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AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

**Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
For The Financial Period from 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 (Date of Maturity)**

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FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	AHAM Flexible Maturity Income Fund 17
Fund Type	Income
Fund Category	Fixed Income (Wholesale)
Investment Objective	The Fund aims to provide income through investments in fixed income instruments
Duration of the Fund	Five (5) years close-ended Fund
Termination Date	24 December 2024
Benchmark	5-years Malayan Banking Berhad fixed deposit rate as at Investment Date
Distribution Policy	Depending on the level of income the Fund generates, the Fund will provide distribution on an annual basis

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

Category	As at 24 Dec 2024 (%)	As at 29 Feb 2024 (%)	As at 28 Feb 2023 (%)
Portfolio composition			
Unquoted fixed income securities – local	-	22.50	19.48
Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	-	75.20	78.72
Total unquoted fixed income securities	-	97.70	98.20
Cash & cash equivalent	100	2.30	1.80
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (RM'million)	113.693	115.449	130.989
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.7555	0.7617	0.8638
Unit in Circulation (million)	150.486	151.570	151.639
Highest NAV	0.7863	0.8625	0.9298
Lowest NAV	0.7555	0.7521	0.7677
Return of the Fund (%)	3.24	-5.37	-4.36
- Capital Growth (%)	-0.81	-11.82	-6.20
- Income Distribution (%)	4.09	7.31	1.97
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	3.29	6.60	1.65
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	3.09	5.50	1.65
Total Expense Ratio (%) ¹	0.24	0.29	0.28
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) ²	1.08	0.96	0.46

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

¹ The TER of the Fund decreased due to a decrease in the expenses of the Fund over the financial period from 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 (Date of Maturity).

² The PTR of the Fund increased due to increased trading activities of the Fund over the financial period from 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 (Date of Maturity).

Income Distribution / Unit Split

The Net Asset Value per unit prior and subsequent to the distribution was as follows:-

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution
20-Dec-22	21-Dec-22	0.8560	0.0165	0.8396
25-Dec-23	26-Dec-23	0.8069	0.0550	0.7522
23-Dec-24	24-Dec-24	0.7863	0.0309	0.7555

No unit split were declared for the financial period ended 24 December 2024(Date of Maturity).

Income Distribution Breakdown

Class	Ex-Date	Income (per unit) (sen / cents)	Income (%)	Capital (per unit) (sens / cents)	Capital (%)
MYR	21-Dec-22	1.6500	100	-	-
MYR	26-Dec-23	5.5000	100	-	-
MYR	24-Dec-24	3.0900	100	-	-

Fund Performance

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	For the Period (1/3/24 - 24/12/24)	1 Year (25/12/23 - 24/12/24)	3 Years (25/12/21 - 24/12/24)	Since Commencement (24/12/19 - 24/12/24)
Fund	3.24%	4.59%	(11.16%)	(6.14%)
Benchmark	2.74%	3.36%	10.40%	17.94%
Outperformance	0.50%	1.23%	(21.56%)	(24.08%)

Source of Benchmark: Maybank

Table 2: Average Total Return

	1 Year (25/12/23 - 24/12/24)	3 Years (25/12/21 - 24/12/24)	Since Commencement (24/12/19 - 24/12/24)
Fund	4.59%	(3.86%)	(1.26%)
Benchmark	3.36%	3.35%	3.35%
Outperformance	1.23%	(7.21%)	(4.61%)

Source of Benchmark: Maybank

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2024 (1/3/23 - 29/2/24)	FYE 2023 (1/3/22 - 28/2/23)	FYE 2022 (1/3/21 - 28/2/22)	FYE 2021 (24/12/19 - 28/2/21)
Fund	(5.37%)	(4.36%)	(7.91%)	9.08%
Benchmark	3.36%	3.35%	3.35%	3.99%
Outperformance	(8.73%)	(7.71%)	(11.26%)	5.09%

Source of Benchmark: Maybank

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

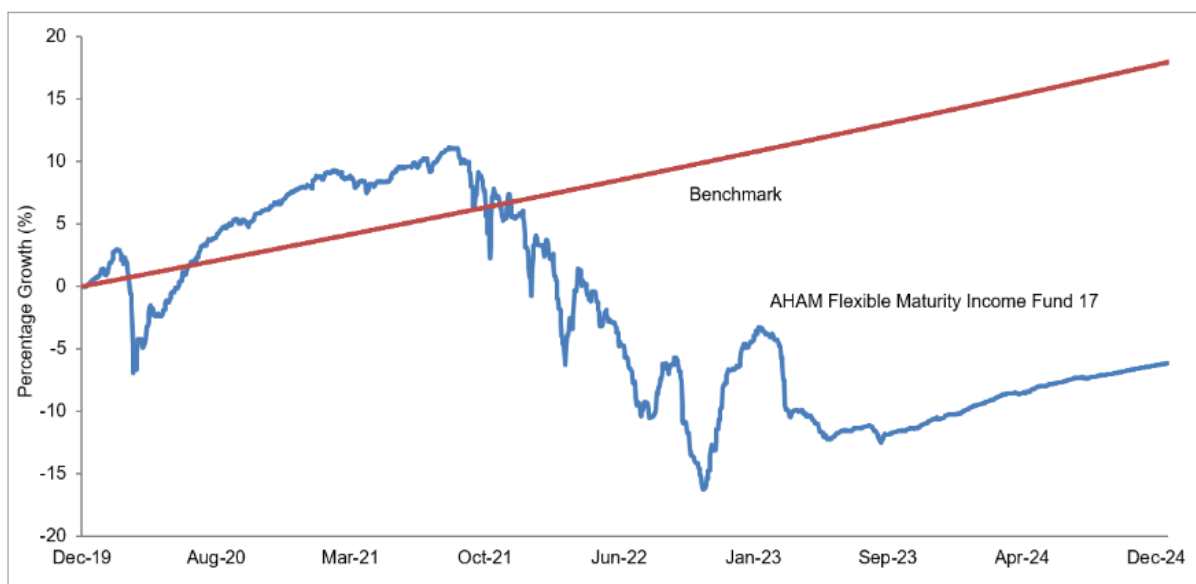
MANAGER'S REPORT

Performance Review (1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024)

For the period 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 the Fund registered a 3.24% return compared to the benchmark return of 2.74%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 0.50%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of the Fund as at 24 December 2024 was RM0.7555 while the NAV as at 29 February 2024 was RM0.7617. The Fund declared an income distribution of RM0.0309 per unit for the period.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of -6.14% compared to the benchmark return of 17.94%, underperforming by 24.08%.

Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark since commencement.



*"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 Maybank."
Benchmark: 5-years Malayan Banking Berhad fixed deposit rate as at Investment Date*

Asset Allocation

As at 24 December 2024, the Fund has been liquidated the asset and holding 100% in cash due to Fund's Maturity.

Strategies Employed

The Flexible Maturity Income Fund series have historically employed a more passive buy and hold to maturity strategy. The Manager would invest in a portfolio of bond with maturities that closely match the respective funds and monitor the credit fundamentals of these issuers throughout the life of the funds. However, given the heightened volatility and unprecedented rate hikes, the Manager has taken a more active style of investing, including progressively rebalancing the portfolios and focus on trading in new and existing issuances to improve the return potential.

The Manager have implemented several key measures to enhance the risk profile and resilience of the Funds in response to prevailing market conditions. One of the pivotal decisions was the complete exit from China property bonds. This was premised on the liquidity and credit challenges faced by China property developers. Persistently weak property sales, coupled with government policies that have not fully addressed underlying issues, led the Manager to believe that these challenges were unlikely to be swiftly resolved. Furthermore, the decision of many issuers to prioritize onshore bonds over offshore bonds signalled prolonged and uncertain timelines for the restructuring of defaulted bonds, with anticipated low recovery values, if any.

The Manager took proactive measures starting from 2022, actively reducing holdings in the China property sector. By 2023, a strategic decision was made to exit entirely from China property bonds. Crucially, strategic divestments were made, including the complete exit from core holdings such as Country Garden and CIFI Holdings in the first half of 2023.

Over the period under review, the Manager has continued to overweight Investment Grade ("IG") bonds for the Fund. By favouring IG assets over High Yield ("HY") instruments, it aligns the portfolio with a more conservative risk profile. The Manager have also prudently rebalanced the portfolio duration of the Fund to mitigate the impact of rising rates on the Fund's performance. The Fund's duration has been closely matched the Funds' maturities.

Market Review

Over the past 12 months ending 24 December 2024, the fixed income market has experienced significant movements influenced by central bank policies, economic data and geopolitical events. The Federal Reserve's ("Fed") monetary policy has been pivotal, culminating in a series of interest rate cuts throughout 2024. After keeping interest rate at 5.5% for 14 months, Fed finally began easing in September 2024, cutting rates by 50 basis points ("bps"), 25bps, and 25bps respectively in September, November, and December to 4.25-4.50%, and it is expected to continue to normalise rate as inflation pressure has tapered off. This shift reflects a broader strategy to support economic growth amid signs of easing inflation and a stabilizing labor market. Other central banks have also adjusted their policies in response to global economic conditions. For instance, the Bank of England and European Central Bank have reduced interest rates by 50bps and 100bps, respectively. With the above, the United States ("U.S.") Treasury 10-year note has fluctuated significantly over the past year. During the period under review, U.S. Treasury 10-year traded in a range of 3.6 – 4.7%. U.S. yield curve was inverted through 2022-2024 indicating investor concerns about future economic conditions. However, yield curve normalized in September 2024 as Fed embarked on easing mode. While economic indicators have shown mixed signals, general economic growth has been somewhat resilient, with U.S. unemployment rate remained stable at around 4.20% as of November 2024, suggesting a potential "soft landing" for the economy as interest rates are expected to decrease further over the next year. Inflation rates have also moderated slightly, with recent figures reporting an annual inflation rate of approximately 2.70% as of November 2024.

On geopolitics front, the U.S. Presidential election that was held on 5 November 2024 culminated in a significant victory for the Republican candidate Donald Trump, who secured his second non-consecutive term as President of the United States. The Republican secured majority in both Senate and the House, resulting in a united congress. Risk assets reacted in a positive way on expectation that a Republican sweep will lead to reacceleration in economy. Risk free assets were largely muted as much of Trump victory was already priced in going into the election.

In Asia, corporate bond space remains resilient, driven by a combination of strong demand and improving credit fundamentals. The performance of Asian corporate bonds has been supported by tightening credit spreads, which reflect a more favorable risk environment for issuers. Factors such as stable economic growth in key markets, coupled with a supportive policy backdrop, have contributed to this trend. Additionally, the appetite for high-quality corporate debt has remained robust, with investors seeking yield in a low-interest-rate environment. This has led to increased issuance and a competitive market for corporate bonds across the region.

In Malaysia, Bank Negara Malaysia has continuously kept the Overnight Policy Rate unchanged at 3% since the last hike seen in May 2023, supported by the relatively moderate inflation and the central bank's stance to support growth. This together with strong demand for MYR denominated bonds translated to lower local bond market yields in both the government bonds and private debt securities space.

Investment Outlook

The outlook for global government bonds over the next 12 months is shaped by anticipated shifts in monetary policy and macroeconomic conditions. As central banks, particularly Fed, signal potential interest rate cuts in response to economic uncertainties, government bonds may benefit from increased demand. Lower interest rates typically lead to higher bond prices, providing opportunities for capital gains for investors holding longer-duration bonds. Furthermore, with yields on government bonds remaining relatively attractive compared to historical standards, they are likely to attract risk-averse investors seeking stability amidst market volatility. However, the pace of economic recovery and inflation dynamics will be critical factors influencing bond performance, as unexpected inflation could erode real returns.

In the Asian corporate bond market, the outlook appears cautiously optimistic, driven by a combination of high yields and improving credit conditions. With many Asian economies showing signs of resilience, corporate bonds offer attractive income streams. Investors are encouraged to focus on credit quality, as the risk of defaults remains a concern, particularly in sectors still recovering from the pandemic's impact. Additionally, the shift towards sustainable finance and Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") criteria is likely to create opportunities for corporate issuers that align with these values, potentially enhancing their credit profiles and attracting a broader investor base. However, geopolitical tensions and regional economic disparities may pose challenges that investors need to navigate carefully.

In terms of risks and opportunities in bond investments, several factors must be considered. Interest rate risk remains a significant concern, as rising rates can lead to declining bond prices, particularly for long-duration securities. On the positive note, we view that interest rates are more likely to be cut over the next twelve months, which will be supportive of bond prices. Inflation has moderated but the risk remains as it can erode the purchasing power of fixed income returns, making it crucial for investors to assess the real yield of their bond holdings. On the opportunity side, the current environment allows for active management strategies, where investors can capitalize on mispriced securities through diligent credit analysis and duration management. Moreover, the growing emphasis on ESG factors presents a dual opportunity to enhance returns while contributing to sustainable practices, particularly in the corporate bond space. Thus, while risks persist, the potential for attractive returns through strategic investment choices remains robust.

The Fund has matured on the 24th December 2024, and leading up to that, the Manager has positioned the Fund to be in a fully liquid position to ensure the cash proceeds from prior investments in the fixed income instruments would be returned to investors accordingly.

State of Affairs of the Fund

There is neither any significant change to the state affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the unit holders during the period under review.

Soft Commissions received from Brokers

Soft commissions received from brokers/dealers may be retained by the management company only if the :-

- (i) goods and services provided are of demonstrable benefit to Unit holders of the Fund; and
- (ii) goods and services are in the form of research and advisory services that assists in the decision making process.

During the financial year under review, no soft commission was received by the Manager on behalf of the Fund.

Cross Trade

Cross trade transactions have been carried out during the reported period and that the Compliance and Risk Oversight Committee of the fund has reviewed that such transactions are in the best interest of the fund and transacted on an arm's length and fair value basis.

Securities Financing Transactions

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions during the financial period under review.

Changes Made To the Fund's Information Memorandum

No changes were made to the Fund's Information Memorandum over the financial period under review (date of Maturity).

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17 ("Fund")

We have acted as the Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 24 December 2024 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, AHAM Asset Management Berhad has operated and managed the Fund during the year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Management Company under the Deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework;
2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the Deeds; and
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Deeds and any regulatory requirement.

We are of the opinion that the distribution of income by the Fund is appropriate and reflects the investment objective of the Fund.

For TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad
(Company No.: (200301008392 [610812-W])

NORHAYATI BINTI AZIT
DIRECTOR – FUND SERVICES

Kuala Lumpur
27 January 2025

AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO
24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY)**

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY)

	<u>Note</u>	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	Financial year ended 29.2.2024 RM
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		1,032,449	122,709
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		3,220,572	5,529,438
Net gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange		449,888	(492,528)
Net gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	13	3,420,689	(5,180,496)
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10	(4,116,808)	(6,142,908)
		<u>4,006,790</u>	<u>(6,163,785)</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	(191,836)	(240,873)
Trustee fee	5	(38,367)	(48,174)
Fund accounting fee	6	(11,683)	(13,000)
Auditors' remuneration		(8,000)	(8,000)
Tax agent's fee		(3,500)	(3,500)
Other expenses		(32,116)	(33,815)
		<u>(285,502)</u>	<u>(347,362)</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		3,721,288	(6,511,147)
Taxation	7	12,495	(636,734)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD/YEAR		<u><u>3,733,783</u></u>	<u><u>(7,147,881)</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY) (CONTINUED)

	<u>Note</u>	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	Financial year ended <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
Net profit/(loss) after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		3,733,783	(22,784,341)
Unrealised amount		-	15,636,460
		<u>3,733,783</u>	<u>(7,147,881)</u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information and notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY)

	<u>Note</u>	As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity RM	As at <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	12	118,273,628	9,393,063
Amount due from Manager	9	107,951	-
Amount due from dealer		-	7,156,459
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10	-	112,796,920
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	13	-	11,448
Tax recoverable		109,219	-
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>118,490,798</u>	<u>129,357,890</u>
LIABILITIES			
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	13	-	5,256,444
Amount due to dealer		-	8,429,233
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee		15,522	18,301
- advance from Manager	9	107,951	-
Amount due to Trustee		3,104	3,660
Fund accounting fee		1,934	1,083
Auditors' remuneration		8,000	8,000
Tax agent's fee		7,000	3,500
Tax provision		-	186,624
Distribution payable		4,650,017	-
Other payables and accruals		3,829	1,939
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>4,797,357</u>	<u>13,908,784</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>113,693,441</u>	<u>115,449,106</u>

AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY) (CONTINUED)

	<u>Note</u>	As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity RM	As at <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		150,722,445	151,561,876
Accumulated losses		(37,029,004)	(36,112,770)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		<u>113,693,441</u>	<u>115,449,106</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	14	<u>150,486,000</u>	<u>151,570,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.7555</u>	<u>0.7617</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY)

	Unit holders' <u>capital</u> RM	Accumulated <u>losses</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Balance as at 1 March 2024	151,561,876	(36,112,770)	115,449,106
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	3,733,783	3,733,783
Distribution (Note 8)	-	(4,650,017)	(4,650,017)
Movement in unit holders' capital:			
Cancellation of units	(839,431)	-	(839,431)
Balance as at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity)	<u>150,722,445</u>	<u>(37,029,004)</u>	<u>113,693,441</u>
Balance as at 1 March 2023	151,617,367	(20,628,539)	130,988,828
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year	-	(7,147,881)	(7,147,881)
Distribution (Note 8)	-	(8,336,350)	(8,336,350)
Movement in unit holders' capital:			
Cancellation of units	(55,491)	-	(55,491)
Balance as at 29 February 2024	<u>151,561,876</u>	<u>(36,112,770)</u>	<u>115,449,106</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY)

	<u>Note</u>	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	Financial year ended <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale and redemption of investments		185,191,306	102,544,832
Purchase of investments		(79,219,847)	(91,852,948)
Interest received		5,688,900	5,938,428
Proceeds from maturity of term deposits		-	2,015,375
Management fee paid		(194,615)	(242,725)
Trustee fee paid		(38,923)	(48,545)
Fund accounting fee paid		(10,832)	(11,917)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(38,226)	(50,160)
Net realised loss on forward foreign currency contracts		(1,824,307)	(1,386,674)
Net realised gain on foreign exchange		449,888	759,786
Tax paid		(283,348)	(850,000)
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Net cash flows generated from operating activities		109,719,996	16,815,452
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for cancellation of units		(839,431)	(71,928)
Payment for distribution		-	(8,336,350)
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Net cash flows used in financing activities		(839,431)	(8,408,278)
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NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		108,880,565	8,407,174
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE		-	(1,252,314)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD/YEAR		9,393,063	2,238,203
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD/YEAR	12	118,273,628	9,393,063
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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY)

The following accounting policies have been used in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported financial period/year. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund’s accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the Manager’s best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note L.

The Fund commenced operations on 9 December 2019 and matured on 24 December 2024 (date of maturity), where the maturity date of the Fund is the fifth anniversary of the investment date. The Manager and Trustee of the Fund authorised the maturity of the trust in respect of the Fund on 7 November 2024. As such, the going concern assumption can no longer be used for the preparation of financial statements. Accordingly, the Manager has prepared the financial statements on a non-going concern basis of accounting. The net proceeds have been distributed pro rata to unit holders on 31 December 2024 according to the number of units held in the Fund as at 24 December 2024, with the advance from the Manager on a portion of the tax recoverable amount. The Fund is liable to repay back the advance to the Manager upon the Fund’s receipt of the tax recoverable.

- (a) Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations that are applicable and effective:

There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2023 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

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MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY) (CONTINUED)

A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Standards and amendments that have been issued that are applicable to the Fund but not yet effective:

- Amendments to MFRS 101 'Classification of liabilities as current or non-current' (effective 1 January 2024) clarify that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification is unaffected by the entity's expectations or events after the reporting date (e.g. the receipt of a waiver or a breach of covenant). In addition, the amendments clarify that when a liability could be settled by the transfer of an entity's own equity instruments (e.g. a conversion option in a convertible bond), conversion option meeting the definition of an equity instrument in MFRS 132 'Financial Instruments: Presentation' does not impact the current or non-current classification of the convertible instrument.

The amendments also specify that covenants of loan arrangements which an entity must comply with only after the reporting date would not affect classification of a liability as current or non-current at the reporting date. However, those covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or before the reporting date would affect classification of a liability as current or non-current, even if the covenant is only assessed after the reporting date.

The adoption of the above standards, amendments to standards or interpretations is not expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund as the Fund has been matured on 24 December 2024.

B INCOME RECOGNITION

Interest income

Interest income from short-term deposits with licensed financial institutions and unquoted fixed income securities are recognised based on effective interest rate method on an accrual basis.

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Realised gains and losses on sale of investments

For unquoted fixed income securities, realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on cost adjusted for accretion of discount or amortisation of premium on investments.

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C TAXATION

Tax expense for the financial year comprises current and deferred income tax.

Tax on investment income from foreign investments is based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in.

The income tax expense or credit for the financial period/year is the tax payable on the current period/year's taxable income based on the applicable income tax rate for each jurisdiction adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences and to unused tax losses. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax expense is determined according to the Malaysian tax laws at the current rate based upon the taxable profit earned during the financial period/year.

Deferred tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the amounts attributed to assets and liabilities for tax purposes and their carrying amounts in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses or unused tax credits can be utilised.

Deferred and current tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

D DISTRIBUTION

A distribution to the Fund's unit holders is accounted for as a deduction from realised reserve. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved by the Trustee of the Fund.

E FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

Items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the "functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"), which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

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F FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period/year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured at fair value through profit or loss, and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). However, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager and amount due from dealer as financial assets measured at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies amount due to Manager, amount due to dealer, amount due to Trustee, payables for fund accounting fee, auditors' remuneration, tax agent's fee, distribution payable and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

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G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value.

Financial liabilities, within the scope of MFRS 9, are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

Gain or loss arising from changes in the fair value of the ‘financial assets at fair value through profit or loss’ category including the effects of foreign transactions are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within ‘net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss’ in the period which they arise.

Unquoted fixed income securities including money market instruments denominated in Ringgit Malaysia are revalued on a daily basis based on fair value prices quoted by a bond pricing agency (“BPA”) registered with the Securities Commission (“SC”) as per the SC’s Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework. Where such quotations are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA for a specific unquoted fixed income securities differs from the market price by more than 20 basis points, the Manager may use the market price, provided that the Manager:

- (i) records its basis for using a non-BPA price;
- (ii) obtains necessary internal approvals to use the non-BPA price; and
- (iii) keeps an audit trail of all decisions and basis for adopting the market yield.

Unquoted fixed income securities including money market instruments denominated in foreign currencies are revalued at least twice a week by reference to the mid price quoted in Bloomberg using the Composite Bloomberg Bond Trader (“CBBT”) which is a weighted average bid and ask of price contributions submitted by Bloomberg Dealers. However, if such quotations are not available, the fair value shall be determined by reference to the bid and offer prices quoted by independent and reputable financial institutions.

Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities, except forward foreign currency contracts, are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment

The Fund's financial assets measured at amortised cost are subject to expected credit losses. The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month and lifetime expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

The Fund defines a financial instrument as default, which is fully aligned with the definition of credit-impaired, when it meets one or more of the following criteria:

Quantitative criteria:

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit-impaired.

Qualitative criteria:

The debtor meets unlikeliness to pay criteria, which indicates the debtor is in significant financial difficulty. The Fund considers the following instances:

- the debtor is in breach of financial covenants;
- concessions have been made by the lender relating to the debtor's financial difficulty;
- it is becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and
- the debtor is insolvent.

Financial instruments that are credit-impaired are assessed on individual basis.

Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount.

The Fund may write off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in bad debt recoveries. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period/year.

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H CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances and short-term deposits held in highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

I AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) DEALER

Amount due from and to dealer represent receivables for securities sold and payable for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively. The due from dealer balance is held for collection. Refer to Note G for accounting policy on recognition and measurement.

Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit-impaired.

Significant financial difficulties of the dealer, probability that the dealer will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

J UNIT HOLDERS' CAPITAL

The unit holders' contributions to the Fund meet the criteria to be classified as equity instruments under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation". Those criteria include:

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value;
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;
- there is no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the Fund to repurchase; and
- the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based substantially on the profit or loss of the Fund.

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at each financial year if a unit holder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at the unit holders' option at prices based on the Fund's net asset value per unit at the time of creation or cancellation. The Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unit holders with the total number of outstanding units.

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K DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A derivative financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

The Fund's derivative financial instruments comprise forward foreign currency contracts. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Financial derivative positions will be "marked to market" at the close of each valuation day. Foreign exchange gains and losses on the derivative financial instrument are recognised in profit or loss when settled or at the date of the statement of financial position at which time they are included in the measurement of the derivative financial instrument. Derivative instruments that have a positive fair value are presented as financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss. Derivative instruments that have a negative fair value are presented as financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The fair value of forward foreign currency contracts is determined using forward exchange rates on the date of the statement of financial position, with the resulting value discounted back to present value.

The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and the nature of the item being hedged. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are classified as financial assets/liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

L CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, rarely equal the related actual results. To enhance the information contents on the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impacts to the Fund's results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated by the Manager and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

However, the Manager is of the opinion that there are no accounting policies which require significant judgement to be exercised.

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

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M REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX

The analysis of realised and unrealised portions of profit or loss after tax as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

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1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Wholesale Fund was constituted under the name Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 17 (the “Fund”) pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 28 November 2019 and modified by First Supplemental Deed dated 27 September 2023 (the “Deeds”) entered into between AHAM Asset Management Berhad (the “Manager”) and TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the “Trustee”). The Fund has changed its name from Affin Hwang Flexible Maturity Income Fund 17 to AHAM Flexible Maturity Income Fund 17 as amended by the First Supplemental Deed dated 27 September 2023.

The Fund commenced operations on 9 December 2019 and matured on 24 December 2024 (date of maturity), where the maturity date of the Fund is the fifth anniversary of the investment date. The Manager and Trustee of the Fund authorised the maturity of the Fund in respect of the Fund on 24 December 2024. As such, the going concern assumption can no longer be used for the preparation of financial statements. Accordingly, the Manager has prepared the financial statements on a non-going concern basis of accounting. The net proceeds have been distributed pro rata to unit holders on 31 December 2024 according to the number of units held in the Fund as at 24 December 2024, with the advance from the Manager on a portion of the tax recoverable amount. The Fund is liable to repay back the advance to the Manager upon the Fund’s receipt of the tax recoverable.

The Fund may invest in any of the following investments, subject to the Deeds, the Fund’s objective, the Guidelines, the requirements of the SC and all relevant laws:

- (a) Debentures;
- (b) Money market instruments;
- (c) Deposits;
- (d) Derivatives;
- (e) Structured products; and
- (f) Any other form of investments permitted by the SC from time to time which is in line with the objective of the Fund.

All investments will be subjected to the SC’s Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework, the Deeds and the objective of the Fund.

The main objective of the Fund is to provide income through investments in fixed income instruments.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager are establishment and management of unit trust funds, exchange-traded funds and private retirement schemes as well as providing fund management services to private clients.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 27 January 2025.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised cost RM	At fair value through profit or loss RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity)</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	12	118,273,628	-	118,273,628
Amount due from Manager		107,951	-	107,951
		<u>118,381,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,381,579</u>
Total		<u>118,381,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,381,579</u>

As at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity), the Fund's investments have been sold off and the remaining investments in Credit Suisse Additional Tier-1 bonds have been written down to RM Nil since 19 March 2023.

Financial liabilities

Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		15,522	-	15,522
- advance from Manager		107,951	-	107,951
Amount due to Trustee		3,104	-	3,104
Fund accounting fee		1,934	-	1,934
Auditors' remuneration		8,000	-	8,000
Tax agent's fee		7,000	-	7,000
Other payables and accruals		3,829	-	3,829
Distribution payable		4,650,017	-	4,650,017
		<u>4,797,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,797,357</u>
Total		<u>4,797,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,797,357</u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised cost RM	At fair value through profit or loss RM	<u>Total RM</u>
<u>As at 29.02.2024</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	12	9,393,063	-	9,393,063
Amount due from dealer		7,156,459	-	7,156,459
Unquoted fixed income securities	10	-	112,796,920	112,796,920
Forward foreign currency contracts	13	-	11,448	11,448
Total		<u>16,549,522</u>	<u>112,808,368</u>	<u>129,357,890</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to dealer		8,429,233	-	8,429,233
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		18,301	-	18,301
Amount due to Trustee		3,660	-	3,660
Auditors' remuneration		8,000	-	8,000
Fund accounting fee		1,083	-	1,083
Tax agent's fee		3,500	-	3,500
Other payables and accruals		1,939	-	1,939
Forward foreign currency contracts	13	-	5,256,444	5,256,444
Total		<u>8,465,716</u>	<u>5,256,444</u>	<u>13,722,160</u>

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk (including price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and capital risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated by the SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

Market risk

(a) Price risk

Price risk arises mainly from the uncertainty about future prices of investments. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Manager manages the risk of unfavourable changes in prices by continuous monitoring of the performance and risk profile of the investment portfolio.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(a) Price risk (continued)

The Fund's overall exposure to price risk was as follows:

	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of <u>maturity</u>) RM	Financial year ended <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
Unquoted investments		
Unquoted fixed income securities*	-	112,796,920
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

* Unquoted investment as at 24 December 2024 includes interest receivable of RM Nil (2024: RM1,435,879).

The Fund is not exposed to price risk as at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity) as the investments of the Fund have been sold off and the remaining investments in Credit Suisse Additional Tier-1 bonds have been written down to RM Nil since 19 March 2023.

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after taxation and net asset value ("NAV") to price risk movements as at 29 February 2024. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 3% and decreased by 3% with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the unquoted securities.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> RM	Impact on loss after <u>tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>As at 29.2.2024</u>		
-3%	108,020,210	(3,340,831)
0%	111,361,041	-
+3%	114,701,872	3,340,831
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(b) Interest rate risk

In general, when interest rates rise, prices of unquoted fixed income securities will tend to fall and vice versa. Therefore, the NAV of the Fund may also tend to fall when interest rates rise or are expected to rise. However, investors should be aware that should the Fund hold an unquoted fixed income security until maturity, such price fluctuations would dissipate as it approaches maturity, and thus the growth of the NAV shall not be affected at maturity. In order to mitigate interest rates exposure of the Fund, the Manager will manage the duration of the portfolio via shorter or longer tenured assets depending on the view of the future interest rate trend of the Manager, which is based on its continuous fundamental research and analysis.

This risk is crucial in an unquoted fixed income securities fund since unquoted fixed income securities portfolio management depends on forecasting interest rate movements. Prices of unquoted fixed income securities move inversely to interest rate movements, therefore as interest rates rise, the prices of unquoted fixed income securities decrease and vice versa. Furthermore, unquoted fixed income securities with longer maturity and lower yield coupon rates are more susceptible to interest rate movements.

Investors should note that unquoted fixed income securities and money market instruments are subject to interest rate fluctuations. Such investments may be subject to unanticipated rise in interest rates which may impair the ability of the issuers to make payments of interest income and principal, especially if the issuers are highly leveraged. An increase in interest rates may therefore increase the potential for default by an issuer.

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after taxation and NAV to movements in prices of unquoted fixed income securities held by the Fund as a result of movement in interest rate as at 29 February 2024. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the interest rate increased and decreased by 1% (100 basis points) with all other variables held constant.

<u>% Change in interest rate</u>	<u>Impact on loss after tax/NAV</u> As at <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
+ 1%	(61,013)
- 1%	59,145

The Fund is not exposed to interest rate risk as at 24 December 2024 (date of termination) as the investments of the Fund have been sold off and the remaining investments in Credit Suisse Additional Tier-1 bonds have been written down to RM Nil since 19 March 2023.

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with investments denominated in foreign currencies. When the foreign currencies fluctuate in an unfavourable movements against Ringgit Malaysia, the investments will face currency losses in addition to the capital gain/(loss). The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of the foreign currency versus Ringgit Malaysia based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest rate differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels and technical chart considerations.

The Fund has no financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies as at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity).

The following table sets out the foreign currency risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund as at 29 February 2024:

	Unquoted fixed income securities RM	Forward foreign currency contracts RM	Cash and cash equivalents RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>As at 29.2.2024</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Australian Dollar	-	-	997	997
Chinese Yuan	-	-	475	475
Euro	3,415,422	-	22,603	3,438,025
British Pound Sterling	2,142,486	-	237,677	2,380,163
Singapore Dollar	7,962,707	-	1,414,103	9,376,810
United States Dollar	73,301,449	11,448	1,406,971	74,719,868
	<u>86,822,064</u>	<u>11,448</u>	<u>3,082,826</u>	<u>89,916,338</u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk (continued)

	Forward Foreign currency <u>contracts</u> RM	Amount due to <u>dealer</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>As at 29.2.2024 (continued)</u>			
<u>Financial liabilities</u>			
Euro	102,382	-	102,382
British Pound Sterling	114,590	-	114,590
Singapore Dollar	189,290	-	189,290
United States Dollar	4,850,182	8,429,233	13,279,415
	<u>5,256,444</u>	<u>8,429,233</u>	<u>13,685,677</u>

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after tax and net asset value to changes in foreign exchange movements as at 29 February 2024. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes based on each currency's respective historical volatility, with all other variables remain constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Any increase/(decrease) in foreign exchange rate will result in a corresponding (decrease)/increase in the net assets attributable to unit holders by each currency's respective historical volatility. Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

	Change <u>in rate</u> %	Impact on loss after <u>tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>As at 29.2.2024</u>		
Australian Dollar	+/-7.70	+/- 77
Chinese Yuan	+/-4.55	+/- 22
Euro	+/-5.41	+/- 180,458
British Pound Sterling	+/-5.85	+/- 132,536
Singapore Dollar	+/-3.55	+/- 326,157
United States Dollar	+/-5.70	<u>+/- 3,502,106</u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of an issuer or counterparty to make timely payments of interest, principals and proceeds from realisation of investment. The Manager manages the credit risk by undertaking credit evaluation to minimise such risk.

Credit risk arising from cash and bank balances is managed by ensuring that they are held by parties with credit rating of AA or higher.

Credit risk arising from placements on deposits in licensed financial institutions is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions.

For unquoted fixed income securities, the Manager regularly reviews the rating assigned to the issuer so that necessary steps can be taken if the rating falls below those described in the Deed and SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units' receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund:

	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Amount due from Manager</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity)</u>			
Financial Services			
- AAA	118,273,628	-	118,273,628
- Non-rated ("NR")	-	107,951	107,951
	<u>118,273,628</u>	<u>107,951</u>	<u>118,381,579</u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit risk (continued)

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund: (continued)

	Unquoted fixed income securities RM	Cash and cash equivalents RM	Forward foreign currency contracts RM	Amount due from dealer RM	Total RM
<u>As at 29.02.2024</u>					
Basic Materials					
- Baa2	2,466,161	-	-	-	2,466,161
- Ba3	2,457,601	-	-	-	2,457,601
Consumer Discretionary					
- Ba1	5,314,131	-	-	-	5,314,131
- Baa3	4,697,867	-	-	-	4,697,867
- BBB+	2,910,565	-	-	-	2,910,565
Financial Services					
- AAA	-	9,393,063	-	-	9,393,063
- AA1	-	-	11,448	-	11,448
- AA3	7,664,242	-	-	7,156,459	14,820,701
- A2	3,718,723	-	-	-	3,718,723
- A3	10,722,810	-	-	-	10,722,810
- Baa1	9,632,894	-	-	-	9,632,894
- Baa2	12,280,904	-	-	-	12,280,904
- BBB+	933,452	-	-	-	933,452
- BBB	3,551,164	-	-	-	3,551,164
- BBB-	7,687,395	-	-	-	7,687,395
- Ba1	1,898,860	-	-	-	1,898,860
- Ba2	1,799,838	-	-	-	1,799,838
Government					
- AAA	7,040,156	-	-	-	7,040,156
Health Care					
- A+	2,952,494	-	-	-	2,952,494
Industrials					
- AA3	3,087,919	-	-	-	3,087,919
- A	5,131,295	-	-	-	5,131,295
- NR	4,906,374	-	-	-	4,906,374
Real Estate					
- Baa1	3,237,423	-	-	-	3,237,423
- C	128,170	-	-	-	128,170
Technology					
- Baa3	6,523,409	-	-	-	6,523,409
Utilities					
- AA1	2,053,073	-	-	-	2,053,073
	112,796,920	9,393,063	11,448	7,156,459	129,357,890

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations. The Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellation of units by unit holders. Liquid assets comprise cash, deposits with licensed financial institution and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days.

The table below analyses the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date.

The amounts in the table below are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	<u>Within one month</u> RM	<u>Between one month to one year</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity)</u>			
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	15,522	-	15,522
- advance from Manager	107,951	-	107,951
Amount due to Trustee	3,104	-	3,104
Fund accounting fee	1,934	-	1,934
Auditors' remuneration	-	8,000	8,000
Tax agent's fee	-	7,000	7,000
Other payables and accruals	-	3,829	3,829
Distribution payable	4,650,017	-	4,650,017
	<u>4,778,528</u>	<u>18,829</u>	<u>4,797,357</u>

As at 29.2.2024

Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	-	5,256,444	5,256,444
Amount due to dealer	8,429,233	-	8,429,233
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	18,301	-	18,301
Amount due to Trustee	3,660	-	3,660
Fund accounting fee	1,083	-	1,083
Auditors' remuneration	-	8,000	8,000
Tax agent's fee	-	3,500	3,500
Other payables and accruals	-	1,939	1,939
	<u>8,452,277</u>	<u>5,269,883</u>	<u>13,722,160</u>

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unit holders' capital net of accumulated losses. The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unit holders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value of financial assets traded in active market (such as trading securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial year end date. The Fund utilises the bid price for financial assets which falls within the bid-ask spread.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques.

(i) Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2)
- Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

As at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity), the Fund's investments have been sold off and the remaining investments in Credit Suisse Additional Tier-1 bonds have been written down to RM Nil since 19 March 2023.

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities (by class) measured at fair value as at 29 February 2024:

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>As at 29.2.2024</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- unquoted fixed income securities	-	112,796,920	-	112,796,920
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	11,448	-	11,448
	-	112,808,368	-	112,808,368
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	5,256,444	-	5,256,444

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include unquoted fixed income securities and forward foreign currency contracts. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

(ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager, amount due from dealer and all current liabilities, except for forward foreign currency contracts, are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short-term nature.

4 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 3.00% per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

For the financial period from 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 (date of maturity), the management fee is recognised at a rate of 0.20% (29.2.2024: 0.20%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Information Memorandum.

There will be no further liability to the Manager in respect of management fee other than the amounts recognised above.

5 TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 0.10% per annum on the NAV of the Fund, exclusive of foreign custodian fees and charges.

For the financial period from 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 (date of maturity), the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% (29.2.2024: 0.04%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, exclusive of foreign custodian fees and charges, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Information Memorandum.

There will be no further liability to the Trustee in respect of Trustee fee other than the amounts recognised above.

6 FUND ACCOUNTING FEE

The fund valuation and accounting fee for the Fund is RM11,683 (29.2.2024: RM13,000) during the financial year.

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7 TAXATION

	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	Financial year ended 29.2.2024 RM
Current taxation	-	1,145,207
Deferred tax (Note 11)	-	(508,473)
Over provision of taxation in prior year	(12,495)	-
	<u>(12,495)</u>	<u>636,734</u>

The numerical reconciliation between net profit/(loss) before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	Financial year ended 29.2.2024 RM
Net profit/(loss) before taxation	<u>3,721,288</u>	<u>(6,511,147)</u>
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (29.2.2024: 24%)	893,109	(1,562,675)
Tax effects of:		
(Investment income not subject to tax)/		
Investment loss disallowed from tax	(961,629)	2,116,043
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	20,475	23,276
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Wholesale Fund	48,045	60,090
Over provision of taxation in prior year	(12,495)	-
Tax expense	<u>(12,495)</u>	<u>636,734</u>

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8 DISTRIBUTION

	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	Financial year ended 29.2.2024 RM
Net distribution amount	4,650,017	8,336,350

During the financial period from 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 (date of maturity), distribution were made as follows:

<u>Ex-date</u>	Gross distribution per unit (sen)	Net distribution per unit (sen)
24.12.2024	3.2940	3.0900

During the financial year ended 29 February 2024, distributions were made as follows:

<u>Ex-date</u>	Gross distribution per unit (sen)	Net distribution per unit (sen)
26.12.2023	6.6040	5.5000

Gross distribution per unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses divided by the number of units in circulation, while net distribution per unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses and taxation divided by the number of units in circulation.

Included in distributions for the financial year is an amount of RM886,936 (2024: RM3,070,501) made from previous year's realised income.

The distribution payable was settled on 26 December 2024.

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9 AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) MANAGER – ADVANCE FROM MANAGER

The Manager has advanced RM107,961 to the Fund to facilitate the distribution to the unit holders, according to the number of units held in the Fund as at 24 December 2024.

10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	As at 29.2.2024 RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- unquoted fixed income securities – local	-	25,974,856
- unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	-	86,822,064
	<u>-</u>	<u>112,796,920</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>112,796,920</u></u>
	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	Financial year ended 29.2.2024 RM
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- realised loss on sale of investments	(4,116,808)	(21,974,951)
- realised loss on write-down of investments	-	(4,742,203)
- unrealised gain on changes in fair value	-	20,574,246
	<u>(4,116,808)</u>	<u>(6,142,908)</u>
	<u><u>(4,116,808)</u></u>	<u><u>(6,142,908)</u></u>

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10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

(a) Unquoted fixed income securities – local

(i) There are no unquoted fixed income securities – local as at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity).

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – local as at 29 February 2024 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
4.08% Malayan Banking Bhd Call: 25.09.2024 (AA3)	2,500,000	2,544,415	2,547,353	2.21
4.13% Malayan Banking Bhd Call: 25.09.2026 (AA3)	5,000,000	5,086,861	5,116,889	4.43
5.25% Malayan Cement Bhd 13.01.2026 (AA3)	3,000,000	3,019,849	3,087,919	2.67
5.05% MBSB Bank Bhd Call: 20.12.2024 (A3)	5,000,000	5,239,141	5,085,833	4.41
3.95% TG Excellence Bhd Call: 27.02.2025 (A+)	3,000,000	2,952,182	2,952,494	2.56
5.8% WCT Holdings Bhd Call: 27.09.2024 (A)	5,000,000	5,165,104	5,131,295	4.44
4.95% YTL Power International Bhd 11.10.2024 (AA1)	2,000,000	2,049,086	2,053,073	1.78
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local	<u>25,500,000</u>	<u>26,056,638</u>	<u>25,974,856</u>	<u>22.50</u>
Accumulated unrealised loss on unquoted fixed income securities – local		<u>(81,782)</u>		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local		<u>25,974,856</u>		

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at as at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity):

The Fund's remaining unquoted fixed income securities of 6.2500% Credit Suisse Group AG Perpetual (ISIN:XS1076957700) with nominal value of RM1,794,800 (USD400,000) and 5.2650% Credit Suisse Group AG Perpetual (ISIN:CH0482172324) with nominal value of RM3,310,100 (SGD1,000,000) had been fully written down to RM Nil since 19 March 2023.

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10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign (continued)

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 29 February 2024 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds</u>				
3% AAC Technologies Holdings Inc Call: 27.11.2024 (Baa3)	6,636,000	6,469,303	6,523,409	5.65
5.75% Argentum Netherlands BV Swiss Call: 15.08.2025 (BBB+)	2,844,000	2,690,209	2,910,565	2.52
4.375% Banco Santander SA Call: 14.01.2026 (Ba1)	2,057,160	1,841,827	1,898,860	1.64
3.75% Barclays PLC Call: 23.05.2025 (Baa1)	881,425	861,189	876,287	0.76
4.50% Cloverie Plc for Swiss Reins Call: 11.09.2024 (A2)	1,896,000	1,807,385	1,915,244	1.66
1.125% CNAC HK Finbridge Co Ltd 22.09.2024 (Baa2)	1,542,870	1,471,580	1,516,562	1.31
5.625% Credit Suisse Group AG Perpetual (NR) *	3,525,700	-	-	-
6.25% Credit Suisse Group AG Perpetual (NR) *	1,896,000	-	-	-
4.875% DNB Bank ASA Call: 12.11.2024 (Baa2)	7,110,000	6,986,120	7,108,297	6.16
2.625% Far East Horizon Ltd 03.03.2024 (BBB-)	3,792,000	3,598,288	3,835,908	3.32
4.125% Ford Motor Credit Co LLC 20.06.2024 (BBB-)	5,288,550	4,841,844	5,314,131	4.60
4% Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd Call: 09.12.2024 (Baa3)	4,740,000	4,731,275	4,697,867	4.07
0.976% HSBC Holdings PLC Call: 24.05.2024 (A3)	5,688,000	5,378,488	5,636,977	4.88
3.8% Huarong Finance 2017 Co 07.11.2025 (Ba2)	881,425	840,382	853,283	0.74
5.5% Huarong Finance II Co Ltd 16.01.2025 (Ba2)	948,000	878,902	946,555	0.82
8.25% Indika Energy Capital IV Call: 27.03.2024 (Ba3)	2,370,000	2,442,026	2,457,601	2.13
4.75% Indonesia Asahan Aluminium Tbk Call: 15.04.2025 (Baa2)	948,000	871,321	949,599	0.82
5.2500% Lloyds Banking Group PLC Call: 22.08.2028 (Baa1)	881,425	877,428	919,006	0.80
3.8% Nanyang Commercial Bank Ltd Call: 20.11.2024 (Baa2)	5,214,000	4,822,075	5,172,607	4.48

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10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign (continued)

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign as at 29 February 2024 are as follows:
(continued)

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Nominal value</u> RM	<u>Adjusted cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Bonds (continued)</u>				
1.832% Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Call: 10.09.2025 (Baa2)	1,896,000	1,621,652	1,803,479	1.56
4.75% Phoenix Group Holdings PLC Call: 04.06.2026 (BBB+)	948,000	892,540	933,452	0.81
5.625% Phoenix Group Holdings PLC Call: 29.01.2025 (BBB)	1,422,000	1,249,341	1,408,678	1.22
5.75% Phoenix Group Holdings PLC Call: 26.04.2028 (BBB)	2,401,480	2,439,746	2,142,486	1.86
6.75% QBE Insurance Group Ltd Call: 02.12.2024 (BBB-)	3,792,000	3,660,338	3,851,487	3.34
4.75% Scentre Group Trust 2 Call: 24.06.2026 (Baa1)	3,318,000	2,970,995	3,237,423	2.80
3.34% Shinhan Financial Group Co Ltd Call: 05.02.2025 (Baa1)	1,422,000	1,397,275	1,389,596	1.20
6.75% Times China Holdings Ltd 16.07.2023 (C)	3,792,000	3,620,400	128,170	0.11
3.2500% United States Treasury N/B 31.08.2024 (AAA)	7,110,000	7,040,434	7,040,156	6.10
2.894% Westpac Banking Corp Call: 04.02.2025 (Baa1)	6,636,000	6,301,718	6,448,005	5.59
8.1% Yinson Juniper Ltd Call: 29.03.2024 (NR)	4,740,000	4,843,295	4,906,374	4.25
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign	<u>96,618,035</u>	<u>87,447,376</u>	<u>86,822,064</u>	<u>75.20</u>
Accumulated unrealised loss on unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		<u>(625,312)</u>		
Total unquoted fixed income securities – foreign		<u>86,822,064</u>		

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10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign (continued)

*Credit Suisse Group AG

Following the unprecedented and controversial decision by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (“FINMA”) on 19 March 2023 to write-down CHF16 billion of Credit Suisse’s Additional Tier 1 (“AT1”) securities, UBS Group AG (“UBS”) announced on 12 June 2023 that it had formally completed the acquisition of Credit Suisse. The now-enlarged UBS will have a balance sheet of USD1.6 trillion. According to news during the reporting period, UBS was also looking to reduce the total combined workforce by around 30% or 25,000 employees. Credit Suisse’s total headcount was reported at around 45,000.

On 11 August 2023, UBS announced that it has ended the CHF9 billion loss protection agreement and the CHF100 billion public liquidity backstop that were initially put in place by the Swiss government back in March. This announcement followed a comprehensive assessment of Credit Suisse’s potential losses which were not as significant as earlier anticipated. Additionally, Credit Suisse has also fully repaid an emergency liquidity assistance loan of CHF50 billion obtained from the Swiss National Bank (“SNB”).

Further to this, on 31 August 2023, UBS posted its quarterly earnings results following its acquisition of Credit Suisse. It reported a quarterly profit before tax of USD29.2 billion, including a USD28.9 billion of negative goodwill from the acquisition. If excluding the negative goodwill and also integration-related expenses and acquisition costs, UBS’s adjusted profit before tax is USD1.1 billion. UBS also provided updates on the integration of Credit Suisse and financial targets by year-end 2026. Amongst the targets, UBS is aiming for USD10 billion worth of cost savings that is aimed to be achieved through the restructuring of its non-core and Credit Suisse Investment Banking segments, as well as from business synergies across its core businesses. UBS reported a Common Equity Tier 1 (“CET1”) capital ratio of 14.4% and targets a ~14% CET1 capital ratio over the medium term.

Since the announcement in March 2023, several investor groups globally have initiated legal proceedings seeking compensation as a result of the write-down. Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP (“Quinn Emanuel”) and UK-based Pallas launched separate Swiss lawsuits against FINMA over the decision. Quinn Emanuel is representing plaintiffs with \$6 billion of AT1 claims, while Pallas’s clients hold about \$2 billion of Credit Suisse AT1 securities. As of 7 June 2023, Quinn Emanuel has informed the Manager and other global AT1 bondholders that the Swiss Federal Administrative Court (“SFAC”) has effectively acknowledged receipt of the filing made by Quinn Emanuel on 18 April 2023.

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10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

(b) Unquoted fixed income securities – foreign (continued)

* Credit Suisse Group AG (continued)

As of 31 December 2024, there have been no new developments in the FINMA appeal after Quinn Emanuel’s filing to the Swiss Federal Administrative Court (“SFAC”) on 18 April 2023. Along with other appellant groups, Quinn Emanuel is still awaiting the SFAC’s delivery of UBS’s and Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority’s (“FINMA”) reply submissions. The legal proceedings are ongoing, and the Manager will continue to maintain close communication with Quinn Emanuel regarding the progress of the lawsuit. The Parliamentary Investigation Committee (PUK) has on 20 December 2024 presented the results of its investigation into the downfall of Credit Suisse in a press conference. Quinn Emanuel has reviewed the report and is generally positive about its contents. Quinn Emanuel is in the midst of assessing the PUK report in detail and believes that this report provides valuable insights into the final days of Credit Suisse, particularly concerning FINMA’s conduct and strategic decisions and could be used to prompt the SFAC for an update on the proceedings and to understand the reasons for the delay. Depending on the report’s details, Quinn Emanuel may also incorporate it into the written submissions before the SFAC and, if pertinent, request additional orders from the SFAC concerning the documentary evidence held by UBS and/or FINMA.

The ongoing legal fees for services rendered by Quinn Emanuel to recover the losses incurred from the write-down of the Credit Suisse AT1 bond is currently advanced by the Manager, which will be repayable to the Manager upon the successful recovery of the Credit Suisse AT1 bonds from the legal proceedings. The remaining recovery proceeds will be disbursed in proportion of the value each unit holder was entitled to as at the occurrence of the write-down of the bond.

11 DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES

	As at 24.12.2024 (date of <u>maturity</u>) RM	As at <u>29.2.2024</u> RM
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-

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11 DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

The movements in the deferred tax liabilities balances are as follows:

	Foreign interest receivables on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	
	As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	As at 29.2.2024 RM
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	-	508,473
Transfer to income statement (Note 7)	-	(508,473)
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Balance as at the end of the financial year	-	-
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12 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	As at 29.2.2024 RM
Cash and bank balances	118,273,628	3,108,819
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	-	6,284,244
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	118,273,628	9,393,063
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Weighted average effective interest rates per annum of deposit with a licensed financial institution is as follows:

	As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) %	As at 29.2.2024 %
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	-	3.02
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The deposit with a licensed financial institution has an average remaining maturity period of Nil day (2024: 1 day).

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13 FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

As at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity), there are nil (29.2.2024:13) forward foreign currency contracts outstanding. The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to RMNil (29.2.2024: RM72,662,183). The forward foreign currency contracts entered into during the financial year were for hedging against the currency exposure arising from the investment in the foreign unquoted fixed income securities denominated in Australian Dollar, Chinese Yuan, Euro, British Pound Sterling, Singapore Dollar and United States Dollar. As the Fund has not adopted hedge accounting during the financial year, the changes in the fair value of the forward foreign currency contracts are recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

	As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	As at 29.2.2024 RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	11,448
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:		
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	5,256,444
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	Financial year ended 29.2.2024 RM
Net gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss		
- realised gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts	3,420,689	(1,386,674)
- unrealised loss on changes in fair value	-	(3,793,822)
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	<u>3,420,689</u>	<u>(5,180,496)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY) (CONTINUED)

13 FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS (CONTINUED)

(a) Forward foreign currency contracts

(i) There are no forward foreign currency contracts as at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity).

(ii) Forward foreign currency contracts as at 29 February 2024 are as follows:

<u>Name of issuer</u>	<u>Receivables</u> RM	<u>Payables</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd	32,248,090	35,331,444	(3,083,354)	(2.67)
BNP Paribas Malaysia Bhd	16,852,217	17,513,473	(661,256)	(0.57)
CIMB Bank Bhd	2,036,149	2,103,228	(67,079)	(0.06)
Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd	2,092,905	2,207,495	(114,590)	(0.10)
United Overseas Bank (M) Bhd	19,432,822	20,751,539	(1,318,717)	(1.14)
Total forward foreign currency contracts	<u>72,662,183</u>	<u>77,907,179</u>	<u>(5,244,996)</u>	<u>(4.54)</u>

14 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	As at 24.12.2024 (date of <u>maturity</u>) No. of units	As at <u>29.02.2024</u> No. of units
At the beginning of the financial year	151,570,000	151,639,000
Cancellation of units	(1,084,000)	(69,000)
At the end of the financial year	<u>150,486,000</u>	<u>151,570,000</u>

The Fund has been terminated on 24 December 2024. All the units in circulation were subsequently cancelled on 26 December 2024 by the Manager and settled on 31 December 2024.

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15 TRANSACTIONS WITH DEALERS

- (i) Details of transactions with the top 10 dealers for financial period from 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 (date of maturity) are as follows:

<u>Name of dealers</u>	Value of trade RM	Percentage of total trade %
MarketAxess Holdings Inc*	16,784,465	9.77
DBS Bank Limited	15,561,387	9.04
Deutsche Bank (M) Bhd	12,921,228	7.51
HSBC Banking Corporation Limited	12,038,938	7.00
Nomura Singapore Limited	11,308,061	6.57
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad*	11,163,000	6.49
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	10,466,414	6.08
Wells Fargo Securities	9,570,959	5.56
Barclays Bank PLC	8,824,546	5.13
Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd	8,111,124	4.71
Others	55,300,134	32.14
	172,050,256	100.00

- (ii) Details of transactions with the top 10 dealers for financial year ended 29 February 2024:

<u>Name of dealers</u>	Value of trade RM	Percentage of total trade %
MarketAxess Holdings Inc *	41,050,989	22.18
RHB Investment Bank Bhd *	34,546,492	18.66
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd *	17,171,440	9.28
Citigroup Global Markets	13,268,846	7.17
JP Morgan Chase Bank Bhd	10,145,998	5.48
Wells Fargo Securities	8,410,210	4.54
BNP Paribas Securities	5,193,897	2.81
Barclays Bank Plc	5,155,526	2.79
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd	4,997,500	2.70
HSBC Banking Corporation Limited	4,834,899	2.61
Others	40,319,820	21.78
	185,095,617	100.00

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY) (CONTINUED)

15 TRANSACTIONS WITH DEALERS (CONTINUED)

* Included in the transactions with dealers are cross trades conducted between the Fund and other funds; mandates managed by the Manager amounting to:

<u>Name of dealers</u>	As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	As at 29.2.2024 RM
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd	11,163,000	17,171,440
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	-	32,046,243
MarketAxess Holdings Inc	12,290,882	41,050,989
	<u>23,453,882</u>	<u>90,268,672</u>

The cross trades are conducted between the Fund and other funds; mandates managed by the Manager as follows:

	As at 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) RM	As at 29.2.2024 RM
AHAM Bond Fund	8,172,900	11,254,151
AHAM Enhanced Deposit Fund	-	3,068,100
AHAM Enhanced Income Fund	-	7,083,000
AHAM Aiiman ESG Income Plus Fund (formerly known as AHAM Aiiman Income Plus Fund)	-	2,045,200
AHAM Flexible Maturity Income Fund 15	996,700	3,629,693
AHAM Flexible Maturity Income Fund 16	7,794,788	11,226,394
AHAM Flexible Maturity Income Fund 18	1,005,158	2,711,252
AHAM Flexible Maturity Income Fund 19	-	2,795,325
AHAM Flexible Maturity Income Fund 21	-	1,648,134
AHAM Hard Currencies Fixed Income Fund	929,973	-
AHAM RMB Bond Fund	-	829,163
AHAM Select Bond Fund	-	1,877,601
AHAM Select Income Fund	-	24,925,057
AHAM Single Bond Series 3	-	9,193,892
AHAM Single Bond Series 5	-	7,042,813
Private mandates	4,554,363	938,897
	<u>23,453,882</u>	<u>90,268,672</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY) (CONTINUED)

16 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

The related parties of and their relationship with the Fund are as follows:

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
CVC Capital Partners Asia V L.P. ("CVC Asia V")	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager and former ultimate holding corporate body of the Manager
Starlight TopCo Limited	Penultimate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Universe Limited	Intermediate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Asset Sdn Bhd	Immediate holding company of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI")	Former substantial shareholder of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager
AHAM Asset Management Berhad	The Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of CVC Asia V as disclosed in their financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of the Manager
Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad	Directors of the Manager

The number of units held by the Manager as at the end of the financial period/year as follows:

	<u>24.12.2024 (date of maturity)</u>	As at	<u>29.2.2024</u>	As at
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
<u>The Manager:</u>				
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (The units are held legally for booking purposes)	10,362	7,828	10,167	7,744

Other than the above, there were no units held by the Directors or parties related to the Manager.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 24 DECEMBER 2024 (DATE OF MATURITY) (CONTINUED)

17 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (“TER”)

	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity) %	Financial year ended 29.2.2024 %
TER	0.24	0.29

TER is derived from the following calculation:

$$\text{TER} = \frac{(A + B + C + D + E + F) \times 100}{G}$$

A	=	Management fee
B	=	Trustee fee
C	=	Fund accounting fee
D	=	Auditors' remuneration
E	=	Tax agent's fee
F	=	Other expenses
G	=	Average NAV of Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis is RM117,089,813 (29.2.2024: RM120,435,363).

18 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	Financial period from 1.3.2024 to 24.12.2024 (date of maturity)	Financial year ended 29.02.2024
PTR (times)	1.08	0.96

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

$$\frac{(\text{Total acquisition for the financial period/year} + \text{total disposal for the financial period/year}) \div 2}{\text{Average NAV of the Fund for the financial period/year calculated on a daily basis}}$$

where: total acquisition for the financial period/year = RM70,790,614 (29.2.2024: RM100,282,181)
total disposal for the financial period/year = RM182,275,711 (29.2.2024: RM131,654,257)

AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Dato' Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Manager, **AHAM Asset Management Berhad** do hereby state that in the opinion of the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 43 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity) and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial period from 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 (date of maturity) in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager,
AHAM ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD

DATO' TENG CHEE WAI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MANAGING DIRECTOR

Kuala Lumpur
27 January 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of AHAM Flexible Maturity Income Fund 17 (“the Fund”) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 24 December 2024 (date of maturity), and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial period from 1 March 2024 to 24 December 2024 (date of maturity) in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 24 December 2024, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the financial period then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages 1 to 43.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “Auditors’ responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements” section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (“By-Laws”) and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (“IESBA Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to Note A on the basis of preparation of the financial statements, which states that the Fund has been terminated on 24 December 2024. These financial statements have therefore been prepared using a non-going concern basis of accounting. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17
(CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Manager's Report, but does not include the financial statements of the Fund and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements of the Fund does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Fund, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Fund or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of the Fund that give a true and fair view in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards. The Manager is also responsible for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements of the Fund that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements of the Fund, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to terminate the Fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17
(CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Fund as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- (a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Fund, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- (b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- (d) Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Fund or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF AHAM FLEXIBLE MATURITY INCOME FUND 17
(CONTINUED)

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- (e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Fund represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
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(CONTINUED)

OTHER MATTERS

This report is made solely to the unit holders of the Fund, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

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