

**QUARTERLY REPORT** 31 October 2024

# AHAM **RMB Bond** Fund

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# **Quarterly Report and Financial Statements As at 31 October 2024**

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# **QUARTERLY REPORT**

# **FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Name	AHAM RMB Bond Fund
Fund Type	Income
Fund Category	Bond (Wholesale)
Investment Objective	The Fund aims to provide investors with regular income
Benchmark	1 Year China Household Savings Deposit Rate Index
Distribution Policy	Depending on the level of income the Fund generates, the Fund will provide distribution on an annual basis

# **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

# MYR Class

Category	As at 31 Oct 2024	As at 31 Jul 2024
Total NAV (RM'million)	15.795	17.800
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.4212	0.4358
Unit in Circulation (million)	37.495	40.845

# **RMB Class**

Category	As at 31 Oct 2024	As at 31 Jul 2024
Total NAV (RMB'million)	31.575	31.435
NAV per Unit (RMB)	0.4409	0.4407
Unit in Circulation (million)	71.615	71.335

# **Fund Performance**

Table 1: Performance as at 31 October 2024

Benchmark	3 Months (1/8/24 - 31/10/24) 0.38%	6 Months (1/5/24 - 31/10/24) 0.75%	1 Year (1/11/23 - 31/10/24) 1.50%	3 Years (1/11/21 - 31/10/24) 4.57%	Since Commencement (2/7/21 - 31/10/24) 5.09%
RMB Class	1.13%	2.29%	6.00%	-3.76%	-5.24%
Outperformance	0.76%	1.53%	4.49%	-8.33%	-10.33%
MYR Class	-2.29%	-3.68%	0.30%	-8.66%	-9.53%
Outperformance	-2.67%	-4.44%	-1.21%	-13.23%	-14.63%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

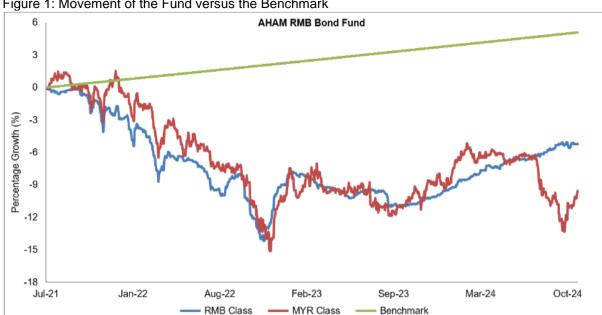


Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark

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

#### **Asset Allocation**

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

	31 October 2024	
	(%)	
Fixed Income	94.94	
Derivatives	-0.09	
Cash & money market	5.15	
Total	100.00	

### **Income Distribution Breakdown**

Class	Ex-Date	Income (per unit) (sens / cents)	Income (%)	Capital (per unit) (sens / cents)	Capital (%)
MYR	2024-09-18	0.1200	26.67	0.3300	73.33
CNH	2024-09-18	0.2600	54.17	0.2200	45.83

<sup>&</sup>quot;This information is prepared by AHAM Asset Management Berhad for information purposes only. Past earnings or the fund's distribution record is not a guarantee or reflection of the fund's future earnings/future distributions. Investors are advised that unit prices, distributions payable and investment returns may go down as well as up. Source of Benchmark is from Bloomberg." Benchmark: 1 Year China Household Savings Deposit Rate Index

#### Strategies Employed

The Fund primarily invests into RMB denominated bonds and aims to provide regular income over the medium to long term period. The Fund also invests into non-RMB denominated bonds issued by corporate with business exposure in China.

#### **Market Review**

During the period under review, China's economy grew by 4.6% year-on-year, marking a slight decline from 4.7% in the second quarter and reflecting the slowest growth rate since the first quarter of 2023. This growth was below market expectations of 4.5% and came amid ongoing challenges such as a weak property market, sluggish domestic demand, and trade tensions with Western countries. For the first three quarters of 2024, China's GDP growth averaged 4.8%, which aligns with the government's target of around 5% for the full year14. Despite the slower growth figures, there were signs of improvement in certain sectors, including industrial output and retail sales, particularly in September. During this period, the Chinese government implemented several monetary and fiscal stimulus initiatives aimed at bolstering economic growth amid ongoing challenges. Key actions included interest rate cuts where The People's Bank of China (PBoC) reduced the seven-day reverse repo rate by 20 basis points to stimulate borrowing and investment. In addition, there were several fiscal stimulus announcements regarding increased government spending on infrastructure and support for key sectors, although the specifics were still being finalized as of late October.

The Chinese yuan started the year weak but erased its earlier losses by August, trading at approximately 7.0905 per dollar. This recovery was attributed to a weakening U.S. dollar and expectations of capital inflows into China. October saw positive economic indicators emerged, including an increase in both manufacturing and services PMI.

Chinese government bonds (CGBs) were resilient, supported by the central bank's accommodative monetary policy aimed at stimulating growth. The yield on government bonds remained low, reflecting ongoing investor demand amid economic uncertainties with the 10 year CGB traded as low as 2% during the period under review.

#### **Investment Outlook**

Monetary policy likely remains stable and accommodative with possibility of Reserve Requirement Ratio (RRR) cut to boost domestic liquidity. We expect more to be done on fiscal policy and as such there will be significant amount of long duration supply in the RMB bond space as central government takes on more spending responsibilities for infrastructure spending.

CGB bond yields will likely remain stable as monetary policy remains accommodative with some upside bias given duration supply. USDCNY is likely to remain in a range of 7.1 and 7.3. In a scenario where US data disappoints and US Federal Reserve cut rates quicker than market expected, RMB could appreciate to below 7.2.

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Financial period ended 31.10.2024 CNH	Financial period ended 31.10.2023 CNH
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)		
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Net gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange Net loss on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9,205 1,785,211 7,901 (152,797) 1,112,880 2,762,400	23,910 2,045,147 (5,786) (1,643,283) (1,358,285) (938,297)
EXPENSES		
Management fee Trustee fee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other expenses	(452,100) (22,613) (14,294) (9,157) (4,006) (28,004)	(582,456) (29,143) (17,130) (9,797) (4,287) (62,436)
	(530,174)	(705,249)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE FINANCE COST AND TAXATION FINANCE COST	2,232,226	(1,643,546)
Distributions	(1,799,954)	_
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION	432,272	(1,643,546)
Taxation	- -	(396,075)
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	432,272	(2,039,621)

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Financial period ended <u>31.10.2024</u>	Financial period ended 31.10.2023
Increase/(decrease) in net asset attributable to unitholders is made up of the following:		
Realised amount Unrealised amount	226,481 205,791	(10,463,757) 8,424,136
	432,272	(2,039,621)

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	<u>2024</u> CNH	<u>2023</u> CNH
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from dealer Financial assets at fair value through profit or	2,373,086	280,293 5,154,202
loss	55,049,941	62,784,723
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss		18,966
Tax recoverable	60,076	-
TOTAL ASSETS	57,483,103	68,238,184
LIABILITIES		
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value		
through profit or loss Amount due to dealer	54,057	122,816
Amount due to dealer  Amount due to Manager	-	154,131
- management fee	49,181	56,990
- cancellation of units	-	145,086
Amount due to Trustee	2,459	2,849
Fund accounting fee	1,674	3,097
Auditors' remuneration	9,390	9,536
Tax agent's fee	3,797	9,573
Tax payables	45.000	724,149
Other payables and accruals	45,260	46,708
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSET		
ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)	165,818	1,274,935
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	57,317,285	66,963,249
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	57,317,285	66,963,249

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

	<u>2024</u> CNH	<u>2023</u> CNH
REPRESENTED BY:		
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS		
- MYR class - RMB class	25,741,341 31,575,944	34,833,279 32,129,970
	57,317,285	66,963,249
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION		
- MYR class - RMB class	37,495,000 71,615,000	50,081,000 71,872,000
	109,110,000	121,953,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (CNH)		
- MYR class - RMB class	0.6865 0.4409	0.6955 0.4470
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
- MYR class - RMB class	RM0.4212 CNH0.4409	RM0.4510 CNH0.4470

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDER FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Financial period ended 31.10.2024 CNH	Financial period ended 31.10.2023 CNH
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	62,519,611	83,839,396
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period		
Creation of units arising from applications	1,065,051	1,853,517
- MYR class - RMB class	567,187 497,864	1,842,614 10,903
Creation of units arising from distributions	1,066,478	-
- MYR class - RMB class	687,089 379,389	-
Cancellation of units	(7,766,127)	(16,690,043)
- MYR class - RMB class	(6,289,812) (1,476,315)	(13,676,759) (3,013,284)
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders during the financial period	432,272	(2,039,621)
- MYR class - RMB class	211,378 220,894	(1,163,931) (875,690)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	57,317,285	66,963,249

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