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AHAM Growth Fund

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Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements For the Financial Year Ended 29 February 2024

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FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	AHAM Growth Fund
Fund Type	Growth
Fund Category	Equity
Investment Objective	To generate capital growth over the medium to long term period through diversified investments of equities listed on Bursa Malaysia
Benchmark	FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI
Distribution Policy	Distribution (if any) is incidental and will be subject to the availability of income

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

Category	As at 29 Feb 2024 (%)	As at 28 Feb 2023 (%)	As at 28 Feb 2022 (%)
Portfolio composition			
Quoted equities – local			
- Construction	1.26	-	-
- Consumer Products & Services	4.47	6.72	5.14
- Energy	9.68	3.77	1.03
- Financial Services	11.14	12.20	20.55
- Healthcare	11.07	3.24	3.26
- Industrial Product & Services	20.46	20.57	28.68
- Plantation	1.98	4.13	2.29
- Property	5.04	2.39	2.35
- REITs	2.41	2.25	-
- Technology	13.06	16.43	16.81
- Telecommunication	5.48	7.46	6.60
- Transport & Logistics	3.24	3.27	4.84
- Utilities	4.09	2.25	1.92
Total quoted equities – local	93.38	84.68	93.47
Cash and cash equivalent	6.62	15.32	6.53
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (RM'million)	64.252	69.917	104.098
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.2915	0.2832	0.3326
Unit in Circulation (million)	220.394	246.868	313.022
Highest NAV	0.2933	0.3330	0.3790
Lowest NAV	0.2625	0.2592	0.3263
Return of the Fund (%)	8.20	-10.14	-2.56
- Capital Growth (%)	2.92	-14.85	-6.78
- Income Distribution (%)	5.12	5.54	4.53
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	1.35	1.50	1.50
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	1.35	1.50	1.50
Total Expense Ratio (%) ¹	1.62	1.61	1.60
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) ²	0.99	0.80	0.67

Basis of calculation and assumption made in calculating the returns:-

The performance figures are a comparison of the growth/decline in NAV for the stipulated period taking into account all the distribution payable (if any) during the stipulated period.

An illustration of the above would be as follow:-

Capital return	= NAV per Unit end / NAV per Unit begin – 1
Income return	= Income distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit ex-date
Total return	= (1+Capital return) x (1+Income return) – 1

¹ The TER of the Fund was slightly higher due to a decrease in the average NAV of the Fund over the financial year under review.

² The PTR of the Fund was higher than previous year due to a decrease in average NAV of the Fund over the financial year under review.

Income Distribution / Unit Split

The Net Asset Value per unit prior and subsequent to the distribution was as follows:-

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum- distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
20-Jul-21	21-Jul-21	0.3473	0.0150	0.3312
19-Jul-22	20-Jul-22	0.2835	0.0150	0.2710
19-Jul-23	20-Jul-23	0.2780	0.0135	0.2639

No unit split was declared for the financial year ended 29 February 2024.

Income Distribution Breakdown

Class	Ex-Date	Income (per unit) (sens / cents)	Income (%)	Capital (per unit) (sens / cents)	Capital (%)
MYR	2023-07-20	1.3500	100	-	-
MYR	2022-07-20	1.5000	100	-	-
MYR	2021-07-21	1.5000	100	-	-

Fund Performance

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	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 (28/6/11 - 29/2/24)
Fund	8.20%	(5.26%)	20.97%	58.21%
Benchmark	6.69%	(1.67%)	(9.15%)	(0.65%)
Outperformance	1.51%	(3.59%)	30.12%	58.86%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

	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 (28/6/11 - 29/2/24)
Fund	8.20%	(1.78%)	3.88%	3.68%
Benchmark	6.69%	(0.56%)	(1.90%)	(0.05%)
Outperformance	1.51%	(1.22%)	5.78%	3.73%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2024 (1/3/23 - 29/2/24)	FYE 2023 (1/3/22 - 28/2/23)	FYE 2022 (1/3/21 - 28/2/22)	FYE 2021 (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	FYE 2020 (1/3/19 - 29/2/20)
Fund	8.20%	(10.14%)	(2.56%)	31.80%	(3.11%)
Benchmark	6.69%	(9.58%)	1.94%	6.42%	(13.18%)
Outperformance	1.51%	(0.56%)	(4.50%)	25.38%	10.07%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and that Unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up.

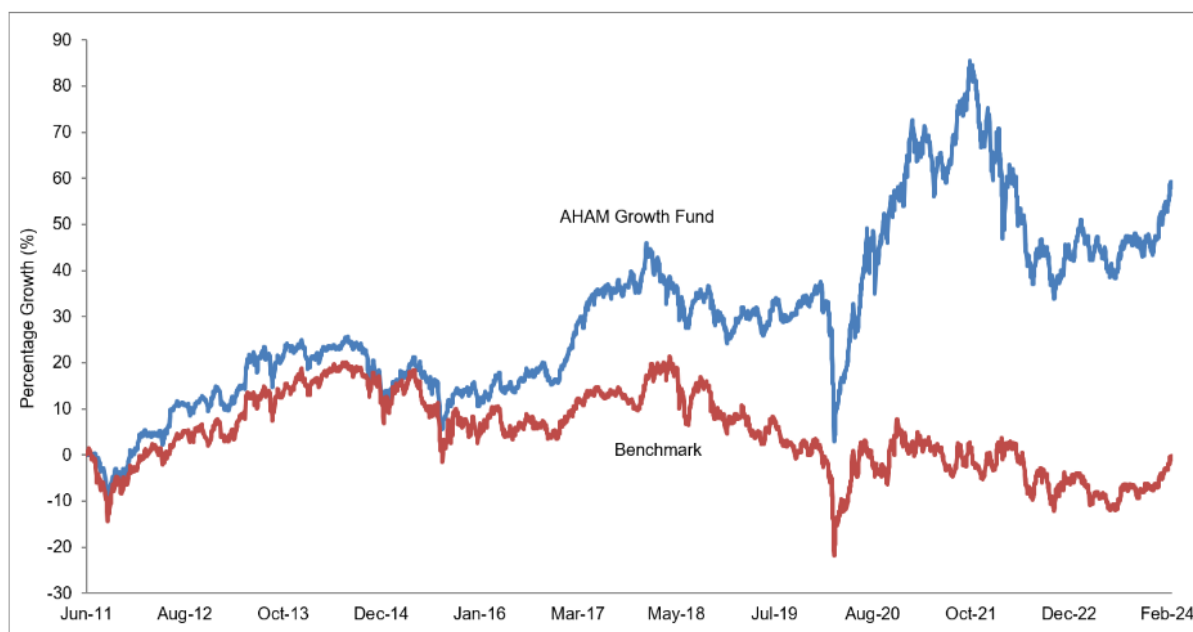
MANAGER'S REPORT

Performance Review (1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024)

For the period 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024, the Fund registered a 8.20% return compared to the benchmark return of 6.69%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 1.51%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 29 February 2024 was RM0.2915 while the NAV as at 28 February 2023 was RM0.2832. During the financial year under review, the Fund has declared an income distribution of RM0.0135 per unit.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 58.21% compared to the benchmark return of -0.65%, outperforming by 58.86%.

Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark since commencement.



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Benchmark: FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI

Asset Allocation

For a snapshot of the Fund's asset mix during the financial year under review, please refer to Fund Performance Date.

As at 29 February 2024, the Fund's invested level saw an increase to 93.38%. Sectors that saw a higher allocation towards are the energy and healthcare sectors. The Fund also initiated positions in construction names over the financial year.

Strategies Employed

Throughout the financial year under review, the Fund maintained a portfolio of listed companies within the Malaysian equity market. Cash holding of the Fund was decreased as the Manager deployed cash where opportunities arose.

Market Review

Over the financial year under review on a total return basis, the Standard and Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index returned 30.34% with the Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") World index lagging slightly at 25.63%. Specific to the Asian region, MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index saw a relatively weaker return of -2.69% while locally, the Financial Times Stock Exchange ("FTSE") Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index ("KLCI") fared better at 10.95% in Ringgit terms. Within bond markets, Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index gained 3.03% while domestically, the bond markets' benchmark 10-year Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield closed at 3.86%.

The United States ("U.S.") Federal Reserve ("Fed") conducts monetary policy by setting a target range for the federal funds rate, which does not directly affect firms and household in the economy. Instead, monetary policy effect cascades to the broader economy by affecting financial conditions including the longer-term interest rates and the exchange value of the dollar. Analysts posit that the Fed's actions of supporting the U.S. economy during the peak of the coronavirus crisis by initiating large purchases of U.S. government and mortgage-backed securities, lending to support household and employers could have been overdone and led to the unwelcome surge in increased inflationary pressures. The Fed has been engaging in a tightening monetary policy stance throughout 2023 to address said inflationary pressures, only relenting towards the end of 2023 when signs of tighter policy was slowing down the economy. Unprecedented global events that unfolded in 2023 also contributed to the Fed's challenge in reigning in inflation rates.

One of the most significant events of 2023 was the eruption of the Israel-Palestinian conflict in October, which led to a sharp depreciation of the Israeli shekel. Gold, viewed as a safe-haven asset surged significantly in the short term and investors' bullish sentiment towards oil also intensified from concern over a disruption to oil supplies in the Middle East, a major oil-producing region. The strained banking sector in U.S. triggered by the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank ("SVB") weighed heavily on investors sentiments. With an abundant of deposits over loans, SVB had placed them into available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities like Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities when yields were at all-time lows. However, as interest rates began to rise rapidly, it recorded massive outflows in deposits alongside the rest of the banking sector. SVB sold substantially all of its available-for-sale securities to accommodate the outflows, incurring a massive loss which eventually led to a bank run. Smaller U.S. banks were caught also caught in the turmoil as concerns spread.

Since the debut of ChatGPT, last year also saw the surge of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") technology and explosive growth of generative AI tools like image recognition and image generation. Google launched the Bard the chatbot and later released Gemini, touted as the largest and most versatile AI model. Nvidia also dominated the market with its flagship chip, leading to a doubling in its stock price and contributing to the AI boom. The market's biggest tech stocks, which investors dub the magnificent seven of the Nasdaq 100 – Microsoft, Apple, Alphabet, Nvidia, Amazon, Meta and Tesla saw massive outperformance relative to the Nasdaq composite and S&P500 over the past year.

Global financial markets confounded gloomy expectations in 2023. Despite a lacklustre start to the year, even prolonging to the second half of 2023, the stock market eventually rallied, bonds reversed heavy losses made early in the year as recession fears were replaced by increasing confidence that an economic soft landing would be achieved. The rally began in November as Fed chair, Jerome Powell fanned hopes that borrowing costs had peaked. Entering 2024, U.S. equities started the year on a strong note to the surprise of investors, underpinned by robust economic indicators that fortified the case for a soft landing. The gains were also supported by good corporate earnings, including from the top technology names of the market.

Asia ex Japan equities experienced a mix of ups and downs over the financial year, reflecting the volatile nature of the global market landscape. The year commenced with a negative performance in the second quarter of 2023, marked by declines in Chinese equities as the country's economic rebound post pandemic began to slow. Despite this, markets in India, South Korea, and Taiwan saw gains, fueled by factors such as foreign inflows and investor enthusiasm for AI related stocks. The challenges persisted trough to the second half of 2023 with concerns over the Chinese economy and global economic growth weighing on investor sentiment across the region. Chinese stocks faced sharp declines amid doubts about government stimulus measures, while markets in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea also witnessed significant downturns. However, as hopes of stable U.S. interest rates renewed investor appetite for risk assets the outlook improved in the fourth quarter. While Chinese stocks continued to struggle, markets in Taiwan, South Korea, and India saw robust growth, driven by factors such as technology stocks and chipmakers. Other markets in

the region also achieved positive growth, albeit more modestly. Markets saw positive momentum carried into the first quarter of 2024, with Asia ex Japan equities achieving modest gains. Despite ongoing concerns, particularly regarding China's economic outlook and geopolitical tensions, markets in Taiwan, India, and the Philippines performed strongly. However, challenges persisted in markets such as Hong Kong, Thailand, and China, where share prices ended the quarter in negative territory.

Within Malaysia, several policy announcements made by the government in July 2023 caught the attention of investors as markets started to gain. These positive sentiments lifted foreign investors' confidence as they poured into local equities. They include the Ekonomi Madani Plan which outlined several key economic targets, Part 1 of the National Energy Transition Roadmap ("NETR") which intends to achieve 70% renewable energy capacity mix by 2050 and Part 2 of the NETR as well as the New Industrial Masterplan. The unveiling of Budget 2024 in October 2023 also helped shed light on the government's policies and laid down the groundwork for the government's path to fiscal consolidation. According to the Budget, the government aims to narrow the fiscal deficit from 5.0% to 4.3% in 2024 in line with its broader policy objective to bring it down to 3.10% by 2026. Towards the end of the financial year, the benchmark KLCI surged with Johor-focused names taking the spotlight following the installation of the new Yang Di-Pertuan Agong. However, the small cap space saw more measured gains of 2.30%.

Investment Outlook

The key thematic focus of the Manager will be on quality large caps due to their attractive dividend yield. The manager also believes the property sector is experiencing a resurgence fuelled by improving sales momentum and compelling valuations. Within the utilities sector, the NETR continues to reshape the sector where focus will be on renewables. Healthcare also is another major theme of focus as ageing population and rising insurance adoption presents opportunities for investors across pharmaceuticals, medical devices and healthcare facilities.

In conclusion, Malaysia's investment landscape reflects a blend of resilience and opportunity. The market's strong start, driven by large caps, underscores investor confidence amidst improving macroeconomic conditions. Fiscal reforms, including the gradual removal of subsidies, signal a positive trajectory for policy execution, further bolstering investor sentiment. Foreign investors continue to exhibit interest, contributing to market liquidity and stability. As Malaysia remains highly invested, investors are poised to capitalize on emerging opportunities across sectors, positioning themselves for long-term growth amidst a favourable macroeconomic backdrop.

State of Affairs of the Fund

There is neither any significant change to the state affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the unit holders during the financial year under review.

Soft Commissions received from Brokers

Soft commissions received from brokers/dealers may be retained by the management company only if the :-

- (i) goods and services provided are of demonstrable benefit to Unit holders of the Fund; and
- (ii) goods and services are in the form of research and advisory services that assists in the decision making process.

During the financial year under review, the Fund has received soft commissions from brokers/dealers who have also executed trades for other funds managed by AHAM Asset Management Berhad. The soft commissions were utilised for goods and services in the form of research materials, data and quotation services, investment-related publications, market data feed, industry benchmarking agencies and investment-related publications to assist the Manager in the investment decision-making process. The soft commission received were for the benefit of the fund and there was no churning of trades.

Cross Trade

No cross trade transactions have been carried out during the reported period.

Securities Financing Transactions

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions during the financial year under review.

Changes Made To the Fund's Prospectus

No changes were made to the Fund's prospectus over the financial year under review.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF AHAM GROWTH FUND ("Fund")**

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 29 February 2024 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, AHAM Asset Management Berhad has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:

1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Management Company under the Deeds, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the Deeds; and
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Deeds and any regulatory requirement.

We are of the opinion that the distribution of income by the Fund is appropriate and reflects the investment objective of the Fund.

Yours faithfully
AMANAHRAYA TRUSTEES BERHAD

ZAINUDIN BIN SUHAIMI
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
26 April 2024

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)			
Dividend income		1,916,370	2,476,105
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		133,324	225,127
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	4,260,787	(11,285,580)
		<u>6,310,481</u>	<u>(8,584,348)</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	(952,473)	(1,220,089)
Trustee fee	5	(50,829)	(65,122)
Fund accounting fee	6	(7,200)	(600)
Auditors' remuneration		(7,480)	(7,500)
Tax agent's fee		(4,600)	(3,780)
Transaction costs		(482,325)	(528,804)
Other expenses		(13,152)	(15,032)
		<u>(1,518,059)</u>	<u>(1,840,927)</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		4,792,422	(10,425,275)
Taxation	7	-	-
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>4,792,422</u>	<u>(10,425,275)</u>
Net profit/(loss) after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		940,268	4,725,841
Unrealised amount		3,852,154	(15,151,116)
		<u>4,792,422</u>	<u>(10,425,275)</u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information and notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	4,373,109	11,007,589
Amount due from brokers		341,799	191,302
Amount due from Manager			
- creation of units		53,326	-
Dividends receivable		960	35,277
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	60,007,576	59,207,867
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>64,776,770</u>	<u>70,442,035</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to brokers		401,176	285,821
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee		75,614	81,976
- cancellation of units		14,283	118,419
Amount due to Trustee		4,033	4,372
Fund accounting fee		600	600
Auditors' remuneration		7,500	7,520
Tax agent's fee		8,977	8,757
Other payables and accruals		12,835	17,607
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>525,018</u>	<u>525,072</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>64,251,752</u>	<u>69,916,963</u>
EQUITY			
Unitholders' capital		42,424,172	49,824,487
Retained earnings		21,827,580	20,092,476
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>64,251,752</u>	<u>69,916,963</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	11	<u>220,394,000</u>	<u>246,868,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.2915</u>	<u>0.2832</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Unitholders' <u>capital</u> RM	Retained <u>earnings</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Balance as at 1 March 2023	49,824,487	20,092,476	69,916,963
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	4,792,422	4,792,422
Distribution (Note 8)	-	(3,057,318)	(3,057,318)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from application	154,237	-	154,237
Creation of units arising from distribution	3,057,318	-	3,057,318
Cancellation of units	(10,611,870)	-	(10,611,870)
Balance as at 29 February 2024	<u>42,424,172</u>	<u>21,827,580</u>	<u>64,251,752</u>
Balance as at 1 March 2022	69,330,173	34,767,521	104,097,694
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year	-	(10,425,275)	(10,425,275)
Distribution (Note 8)	-	(4,249,770)	(4,249,770)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from application	261,737	-	261,737
Creation of units arising from distribution	4,249,770	-	4,249,770
Cancellation of units	(24,017,193)	-	(24,017,193)
Balance as at 28 February 2023	<u>49,824,487</u>	<u>20,092,476</u>	<u>69,916,963</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		64,175,544	79,759,485
Purchase of investments		(61,219,125)	(53,383,316)
Dividends received		1,931,907	2,524,298
Interest received		133,324	225,127
Management fee paid		(958,835)	(1,261,384)
Trustee fee paid		(51,168)	(67,324)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(31,032)	(19,576)
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Net cash flows generated from operating activities		3,980,615	27,777,310
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceed from creation of units		100,911	261,737
Payments for cancellation of units		(10,716,006)	(23,908,506)
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Net cash flows used in financing activities		(10,615,095)	(23,646,769)
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NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(6,634,480)	4,130,541
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		11,007,589	6,877,048
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	10	4,373,109	11,007,589
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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The following accounting policies have been used in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported financial year. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund’s accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the Manager’s best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note K.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

B INCOME RECOGNITION

Dividend income

Dividend income for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as part of gross dividend income on the ex-dividend date, when the right to receive the dividend has been established.

Interest income

Interest income from short-term deposit with licensed financial institutions is recognised based on effective interest rate method on an accrual basis.

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Realised gains and losses on sale of investments

For quoted equities, realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

C TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire or dispose of financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They include the bid-ask spread, fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors and brokers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as expenses.

D TAXATION

Current tax expense is determined according to the Malaysian tax laws at the current rate based upon the taxable profit earned during the financial year.

Withholding taxes on investment income from investment are based on tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in. Such withholding taxes are not "income tax" in nature and are recognised, measured based on the requirements of MFRS 137. They are presented within other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

E DISTRIBUTION

A distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a deduction from realised reserve. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved by the Trustee of the Fund.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

F FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

Items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the “functional currency”). The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia (“RM”), which is the Fund’s functional and presentation currency.

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured at fair value through profit or loss, and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the 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 Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets’ performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The contractual cash flows of the Fund’s debt securities are solely payments of principal and interest (“SPPI”). However, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund’s business model’s objective. Consequently, all investments and derivatives not designated as hedging instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, dividends receivable, amount due from Manager and amount due from brokers as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies amount due to brokers, amount due to Manager, amount due to Trustee, payables for auditors’ remuneration, fund accounting fee, tax agent’s fee and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial liabilities, within the scope of MFRS 9, are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

Gain or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category is presented in the statement of comprehensive income within 'net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or (loss)' in the period which they arise.

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial year end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets 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 Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the securities, for example during abnormal market conditions or when no market price is available, exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Manager, based on the methods or basis approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment

The Fund's financial asset measured at amortised cost are subjected to expected credit losses. The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month and lifetime expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

The Fund defines a financial instrument as default, which is fully aligned with the definition of credit-impaired, when it meets one or more of the following criteria:

Quantitative criteria:

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit-impaired.

Qualitative criteria:

The debtor meets unlikelihood to pay criteria, which indicates the debtor is in significant financial difficulty. The Fund considers the following instances:

- the debtor is in breach of financial covenants;
- concessions have been made by the lender relating to the debtor's financial difficulty;
- it is becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and
- the debtor is insolvent.

Financial instruments that are credit-impaired are assessed on individual basis.

Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount.

The Fund may write off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in bad debt recoveries. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial year.

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H CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances and deposits held in highly liquid investments which original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

I AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) BROKERS

Amounts due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively. The due from brokers balance is held for collection. Refer to Note G for accounting policy on recognition and measurement.

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit-impaired.

Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

J UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

The unitholders' contributions to the Fund meet the criteria to be classified as equity instruments under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation". Those criteria include:

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value (NAV);
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;
- there is no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the Fund to repurchase; and
- the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based substantially on the profit or loss of the Fund.

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at each financial year if unitholders exercise the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at unitholders' option prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of creation or cancellation. The Fund's NAV per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders with the total number of outstanding units.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

K CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, rarely equal the related actual results. To enhance the information contents of the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impact to the Fund's results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated by the Manager and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

However, the Manager is of the opinion that there are no accounting policies which require significant judgement to be exercised.

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

L REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX

The analysis of realised and unrealised profit or loss after tax as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Unit Trust Fund was constituted under the name Affin Quantum Fund (the “Fund”) pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 25 March 2011, First Supplemental Deed dated 22 July 2014, as modified by a Second Supplemental Deed dated 6 August 2015, Third Supplemental Deed dated 5 October 2018, Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 13 May 2022 and a Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 10 January 2023 (the “Deeds”) entered into between AHAM Asset Management Berhad (the “Manager”) and AmanahRaya Trustees Berhad (the “Trustee”). The Fund has changed its name from Affin Quantum Fund to Affin Hwang Growth Fund as amended by the First Supplemental Deed dated 22 July 2014. The Fund had changed its name from Affin Hwang Growth Fund to AHAM Growth Fund as amended by the Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 10 January 2023.

The Fund commenced operations on 25 March 2011 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided by Division 12.3 of the Deed.

The Fund may invest in securities traded on Bursa Malaysia and other markets considered as eligible markets, collective investment schemes, unlisted securities, futures contracts and any other investments approved by the SC from time to time. All investments will be subjected to the SC’s Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Deeds and the objective of the Fund:

- (i) Listed securities;
- (ii) Unlisted securities;
- (iii) Deposits;
- (iv) Money market instruments;
- (v) Government bonds, treasury bills and other government approved or guaranteed bonds;
- (vi) Debentures including corporate bonds and bonds;
- (vii) Units/shares in collective investment schemes;
- (viii) Equity linked instruments such as warrants and rights;
- (ix) Derivatives;
- (x) Embedded derivatives; and
- (xi) Any other form of investments as may be permitted by the SC from time to time that is in line with the Fund’s objective.

The objective of the Fund is to generate capital growth over the medium to long term period through diversified investments of equities listed on Bursa Malaysia.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager are establishment and management of unit trust funds, exchange-traded funds and private retirement schemes as well as providing fund management services to private clients.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 26 April 2024.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	10	4,373,109	-	4,373,109
Amount due from brokers		341,799	-	341,799
Amount due from Manager				
- creation of units		53,326	-	53,326
Dividends receivable		960	-	960
Quoted equities	9	-	60,007,576	60,007,576
Total		<u>4,769,194</u>	<u>60,007,576</u>	<u>64,776,770</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to brokers		401,176	-	401,176
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		75,614	-	75,614
- cancellation of units		14,283	-	14,283
Amount due to Trustee		4,033	-	4,033
Fund accounting fee		600	-	600
Auditors' remuneration		7,500	-	7,500
Tax agent's fee		8,977	-	8,977
Other payables and accruals		12,835	-	12,835
Total		<u>525,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>525,018</u>
<u>2023</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	10	11,007,589	-	11,007,589
Amount due from brokers		191,302	-	191,302
Dividends receivable		35,277	-	35,277
Quoted equities	9	-	59,207,867	59,207,867
Total		<u>11,234,168</u>	<u>59,207,867</u>	<u>70,442,035</u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u> (continued)				
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to brokers		285,821	-	285,821
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		81,976	-	81,976
- cancellation of units		118,419	-	118,419
Amount due to Trustee		4,372	-	4,372
Fund accounting fee		600	-	600
Auditors' remuneration		7,520	-	7,520
Tax agent's fee		8,757	-	8,757
Other payables and accruals		17,607	-	17,607
Total		<u>525,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>525,072</u>

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk (including price risk and interest rate risk), liquidity risk, credit risk and capital risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

Market risk

(a) Price risk

Price risk arises mainly from the uncertainty about future prices of investments. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Manager manages the risk of unfavourable changes in prices by continuous monitoring of the performance and risk profile of the investment portfolio.

The Fund's overall exposure to price risk was as follows:

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Quoted investments		
Quoted equities	<u>60,007,576</u>	<u>59,207,867</u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(a) Price risk (continued)

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after taxation and NAV to price risk movement. As at the end of each reporting period, the analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 10% (2023: 15%) and decreased by 10% (2023: 15%) with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> RM	Impact on profit/(loss) after <u>tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>2024</u>		
-10%	54,006,818	(6,000,758)
0%	60,007,576	-
+10%	66,008,334	6,000,758
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>2023</u>		
-15%	50,326,687	(8,881,180)
0%	59,207,867	-
+15%	68,089,047	8,881,180
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

(b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and future cash flows.

The Fund's exposure to the interest rate risk is mainly confined to short-term deposit placements with licensed financial institutions. The Manager overcomes this exposure by way of maintaining deposits on short-term basis.

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk associated with deposits with licensed financial institutions is not material as the carrying value of the deposits are held on a short-term basis.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations. The Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellation of units by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise cash, deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days.

The table below analyses the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date.

The amounts in the table below are the contractual undiscounted cash flows:

	<u>Within one month</u> RM	<u>Between one month to one year</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>			
Amount due to brokers	401,176	-	401,176
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	75,614	-	75,614
- cancellation of units	14,283	-	14,283
Amount due to Trustee	4,033	-	4,033
Fund accounting fee	600	-	600
Auditors' remuneration	-	7,500	7,500
Tax agent's fee	-	8,977	8,977
Other payables and accruals	-	12,835	12,835
	<u>495,706</u>	<u>29,312</u>	<u>525,018</u>
<u>2023</u>			
Amount due to brokers	285,821	-	285,821
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	81,976	-	81,976
- cancellation of units	118,419	-	118,419
Amount due to Trustee	4,372	-	4,372
Fund accounting fee	600	-	600
Auditors' remuneration	-	7,520	7,520
Tax agent's fee	-	8,757	8,757
Other payables and accruals	-	17,607	17,607
	<u>491,188</u>	<u>33,884</u>	<u>525,072</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of an issuer or counterparty to make timely payments of interest, principals and proceeds from realisation of investments. The Manager manages the credit risk by undertaking credit evaluation to minimise such risk.

The settlement terms of amount due from brokers are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by the respective stock exchanges.

Credit risk arising from placements on deposits in licensed financial institutions is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration and counterparties of the Fund:

	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Dividends receivable</u> RM	<u>Amount due from brokers</u> RM	<u>Amount due from Manager</u>	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>					
Financial Services					
- AAA	4,336,192	-	-	-	4,336,192
- AA3	36,917	-	-	-	36,917
Energy					
- Non-rated ("NR")	-	-	82,489	-	82,489
Health Care					
- NR	-	-	259,310	-	259,310

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit risk (continued)

	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Dividends receivable</u> RM	<u>Amount due from brokers</u> RM	<u>Amount due from Manager</u>	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u> (continued)					
Industrial Product & Services - NR	-	960	-	-	960
Others - NR	-	-	-	53,326	53,326
	<u>4,373,109</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>341,799</u>	<u>53,326</u>	<u>4,769,194</u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit risk (continued)

	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Dividends receivable</u> RM	<u>Amount due from brokers</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u>				
Financial Services				
- AAA	10,761,259	-	-	10,761,259
- AA3	246,330	-	-	246,330
Energy				
- NR	-	-	191,302	191,302
Industrial Product & Services				
- NR	-	10,617	-	10,617
Transportation & Logistics				
- NR	-	24,660	-	24,660
	<u>11,007,589</u>	<u>35,277</u>	<u>191,302</u>	<u>11,234,168</u>

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unitholders' capital and retained earnings. The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. Fair value is defined as 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 traded in active markets (such as trading securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial year end date. The Fund utilises the bid price for financial assets which falls within the bid-ask spread.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques.

(i) Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market 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 and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets (by class) measured at fair value:

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- quoted equities	<u>60,007,576</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,007,576</u>
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- quoted equities	<u>59,207,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,207,867</u>

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include quoted equities. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments.

- (ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, dividends receivable, amount due from Manager, amount due from brokers and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short-term nature.

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4 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate of up to 3.00% per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

For the financial year ended 29 February 2024, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.50% (2023: 1.50%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Prospectus.

There will be no further liability to the Manager in respect of management fee other than amounts recognised above.

5 TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to a fee of up to 0.08% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum of RM 18,000 per annum (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges)

For the financial year ended 29 February 2024, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.08% (2023: 0.08%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Prospectus.

There will be no further liability to the Trustee in respect of Trustee fee other than amounts recognised above.

6 FUND ACCOUNTING FEE

The fund valuation and accounting fee for the Fund is RM7,200 (2023: RM600) during the financial year.

7 TAXATION

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Current year taxation - local	-	-

The numerical reconciliation between net profit/(loss) before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

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7 TAXATION (CONTINUED)

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Net profit/(loss) before taxation	4,792,422	(10,425,275)
Tax at Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	1,150,181	(2,502,066)
Tax effects of:		
(Investment income not subject to tax)/Investment loss not brought to tax	(1,514,515)	2,060,244
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	133,945	145,641
Restrictions on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Fund	230,389	296,181
Tax expense	-	-

8 DISTRIBUTION

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Distribution to unitholders is from the following sources:		
Gross dividend income	922,222	-
Previous financial year's realised income	2,196,745	4,249,770
Gross realised income	3,118,967	4,249,770
Less: Expenses	(61,649)	-
Net distribution amount	3,057,318	4,249,770

During the financial year ended 29 February 2024, distributions were made as follows:

<u>Ex-date</u>	<u>Gross distribution per unit</u> sen	<u>Net distribution per unit</u> sen
20.7.2023	1.35	1.35

During the financial year ended 28 February 2023, distributions were made as follows:

<u>Ex-date</u>	<u>Gross distribution per unit</u> sen	<u>Net distribution per unit</u> sen
20.7.2022	1.50	1.50

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8 DISTRIBUTION (CONTINUED)

Gross distribution per unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses divided by the number of units in circulation, while net distribution per unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses and taxation divided by the number of units in circulation for the respective classes.

Included in distribution for the financial year is an amount of RM2,196,745 (2023: RM4,249,770) made from previous financial year's realised income.

The Fund has incurred an unrealised loss of RM Nil (2023: RM15,151,116) for the financial year ended 29 February 2024.

9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- quoted equities – local	<u>60,007,576</u>	<u>59,207,867</u>
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
- realised gain on sale of investments	408,633	3,865,536
- unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in fair value	3,852,154	(15,151,116)
	<u>4,260,787</u>	<u>(11,285,580)</u>

(a) Quoted equities – local

(i) Quoted equities – local as at 29 February 2024 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Construction</u>				
IJM Corporation Bhd	<u>379,200</u>	<u>667,117</u>	<u>811,488</u>	<u>1.26</u>
<u>Consumer Product & Services</u>				
Hong Leong Industries Bhd	143,300	1,015,914	1,475,990	2.30
Sime Darby Bhd	515,900	1,275,576	1,392,930	2.17
	<u>659,200</u>	<u>2,291,490</u>	<u>2,868,920</u>	<u>4.47</u>

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9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(i) Quoted equities – local as at 29 February 2024 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Energy</u>				
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Bhd	653,200	1,048,314	1,515,424	2.36
Dialog Group Bhd	591,900	1,126,023	1,242,990	1.93
Perdana Petroleum Bhd	237,500	52,405	59,375	0.09
Wasco Bhd	1,262,500	1,249,673	1,653,875	2.57
Velesto Energy Bhd	6,156,000	1,425,714	1,754,460	2.73
	<u>8,901,100</u>	<u>4,902,129</u>	<u>6,226,124</u>	<u>9.68</u>
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Aeon Credit Service (M) Bhd	232,000	1,803,698	1,470,880	2.29
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	389,789	2,086,050	2,514,139	3.91
Malayan Banking Bhd	135,411	1,163,986	1,289,113	2.01
Public Bank Bhd	429,300	1,836,607	1,884,627	2.93
	<u>1,186,500</u>	<u>6,890,341</u>	<u>7,158,759</u>	<u>11.14</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
Hartalega Holdings Bhd	746,100	1,593,529	1,872,711	2.91
KPJ Healthcare Berhad	1,536,500	1,795,988	2,535,225	3.95
Kossan Rubber Industries Bhd	708,100	965,118	1,331,228	2.07
Top Glove Corp Bhd	1,721,900	1,457,723	1,377,520	2.14
	<u>4,712,600</u>	<u>5,812,358</u>	<u>7,116,684</u>	<u>11.07</u>
<u>Industrial Product & Services</u>				
Ancom Nylex Bhd	1,242,704	1,473,314	1,317,266	2.05
Aurelius Technologies Bhd	432,200	1,005,099	1,179,906	1.84
EG Industries Berhad	894,300	1,436,214	1,216,248	1.89
KJTS Group Berhad	677,500	399,657	399,725	0.62
Nextgreen Global Bhd	2,639,100	2,659,663	2,533,536	3.94
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd	257,600	1,264,709	1,205,568	1.88
Scientex Bhd	317,700	1,257,997	1,235,853	1.92
Sunway Berhad	1,092,278	1,945,481	3,058,378	4.76
V.S. Industry Bhd	320,100	293,704	235,273	0.37
Wentel Engineering Holdings Bhd	2,424,600	678,888	763,749	1.19
	<u>10,298,082</u>	<u>12,414,726</u>	<u>13,145,502</u>	<u>20.46</u>

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9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(i) Quoted equities – local as at 29 February 2024 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Plantations</u>				
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	56,829	1,381,477	1,269,955	1.98
<u>Property</u>				
Eco World Development Grp Bhd	982,900	531,026	1,267,941	1.98
Mah Sing Group Bhd	753,000	631,122	734,175	1.14
Naim Holdings Berhad	1,514,700	1,338,638	1,234,481	1.92
	<u>3,250,600</u>	<u>2,500,786</u>	<u>3,236,597</u>	<u>5.04</u>
<u>Real Estate Investment Trust</u>				
Atrium Real Estate Investment Trust	1,148,400	1,607,760	1,550,340	2.41
<u>Technology</u>				
Aimflex Berhad	6,964,900	1,453,766	1,079,560	1.68
Frontken Corporation Bhd	577,000	1,860,992	2,106,050	3.28
Inari Amertron Bhd	639,300	1,980,218	2,013,795	3.12
ITMAX System Bhd	1,122,400	1,768,593	2,547,848	3.97
UWC Bhd	199,100	728,204	651,057	1.01
	<u>9,502,700</u>	<u>7,791,773</u>	<u>8,398,310</u>	<u>13.06</u>
<u>Telecommunication & Media</u>				
Axiata Group Bhd	552,300	1,327,034	1,529,871	2.38
TIME dotCom Berhad	361,600	1,441,430	1,988,800	3.10
	<u>913,900</u>	<u>2,768,464</u>	<u>3,518,671</u>	<u>5.48</u>
<u>Transportation & Logistics</u>				
Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd	247,800	1,828,791	2,081,520	3.24

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(i) Quoted equities – local as at 29 February 2024 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Utilities</u>				
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	233,100	2,214,167	2,624,706	4.09
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Total quoted equities – local	41,490,011	53,071,379	60,007,576	93.38
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Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – local		6,936,197		
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Total quoted equities – local		60,007,576		
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(ii) Quoted equities – local as at 28 February 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Consumer Product & Services</u>				
Hong Leong Industries Bhd	215,900	1,530,606	1,940,941	2.78
Malayan Flour Mills Bhd	1,847,100	1,428,234	1,496,151	2.14
Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd	46,200	1,036,413	1,256,640	1.80
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	2,109,200	3,995,253	4,693,732	6.72
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<u>Energy</u>				
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Bhd	994,800	1,294,671	1,392,720	1.99
Dialog Group Bhd	553,300	1,099,143	1,244,925	1.78
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	1,548,100	2,393,814	2,637,645	3.77
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9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities – local as at 28 February 2023 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Financial Services</u>				
AMMB Holdings Bhd	182,000	555,446	729,820	1.04
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	249,089	1,073,904	1,394,898	1.99
RHB Bank Bhd	256,166	1,445,945	1,452,461	2.08
Malayan Banking Bhd	161,811	1,375,291	1,419,082	2.03
Alliance Bank Malaysia Bhd	204,700	723,104	710,309	1.02
Aeon Credit Service M Bhd	116,000	1,803,698	1,389,680	1.99
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	70,500	1,365,891	1,433,970	2.05
	<u>1,240,266</u>	<u>8,343,279</u>	<u>8,530,220</u>	<u>12.20</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
IHH Healthcare Bhd	391,900	2,153,335	2,269,101	3.24
<u>Industrial Product & Services</u>				
Ancom Nylex Bhd	1,230,400	1,473,314	1,439,568	2.06
Aurelius Technologies Bhd	387,300	835,875	1,212,249	1.73
Nextgreen Global Bhd	260,000	284,596	283,400	0.41
PIE Industrial Bhd	485,900	1,549,472	1,656,919	2.37
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd	619,400	3,340,955	3,189,910	4.56
Scientex Bhd	519,900	869,037	1,882,038	2.69
SKP Resources Bhd	875,975	1,100,614	1,165,047	1.67
Sunway Berhad	1,296,078	2,072,491	2,112,607	3.02
V.S. Industry Bhd	1,645,200	1,509,533	1,439,550	2.06
	<u>7,320,153</u>	<u>13,035,887</u>	<u>14,381,288</u>	<u>20.57</u>
<u>Plantations</u>				
Hap Seng Plantations Holdings Bhd	368,000	1,032,918	699,200	1.00
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	65,600	1,679,377	1,363,168	1.95
Ta Ann Holdings Bhd	247,300	1,349,811	825,982	1.18
	<u>680,900</u>	<u>4,062,106</u>	<u>2,888,350</u>	<u>4.13</u>
<u>Property</u>				
Eco World Development Group Bhd	2,473,500	1,336,344	1,669,613	2.39

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9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities – local as at 28 February 2023 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Real Estate Investment Trust</u>				
Atrium Real Estate Investment Trust	1,148,400	1,607,760	1,573,308	2.25
<u>Technology</u>				
Genetec Technology Bhd	882,800	2,287,648	2,427,700	3.47
My EG Services Bhd	2,846,300	2,319,412	2,049,336	2.93
Greatch Technology Bhd	308,300	1,541,500	1,529,168	2.19
Agmo Holdings Bhd	26,470	-	18,794	0.03
Malaysian Pac Industries Bhd	47,900	1,381,103	1,418,798	2.03
UWC Bhd	176,700	697,965	708,567	1.01
ITMAX System Bhd	902,800	1,395,273	1,291,004	1.84
Pentamaster Corporation Bhd	146,800	596,841	711,980	1.02
D&O Green Technologies Bhd	297,400	1,318,497	1,335,326	1.91
	<u>5,635,470</u>	<u>11,538,239</u>	<u>11,490,673</u>	<u>16.43</u>
<u>Telecommunication & Media</u>				
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	267,173	1,616,473	1,343,880	1.92
TIME dotCom Berhad	730,000	2,377,092	3,876,300	5.54
	<u>997,173</u>	<u>3,993,565</u>	<u>5,220,180</u>	<u>7.46</u>
<u>Transportation & Logistics</u>				
MISC Bhd	205,500	1,370,685	1,522,755	2.18
TASCO Bhd	845,100	754,263	760,590	1.09
	<u>1,050,600</u>	<u>2,124,948</u>	<u>2,283,345</u>	<u>3.27</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities – local as at 28 February 2023 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Utilities</u>				
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	167,600	1,539,294	1,570,412	2.25
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Total quoted equities – local	<u>24,763,262</u>	56,123,824	<u>59,207,867</u>	<u>84.68</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – local		<u>3,084,043</u>		
Total quoted equities – local		<u>59,207,867</u>		

10 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Cash and bank balances	36,917	246,330
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	4,336,192	10,761,259
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	<u>4,373,109</u>	<u>11,007,589</u>

The weighted average effective interest rates per annum of deposits with licensed financial institutions are as follows:

	<u>2024</u> %	<u>2023</u> %
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	<u>3.00</u>	<u>2.75</u>

Deposits with licensed financial institutions of the Fund has an average remaining maturity period of 1 day (2023: 1 day).

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11 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial year	246,868,000	313,022,000
Creation of units arising from applications	550,000	854,000
Creation of units arising from distribution	11,589,530	15,538,464
Cancellation of units	(38,613,530)	(82,546,464)
At the end of the financial year	<u>220,394,000</u>	<u>246,868,000</u>

12 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

(i) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial year ended 29 February 2024 are as follows:

<u>Name of brokers</u>	<u>Value of trade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Brokerage</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	RM	of total	fees	of total
		trade	RM	brokerage fees
		%		%
Malayan Banking Bhd	17,825,685	14.19	39,898	13.09
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd#	17,605,826	14.01	43,657	14.33
Public Investment Bank Bhd	15,420,954	12.27	38,554	12.65
Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd	14,612,770	11.63	35,918	11.79
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	12,499,030	9.95	31,183	10.23
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	8,171,121	6.50	20,430	6.71
CGS – Cimb Securities Sdn Bhd	6,616,281	5.27	16,553	5.43
Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd	6,218,228	4.95	14,855	4.88
Macquarie Capital Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.	4,792,083	3.81	11,980	3.93
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	4,768,258	3.79	10,734	3.52
Others	17,123,999	13.63	40,941	13.44
	<u>125,654,235</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>304,703</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

12 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS (CONTINUED)

(ii) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial year ended 28 February 2023 are as follows:

<u>Name of brokers</u>	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>trade</u> %	<u>Brokerage</u> <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage fees</u> %
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd#	29,750,403	22.29	122,781	23.22
Malayan Banking Bhd	13,070,499	9.79	51,886	9.81
Public Investment Bank Bhd	12,133,781	9.09	50,019	9.46
CGS – CIMB Securities Sdn. Bhd	10,851,325	8.13	43,115	8.15
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	10,384,901	7.78	42,811	8.10
Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd	9,840,338	7.37	40,449	7.65
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	9,050,235	6.78	37,283	7.05
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	7,135,036	5.34	26,671	5.05
Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd	5,509,255	4.13	23,340	4.41
Credit Suisse Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	5,494,127	4.11	21,644	4.09
Others	20,271,140	15.19	68,805	13.01
	<u>133,491,040</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>528,804</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Included in transactions with brokers are trades in the stockbroking industry with Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad, the former immediate holding company related to the Manager amounting RM17,605,826 (2023: RM29,750,403). The Manager is of the opinion that the transactions with the related company have been entered into a normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

The related parties of and their relationship with the Fund are as follows:

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
CVC Capital Partners Asia V L.P. ("CVC Asia V")	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager and former ultimate holding corporate body of the Manager
Affin Bank Berhad ("ABB")	Former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	Former immediate holding company of the Manager
Starlight TopCo Limited	Penultimate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Universe Limited	Intermediate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Asset Sdn Bhd	Immediate holding company of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI")	Former substantial shareholder of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager
AHAM Asset Management Berhad	The Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of CVC Asia V as disclosed in their financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of the Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of ABB as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad	Directors of the Manager

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER (CONTINUED)

The units held by the Manager and its related party as at the end of the financial year are as follows:

	2024		2023	
The Manager:	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (The units are held legally for booking purposes)	2,467	719	2,553	723

Other than the above, there were no units held by the Directors or parties related to the Manager.

14 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2024	2023
	%	%
TER	1.62	1.61

TER is derived from the following calculation:

$$\text{TER} = \frac{(\text{A} + \text{B} + \text{C} + \text{D} + \text{E} + \text{F}) \times 100}{\text{G}}$$

A	=	Management fee, excluding management fee rebate
B	=	Trustee fees
C	-	Fund accounting fee
D	=	Auditors' remuneration
E	=	Tax agent's fee
F	=	Other expenses, excluding sales and service tax on transaction costs and withholding tax
G	=	Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on daily basis is RM63,553,794 (2023: RM81,394,887).

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15 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
PTR (times)	0.99	0.80

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

$$\frac{(\text{Total acquisition for the financial year} + \text{total disposal for the financial year}) \div 2}{\text{Average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on daily basis}}$$

where: total acquisition for the financial year =RM61,114,119 (2023: RM53,462,185)
total disposal for the financial year =RM64,166,566 (2023: RM76,407,102)

16 SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Change in corporate shareholding of AHAM Asset Management Berhad

On 19 April 2023, Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI") has divested all its equity interest of 27% in AHAM Asset Management Berhad to Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM") for 20% and remaining 7% of the equity interest to Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT"), resulting in both NAM and LTAT becoming substantial shareholders of the Manager.

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STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Dato' Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Manager, **AHAM Asset Management Berhad**, do hereby state that in the opinion of the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 35 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 29 February 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial year ended 29 February 2024 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager,
AHAM ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD

DATO' TENG CHEE WAI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MANAGING DIRECTOR

Kuala Lumpur
26 April 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AHAM GROWTH FUND

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of AHAM Growth Fund (“the Fund”) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 29 February 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 29 February 2024, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages 1 to 35.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “Auditors’ responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements” section of our report.

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

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (“By-Laws”) and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (“IESBA Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

Information other than the financial statements and auditors’ report thereon

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Manager’s Report, but does not include the financial statements of the Fund and our auditors’ report thereon.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AHAM GROWTH FUND

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Fund, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Fund 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 of the Fund is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of the Fund that give a true and fair view in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards. The Manager is also responsible for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements of the Fund that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements of the Fund, 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 liquidate the Fund or to terminate the Fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Fund 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 approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF AHAM GROWTH FUND

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- (a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Fund, 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 control.
- (b) Obtain an understanding of internal control 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 control.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- (d) 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 auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Fund 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- (e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Fund 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 control that we identify during our audit.

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OTHER MATTERS

This report is made solely to the unitholders of the Fund, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

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