



QUARTERLY REPORT

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AHAM World Series - Global Corporate Bond Fund

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Quarterly Report and Financial Statements As at 31 December 2023

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QUARTERLY REPORT

FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	AHAM World Series - Global Corporate Bond Fund
Fund Type	Income
Fund Category	Feeder (Wholesale)
Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long term period.
Benchmark	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index (Total Return Gross)
Distribution Policy	Subject to the availability of income, the Fund will make distribution to the Unit Holders on a monthly basis. However, the amount of income available for distribution may fluctuate from month to month. At our discretion, the Fund may distribute (1) realised income, (2) realised capital gains, (3) unrealised income, (4) unrealised capital gains, (5) capita; of (6) a combination of any of the above.

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

MYR Hedged-Class

Category	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023
Total NAV (RM'million)	1.197	0.417
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.5274	0.4980
Unit in Circulation (million)	2.270	0.838

MYR Class

As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 31 Dec 2023
14.152	9.908	14.152
0.5233	0.5018	0.5233
27.045	19.746	27.045

SGD Hedged-Class

Category	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023
Total NAV (SGD'million)	0.005	0.005
NAV per Unit (SGD)	0.5231	0.4935
Unit in Circulation (million)	0.010	0.010

USD Class

Category	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023
Total NAV (USD'million)	0.757	0.461
NAV per Unit (USD)	0.5284	0.4959
Unit in Circulation (million)	1.433	0.930

Income Distribution Breakdown

Class	Ex-Date	Income (per unit) (sens / cents)	Income (%)	Capital (per unit) (sens / cents)	Capital (%)
MYR	2023-12-21	0.1240	100	-	-
MYR-Hedged	2023-12-21	0.1060	100	-	-
SGD-Hedged	2023-12-21	0.1370	100	-	-
USD	2023-12-21	0.1600	100	-	-

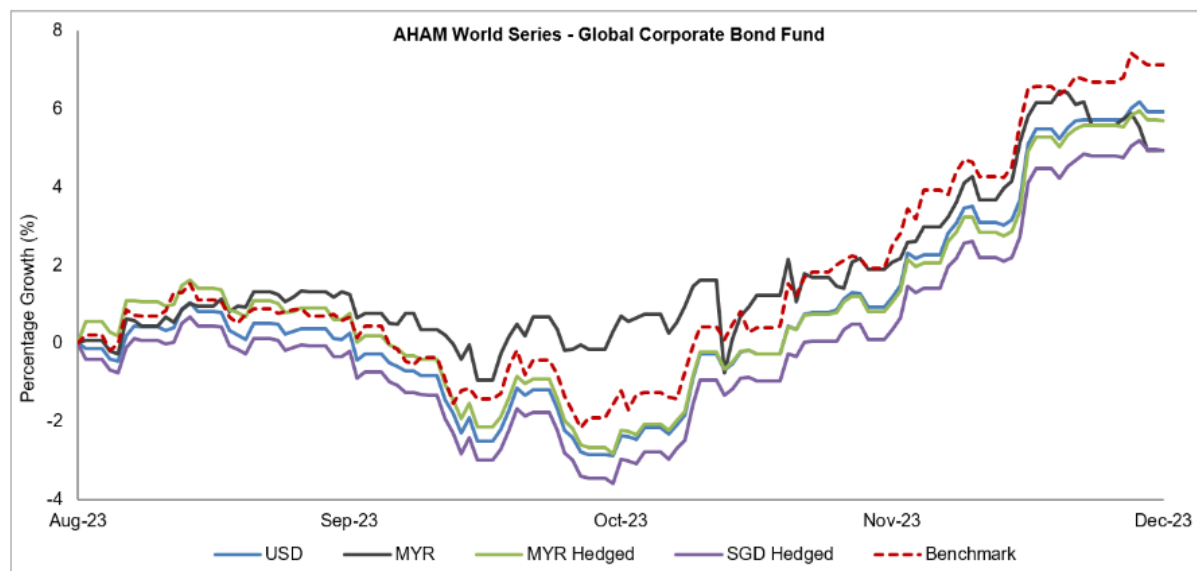
Fund Performance

Performance as at 31 December 2023

	3 Months (1/10/23 - 31/12/23)	Since Commencement (18/8/23 - 31/12/23)
Benchmark	7.53%	7.13%
USD	6.80%	5.93%
Outperformance	(0.73%)	(1.20%)
MYR	4.55%	4.93%
Outperformance	(2.98%)	(2.20%)
MYR Hedged	6.12%	5.69%
Outperformance	(1.41%)	(1.44%)
SGD Hedged	6.34%	4.94%
Outperformance	(1.19%)	(2.19%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



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 Benchmark: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index (Total Return Gross)

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Asset Allocation

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

	<u>31 December 2023</u>
	(%)
Unit Trust	97.25
Derivative	0.09
Cash & money market	2.66
Total	<u>100.00</u>

Strategies Employed

The Target Fund invests primarily in global investment grade corporate debt securities, using derivatives where appropriate to achieve a return in excess of global corporate debt markets.

Market Review

In October, interest rates and inflation dominated investors' minds as the global economy settles into low but positive growth for 2023. Inflationary pressures have slowed considerably but not enough to allow rate cuts soon – central banks will keep interest rates higher for longer to curb inflation. The debate was whether these metrics point to a soft landing or a recession for the US economy. European economic growth is slowing due to the cumulative and lagged impacts of monetary policy. The US economy continues to outperform expectations, but this strong growth cannot be extrapolated forward as a 'higher for longer' rates environment will inevitably weigh on the economy. The labour market is cooling and consumer strength is waning, pointing to a loss of momentum. The Bank of England and the European Central Bank followed the US Federal Reserve's lead by holding rates in October. The notable surprise came from the Bank of Japan, which removed the 10-year yield curve control (YCC) band of +/-50bps, with 1% being a "reference" point, not a ceiling. It is thus stepping towards a removal of YCC for the first time since its 2016 inception.

On Fundamentals, the US economy has surprised to the upside by the resilience of its growth and consumer health in November while in Europe and the UK, the worst of the monetary policy pain appears to be currently felt by the consumer. Earnings results for the third quarter of 2023 presented a mixed picture. In the US, quarterly year-on-year revenue growth came in below expectations but operating margins expanded for the first time since the first quarter of 2021. In Europe, balance sheets generally remained robust, with leverage at the low end of historical ranges. Technicals are broadly supportive across all three markets, driven by demand and supply tailwinds. On a relative basis, euro-denominated investment-grade credit screens attractive versus other parts of the corporate credit markets. Euro credits significantly lagged the move seen in US dollars and UK sterling, both in spreads and yields. We think they have more room for compression, especially in an increasingly probable soft landing scenario.

In December, global investment grade company fundamentals remain resilient as the macroeconomic environment adjusts to lower inflation and the potential for interest-rate cuts. The combination of moderate growth, slowing inflation and a central-bank bias towards easing creates a powerful tailwind for bond markets. Earnings results for the third quarter of 2023 presented a mixed picture, but corporate fundamentals remain resilient at this stage of the cycle. Technicals in the US and Europe remain supportive, driven by both strong demand and modest supply. Retail demand in the US tends to correlate with positive returns and should persist into 2024, and foreign demand expectations continue to be supportive. Recent trends in European investment grade demand, led by insurance flows and fixed maturity funds, also look set to continue.

Spreads have meaningfully tightened year on year, with global investment grade corporate spreads closing at 115bps, 32bps tighter throughout 2023.

Investment outlook

Investment grade credit continued to rally with the pro-risk trend of declining inflation, signalling to investors that tight monetary conditions may unwind earlier than anticipated. Central banks appear to be done with

rate hikes, barring an unexpected upturn in inflation, and should start cuts in 2024. Earnings in the third quarter were broadly supportive of corporate resilience. Strong expected demand should also be a supportive technical. While valuations appear somewhat rich on a headline basis, there are idiosyncratic opportunities and pockets of value.

AHAM WORLD SERIES - GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS AFFIN HWANG WORLD SERIES - GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND)

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Financial period ended <u>31.12.2023</u> USD	Financial period ended <u>31.12.2022</u> USD
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)		
Dividend income	952,649	690
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost	2,026	-
Net gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange	4,630	(6,495)
Net gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	232,479	(134,475)
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5,426,410	548,539
	<u>6,618,194</u>	<u>408,259</u>
EXPENSES		
Management fee	(646,471)	(689,360)
Trustee fee	(21,558)	(22,982)
Fund accounting fee	(1,500)	(1,543)
Auditors' remuneration	(885)	(927)
Tax agent's fee	(387)	(406)
Other expenses	(4,346)	(4,045)
	<u>(675,147)</u>	<u>(719,263)</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION	5,943,047	(311,004)
Taxation	-	-
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	<u>5,943,047</u>	<u>(311,004)</u>
Increase/(decrease) in net asset attributable to unitholders is made up of the following:		
Realised amount	4,749,987	(4,254,722)
Unrealised amount	1,193,060	3,943,718
	<u>5,943,047</u>	<u>(311,004)</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,229,264	1,143,638
Amount due from Manager		
- creation of units	37,972	2,402
- management fee rebate receivable	70,785	97,143
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	71,515,116	73,399,695
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	785,461	880,608
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>81,638,598</u>	<u>75,523,486</u>
LIABILITIES		
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	182,096	90,645
Amount due to broker	7,300,000	-
Amount due to Manager		
- management fee	110,123	119,021
- cancellation of units	444,816	21,950
Amount due to Trustee	3,671	3,967
Fund accounting fee	254	-
Auditors' remuneration	898	953
Tax agent's fee	1,155	1,213
Other payables and accruals	229	268
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)	<u>8,043,242</u>	<u>238,017</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	<u>73,595,356</u>	<u>75,285,469</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	<u>73,595,356</u>	<u>75,285,469</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

	<u>2023</u> USD	<u>2022</u> USD
REPRESENTED BY:		
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS		
- AUD Hedged-class	8,493,619	8,060,802
- MYR-class	29,108	-
- MYR Hedged-class	48,535,567	48,635,937
- SGD Hedged-class	7,574,062	7,287,899
- USD Class	8,963,000	11,300,831
	<u>73,595,356</u>	<u>75,285,469</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION		
- AUD Hedged-class	22,050,000	25,306,000
- MYR-class	268,000	-
- MYR Hedged-class	369,752,000	425,665,000
- SGD Hedged-class	17,087,000	20,246,000
- USD Class	14,543,000	22,633,000
	<u>423,700,000</u>	<u>493,850,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)		
- AUD Hedged-class	0.3852	0.3185
- MYR-class	0.1086	-
- MYR Hedged-class	0.1313	0.1143
- SGD Hedged-class	0.4433	0.3600
- USD Class	0.6163	0.4993
	<u>0.6163</u>	<u>0.4993</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
- AUD Hedged-class	AUD0.5661	AUD0.4691
- MYR-class	RM0.4985	-
- MYR Hedged-class	RM0.6025	RM0.5027
- SGD Hedged-class	SGD0.5855	SGD0.4830
- USD Class	USD0.6163	USD0.4993
	<u>USD0.6163</u>	<u>USD0.4993</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Financial period ended <u>31.12.2023</u> USD	Financial period ended <u>31.12.2022</u> USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	73,157,667	78,376,197
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period		
Creation of units arising from applications	3,617,464	1,123,722
- AUD Hedged-class	513,839	177,767
- MYR-class	29,042	-
- MYR Hedged-class	2,371,225	810,945
- SGD Hedged-class	653,090	111,018
- USD Class	50,268	23,992
Cancellation of units	(9,122,822)	(3,903,446)
- AUD Hedged-class	(1,473,543)	(558,647)
- MYR Hedged-class	(5,009,772)	(1,554,291)
- SGD Hedged-class	(988,211)	(263,097)
- USD Class	(1,651,296)	(1,527,411)
Net increase/(decrease) in net asset attributable to unitholders during the financial period	5,943,047	(311,004)
- AUD Hedged-class	812,868	(212,945)
- MYR-class	66	-
- MYR Hedged-class	3,707,090	(349,002)
- SGD Hedged-class	713,259	196,269
- USD Class	709,764	54,674
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>73,595,356</u>	<u>75,285,469</u>

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