

# PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS SHEET

for

## **AHAM World Series – Asian Bond Fund** *(Formerly known as Affin Hwang World Series – Asian Bond Fund)*

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This Product Highlights Sheet only highlights the key features and risks of this Fund. Investors are advised to request, read and understand the Information Memorandum of the Fund before deciding to invest.

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**AHAM WORLD SERIES – ASIAN BOND FUND**

**BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCT**

**1. What is this product about?**

AHAM World Series – Asian Bond Fund is an open-ended wholesale feeder fund which aims to provide investors with regular income through investments in a collective investment scheme (“CIS”), namely MSIG Asian Bond Fund.

**PRODUCT SUITABILITY**

**2. Who is this product suitable for?**

The Fund is designed for Sophisticated Investors who have a medium to long-term investment horizon, want exposure into Asian bonds, are looking for regular income stream and have a low risk tolerance.

**KEY PRODUCT FEATURES**

**3. What am I investing in?**

<b>Launch Date</b>	19 May 2017
<b>Tenure</b>	The Fund is an open-ended fund and does not have a maturity date and may only be terminated in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus and the provisions of the Deed..
<b>Base Currency</b>	MYR
<b>Asset Allocation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A minimum of 95% of the Fund’s NAV to be invested in the Target Fund; and</li> <li>➢ The remaining balance of the Fund’s NAV to be invested in money market instruments and/or deposits.</li> </ul>
<b>Benchmark</b>	<p>12-month Malayan Banking Berhad Fixed Deposit Rate</p> <p><i>The risk profile of this Fund is different from the isk profile of the benchmark.</i></p>
<b>Investment Strategy</b>	<p>The Fund will be investing a minimum of 95% of the Fund’s NAV in the Target Fund and the remaining balance of the Fund’s NAV in money market instruments and/or deposits.</p> <p>We may substitute the Target Fund with another fund that has a similar objective with the Fund, if, in our opinion, the Target Fund no longer meets the Fund’s investment objective. However, this is subject to the Unit Holder’s approval before such change is made.</p> <p><b>Temporary Defensive Measure</b></p> <p>We may take temporary defensive positions that may be inconsistent with the Fund’s principal strategy and asset allocation by reducing its investment in the Target Fund and raise the liquidity levels of the Fund during adverse market conditions that may impact financial market to protect the Unit Holders’ interest. In raising the Fund’s liquidity levels, we may also invest in CIS that are able to meet the Fund’s investment objective. To manage the risk of the Fund, we may shift the Fund’s focus and exposure to lower risk investments such as deposits or money market instruments.</p> <p><b>Derivatives</b></p> <p>Derivatives trades may be carried out for hedging purposes through financial instruments including, but not limited to, forward contracts, futures contracts and swaps. Futures and forward contracts are generally contracts between two parties to trade an asset at an agreed price on a pre-determined future date whereas swaps is an agreement to swap or exchange two financial instruments between two parties.</p> <p>The intention of hedging is to preserve the value of the assets from any adverse price movements. While the hedging transactions will assist in mitigating the potential foreign</p>

	<p>exchange losses by the Fund, any potential foreign exchange gains from the hedging strategy will be capped as well.</p> <p>The Fund adopts commitment approach to measure the Fund's global exposure to derivatives. The commitment approach is a methodology that aggregates the underlying market values or notional values of derivatives after taking into account the possible effects of netting and/or hedging arrangements. The Fund's global exposure from the derivatives position must not exceed 100% of NAV of the Fund at all times.</p>
<b>Distribution Policy</b>	Subject to the availability of income, the Fund endeavours to distribute income on semi-annual basis, after the end of its first financial year.
<b>Minimum Initial Investment*</b>	MYR 1,000,000
<b>Minimum Additional Investment*</b>	MYR 500,000
<b>Minimum Holding of Units*</b>	1,000,000 Units
	If the balance of your investment (i.e. total number of Units) is less than the minimum holding of Units, you will be required to make an additional investment in order to meet the required minimum balance of investment. Otherwise, we may withdraw all your holding of Units in the Fund and pay the proceeds to you.
<b>Minimum Repurchase Units</b>	Not Applicable

<b>About the Target Fund</b>	
<b>Target Fund</b>	MSIG Asian Bond Fund
<b>Base Currency</b>	USD
<b>Country of Origin</b>	Singapore
<b>Regulatory Authority</b>	Monetary Authority of Singapore
<b>Target Fund Manager</b>	Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited.
<b>Investment Objective of the Target Fund</b>	The investment objective of the Target Fund is to outperform the JPM JACI Investment Grade ex China 17% capped BBB Corporate ("Benchmark") over the mid to long term through investments in USD denominated fixed income securities issued by sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns and corporate entities from Asia.

**Note: Please refer to the Information Memorandum for further details of the Fund.**

\* At our discretion, we may reduce the transaction value and Units, including for transactions made via digital channels, subject to the terms and conditions disclosed in the respective channels.

#### 4. Who am I investing with?

Relevant parties' information:

<b>The Manager</b>	AHAM Asset Management Berhad
<b>The Trustee</b>	CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad

#### 5. What are the possible outcomes of my investment?

The Fund is a wholesale feeder fund that invests in the Target Fund, which in turn invests into fixed income instruments primarily within the Asian region. The performance of this Fund would to a great extent be linked to the price movements of the Target Fund, which in turn is reliant on the performance of the portfolio of investments that it is invested in.

As such, the value of your investments will be reliant on the performance of the Target Fund. This means that if the Target Fund performance well, the Fund may reflect similar performance and likewise if the performance of the Target Fund falls, the value of your investment will also be affected. The Fund's performance is dependent on the Target Fund Manager's expertise in managing the Fund.

This Fund is aims to make income distribution on a semi-annual basis, subject to the availability of income. Please note that the capital and returns of the Fund are not guaranteed.

## KEY RISKS

## 6. What are the key risks associated with this product?

## General risks

- **Market risk** - Market risk arises because of the factors that affect the entire market place. Factors such as economic growth, political stability and social environment are some examples of conditions that have an impact on businesses, whether positive or negative. Market risk cannot be eliminated but may be reduced through diversification. Market risk cannot be eliminated but may be reduced through diversification. It stems from the fact that there are economy-wide perils, or instances of political or social instability which threaten all businesses. Hence, the Fund will be exposed to market uncertainties and fluctuations in the economic, political and social environment that will affect the market price of the investments either in a positive or negative way.
- **Fund management risk** – This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the Fund by us which will impact the performance of the Fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by us as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the Deed, relevant laws or guidelines due to factors such as human error, fraud, dishonesty or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund.
- **Performance risk** - This Fund is a feeder fund which invests in another CIS, namely the Target Fund. The performance of the Fund very much depends on the performance of the Target Fund. If the Target Fund does not perform in accordance with its objective, the performance of the Fund will also be impacted negatively. The performance of the Target Fund and consequently of this Fund may go down as well as up, depending on the circumstances prevailing at a particular given time. On that basis, there is never a guarantee that investing in the Fund will produce a positive investment return in accordance with its objective.
- **Inflation risk** - This is the risk that your investment in the Fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce your purchasing power even though the value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.
- **Loan / Financing risk** – This risk occurs when you take a loan/financing to finance your investment. The inherent risk of investing with borrowed or financed money includes you being unable to service the loan or financing repayments. In the event Units are used as collateral, you may be required to top-up your existing instalment if the prices of Units fall below a certain level due to market conditions. Failing which, the Units may be sold at a lower NAV per Unit as compared to the NAV per Unit at the point of purchase towards settling the loan/financing.
- **Operational risk** - This risk refers to the possibility of a breakdown in the Manager's internal controls and policies. The breakdown may be a result of human error, system failure or fraud where employees of the Manager collude with one another. This risk may cause monetary loss and/or inconvenience to you. The Manager will review its internal policies and system capability to mitigate instances of this risk. Additionally, the Manager maintains a strict segregation of duties to mitigate instances of fraudulent practices amongst employees of the Manager.
- **Suspension of repurchase request risk** - Having considered the best interests of Unit Holders, the repurchase requests by the Unit Holders may be subject to suspension due to exceptional circumstances, where the market value or fair value of a material portion of the Fund's assets cannot be determined or such other circumstances as may be determined by the Manager, where there is good and sufficient reason to do so.  
  
The exceptional circumstances may include, amongst other, suspension of dealing by the Target Fund. In such case, Unit Holders will not be able to redeem their Units and will be compelled to remain invested in the Fund for a longer period of time. Hence, their investments will continue to be subject to the risks inherent to the Fund.
- **Related party transaction risk** - The Fund may also have dealings with parties related to AHAM. Nevertheless, it is our policy that all transactions with related parties are to be executed on terms which are best available to the Fund and which are not less favourable to the Fund than an arm's length transaction between independent parties.

## Specific risks

- **Concentration risk** – This Fund is a feeder fund which invests in a single CIS. Any adverse effect on the Target Fund will inevitably affect the Fund as well. The performance of the Fund is also dependent on the performance of the Target Fund. This risk may be mitigated as we are allowed to take temporary defensive positions in response to adverse market conditions. We are also able to substitute the Target Fund with another fund with similar objective of the Fund if, in our opinion, the Target Fund no longer meets the Fund's objective subject to Unit Holders' approval. For better understanding of the risks associated to the Target Fund, please refer to the "Risks of the Target Fund".
- **Liquidity risk** – This is the risk that the units of the Target Fund that is held by the Fund cannot be readily sold and converted into cash. This can occur when there is a restriction on realisation of units of the Target Fund. The Target Fund Manager may suspend the realisation of units of the Target Fund, or delay the payment of realisation proceeds in respect of any realisation request received, during any periods in which the determination of the net asset value of the Target Fund is suspended. As a result, the Fund may not be able to receive the repurchase proceeds in a timely manner which in turn may delay the payment of repurchase proceeds to the Unit Holders.

In addition, the Target Fund may not be able to pay repurchase proceeds within the prescribed period due to unusual market conditions, unusually high volume of repurchase requests, or such other uncontrollable factors. To meet repurchase requests, the Target Fund may be forced to sell investments at an unfavourable price and/or condition.

In managing liquidity risk, we will maintain a sufficient liquidity level for the purposes of meeting repurchase requests.

Please refer to the “*Suspension of Dealing in Units*” section of the Information Memorandum for more details.

- **Counterparty risk** – Counterparty risk is the risk associated with the ongoing ability and willingness of the issuers to derivatives (“Investments”) to fulfill their respective financial commitments to the Fund in a timely manner. Bankruptcy, fraud or regulatory non-compliance arising out of and/or in connection with the issuer may impair the operations and/or the performance of the Fund. However, we will conduct stringent credit selection process of the issuer of the Investments prior to commencement of Investments and monitoring mechanisms established by us may potentially mitigate this risk. If, we are of the opinion there is material adverse change to an issuer, we may consider unwinding the issuer’s Investments to mitigate potential losses that may arise.
- **Country risk** – Since the Fund invests in the Target Fund which is established in Singapore, which in turn invests in the Asian region, the Fund will be exposed to risks specific to the countries within the Asian region. The changes or developments in the regulations, political environment and the economy of the Asian countries may impact the Target Fund which will in turn affect the Fund.
- **Currency risk** – As the investments of the Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. You should be aware that if the currencies in which the investments are denominated (other than in USD) depreciate against the Base Currency, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the Fund in the Base Currency and vice versa. You should note that any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment..
- **Target Fund Manager risk** – The Target Fund (which the Fund invests in) is managed by the Target Fund Manager. It is important to note that the Manager has no control over the investment management techniques and operational controls of the Target Fund. Thus, mismanagement of the Target Fund (i.e. breach of its prescribed investment restriction due to human error) may negatively affect the Fund (as an investor of the Target Fund). Should such a situation arise, the Manager may propose to invest in other alternative CIS that is consistent with the investment objective of the Fund provided always that the approval of the Unit Holders has been obtained.

**Risks related to the Target Fund**

- Investment in the Target Fund is not guaranteed by any government or third party
- Market risk
- Emerging markets risk
- Interest rate risk and credit risk
- Concentration risk
- Liquidity risk
- Regulatory and tax risk
- Financial derivative risk
- Counterparty risk
- Tracking error risk
- Risk of ratings downgrade
- Distribution risk
- Investor eligibility

**Note:** Please refer to “*Understanding the Risks of the Fund and the Target Fund*” in Information Memorandum for further details on each risk.

It is important to note that events affecting the investments cannot always be foreseen. Therefore, it is not possible to protect investments against all risks. You are recommended to read the whole Information Memorandum to assess the risks associated with the Fund. If necessary, you should consult your professional adviser(s) for a better understanding of the risks

**FEES & CHARGES**

**7. What are the fees and charges involved?**

There are fees and charges involved and you are advised to consider them before contributing to the Fund.

**What will I be charged by the Manager?**

<b>Sales charge</b>	Nil
<b>Repurchase charge</b>	Nil
<b>Switching fee</b>	Not applicable as switching facility is not available for this Fund.
<b>Transfer fee</b>	Nil

**What are the key ongoing fees charged to the Fund?**

<b>Management fee</b>	Up to 0.30% per annum of the NAV of the Fund.
<b>Trustee fee</b>	Up to 0.04% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges)

**Note: Please refer to the Information Memorandum for further explanation and illustration of the Fund's fees, charges and expenses.**

**ALL FEES AND CHARGES PAYABLE BY YOU ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE TAXES AND / OR DUTIES AS MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND / OR THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES FROM TIME TO TIME.**

**VALUATIONS AND EXITING FROM INVESTMENT**

**8. How often are valuations available?**

The Fund will be valued on every Business Day and you may obtain the NAV and NAV per Unit of the Fund from our website at [www.aham.com.my](http://www.aham.com.my), our customer service via our toll free number 1-800-88-7080 or email to [customercare@aham.com.my](mailto:customercare@aham.com.my).

**9. How can I exit from this investment and what are the risks and costs involved?**

You may request to redeem your investments in the Fund at any point in time by completing the repurchase application form and returning it to us on any Business Day between 8.45 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Payments will be made to you within ten (10) Business Days from the Dealing Day the repurchase request is received by us and provided that all documentations are completed and verifiable.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**10. Who should I contact for further information or to lodge a complaint?**

1. For internal dispute resolution, you may contact our customer service personnel:
  - (a) via phone to : 03 – 2116 6000
  - (b) via fax to : 03 – 2116 6100
  - (c) via toll free no. : 1-800-88-7080
  - (d) via email to : [customercare@aham.com.my](mailto:customercare@aham.com.my)
  - (e) via letter : AHAM Asset Management Berhad  
Ground Floor, Menara Boustead  
69, Jalan Raja Chulan, 50200 Kuala Lumpur

Complaints should be made in writing with the following information:

- (a) particulars of the complainant which include name, correspondence address, contact number, e-mail address (if any) and other relevant information;
  - (b) circumstances of the non-compliance or improper conduct;
  - (c) parties alleged to be involved in the improper conduct; and
  - (d) other supporting documentary evidence (if any).
2. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal dispute resolution process, please refer your dispute to the Securities Industries Dispute Resolution Centre (SIDREC):
    - (a) via phone to : 03 – 2282 2280
    - (b) via fax to : 03 – 2282 3855
    - (c) via email to : [info@sidrec.com.my](mailto:info@sidrec.com.my)
    - (d) via letter to : Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC)  
Unit A-9-1 Level 9, Tower A, Menara UOA Bangsar,  
No. 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1, 59000 Kuala Lumpur
  3. You can also direct your complaint to the SC even if you have initiated a dispute resolution process with SIDREC. To make a complaint, please contact the SC's Consumer & Investor Office:
    - (a) via phone to the Aduan Hotline at : 03 – 6204 8999
    - (b) via fax to : 03 – 6204 8991
    - (c) via e-mail to : [aduan@seccom.com.my](mailto:aduan@seccom.com.my)
    - (d) via online complaint form available at [www.sc.com.my](http://www.sc.com.my)
    - (e) via letter to : Consumer & Investor Office  
Securities Commission Malaysia,  
No 3 Persiaran Bukit Kiara, Bukit Kiara,  
50490 Kuala Lumpur
  4. Federal of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM)'s Complaints Bureau:

- (a) via phone to : 03 – 20923800  
 (b) via fax to : 03 – 20932700  
 (c) via e-mail to : complaints@fimm.com.my  
 (d) via online complaint form available at : www.fimm.com.my  
 (e) via letter to : Legal, Secretarial & Regulatory Affairs  
 Federal of Investment Managers Malaysia  
 19-06-1, 6th Floor Wisma Tune, No. 19,  
 Lorong Dungun, Damansara Heights,  
 50490 Kuala Lumpur

**APPENDIX : GLOSSARY**

<b>Base Currency</b>	Means the currency in which the Fund is denominated i.e. MYR.
<b>Bursa Malaysia</b>	Means the stock exchange operated by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad including such other name as it may be amended from time to time.
<b>Business Day</b>	Means a day on which the Bursa Malaysia is open for trading. The Manager may declare certain Business Days a non-Business Day when deemed necessary, such as (i) in the event of market disruption; (ii) if the jurisdiction of the Target Fund declares that day as a non-business day; and/or (iii) if that day is declared as a non-dealing day for the Target Fund.
<b>Business Day of the Target Fund</b>	Means any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which commercial banks in Singapore and US are generally open for business, or any other day as the Target Fund Manager and the Target Fund Trustee may agree in writing.
<b>Class(es)</b>	Means any number of class(es) of Unit(s) representing similar interests in the assets of the Fund although a class of Units of the Fund may have different features from another class of Units of the Fund.
<b>Dealing Day</b>	Means: (i) every Monday of the week if that is a Business Day of the Target Fund and if a Monday is not a Business Day of the Target Fund, the Business Day of the Target Fund immediately following that Monday of that week ; and (ii) the last Business Day of the Target Fund of each month.  Provided that the Target Fund Manager may decide as they deem appropriate any particular Business Day of the Target Fund to be or not to be a Dealing Day or any other day or days to be a Dealing Day upon giving reasonable notice to the Target Fund Trustee.
<b>Deed</b>	Refers to the deed dated 28 April 2017 and the first supplemental deed dated 17 November 2023 entered into between the Manager and the Trustee, which may be modified or varied by further supplemental deeds from time to time.
<b>deposit</b>	Has the same meaning as per the definition of "deposit" in the Financial Services Act 2013. For the avoidance of doubt, it shall exclude structured deposit.
<b>Financial Institution</b>	Means (1) if the institution is in Malaysia – (i) Licensed Bank; (ii) Licensed Investment Bank; (iii) Development Financial Institutions; or (iv) Licensed Islamic Bank; or (2) if the institution is outside Malaysia, any institution that is licensed, registered, approved or authorised by the relevant banking regulator to provide financial services.
<b>Fund</b>	Refers to AHAM World Series – Asian Bond Fund ( <i>formerly known as Affin Hwang World Series – Asian Bond Fund</i> )
<b>Guidelines</b>	Means the Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products Under The Lodge And Launch Framework issued by the SC as amended or modified from time to time.
<b>Information Memorandum</b>	Means this offer document in respect of this Fund as may be replaced or amended from time to time.
<b>Licensed Bank</b>	Means a bank licensed under the Financial Services Act 2013.
<b>Licensed Investment Bank</b>	Means an investment bank licensed under the Financial Services Act 2013.
<b>Licensed Islamic Bank</b>	Means an Islamic bank licensed under the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013.
<b>Manager / AHAM</b>	Refers to AHAM Asset Management Berhad.
<b>NAV</b>	Means the value of all the assets of the Fund less the value of all the liabilities of the Fund at a valuation point.
<b>NAV per Unit</b>	Means the NAV of the Fund at a particular point divided by the number of Units in Circulation at the same valuation point.
<b>Repurchase Charge</b>	Means a charge imposed pursuant to a repurchase request.

<b>Sales Charge</b>	Means a charge imposed pursuant to a purchase request.
<b>SC</b>	Means the Securities Commission Malaysia established under the Securities Commission Malaysia Act 1993.
<b>Sophisticated Investor</b>	Refers to any person (a) who falls within any of the categories of investors set out in Part 1, Schedules 6 and 7 of the Act; (b) who acquires unlisted capital market products where the consideration is not less than two hundred and fifty thousand ringgit or equivalent in foreign currencies for each transaction whether such amount is paid for in cash or otherwise; or (c) any other person as may be determined by the SC from time to time under the Guidelines.  Note: For more information, please refer to our website at <a href="http://www.aham.com.my">www.aham.com.my</a> for the current excerpts of Part 1, Schedules 6 and 7 of the Act and the list of other Sophisticated Investors as permitted by the SC under the Guidelines.
<b>Target Fund Manager</b>	Refers to Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited.
<b>Target Fund Trustee</b>	Refers to <u>BNP Paribas Trust Services Singapore Limited.</u>
<b>Unit(s)</b>	Means an undivided share in the beneficial interest and/or right in the Fund and a measurement of the interest and/or right of a Unit Holder in the Fund and means a unit of the Fund.
<b>Units in Circulation</b>	Means a Unit created and fully paid for and which have not been cancelled. <i>It is the total number of Units issued at a particular valuation point</i>
<b>Unit Holder(s) or you</b>	Refers to the person / corporation for the time being who, in full compliance to the relevant laws is a Sophisticated Investor pursuant to the Guidelines including a jointholder.
<b>US</b>	Means United States of America.
<b>USD</b>	Means United States Dollar, the lawful currency of United States of America.