

# PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS SHEET

# for

# **AHAM Principled Growth Fund**

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# **AHAM PRINCIPLED GROWTH FUND**

## **BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCT**

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

AHAM Principled Growth Fund is an open-ended equity fund.

The Fund's investment objective is to seek a stable return and generate capital growth over the medium to long term period in diversified portfolio of equities with stocks in gaming, liquor and tobacco to be avoided.

#### PRODUCT SUITABILITY

## 2. Who is this product suitable for?

The Fund is designed for retail investors who seek potentially higher returns relative to benchmark and are tolerant to market volatility, have a medium to long-term investment horizon and have strong convictions against investing in stocks involved in gaming, liquor or tobacco.

## **KEY PRODUCT FEATURES**

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

Launch date	22 July 2009			
Tenure	This Fund is an open-ended fund where it does not have a fixed maturity date and may only be terminated in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus and the provisions of the Deed.			
Benchmark	FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI			
	The risk profile of this Fund is different from th	e risk profile of the benchmark.		
	Information on the benchmark can be obtained	d from http://www.bursamalaysia.com		
Asset Allocation	Asset Class	% of the Fund's NAV		
	Equities and equity linked instruments	70% to 99.8%		
	Fixed income instruments	Maximum 30%		
	The Manager will maintain a sufficier	nt level of cash for liquidity purposes		
Investment strategy	The Fund aims to provide investors with stable returns by enabling investors to participate in the growth prospect of the Malaysian equity market which is to generate long term capital growth and consistent income in a diversified portfolio of equities with stocks in gaming, liquor and tobacco to be avoided.			
	To achieve the Fund's investment objective, the Manager's investment approach is to invest primarily in equities with a focus on those that exhibit above-average earnings growth, has a leading competitive position and show potential for delivering superior returns against its industry peers.			
	The Fund is structured as an open-ended fund with equities and equity linked instruments investments as its focus. A minimum allocation of 70% of the Fund's NAV will be invested into companies listed on Bursa Malaysia. The balance of the Fund's NAV may be invested in fixed Income instruments which include money market instruments and fixed deposits while waiting for opportunities in the equity market. The Fund's investments in fixed income instruments will be primarily made during adverse market conditions to reduce the risk of the Fund. The selection of these fixed income instruments will be dependent on an internal credit selection process. The process will focus on issuers' ability to meet their financial obligations, and offer highest safety for timely payment of interest and principal. The Manager may invest in collective investment schemes that hold similar investment objectives to the Fund's investment objective.			
	To meet its objective, the Fund will also look at as rights and warrants, as well as unlisted se Public Offerings (IPOs). The Fund may invest are eligible markets.	ecurities such as unlisted bonds, and Initial		



#### **Screening Process**

The Manager will screen its investments and employ negative filters to remove companies whose principal business involves the promotion of gaming, tobacco and alcohol to determine the Fund's investable universe.

The diagram below displays the investment policy adopted by the Fund:-

Companies listed on Bursa Malaysia and other eligible markets

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#### Negative Filter

To remove gaming, tobacco, and alcohol related investments



#### Performance Filter

Stock selection will be focused on those that exhibit above-average earnings growth, has a leading competitive position and show potential for delivering superior returns against its industry peers.



### Identify the Fund's investable universe

To ensure that the holdings of the Fund are consistent with the Fund's objective, the Fund portfolio will be reviewed on a regular basis.

If at any time any of the stocks contained in the portfolio has deviated from the Fund's objective, for example as a result of changes in the companies' operations, the Manager will undertake to perform one of the following:

- (i) If the current share price is higher than its cost at the time of the announcement of the change in status, the investment must be disposed-off immediately. Any capital gain arising from the disposal of the stock made at the time of the announcement will be retained by the Fund. However, any excess capital gains derived from the disposal after the announcement at a market price that is higher than the closing price on the announcement shall be channeled to charitable bodies.
- (ii) If the current share price is lower than its cost, the investment may remain in the portfolio until a breakeven threshold is reached upon which the investment will be disposed-off immediately. The Fund is allowed to subscribe to any entitlement with a view of reducing the average cost of the holding in order to expedite the disposal.

However, it is necessary that the actions can only be undertaken when the change in status of the companies of whose stocks the Manager has purchased, becomes a publicly known fact or uncontested in nature.

## **Principal Investment Strategies**

The Manager combines the top-down and the bottom-up approach for the stock selection process.

## **Temporary Defensive Measures**

The Manager may take temporary defensive positions that may be inconsistent with the Fund's principal strategy by raising cash levels or increasing the Fund's asset allocation weighting in fixed income instruments, in attempting to respond to adverse conditions that may impact the financial markets.

Distribution policy	Distribution (if any) is incidental and will be subject to the availability of income.
Minimum initial investment *	MYR 200
Minimum additional investment *	MYR 100
Minimum repurchase amount*	400 Units
Minimum holding of units*	400 Units
Minimum switching of units*	100 Units

Note: Please refer to the Prospectus for further details of the Fund.

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



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

Relevant parties' information:

The Manager	AHAM Asset Management Berhad
The Trustee	AmanahRaya Trustees Berhad

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

The Fund aims to provide investors with stable returns by enabling investors to participate in the growth prospect of the Malaysian equity market which is to generate long term capital growth and consistent income in a diversified portfolio of equities with stocks in gaming, liquor and tobacco to be avoided.

The Fund's investment mainly into local equities would to a great extent, be linked to the price movements of the local equity market. If the local equities that are investable by the Fund performs well, the Fund's performance may reflect the same. However, should the local equities that are investable by the Fund performs poorly, the Fund's performance may also be impacted negatively.

Distribution of income is incidental. However, due to investments in equities, the Manager endeavors to yield incidental growth in capital.

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

- Affected by variable factors and not guaranteed The performance of the Fund is affected by many variable factors and is not guaranteed. These include overall economic and financial market conditions such as interest rate fluctuation and stability of local currency. While a track record may provide some insight on future performance, it is by no means guaranteed. The prices of Units may go down as well as up. Likewise, distribution may vary from year to year depending on the performance of the Fund.
- **Issuer risk** The value of each individual securities that the Fund invests in may decline for a number of reasons which is directly related to the issuer, such as but not limited to, the management performance, financial leverage, changing industry conditions and changes in consumer tastes and demand.
- Fund management risk This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the Fund by the Manager which will impact the performance of the Fund. For example, investment decisions undertaken by the Manager as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the Deed, relevant law 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.
- Financing risk This risk occurs when you take a financing to finance your investment. The inherent risk of investing with financed money includes you being unable to service the 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 financing.
- 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. 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.

#### Specific risks

Equity and equity linked instruments investment risk - The buying and selling of equities and equity linked instruments (the word "equities" hereinafter is referring to the equity and equity linked instruments) carry a number of risks. The most important being the volatility of the capital markets (of those tradable equities), the general insolvency risk associated with the issuers of equities, and/or the performance of the underlying equity that the equity linked instrument is linked to. The value of the equities depends on its growth and earning potential, sound management, treatment of minority shareholders, as well as a myriad of other factors. Failure to achieve the expected earnings would result in declining investment value which in turn affects the performance of the Fund. This risk can be mitigated by diversifying the Fund's portfolio. The Manager will employ stringent stock selection criteria which would effectively filter its stock components to the equities which may provide returns to the Fund in the form of capital gains and income.

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- Market risk Market risk arises because of 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. 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.
- Specific stock risk Prices of a particular stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such stock will adversely affect the Fund's NAV.
- Liquidity risk Liquidity risk refers to two scenarios. The first is where an investment cannot be sold due to unavailability of a buyer for that investment. The second scenario exists where the investment, by its nature, is thinly traded. This will have the effect of causing the investment to be sold below its fair value which would adversely affect the NAV of the Fund and subsequently the value of Unit Holders' investments in the Fund.
- Non-compliance risk As the Fund invests only in securities whose principal activities do not involve the promotion of gaming, tobacco and alcohol, the Fund shall at the initial selection of stocks will screen and filter out companies whose principal business do not conform to the Fund's objective. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, there is an inherent risk that security that was initially acceptable, may subsequently deviate from conforming to the Fund's objective. In such a case, any profit/interest earned after such deviation will not be recognised as income of the Fund. To mitigate this risk, the Manager shall review stocks on a regular basis to ensure they have not deviated from their initial business activities.
- Credit and Default risk Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the fixed income instruments such as debentures or money market instruments and the Financial Institutions where the deposits are placed (hereinafter referred to as "investment") and their expected ability to make timely payment of interest and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer and/or Financial Institution may impact the value as well as liquidity of the investment. In the case of rated investments, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk of an issuer and/or Financial Institution of the investment either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the investment. This could adversely affect the value of the Fund
- Interest rate risk This risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of the fixed income instruments such as debentures or money market instruments (hereinafter referred to as "investment"). Generally, movement in interest rates affects the prices of investment inversely. For example, when interest rates rise, prices of investment will fall. The fluctuations of the prices of investment will also have an impact on the NAV of the Fund. This risk can largely be eliminated by holding the investment until their maturity. We also manage interest rate risk by considering each investment's sensitivity to interest rate changes. When interest rates are expected to increase, the Fund would then likely seek to switch to investment that are less sensitive to interest rate changes. For investments in deposits, the fluctuations in the interest rates will not affect the placement of deposits but will result in the opportunity loss by the Fund if the placement of deposits is made at lower interest rate.
- Warrants investment risk The value of the warrants will depend on the pricing of the underlying security whereby the growth and performance prospect of the underlying security would consequentially affect the value of the warrants. In addition, the value of the warrants may decrease exponentially as the warrants approach its maturity date and the potential gains from a favourable price movement of the underlying may be offset by aggressive time decay. We may consider unwinding these warrants if there are material adverse changes to its value with the aim to mitigate the risk.
- Currency risk As the investments of the Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency of the Fund 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 depreciate against the base currency of the Fund, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the Fund in the base currency of the Fund 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.
- Country risk Investments of the Fund in any countries may be affected by changes in the economic and political
  climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which
  the Fund invests in. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the
  value of the investments undertaken by the Fund in those affected countries. This in turn may cause the NAV of the
  Fund and prices of Units to fall.

Note: Please refer to the Fund's Prospectus on further details on the general and specific risks.

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 Prospectus to assess the risks associated with the Fund. If necessary, you should consult your professional adviser(s) for a better understanding of the risks.



## **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Average Total Return

	1 Year (1/10/23 – 30/9/24)	3 Years (1/10/21 – 30/9/24)	5 Years (1/10/19 – 30/9/24)	10 Years (1/10/14 – 30/9/24)	Since Commencement (23/7/09 – 30/9/24)
Fund	20.99%	0.40%	6.97%	3.94%	5.58%
Benchmark	15.78%	2.35%	0.81%	-1.11%	2.47%

Source: Bloomberg

Annual Total Return for Financial Year Ended 30 September

Financial Year End	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	20.99%	7.31%	-22.05	21.99%	13.50%	-3.77%	1.45%	15.80%	6.68%	-12.84%
Benchmark	15.78%	2.12%	-9.31	2.19%	-4.99%	-11.67%	2.14%	6.23%	1.94%	-12.04%

Source: Bloomberg

For the financial year ended 30 September 2024 (1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024), the Fund registered a 20.99% return compared to the benchmark return of 15.78%. Since commencement, the Fund has registered a cumulative return of 128.40% compared to the benchmark cumulative return of 44.97%, outperforming by 83.43%.

#### 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.

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

#### **Income Distribution**

Financial Year End	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2022	
Gross distribution per Unit (sen)	0.85	1.50	1.50	
Net distribution per Unit (sen)	0.85	1.50	1.50	

Distribution will be made in the form of cash as well as Units in lieu of cash, if any.

Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR)

Financial Year End	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
PTR (times)	1.31	0.87	0.62

The PTR of the Fund was higher than previous year due to higher trading activities during the financial year.

## PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

# **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?

Sales charge	Up to 5.50%* of the NAV per Unit. *Investors may negotiate for a lower charge.  The Sales Charge for investors purchasing Units through the EMIS shall be limited to a maximum charge of 3% of the NAV per Unit or as determined by the EPF.
Repurchase charge	There will be no Repurchase Charge levied on the repurchase of Units for the Fund.
Switching fee	The Manager does not impose any switching fee. However, if the amount of sales charge of the fund (or class) that the Unit Holder intends to switch into is higher than the sales charge imposed by the fund (or class) being switched from, then the difference in the sales charge between the two (2) funds (or classes) shall be borne by the Unit Holder.
Transfer fee	There will be no transfer fee imposed on the transfer facility.



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

Management fee	Up to 1.50% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (before deducting the management fee and trustee fee).
Trustee fee	Up to 0.08% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum of MYR 18,000 per annum (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), before deducting the management fee and trustee fee.

Note: Please refer to the Prospectus for further explanation and illustration on 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, our customer service via our toll free number 1-800-88-7080 or email to 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 seven (7) Business Days from the day the repurchase request is received by us and provided that all documentations are completed and verifiable.

If you invest through the EMIS, we will remit the repurchase proceeds to EPF for onward crediting to your EPF account. If you are above the age of fifty five (55) and invest through the EMIS, we will remit the repurchase proceeds to you directly.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

For internal dispute resolution, you may contact our customer service personnel: (a) via phone to :  $03-2116\,6000$ 

(a) via phone to

(b) via toll free no. 1-800-88-7080

(c) via email to customercare@aham.com.my

(d) via online complaint form available at: www.aham.com.my

AHAM Asset Management Berhad (e) via letter to Ground Floor, Menara Boustead 69,

Jalan Raia 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;

circumstances of the non-compliance or improper conduct;

parties alleged to be involved in the improper conduct; and

other supporting documentary evidence (if any).

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 - 2276 6969

via fax to 03-2282-3855 ľbί via email to

info@sidrec.com.my Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC) Level 25, Menara Takaful Malaysia via letter to

No. 4, Jalan Sultan Sulaiman 50000 Kuala Lumpur

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:

via phone to the Aduan Hotline at 03 - 6204 8999 03 - 6204 8991 via fax to

aduan@seccom.com.my (c) via e-mail to

via online complaint form available at www.sc.com.my (y)

via letter to Consumer & Investor Office

Securities Commission Malaysia, No 3 Persiaran Bukit Kiara, Bukit Kiara,

50490 Kuala Lumpur

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4. Federal of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM)'s Complaints Bureau:

(a) via phone to 03 – 2092 3800 (b) via fax to 03 - 2093 2700

 (c) via e-mail to
 (d) via online complaint form available at
 (e) via letter to complaints@fimm.com.my

www.fimm.com.my 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

	In the second of		
Board	Means the board of directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad.		
Bursa Malaysia	Means the stock exchange operated by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad including such other name as it may be amended from time to time.		
Business Day	Means a day on which Bursa Malaysia and/or one or more of the foreign markets in which the Fund is invested in are open for business/trading.		
Deed	Refers to the deed dated 30 April 2009 as amended by the first supplemental deed dated 22 July 2014, the second supplemental deed dated 6 August 2015, the third supplemental deed dated 5 October 2018 and the fourth supplemental deed dated 24 August 2022 entered into between the Manager and the Trustee.		
EMIS	Means EPF Members' Investment Scheme.		
EPF	Means Employees Provident Fund.		
eligible market(s)	Means an exchange, government securities market or an OTC market–  (a) that is regulated by a regulatory authority of that jurisdiction;  (b) that is open to the public or to a substantial number of market participants; and  (c) on which financial instruments are regularly traded.		
Financial Institution	Means (a) if the institution is in Malaysia— (i) licensed bank; (ii) licensed investment bank; or (iii) licensed Islamic bank. (b) if the institution is outside Malaysia, any institution that is licensed, registered, approved or authorised by the relevant banking regulator to provide financial services.		
Fund	Refers to the AHAM Principled Growth Fund.		
long term	Means a period of 5 years and above.		
Manager / AHAM / we / us / our	Refers to AHAM Asset Management Berhad.		
medium term	Means a period between 3 years to 5 years.		
MYR	Means Ringgit Malaysia.		
Net Asset Value or NAV	Means the value of the Fund which is determined by deducting the value of all the Fund's liabilities from the value of all the Fund's assets, at the valuation point. For the purpose of computing the annual management fee and annual trustee fee, the NAV of the Fund should be inclusive of the management fee and trustee fee for the relevant day.		
NAV per Unit	Means the NAV of the Fund at a particular valuation point divided by the total number of Units in Circulation of the Fund in circulation at that valuation point.		
ОТС	Over-the-counter.		
Prospectus	Means the prospectus for the Fund including any supplemental or replacement prospectus, as the case may be.		
Repurchase Charge	Means a charge imposed pursuant to a repurchase request.		
Sales Charge	Means a charge imposed pursuant to a purchase request.		
SC	Means Securities Commission Malaysia.		
Trustee	Refers to AmanahRaya Trustees Berhad.		
Unit or Units	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.		
Units in Circulation	Means Units created and fully paid and which have not been cancelled. It is also the total number of Units issued at a particular valuation point.		
Unit Holder, you	Means the person / corporation registered as the holder of a Unit or Units including persons jointly registered.		