%)
Unit Trust	96.93
Derivative	-2.14
Cash & money market	5.21
Total	100.00

Income Distribution Breakdown

No distribution was declared by the Fund over the financial period under review.

Strategies Employed

The Target Fund managers see Chinese equities as an attractive opportunity despite the current challenges. They believe recent government policy easing indicates an acknowledgement of economic problems, and that valuations are already low enough to reflect market pessimism. They point to China's past ability to overcome crises and the ongoing growth of high-quality companies successfully competing on the global stage. This suggests a strategy of investing in undervalued Chinese companies with strong fundamentals and the potential for future growth, even in a difficult economic environment.

Market Review

The financial markets experienced a strong rally from December to February. This was driven by optimism that inflation was cooling, allowing central banks to potentially lower interest rates without harming economic growth. December saw the biggest gains, with most regional stock markets rising and bond yields falling as investors anticipated rate cuts. While January remained positive for stocks, gains were more modest as bond yields rose due to central banks delaying rate cuts and strong US economic data. Finally, February capped the quarter with another month of equity gains across the board, particularly in China, Japan, and the US. This was fueled by data suggesting broader economic growth and fixed income markets pricing out the likelihood of significant central bank easing. However, a decline in natural gas and agricultural commodities caused the Bloomberg Commodity Index to fall slightly.

The MSCI Asia ex Japan index experienced fluctuations over the three months. It rose 3.5% in December on expectations that the Fed may cut rates sooner. This ended the quarter up 6.4% and rounded off 2023 positive returns to 6%. In December, all markets rose except China amid the lack of significant stimulus and a draft regulation on gaming that caused a negative knee-jerk reaction, though sentiments improved slightly after NPPA approved more imported and domestic games. In January, the MSCI Asia ex Japan index fell 5.5% on lacklustre support from Chinese policymakers amid continued concerns about the property and capex cycle, and geopolitical concerns on potential new US restrictions on China's biotech and technology sectors. In February, the index rose again by 5.6% with all markets rising and China, Korea and Taiwan showing the strongest returns. China rebounded, with the National Team's (state-backed funds) support and mild improvement of sentiments.

Chinese A-shares experienced a mixed performance from December to February. December saw a decline due to weak economic data and regulatory concerns in gaming. January continued the negative trend with factors like lack of economic stimulus and forced liquidations hurting the market. However, February witnessed a strong rebound fueled by better-than-expected holiday data, a surprise central bank rate cut, and positive signals from the government. Overall, the quarter started and ended negatively, but a strong February surge offset some of the earlier losses.

Investment Outlook

The period from December to February for China A-shares presented a contrasting picture. While the government acknowledged economic struggles and implemented supportive policies, the market initially remained pessimistic. December saw a decline due to weak data and regulatory concerns in gaming. January continued the negative trend, fueled by factors like a lack of comprehensive economic stimulus and forced liquidations. Valuations, however, remained unjustifiably low throughout this period.

Despite the early negativity, a shift in sentiment emerged in February. This was driven by better-than-expected holiday data, a surprise central bank rate cut, and positive signals from the government. The market staged a strong rebound, recouping some of the previous losses. Fund managers viewed this as a potential turning point. They believe current valuations have already accounted for market pessimism, suggesting a higher chance for a meaningful rebound rather than further downside surprises.

The long-term outlook for China A-shares remains optimistic. The Target Fund managers acknowledge the country faces a different growth stage and considerable economic challenges. However, they believe China remains on a growth trajectory with sizeable investment potential. They point to China's past ability to overcome crises and the ongoing success of high-quality companies expanding overseas. These companies are not only adapting to external challenges but also actively investing in technology and R&D, making them strong contenders in the global market. This, combined with a "bottom-up" investment strategy focusing on undervalued companies with strong fundamentals, suggests a belief in significant opportunities for active investors in the Chinese A-share market.

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Financial period ended <u>29.2.2024</u> USD	Financial period ended <u>28.2.2023</u> USD
INVESTMENT LOSS		
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost	7,395	5,339
Net gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange	10,256	(53,129)
Net loss on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	(6,846,056)	(8,416,858)
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(10,928,885)	(8,502,264)
	<u>(17,757,290)</u>	<u>(16,966,912)</u>
EXPENSES		
Management fee	(3,013,480)	(3,659,310)
Trustee fee	(97,812)	(118,730)
Fund accounting fee	(2,241)	(2,604)
Auditors' remuneration	(1,319)	(1,392)
Tax agent's fee	(577)	(609)
Other expenses	(10,885)	(6,482)
	<u>(3,126,314)</u>	<u>(3,789,127)</u>
NET LOSS BEFORE TAXATION	(20,883,604)	(20,756,039)
Taxation	-	-
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDER	<u>(20,883,604)</u>	<u>(20,756,039)</u>
Decrease of net asset attributable to unitholders is made up of the following:		
Realised amount	(34,415,172)	(18,294,109)
Unrealised amount	13,531,568	(2,461,930)
	<u>(20,883,604)</u>	<u>(20,756,039)</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>2024</u> USD	<u>2023</u> USD
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	10,374,352	8,000,982
Amount due from broker	-	7,109
Amount due from Manager		
- creation of units	57,172	1,225,739
- management fee rebate receivable	228,436	341,829
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	180,195,669	272,027,342
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	113,670	306,202
	<u>190,969,299</u>	<u>281,909,203</u>
LIABILITIES		
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	4,096,768	4,786,958
Amount due to broker	-	110,585
Amount due to Manager		
- management fee	268,174	404,965
- cancellation of units	684,005	28,265
Fund accounting fee	246	260
Amount due to Trustee	8,698	13,134
Auditors' remuneration	1,299	1,387
Tax agent's fee	568	1,387
Other payables and accruals	37	(36)
	<u>5,059,795</u>	<u>5,346,905</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)	<u>5,059,795</u>	<u>5,346,905</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	<u>185,909,504</u>	<u>276,562,298</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	<u>185,909,504</u>	<u>276,562,298</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

	<u>2024</u> USD	<u>2023</u> USD
REPRESENTED BY:		
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS		
- AUD Hedged-class	13,892,003	20,937,396
- MYR Class	29,069,048	43,729,504
- MYR Hedged-class	112,347,760	164,997,553
- SGD Hedged-class	12,109,891	17,444,271
- USD Class	18,490,802	29,453,574
	<u>185,909,504</u>	<u>276,562,298</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION		
- AUD Hedged-class	50,823,000	60,501,000
- MYR Class	259,039,000	325,283,000
- MYR Hedged-class	1,182,960,000	1,329,626,000
- SGD Hedged-class	37,643,000	44,519,000
- USD Class	40,104,000	53,324,000
	<u>1,570,569,000</u>	<u>1,813,253,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)		
- AUD Hedged-class	0.2733	0.3461
- MYR Class	0.1122	0.1344
- MYR Hedged-class	0.0950	0.1241
- SGD Hedged-class	0.3217	0.3918
- USD Class	0.4611	0.5524
	<u>0.2733</u>	<u>0.3461</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
- AUD Hedged-class	AUD0.4203	AUD0.5150
- MYR Class	RM0.5319	RM0.6029
- MYR Hedged-class	RM0.4502	RM0.5566
- SGD Hedged-class	SGD0.4325	SGD0.5286
- USD Class	USD0.4611	USD0.5524
	<u>0.4203</u>	<u>0.5150</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Financial period ended <u>29.2.2024</u> USD	Financial period ended <u>28.2.2023</u> USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	239,516,825	286,833,250
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period		
Creation of units arising from applications	6,131,388	26,818,790
- AUD Hedged-class	260,915	1,530,874
- MYR Class	2,253,093	6,066,784
- MYR Hedged-class	3,045,526	16,013,420
- SGD Hedged-class	133,259	1,563,319
- USD Class	438,595	1,644,393
Cancellation of units	(38,855,105)	(16,333,703)
- AUD Hedged-class	(3,295,526)	(598,751)
- MYR Class	(7,349,535)	(5,243,166)
- MYR Hedged-class	(19,007,573)	(7,341,061)
- SGD Hedged-class	(2,468,285)	(374,962)
- USD Class	(6,734,186)	(2,775,763)
Decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders during the financial period	(20,883,604)	(20,756,039)
- AUD Hedged-class	(1,279,248)	(2,818,953)
- MYR Class	(2,225,204)	(2,212,685)
- MYR Hedged-class	(15,013,416)	(13,703,156)
- SGD Hedged-class	(1,000,877)	(652,590)
- USD Class	(1,364,859)	(1,368,655)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>185,909,504</u>	<u>276,562,298</u>

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