

**QUARTERLY REPORT** 30 June 2024

# AHAM World Series - European Unconstrained Fund

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#### **AHAM World Series - European Unconstrained Fund**

## **Quarterly Report and Financial Statements As at 30 June 2024**

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#### **QUARTERLY REPORT**

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

| Fund Name            | AHAM World Series – European Unconstrained Fund  |
|----------------------|--|
| Fund Type            | Growth   |
| Fund Category        | Equity feeder (wholesale)  |
| Investment Objective | The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long-term period through investments in European equities. |
| Benchmark            | MSCI Europe Index  |
| Distribution Policy  | The Fund is not expected to make distribution. However, incidental distribution may be declared whenever appropriate.    |

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

#### **EUR Class**

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Jun 2024 | As at<br>31 Mar 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (EUR'million)       | 0.448                | 0.433                |
| NAV per Unit (EUR)            | 0.6774               | 0.6548               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 0.661                | 0.661                |

#### **AUD Hedged-class**

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Jun 2024 | As at<br>31 Mar 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (AUD'million)       | 0.529                | 0.488                |
| NAV per Unit (AUD)            | 0.7477               | 0.7235               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 0.708                | 0.675                |

#### MYR Hedged-class

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Jun 2024 | As at<br>31 Mar 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (RM'million)        | 10.801               | 12.168               |
| NAV per Unit (RM)             | 0.8292               | 0.8033               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 13.027               | 15.148               |

#### SGD Hedged-class

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Jun 2024 | As at<br>31 Mar 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (SGD'million)       | 0.258                | 0.239                |
| NAV per Unit (SGD)            | 0.7818               | 0.7569               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 0.330                | 0.316                |

#### **USD Hedged-class**

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Jun 2024 | As at<br>31 Mar 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (USD'million)       | 0.189                | 0.183                |
| NAV per Unit (USD)            | 0.8526               | 0.8227               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 0.222                | 0.222                |

#### **Income Distribution Breakdown**

No income distribution was declared over the financial period under review.

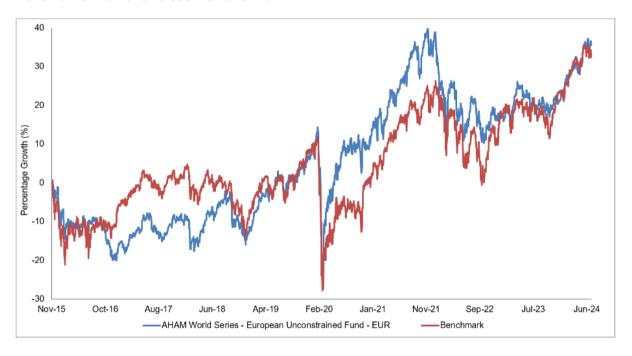
#### **Fund Performance**

Performance as at 30 June 2024

#### **EUR Class**

|                | 3 Months<br>(1/4/24 -<br>30/6/24) | 6 Months<br>(1/1/24 -<br>30/6/24) | 1 Year<br>(1/7/23 -<br>30/6/24) | 3 Years<br>(1/7/21 -<br>30/6/24) | 5 Years<br>(1/7/19 -<br>30/6/24) | Since<br>Commencement<br>(27/11/15 -<br>30/6/24) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Fund           | 3.45%                             | 11.60%                            | 10.09%                          | 7.61%                            | 34.56%                           | 35.48%   |
| Benchmark      | (0.08%)                           | 6.90%                             | 10.61%                          | 14.43%                           | 32.33%                           | 32.32%   |
| Outperformance | 3.53%                             | 4.70%                             | (0.52%)                         | (6.82%)                          | 2.23%                            | 3.16%  |

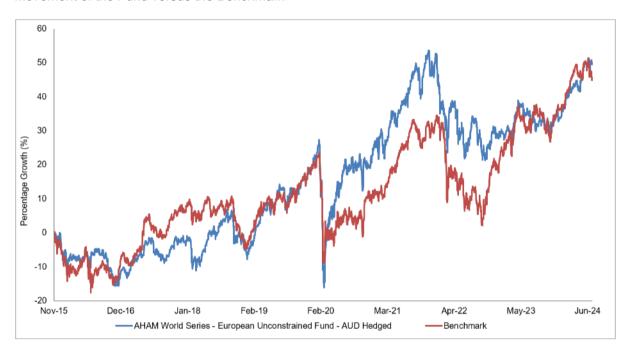
Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg



#### **AUD Hedged-Class**

|                |           |           |           |           |           | Since        |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|                | 3 Months  | 6 Months  | 1 Year    | 3 Years   | 5 Years   | Commencement |
|                | (1/4/24 - | (1/1/24 - | (1/7/23 - | (1/7/21 - | (1/7/19 - | (27/11/15 -  |
|                | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)     |
| Fund           | 3.34%     | 11.56%    | 10.17%    | 8.47%     | 33.83%    | 49.54%       |
| Benchmark      | (3.03%)   | 6.03%     | 8.49%     | 16.24%    | 31.14%    | 44.84%       |
| Outperformance | 6.37%     | 5.53%     | 1.68%     | (7.77%)   | 2.69%     | 4.70%        |

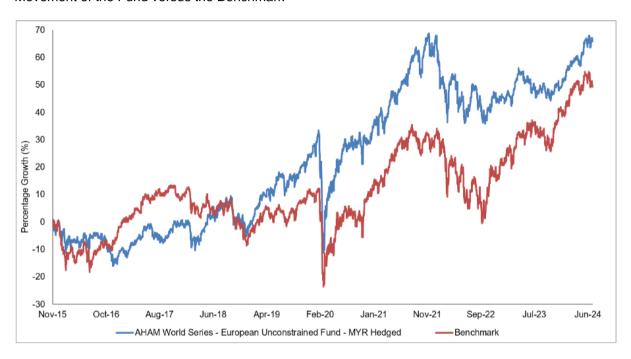
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#### **MYR Hedged-Class**

|                | 2 Months              | 6 Months              | 1 Voor              | 2 Voore              | E Vooro              | Since                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
|                | 3 Months<br>(1/4/24 - | 6 Months<br>(1/1/24 - | 1 Year<br>(1/7/23 - | 3 Years<br>(1/7/21 - | 5 Years<br>(1/7/19 - | Commencement<br>(27/11/15 - |
|                | 30/6/24)              | 30/6/24)              | 30/6/24)            | 30/6/24)             | 30/6/24)             | 30/6/24)                    |
| Fund           | 3.22%                 | 11.09%                | 9.00%               | 10.12%               | 43.68%               | 65.84%                      |
| Benchmark      | (0.93%)               | 6.40%                 | 9.78%               | 17.64%               | 42.33%               | 49.35%                      |
| Outperformance | 4.15%                 | 4.69%                 | (0.78%)             | (7.52%)              | 1.35%                | 16.49%                      |

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg



#### **SGD Hedged-Class**

|                | 3 Months              | 6 Months              | 1 Year                | 3 Years               | 5 Years               | Since<br>Commencement   |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                | (1/4/24 -<br>30/6/24) | (1/1/24 -<br>30/6/24) | (1/7/23 -<br>30/6/24) | (1/7/21 -<br>30/6/24) | (1/7/19 -<br>30/6/24) | (27/11/15 -<br>30/6/24) |
| Fund           | 3.29%                 | 11.35%                | 9.87%                 | 9.68%                 | 39.28%                | 56.36%                  |
| Benchmark      | (0.28%)               | 6.42%                 | 8.88%                 | 4.26%                 | 25.03%                | 28.67%                  |
| Outperformance | 3.57%                 | 4.93%                 | 0.99%                 | 5.42%                 | 14.25%                | 27.69%                  |

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

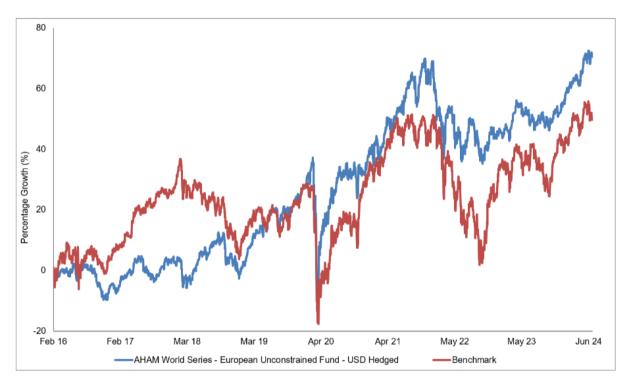


#### **USD Hedged-Class**

|                |           |           |           |           |           | Since        |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|                | 3 Months  | 6 Months  | 1 Year    | 3 Years   | 5 Years   | Commencement |
|                | (1/4/24 - | (1/1/24 - | (1/7/23 - | (1/7/21 - | (1/7/19 - | (3/2/16 -    |
|                | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)  | 30/6/24)     |
| Fund           | 3.63%     | 12.02%    | 11.55%    | 11.89%    | 43.37%    | 70.52%       |
| Benchmark      | (0.76%)   | 3.54%     | 8.57%     | 3.48%     | 24.84%    | 49.73%       |
| Outperformance | 4.39%     | 8.48%     | 2.98%     | 8.41%     | 18.53%    | 20.79%       |

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



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Benchmark: MSCI Europe Index

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#### **Asset Allocation**

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

|                     | 30 June 2024 |
|---------------------|--------------|
|                     | (%)          |
| Unit Trust          | 94.81        |
| Derivative          | 0.00         |
| Cash & money market | 5.19         |
| Total               | 100.00       |

#### **Strategies Employed**

The strategy outperformed the index in the second quarter. The Target Fund benefited from positive stock selection in the energy, health care, and industrials sectors, while both stock selection and sector allocation effects in materials also added value. At the stock level, the top contributor has been the long holding in miner Anglo American, following a takeover offer in April, while Galp Energia is also among the best performers this year.

Conversely, negative stock selection in the financials and communication services sectors weighed on performance, while an underweight position in consumer discretionary more than offset these negative stock selection effects. At the stock level, the holding in the UK-based market research company YouGov was the largest detractor following a profit warning earlier in Q2.

#### **Market Review**

In May, The initial estimate for Eurozone inflation suggests an uptick in headline CPI to 2.6% YoY and core CPI to 2.9%, both above expectations. The preliminary Eurozone Composite PMI for May beat expectations, rising for the 5th consecutive month to a level of 52.3, driven by a further improvement in the Manufacturing sector to 47.4, while the reading for Services held steady at 53.3.

Across the board, business sentiment and consumer confidence indicators - such as the EC consumer survey, Sentix and ZEW economic expectations - point towards a brightening outlook for the region. Germany is still the weakest among Europe's main economies, but is also showing improvement. Germany April manufacturing PMI rose by 3 points to 45.4 and Ifo expectations improved further. Some ECB officials acknowledged the improving growth outlook, still maintaining that a first 25bps rate cut on June 6th is very likely. Investors will focus on the press conference for any hints about the future pace of rate cuts and revisions to the central bank's growth and inflation outlook.

The following month in June, the European parliamentary elections led to a surprise in French politics, with President Macron calling snap elections on June 30 and July 7. European markets reacted negatively with concerns that a new parliamentary government could end up deteriorating France's already-precarious fiscal stance. The ECB cut the rates by 0.25% as expected. They noted that the stability in their 2025 projections have been informative. This resilience of their forward-looking view ultimately guided them to easing policy in spite of domestic wages and services inflation that have been sticker than expected.

#### **Investment Outlook**

As we reach the halfway point of the year, as was the case in 2023, the equity market in 2024 has been driven by very narrow market breadth, boosted by a small number of US stocks. The top 5 US mega cap tech stocks continue to benefit from ongoing enthusiasm around AI and now account for an unprecedented 27% of the US market. These stocks push up the rest of the US market as well as global stocks in an ongoing multiple expansion despite an ongoing cooling of the global economy.

Although the global interest rate cutting cycle has already begun in some regions, the Fed has remained cautious on its outlook for easing monetary policy an we observe that real interest rates are starting to spike in the US, where inflation is falling but nominal rates remain unchanged. Cutting rates remains difficult for now as US fiscal stimulus remains incredibly high, delaying the normalisation of inflation to the Fed target of close to 2% and keeping unemployment low.

Despite unusually high spending relative to income and a personal savings rate below its historical average, the US consumer has remained resilient thanks to positive wealth effects (in the form of higher equity and house prices). This virtuous cycle could however reverse if asset prices start falling. We see risks on the horizon as unemployment starts to rise and corporate bankruptcies spike. In addition, valuations remain elevated in the US and positioning is extended amongst investors thanks to the unbroken belief in AI.

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

|  | Financial period ended | Financial period ended |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
|  | 30.6.2024<br>EUR       | 30.6.2023<br>EUR       |
| INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)   | EUR                    | EUR                    |
| Interest income from financial assets  |                        |                        |
| at amortised cost  | 204                    | 7                      |
| Net gain on foreign currency exchange Net gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency          | 120                    | 1,138                  |
| contracts at fair value through profit or loss   | 22,090                 | (148,944)              |
| Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                          | 130,764                | 127,688                |
| through profit of loss   | <u> </u>               |                        |
|  | 153,178                | (20,111)               |
| EXPENSES   |                        |                        |
| Management fee   | (15,204)               | (18,640)               |
| Trustee fee  | (507)                  | (622)                  |
| Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee   | (391)<br>(171)         | (415)                  |
| Other expenses   | (439)                  | (706)                  |
|  | (16,712)               | (20,383)               |
| NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION  | 136,466                | (40,494)               |
| ,  | .55, .55               | (10,101)               |
| Taxation   |                        |                        |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS  |                        |                        |
| ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS  | 136,466                | (40,494)               |
| Incerase/(decrease) of net asset attributable to unitholders are made up of the following: |                        |                        |
| Realised amount  | 18,138                 | (83,845)               |
| Unrealised amount  | 118,328                | 43,351                 |
|  | 136,466                | (40,494)               |
|  |                        |                        |

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

|  | <u>2024</u><br>EUR | <u>2023</u><br>EUR |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS   |                    |                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 154,443            | 273,463            |
| Amount due from Manager - creation of units - management fee rebate receivable                 | 4,268              | 14,609<br>5,063    |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss  | 3,100,049          | 3,679,532          |
| Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss                        | 25,135             | 3,366              |
| TOTAL ASSETS   | 3,283,895          | 3,976,033          |
| LIABILITIES  |                    |                    |
| Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss  Amount due to Manager | 175                | 59,374             |
| - management fee - cancellation of units   | 4,968<br>4,630     | 5,839              |
| Amount due to Trustee  | 4,030<br>166       | 195                |
| Auditors' remuneration   | 676                | 830                |
| Tax agent's fee Other payable and accruals   | 1,069<br>2,317     | 951<br>2,351       |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES  | 14,001             | 69,540             |
| NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND  | 3,269,894          | 3,906,493          |
| NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS   | 3,269,894          | 3,906,493          |
|  |                    |                    |

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024 (CONTINUED)

|   | <u>2024</u><br>EUR   | <u>2023</u><br>EUR   |
|---|--|--|
| REPRESENTED BY:   | 2011   | 2011   |
| FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS   |  |  |
| <ul><li>AUD Hedged-class</li><li>EUR class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li><li>USD Hedged-class</li></ul>       | 328,934<br>447,759<br>2,138,709<br>177,742<br>176,750<br>3,269,894 | 437,203<br>458,980<br>2,588,766<br>243,250<br>178,294<br>3,906,493 |
|   |  |  |
| NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION  |  |  |
| <ul><li>AUD Hedged-class</li><li>EUR class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li><li>USD Hedged-class</li></ul>       | 708,000<br>661,000<br>13,027,000<br>330,000<br>222,000             | 1,055,000<br>746,000<br>17,212,000<br>503,000<br>253,000           |
|   | 14,948,000   | 19,769,000   |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (EUR)  |  |  |
| <ul><li>AUD Hedged-class</li><li>EUR class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li><li>USD Hedged-class</li></ul>       | 0.4646<br>0.6774<br>0.1642<br>0.5386<br>0.7962                     | 0.4144<br>0.6153<br>0.1504<br>0.4836<br>0.7047                     |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>AUD Hedged-class</li> <li>EUR class</li> <li>MYR Hedged-class</li> <li>SGD Hedged-class</li> <li>USD Hedged-class</li> </ul> | AUD0.7477<br>EUR0.6774<br>RM0.8292<br>SGD0.7818<br>USD0.8526       | AUD0.6787<br>EUR0.6153<br>RM0.7607<br>SGD0.7116<br>USD0.7643       |

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

|   | Financial<br>period ended<br>30.6.2024<br>EUR | Financial<br>period ended<br>30.6.2023<br>EUR  |
|---|---|--|
| NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD   | 3,452,414                                     | 4,322,077                                      |
| Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period   |   |  |
| Creation of units arising from applications   | 49,904  | 103,077  |
| - AUD Hedged-class  | 15,165  | -  |
| <ul><li>EUR class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li></ul>   | 27,490<br>7,249                               | 103,077  |
| Cancellation of units   | (368,890)                                     | (478,167)                                      |
| <ul><li>AUD Hedged-class</li><li>EUR class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li></ul>                          | (368,890)                                     | (180,226)<br>(88,512)<br>(147,132)<br>(62,297) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders during the financial period                                   | 136,466                                       | (40,494)                                       |
| <ul><li>AUD Hedged-class</li><li>EUR class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li><li>USD Hedged-class</li></ul> | 18,628<br>14,924<br>89,563<br>6,050<br>7,301  | 12,653<br>13,739<br>(75,045)<br>3,441<br>4,718 |
| NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD   | 3,269,894                                     | 3,906,493                                      |

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