

# PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS SHEET

# for

# **AHAM Select Cash Fund**

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# **AHAM SELECT CASH FUND**

# **BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCT**

### 1. What is this product about?

The AHAM Select Cash Fund is an open-ended money market fund, issued and managed in-house by the Manager.

The Fund aims to provide investors with a regular income stream and high level of liquidity to meet cash flow requirement whilst maintaining capital preservation.

### PRODUCT SUITABILITY

# 2. Who is this product suitable for?

This Fund is designed for retail investors and is primarily suitable for low risk Investors who are generally conservative, risk averse and prefer a short-term investment horizon.

## **KEY PRODUCT FEATURES**

## 3. What am I investing in?

Launch Date	31 March 2005
Tenure	The Fund is an open-ended fund which means there is no maturity date for the Fund and the Fund may only be terminated in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus and the provisions of the Deed.
Investment Strategy	The Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of debentures, money market instruments and deposits with Financial Institutions.
	We will combine a top-down and bottom-up investment approach to identify investment opportunities. Macroeconomic trends and market analysis are the important considerations in deriving the top-down perspective on interest rate outlook, credit market and currency movement. For its bottom-up approach, we would conduct analysis on the issuers to assess its ability to service its debt obligations.
	The Fund will only look to invest in debentures and money market instruments that meet a minimum investment grade rating of P1 by RAM or MARC -1 by MARC. The selection of individual debentures and money market instruments will depend largely on its credit quality where the respective issuers will have strong ability to meet their financial obligations, healthy cash-flow, the collateral type, value, claims priority as well as offer highest safety for timely payment of interest and principal. In the event the rating of a particular security or an issuer is downgraded resulting in non-compliance, we shall, within 6 months, take steps to replace such security or issuer.
	We hold option to reduce the Fund's exposure into any investments that we believe may be impacted from the prevailing market conditions. However, focus will remain on constructing a portfolio of liquid investments that are able to provide relative certainty of meeting its financial obligations.
	The Fund may also invest in foreign countries which are eligible markets.



Asset Allocation	Asset Class		% NAV of the Fund		
	Debentures, money market instruments and deposits with a remaining maturity period of not more than 397 days 90% - 100%				
	Debentures, money market instruments and deposits with a remaining maturity period of more than 397 days but fewer than 732 days				
Benchmark	Maybank Overnight Repo Rate Source: www.maybank2u.com.my				
Distribution Policy	The Fund endeavours to distribute income on a monthly basis.				
	At our discretion, the Fund may distribute (1) realised income, (2) realised capital gains, (3) unrealised income, (4) unrealised capital gains, (5) capital, or (6) a combination of any of the above.				
Distribution Channels	AHAM	IUTA & Unit Trust Consultants			
Minimum Initial Investment*	MYR 1,000,000		MYR 100,000		
Minimum Additional Investment*	MYR 500,000	MYR 50,000			
Minimum Repurchase Amount*	N/A		N/A		
Minimum Holding of Units*	500,000 Units		50,000 Units		

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

### 4. Who am I investing with?

Relevant parties' information:

The Manager	AHAM Asset Management Berhad
The Trustee	HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

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

The Fund is a money market fund that invests in a diversified portfolio of debentures, money market instruments and deposits with Financial Institutions. Unlike fixed deposits which generally provide a guarantee on capital invested and carry specific rate of return, the Fund does not provide a guarantee on capital contributed nor does it guarantee a fixed rate of return.

### **KEY RISKS**

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

### General risks

- Market risk Market risk arises due to fluctuations in market values of investments. Such fluctuations occur because of factors that affect the entire market. 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 no matter how many securities are held, fluctuations in the economy, political instability and social unrest will affect the market price of the Fund's investments either in a positive or negative way.
- Manager's risk The performance of the Fund depends in part on the experience and expertise of the investment
  managers and this is of particular importance when the Fund has a narrower investment scope e.g. investments in
  certain countries or sectors only. The lack of experience and expertise in those countries or sectors may jeopardize
  the performance 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 the terms and conditions disclosed in the respective channels.



- Performance risk The performance of the Fund depends on the financial instruments that the Fund purchases. If the instruments do not perform within expectation or if there is a default, then, the performance of the Fund will be impacted negatively. The performance of the Fund may also be impacted if the allocation of assets is not properly done. This is where the experience and expertise of the investment managers are important and the risk on the lack of experience and expertise of the investment managers is highlighted above. On that basis, there is never a guarantee that investing in the Fund will produce the desired investment returns or on the distribution of income.
- 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 through the value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.
- 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 at below its actual value which would adversely affect the NAV of the Fund and subsequently the value of Unit Holders' investments in the Fund.
- Loan / financing risk This risk occurs when you take a loan or financing to finance your investment. The inherent risk of investing with borrowed/financed money includes you being unable to service the loan/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.
- **Risk of non-compliance** There is also the risk that the Manager of the Fund may not follow the rules set out in the Fund's constitution, or the law that governs the Fund, or will act fraudulently or dishonestly. The non-compliance may expose the Fund to losses particularly caused by the fraudulent or dishonest acts or omissions of the Manager.
- Operational risk This risk refers to the possibility of a breakdown in our internal controls and policies. The breakdown may be a result of human error, system failure or fraud where our employees collude with one another. This risk may cause monetary loss and/or inconvenience to you. We will regularly review our internal policies and system capability to mitigate this risk. Additionally, we maintain a strict segregation of duties to mitigate instances of fraudulent practices amongst our employees.
- Political risk The Fund is exposed to the local political situation or environment at all times. Any change or instability
  in this regard may more likely than not result in less than favourable implications on the Fund. For example, a change
  in political leadership or political stance which subsequently translates into changes or reforms in government
  economic or legislative policies, some of which may affect Investors directly or indirectly, especially when there is a
  change from a business-friendly government and policy model to one which is less business friendly. This may result
  in situations such as increased transaction costs, taxes, administrative requirements and restrictions in investments or
  holding periods.
- Regulatory risk So long as the Fund continues to invest in a particular country, the Fund will be exposed to changes in the regulatory regime of that country. Perhaps a regulatory regime that changes constantly is in respect of tax treatment of investment income. Investors should not presume that the tax treatment of a particular investment will be the same in perpetuity. A change in the tax treatment of an investment of the Fund may affect the Fund, in a positive or a negative way. An increase in the tax treatment of a particular investment would mean lower returns for the Fund and vice versa.
- 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

- Credit and default risk Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the 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 the Financial Institution may impact the value as well as liquidity of the investment. In the case of rated
  investment, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk of an issuer and/or a 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.
- Interest rate risk This risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of 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 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 into 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.



- 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 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 net asset value of the Fund and prices of Units to fall.
- Risks associated with amortised cost accounting Amortised cost valuation provides a good estimate of the fair value for short-term money market instruments which are held to maturity, assuming that they will mature at par. However, a sudden change of interest rate or credit risk may cause material deviations between the fair value and the price calculated using the amortisation cost method. As such, monitoring the difference between the amortised cost of money market instrument and its fair value is undertaken on an ongoing basis, and appropriate actions (including undertaking impairment exercise for the affected money market instruments) are taken promptly where such difference exceeds threshold of 10%. Should the difference exceed 10%, AHAM will adopt the fair valuation of the affected money market instruments.
- **Distribution out of capital risk** The Fund may distribute income out of capital. Such capital distributions represent a return or withdrawal of part of the amount of your original investment and/or capital gains attributable to the original investment and will result in a reduction in the NAV per Unit of the Fund and reduce the capital available for future investment and capital growth. Future capital growth may therefore be constrained.

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

# PERFORMANCE

Average Total return

	1 Year (1/12/22 – 30/11/23)	3 Years (1/12/20 – 30/11/23)	5 Years (1/12/18 – 30/11/23)	10 Years (1/12/13 – 30/11/23)	Since Commencement (6/4/05 - 30/11/23)
Fund	3.63%	2.60%	2.83%	3.15%	3.11%
Benchmark	1.21%	0.66%	0.89%	1.38%	1.59%

Source: Maybank

#### **Annual Total Returns**

Financial Year End ("FYE")	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	3.63%	2.16%	2.02%	2.73%	3.61%	3.61%	3.53%	3.59%	3.54%	3.12%
Benchmark	1.21%	0.52%	0.25%	0.73%	1.73%	1.87%	1.75%	1.91%	2.00%	1.88%

Source: Bloomberg

For the year 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023, the Fund registered a 3.63% return compared to the benchmark return of 1.21%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 2.42%. Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 77.03% compared to the benchmark return of 34.25%, outperforming by 42.78%.

### 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.

## An illustration of the above would be as follow:-

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**

FYE	2023	2022	2021
Gross distribution per Unit (sen)	0.768	0.328	1.91
Net distribution per Unit (sen)	0.768	0.328	1.91

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



#### Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR)

FYE	2023	2022	2021
PTR (times)	20.13	21.95	28.80

The PTR of the Fund was lower than previous year due to decreased trading activities of the Fund for 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	There will be no Sales Charge for this 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
Repurchase charge	There will be no Repurchase Charge for this Fund.

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

Management fee	Up to 0.50% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (before deducting the management fee and trustee fee).
Trustee fee	Up to 0.05% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (including local custodian fees and charges but 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 <a href="www.aham.com.my">www.aham.com.my</a>, our customer service via our toll free number 1-800-88-7080 or email to <a href="customercare@aham.com.my">customercare@aham.com.my</a>.

### 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 by 10.30 a.m. Payments will be made to you within four (4) Business Days from the 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 : <u>customercare@aham.com.my</u>
(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).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal dispute resolution process, please refer your dispute to the SecuritiesIndustries 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

(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

(d) via online complaint form available at 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 DungunDamansara Heights,

50490 Kuala Lumpur



	APPENDIX : GLOSSARY
Bursa Malaysia	Means the stock exchange managed and operated by the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad including such other name as it may be amended from time to time.
Business Day	Means a day on which the 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 21 March 2005 as amended by First Supplemental Deed dated 29 December 2005, Second Supplemental Deed dated 18 June 2007, Third Supplemental Deed dated 15 October 2008, Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 19 March 2010, the Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 18 January 2012, the Sixth Supplemental Deed dated 27 June 2014, Seventh Supplemental Deed dated 19 December 2016, Eighth Supplemental Deed dated 31 January 2023 and Ninth Supplemental Deed dated 21 June 2023 entered into between the Manager and the Trustee including any supplemental and variation thereto.
Financial Institution	Means
	(a) if the institution is in Malaysia-
	(i) a licensed bank;
	(ii) a licensed investment bank; or
	(iii) a licenced Islamic bank; or
	(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 AHAM Select Cash Fund.
the Manager / AHAM / we	Refers to AHAM Asset Management Berhad.
/ us / our	
MYR/RM	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.
NAV per Unit	Means the Net Asset Value of the Fund at a particular valuation point divided by the total number of Units in Circulation at that valuation point.
Prospectus	Means the prospectus of the Fund and includes 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	Securities Commission Malaysia.
Short-term	Means a period of less than 3 years.
Trustee	Refers to HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad.
Unit(s)	Means a measurement of the right or interest of a Unit Holder in a Fund including a fraction of a Unit.
Units in Circulation	Means Units created and fully paid and which has not been cancelled.
	It is the total number of Units issued at a particular valuation point.
Unit Holder(s) or you	Means the person / corporation registered as a holder of Units, including persons jointly registered.