# FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL PROSPECTUS FOR AHAM PERWIRA FUND

Manager : AHAM Asset Management Berhad

(Registration No.: 199701014290 (429786-T))

: TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad

**Trustee** (Registration No.: 200301008392 (610812-W))

This First Supplemental Prospectus is dated 10 January 2025.

The AHAM Perwira Fund was constituted on 12 December 2019. The constitution date for the Fund is also the launch date of the Fund.

INVESTORS ARE ADVISED TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL PROSPECTUS WHICH IS TO BE READ TOGETHER WITH THE PROSPECTUS DATED 24 MARCH 2023. IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONSULT A PROFESSIONAL ADVISER.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN RISK FACTORS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS, SEE "RISK FACTORS" COMMENCING ON PAGE 4 OF THE PROSPECTUS DATED 24 MARCH 2023 AND PAGE 3 OF THIS FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL PROSPECTUS.



YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE PAYMENT IN CASH TO A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT OR ISSUE A CHEQUE IN THE NAME OF A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT.

### **Responsibility Statements**

This First Supplemental Prospectus has been reviewed and approved by the directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad ("AHAM") and they collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information. Having made all reasonable enquiries, they confirm to the best of their knowledge and belief, that there are no false or misleading statements, or omission of other facts which would make any statement in this First Supplemental Prospectus false or misleading.

#### Statements of Disclaimer

The Securities Commission Malaysia has authorised the Fund and a copy of this First Supplemental Prospectus has been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia.

The authorisation of the Fund, and registration of this First Supplemental Prospectus, should not be taken to indicate that the Securities Commission Malaysia recommends the said Fund or assumes responsibility for the correctness of any statement made, opinion expressed or report contained in the Prospectus dated 24 March 2023 or this First Supplemental Prospectus.

The Securities Commission Malaysia is not liable for any non-disclosure on the part of AHAM, the management company responsible for the said Fund and takes no responsibility for the contents in this First Supplemental Prospectus. The Securities Commission Malaysia makes no representation on the accuracy or completeness of this First Supplemental Prospectus, and expressly disclaims any liability whatsoever arising from, or in reliance upon, the whole or any part of its contents.

#### **Additional Statements**

Investors should note that they may seek recourse under the *Capital Markets and Services Act 2007* for breaches of securities laws including any statement in this First Supplemental Prospectus that is false, misleading, or from which there is a material omission; or for any misleading or deceptive act in relation to this First Supplemental Prospectus or the conduct of any other person in relation to the Fund.

This First Supplemental Prospectus is not intended to and will not be issued and distributed in any country or jurisdiction other than in Malaysia ("Foreign Jurisdiction"). Consequently, no representation has been and will be made as to its compliance with the laws of any Foreign Jurisdiction. Accordingly, no issue or sale of Units to which this First Supplemental Prospectus relates may be made in any Foreign Jurisdiction or under any circumstances where such action is unauthorised.



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Unless otherwise provided in this First Supplemental Prospectus, all the capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as ascribed to them in the Prospectus dated 24 March 2023 ("Prospectus").

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

- (i) This First Supplemental Prospectus is issued to inform investors of the variation to paragraph 17 of Schedule B of the Guidelines, to allow the Fund's investments in (i) AHAM Equity Fund; (ii) AHAM Growth Fund; and (iii) AHAM Principled Growth Fund to be increased from 25% to 80% of the units in the respective funds, for a period of (5) five years from 12 December 2024 to 11 December 2029.
- (ii) In addition, other information in the Prospectus have been updated to reflect other changes, amongst others, the updates to the corporate directory, the profile information of the Manager and the Trustee, the related parties transaction and other updates which are general in nature.

#### A. GENERAL AMENDMENT

References to "(formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)" and "(formerly known as Affin Hwang Perwira Fund)" in the Prospectus are now removed.

#### **B. CORPORATE DIRECTORY**

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The information in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

#### "The Manager

# AHAM Asset Management Berhad

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**Business Address** 

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Tel No. : (603) 2116 6000 Toll free line : 1-300-80-1188

E-mail: khidmatpelanggan@aham.com.my

Website: www.aham.com.my

#### The Trustee

### TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad Registered Office & Business Address

Level 13, Menara 1 Sentrum, 201, Jalan Tun Sambanthan, Brickfields

50470 Kuala Lumpur, W.P. Kuala Lumpur

Tel No.: (603) 2382 4288
Fax No.: (603) 2382 4170
E-mail: malaysia@tmf-group.com
Website: www.tmf-group.com

Note: You may refer to our website for an updated information on our details."

#### C. RISK FACTORS

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#### **GENERAL RISKS**

(i) The information on "Suspension of repurchase request risk" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

#### "Suspension of repurchase request risk

Having considered the best interests of Unit Holders, the repurchase requests by the Unit Holders may be subject to suspension due to exceptional circumstances, where the market value or fair value of a material portion of the Fund's assets cannot be determined. In such case, Unit Holders will not be able to redeem their Units and will be compelled to remain invested in the Fund for a longer period of time\*. Hence, their investments will continue to be subject to the risks inherent to the Fund.

\*For further information on repurchase process during suspension period, please refer to "What is the Repurchase Proceeds Payout Period" section of the Prospectus."

(ii) The following information is hereby inserted after "Suspension of repurchase request risk":

#### "Related Party Transaction Risk

The Fund may also have dealings with parties related to AHAM. Nevertheless, it is our policy that all transactions with related parties are to be executed on terms which are best available to the Fund and which are not less favourable to the Fund than an arm's length transaction between independent parties."

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#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

(i) The first paragraph of this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"In our day-to-day running of the business, we employ a proactive risk management approach to manage portfolio risks, operational risks and liquidity risks. The Board has established a board compliance and risk management committee to oversee AHAM's risk management activities both at operational level and at portfolio management level to ensure that the risk management process is in place and functioning. The board compliance and risk management committee comprise of at least three (3) Board members and is chaired by an independent director. At the operational level, we have established a compliance and risk oversight committee with the primary function of identifying, evaluating and monitoring risks as well as to formulate internal control measures to manage and mitigate the exposure to risks that may affect the performance of the Fund, returns to the investors or Unit Holders' interest within a clearly defined framework and is primarily responsible for ensuring that the policies and procedures that have been implemented are reviewed on an on-going basis with periodic assessments. The compliance and risk oversight committee and the board compliance and risk management committee deliberates on any non-compliances and risk management issues on a quarterly basis."

(ii) The third paragraph of this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"To manage non-compliance risks, we use, inter alia, information technology system that is able to monitor the trading of investment to ensure compliance with the Fund's investment limits and restrictions. We also undertake stringent evaluation of movements in market prices and regularly monitor, review and report to the person(s) or members of a committee undertaking the oversight function of the Fund to ensure that the Fund's investment objective is met. Regular portfolio reviews by senior members of the investment team further reduce the risk of implementation inconsistencies and violations of the Guidelines."

#### D. ABOUT AHAM PERWIRA FUND

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#### INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITS

The ninth bullet point in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"The value of the Fund's investments in units/shares of a collective investment scheme must not exceed 20% of the Fund's NAV, provided that the collective investment scheme complies with the requirements of the Guidelines."

#### E. DEALING INFORMATION

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#### **HOW TO REPURCHASE UNITS?**

The first bullet point in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"It is important to note that, you must meet the minimum holding of Units after a repurchase transaction.
If the balance of your investment (i.e. total number of Units) is less than the minimum holding of Units, we may withdraw all your holding of Units and pay the proceeds to you."

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#### WHAT IS THE REPURCHASE PROCEEDS PAYOUT PERIOD?

The information in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- "You will be paid within seven (7) Business Days from the day the repurchase request is received by us, provided that all documentations are completed and verifiable.
- Where there is a suspension of dealing in Units by the Fund, due to exceptional circumstances as disclosed in the section "Suspension of Dealing in Units" in this Prospectus, the repurchase requests from the Unit Holders will be accepted but will not be processed. This will result in the delay of processing the repurchase requests. Such repurchase requests will only be processed on the next Business Day once the suspension is lifted, and we will make the repurchase payment to Unit Holder within seven (7) Business Days. However, for repurchase request that has been accepted prior to the suspension, we will process the repurchase request and make the repurchase payment to Unit Holder within seven (7) Business Days from the day the repurchase request is received by us."

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#### **UNCLAIMED MONEYS**

The information in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"Any monies payable to you which remain unclaimed after two (2) years from the date of payment or such other period as may be prescribed by the Unclaimed Moneys Act 1965 will be paid to the Registrar of Unclaimed Monies in accordance with the requirements of the Unclaimed Moneys Act 1965."

#### F. THE MANAGER

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#### **ABOUT AHAM**

(i) The first, second and third paragraphs of this section are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

"AHAM was incorporated in Malaysia on 2 May 1997 and began its operations under the name Hwang–DBS Capital Berhad in 2001. AHAM has more than 20 years' experience in the fund management industry. In 2022, AHAM's ultimate major shareholder is CVC Capital Partners Asia Fund V, a private equity fund managed by CVC Capital Partners ("CVC"), which has approximately 68.35% controlling interest in AHAM. CVC is a global private equity and investment advisory firm with approximately EUR193 billion of assets under its management. AHAM is also 20% owned by Nikko Asset Management Co. Ltd., a Tokyo-based asset management company, and 7% owned by Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera.

AHAM distributes its funds through the following various channels:

- In-house/internal sales team;
- > IUTA and CUTA (Corporate Unit Trust Scheme Advisers); and
- Unit trust consultants.

AHAM's head office is located in Kuala Lumpur and has a total of eight (8) main sales offices located in Peninsular and East Malaysia. The sales offices are in Petaling Jaya, Penang, Ipoh, Johor Bahru, Melaka, Kuching, Miri and Kota Kinabalu."

(ii) The information on "Dato' Teng Chee Wai – Managing Director" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

#### "Dato' Teng Chee Wai - Managing Director

Dato' Teng is the founder of AHAM. In his capacity as the managing director and executive director of AHAM, Dato' Teng manages the overall business and strategic direction as well as the management of the investment team. His hands on approach sees him actively involved in investments, product development and marketing. Dato' Teng's critical leadership and regular participation in reviewing and assessing strategies and performance has been pivotal in allowing AHAM to successfully navigate the economically turbulent decade. Dato' Teng's investment management experience spans more than thirty (30) years, and his key area of expertise is in managing absolute return mandates for insurance assets and investment-linked funds in both Singapore and Malaysia. Prior to his current appointments, he was the assistant general manager (investment) of Overseas Assurance Corporation (OAC) and was responsible for the investment function of the Group Overseas Assurance Corporation Ltd. Dato' Teng began his career in the financial industry as an investment manager with NTUC Income, Singapore. He is a Bachelor of Science graduate from the National University of Singapore and has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Actuarial Studies from City University in London."

### G. THE TRUSTEE

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#### **ABOUT THE TRUSTEE**

The information on "About the Trustee" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad was incorporated in Malaysia on 1 April 2003 and registered as a trust company under the Trust Companies Act 1949 on 9 October 2003. Its registered office and business address is at Level 13, Menara 1 Sentrum, 201, Jalan Tun Sambanthan, Brickfields, 50470, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Trustee is part of TMF Group, an independent global service provider in the trust and fiduciary sector. The group has more than 125 offices in over 83 jurisdictions in the world. TMF Group started in Malaysia in 1992 with its first office in Labuan International Business Financial Centre (IBFC), providing trust and fiduciary services. The Kuala Lumpur office was established in 2003 to support the Labuan office in servicing Malaysian clients and to undertake domestic trust business.

The Trustee provides various types of trustee business, such as trustee and security trustee for private debt securities (PDS), corporate administrator to asset-backed securities (ABS), trustee for unit trust funds & private trust and custodian for private fund mandate. The TMF Group provides a more comprehensive range of corporate secretarial services, financial accounting, human resource administrative and payroll outsourcing services."

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#### TRUSTEE'S DELEGATE

The information on "Trustee's Delegate" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"The Trustee has appointed Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad ("SCBMB") as the custodian of the quoted and unquoted investments of the Fund. SCBMB was incorporated in Malaysia under the same name on 29 February 1984 under the Companies Act 1965 (now known as Companies Act 2016) as a public limited company and is a direct subsidiary of Standard Chartered Bank (Singapore) Limited and an indirect subsidiary of Standard Chartered PLC (the holding company of a global banking group). SCBMB was granted a license on 1 July 1994 under the Banking and Financial Institution Act 1989 (now known as Financial Services Act 2013).

SCBMB is responsible for the Fund's assets settlement and custodising the Fund's asset. The assets are held in the name of the Fund through the custodian's wholly owned subsidiary and nominee company, Cartaban Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd. All investments are automatically registered in the name of the Fund. The custodian acts only in accordance with the instructions from the Trustee."

#### H. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTION AND POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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The information in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"AHAM has in place policies and procedures to deal with any conflict of interest situations. In making an investment transaction for the Fund, AHAM will not make improper use of its position in managing the Fund to gain, directly or indirectly, any advantage or to cause detriment to the interests of Unit Holders. Where the interests of the directors or the person(s) or members of a committee undertaking the oversight function's interests may conflict with that of the Fund, they are to refrain from participating in the decision-making process relating to the matter. Staff of AHAM are required to seek prior approval for personal investments before dealing in any form of securities.

All transactions with related parties are to be executed on terms which are best available to the Fund and which are no less favourable to the Fund than an arm's length transaction between independent parties. Such transactions may include dealings on sale and purchase of securities and instruments by the Fund and holding of Units in the Fund by related parties.

The tax advisers and solicitors have confirmed that they do not have any existing or potential conflict of interest with AHAM and/or the Fund."

#### I. TAX ADVISERS' LETTER

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The information in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"2 December 2024

#### **Deloitte Tax Services Sdn Bhd**

Level 16, Menara LGB 1 Jalan Wan Kadir Taman Tun Dr. Ismail 60000 Kuala Lumpur

The Board of Directors **AHAM Asset Management Berhad**Ground Floor, Menara Boustead
69, Jalan Raja Chulan
50200 Kuala Lumpur

**Dear Sirs** 

# AHAM Perwira Fund Taxation of the Fund and Unit Holders

1. This letter has been prepared for inclusion in the First Supplemental Prospectus (hereinafter referred to as "the Prospectus") in connection with the offer for sale of units in the AHAM Perwira Fund ("the Fund").

The following is general information based on Malaysian tax law in force at the time of lodging the Prospectus with the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC") and investors should be aware that the tax law may change at any time. The application of tax law depends upon an investor's individual circumstances. The information provided below does not constitute tax advice. The Manager therefore recommends that investors consult their tax adviser regarding the specific application of the tax law relating to their specific tax position.

#### 2. Taxation of the Fund

### 2.1 Income Tax

As the Fund's Trustee is a tax resident in Malaysia, the Fund is regarded as a tax resident in Malaysia. The taxation of the Fund is governed principally by Sections 61 and 63B of the Malaysian Income Tax Act, 1967 ("MITA").

Pursuant to the Section 2(7) of MITA, any reference to interest shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to gains or profits received and expenses incurred, in lieu of interest, in transactions conducted in accordance with the principles of Shariah. The effect of this is that any gains or profits received and expenses incurred, in lieu of interest, in transactions conducted in accordance with the principles of Shariah, will be accorded the same tax treatment as if they were interest.

The income of the Fund in respect of dividends, interest or profits from deposits and other investment income (other than income which is exempt from tax) derived from or accruing in Malaysia or received in Malaysia from outside Malaysia is liable to income tax. The Fund may be receiving income such as exit fee which will be subject to tax at the prevailing tax rate applicable on the Fund. Section 61(1)(b) of MITA provides that gains arising from the realisation of investments shall be treated as income of the trust body of the trust as gains or profits from the disposal of a capital asset, provided that such gains are not related to real property as defined under the Real Property Gains Tax ("RPGT") Act, 1976.

The income tax rate applicable to the Fund is 24%.

Tax exempt interest as listed in the Appendix attached received by the Fund are not subject to income tax.

With effect from 1 January 2014, Malaysia has fully moved to a single-tier income tax system. The Fund is not liable to tax on any Malaysia sourced dividends paid, credited or distributed to the Fund under the single-tier tax system, where the company paying such dividend is not entitled to deduct tax under the MITA. The tax deductibility of other deductions by the Fund against such dividend income will be disregarded in ascertaining the chargeable income of the Fund.

In addition to the single-tier dividend that may be received by the Fund, the Fund may also receive Malaysian dividends which are tax exempt from investments in companies which had previously enjoyed or are currently enjoying various tax incentives provided under the laws of Malaysia. The Fund is not subject to income tax on such tax exempt dividend income.

The tax treatment of hedging instruments would depend on the particular hedging instruments entered into. Generally, any gain or loss relating to the principal portion will be treated as capital gain or loss. Gains or losses relating to the income portion would normally be treated as revenue gains or losses. The gain or loss on revaluation will only be taxed or claimed upon realisation. Any gain or loss on foreign exchange is treated as capital gain or loss if it arises from the revaluation of the principal portion of the investment.

Generally, income from distribution by the Malaysia Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITS") will be received net of withholding tax of 10%. No further tax will be payable by the Fund on the distribution. Distribution from such income by the Fund will also not be subject to further tax in the hands of the Unit Holders.

Expenses being manager's remuneration, maintenance of register of Unit Holders, share registration expenses, secretarial, audit and accounting fees, telephone charges, printing and stationery costs and postage, which are not allowed under the general deduction rules, qualify for a special deduction at the minimum of 10% of such expenses pursuant to Section 63B of the MITA.

#### 2.2 Foreign-Sourced Income

The Fund may also receive interest, dividends, profits and other income from investments derived from sources outside of Malaysia. Prior to 1 January 2022, income arising from sources outside Malaysia and received in Malaysia was exempted from Malaysian income tax pursuant to Paragraph 28 of Schedule 6 of the MITA. Effective from 1 January 2022, Paragraph 28 of Schedule 6 of the MITA was amended to only exempt a non-resident person from foreign sourced income received in Malaysia. Unit trusts funds with a trustee who is tax resident in Malaysia are considered tax residents of Malaysia and would not qualify for the exemption under the amended Paragraph 28 of Schedule 6 of the MITA.

The Ministry of Finance of Malaysia ("MoF") issued Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 5) Order 2022 [P.U.(A) 234/2022] and Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 6) Order 2022 [P.U.(A) 235/2022] both dated 19 July 2022 and took effect from 1 January 2022. Certain paragraphs of P.U.(A) 235/2022 have further been amended via Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 6) Order 2022 (Amendment) Order 2024 [P.U.(A) 157/2024] dated 12 June 2024. The above orders grant exemption on foreign sourced income as follows:

- Dividend income received by companies, limited liability partnerships and companies incorporated under the Labuan Companies Act 1990 which have made an election under Section 3A of the Labuan Business Activity Tax Act 1990 to be charged to tax in accordance with the MITA; and
- All types of foreign sourced income received by individuals, except for those carrying on a partnership business in Malaysia.

However, as the unit trust fund is not a "company", "limited liability partnership" or "individual", the above gazette orders do not apply to unit trust funds. As such, the income of the Fund which is received in Malaysia from outside Malaysia during the period 1 January 2022 until 30 June 2022 is subject to tax at the rate of 3% on gross foreign sourced income received in Malaysia. Foreign sourced income received in Malaysia from 1 July 2022 onwards will be taxed based on the prevailing income tax rate applicable to the Fund, i.e. 24%.

On 20 September 2024, the MoF issued the Income Tax (Unit Trust in relation to Income Received in Malaysia from Outside Malaysia) (Exemption) Order 2024 [P.U.(A) 250/2024] which exempts qualifying unit trust from the payment of income tax in respect of all sources of income under section 4 of the MITA which is received in Malaysia from outside Malaysia, effective from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026.

Qualifying unit trust shall be a unit trust resident in Malaysia managed by a management company but does not include a unit trust which is approved by the Securities Commission as REIT or Property Trust Fund listed on Bursa Malaysia.

The qualifying unit trust or the management company of the qualifying unit trust shall comply with the conditions imposed by the MoF as specified in the guidelines issued by the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia ("IRBM"), which shall include the following conditions:-

- (a) the gross income has been subjected to tax at the minimum of 15% under the law of the territory which the income arises; or
- (b) the management company of the qualifying unit trust shall employ an adequate number of employees in Malaysia and incur an adequate amount of operating expenditure in Malaysia.

The foreign sourced income of the Fund may be subject to foreign tax in the country from which the income is derived. In the event that the Fund does not qualify for the above foreign sourced income exemption, pursuant to Schedule 7 of the MITA, where an income is chargeable to tax in Malaysia as well as in a foreign country, a relief shall be given by way of credit known as bilateral credit if the source country has a tax treaty with Malaysia where the foreign tax credit shall be set-off up to 100% of foreign tax suffered and unilateral credit if the source country does not have a tax treaty with Malaysia where the foreign tax credit shall be set-off up to 50% of foreign tax suffered. Please note that claiming of bilateral credit and unilateral credit is subject to the approval of the Inland Revenue Board upon review of the requisite supporting documentation.

### 2.3 Capital Gains Tax ("CGT")

Based on the Finance (No. 2) Act 2023, effective 1 January 2024, CGT will be imposed on gains or profits from the disposal of capital assets. CGT exemption has been provided under the MITA except for the following:

- (i) disposal of unlisted shares of a company incorporated in Malaysia;
- (ii) disposal of shares under section 15C of MITA;
- (iii) disposal of capital assets situated outside Malaysia.

However, based on the Income Tax (Exemption)(No.7) Order 2023 and Income Tax (Exemption)(No.2) Order 2024, there is a 2-months (January 2024 and February 2024) exemption provided for disposal made on or after 1 January 2024 to 29 February 2024 in respect of disposal of shares in companies incorporated in Malaysia not listed on the stock exchange and disposal of shares under section 15C of MITA.

Following to the above, the IRBM has issued the Guidelines: Capital Gains Tax on Unlisted Shares dated 1 March 2024 (CGT Guidelines) [Available in Bahasa Malaysia only].

The Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2024 which takes effect from 21 May 2024 amended the definition of "capital assets" as follows:

- (a) movable or immovable property situated outside Malaysia including any rights or interests thereof; or
- (b) movable property situated in Malaysia which is a share of a company incorporated in Malaysia not listed on the stock exchange (including any rights or interests thereof) owned by a company, limited liability partnership, trust body or co-operative society.

Income Tax (Unit Trust) (Exemption) Order 2024 [P.U.(A) 249/2024] which takes effect from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2028 exempts qualifying unit trust resident in Malaysia (excluding unit trust which is approved by the Securities Commission as a REIT or Property Trust Fund listed on Bursa Malaysia) from the payment of income tax in respect of any gains or profit received from the disposal of shares of a company incorporated in Malaysia which is not listed on the stock exchange and from the disposal of shares under section 15C of MITA.

Nevertheless, qualifying unit trust is required to comply with any requirement to submit any return or statement of accounts or to furnish any other information under the MITA.

#### Foreign Capital Asset

The Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 3) Order 2024 [P.U.(A) 75/2024] provides that gains or profits from the disposal of foreign capital assets received in Malaysia by companies, limited liability partnerships, trust bodies, and co-operative societies resident in Malaysia, which are compliance according to the economic substance requirements ("ESR"), are given exemption from CGT from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026, was gazetted on 4 March 2024.

According to the P.U.(A) 75/2024, the ESR condition is subject to compliance with the conditions imposed by the Minister as specified in the Guideline on Tax Treatment on Gains From the Disposal of Foreign Capital Assets Received from Outside Malaysia. The ESR for the CGT exemption includes the following:

- employ adequate number of employees with necessary qualifications to carry out the specified economic activities in Malaysia; and
- (b) incur adequate amount of operating expenditure for carrying out the specified economic activities in Malaysia.

Any deduction in relation to the gains or profits exempted from CGT shall be disregarded for the purpose of ascertaining the chargeable income of the company, limited liability partnership, trust body, and co-operative society.

It is worth noting that P.U.(A) 250/2024 outlined under 2.2 above exempts all sources of income under section 4 of the MITA which is received in Malaysia from outside Malaysia which should include gains from the disposal of foreign capital assets.

In the event that the Fund does not qualify for the above CGT exemptions, the applicable CGT rates are outlined as follows:-

Type of capital asset	CGT Rate	
Unlisted Shares and Section 15C Shares acquired before 1 January 2024	<ul> <li>10% on chargeable income from disposal of unlisted shares and Section 15C shares; or</li> <li>2% of gross disposal price</li> </ul>	
Unlisted Shares and Section 15C Shares acquired on or after 1 January 2024	10% on chargeable income from disposal of unlisted shares and Section 15C shares	
Foreign capital asset	Prevailing rate for the company, limited liability partnership, trust body or cooperative society	

The Fund is required to electronically file the tax returns within 60 days from the date of each disposal. The CGT will be paid within 60 days from the date of disposal. The Fund is required to keep the records of the disposal for 7 years.

## 2.4 Gains on Disposal of Investments

Prior to 1 January 2024, gains on disposal of investments by the Fund, where the investments represent shares in real property companies, may be subject to RPGT under the RPGT Act, 1976. A real property company is a controlled company which owns or acquires real properties or shares in real property companies with a market value of not less than 75% of its total tangible assets. A controlled company is a company which does not have more than 50 members and is controlled by not more than 5 persons.

However, based on the Finance (No.2) Act 2023, gains from disposal of real property company shares which are held by a company, limited liability partnership, trust body or co-operative society will no longer be subject to RPGT effective 1 January 2024. Disposal of other real properties will still be subject to RPGT Act, 1976.

#### 2.5 Service Tax

The issuance of units by the Fund to investors will not be subject to Service Tax. Any distributions made by the Fund to unitholders are also not subject to Service Tax. For management fees, this specifically excludes fees charged by any person who is licensed or registered with the Securities Commission for carrying out the regulated activity of fund management under the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007.

To the extent that the Fund invests in any financial services products (e.g. securities, derivatives, units in a fund or unit trust), the acquisition of these interests will also not be subject to Service Tax.

If the Fund acquires any imported taxable services from a service provider outside of Malaysia, these services would be subject to 6% Service Tax. However, effective from 1 March 2024, in accordance with the provisions of subsection 10(2) Service Tax Act 2018, the service tax for the above services would be subject to service tax at 8%. The Fund would be required to file an SST-02A return on an ad hoc basis and report and pay this amount of tax to the Royal Malaysian Customs Department.

### 3. Taxation of Unit Holders

#### 3.1 Taxable Distribution

Unit Holders will be taxed on an amount equivalent to their share of the total taxable income of the Fund to the extent such income is distributed to them. Unit Holders are also liable to pay income tax on the taxable income distributions paid by the Fund. Taxable income distributions carry a tax credit in respect of the tax chargeable on that part of the Fund. Unit Holders will be subject to tax on an amount equal to the net taxable income distribution plus attributable underlying tax paid by the Fund. No withholding tax will be imposed on the income distribution of the Fund.

Income distributed to Unit Holders is generally taxable as follows in Malaysia:-

Unit Holders	Malaysian Tax Rates for Year of Assessment 2024	
Malaysian tax residents:		
<ul> <li>Individual and non-corporate Unit Holders</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Progressive tax rates ranging from 0% to 30%</li></ul>	

Unit Holders	Malaysian Tax Rates for Year of Assessment 2024	
Co-operative societies	<ul> <li>Progressive tax rates ranging from 0% to 24%</li> </ul>	
■ Trust bodies	■ 24%	
<ul> <li>Corporate Unit Holders</li> </ul>		
i. A company* with paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of not more than RM2.5 million where the paid up capital in respect of ordinary shares of other companies within the same group as such company is not more than RM2.5 million (at the beginning of the basis period for a year of assessment) and having gross income from source or sources consisting of a business of not more than RM50 million for the basis period of a year assessment	<ul> <li>15% for every first RM150,000 of chargeable income</li> <li>17% for chargeable income of RM150,001 to RM600,000</li> <li>24% for chargeable income in excess of RM600,000</li> <li>* Based on the Finance (No.2) Act 2023, if a company's paid-up capital is owned (directly or indirectly) by companies incorporated outside Malaysia or non-Malaysian citizens, then the company is not entitled to the preferential tax rates above.</li> </ul>	
ii. Companies other than those in (i) above	■ 24%	
Non-Malaysian tax residents:		
<ul> <li>Individual and non-corporate Unit Holders</li> </ul>	■ 30%	
<ul> <li>Co-operative societies</li> </ul>	■ 24%	

The tax credit attributable to the income distributed to the Unit Holders will be available for set off against tax payable by the Unit Holders. There is no withholding tax on taxable distributions made to non-resident Unit Holders.

Non-resident Unit Holders may be subject to tax in their respective tax jurisdictions depending on the provisions of the relevant tax legislation in the jurisdiction they report their income taxes. Any Malaysian income tax suffered by non-resident Unit Holders may be eligible for double tax relief under the laws of the non-resident Unit Holder's jurisdiction subject also to the terms of the double tax agreement with Malaysia (if applicable).

### 3.2 Withholding Tax on Distribution from Retail Money Market Fund ("RMMF") to Unit Holders

Distribution of income of a unit trust fund that is a RMMF to its Unit Holders (other than the distribution of interest income to non-individual Unit Holders) is exempted from tax in the hands of the Unit Holders. Non-individual Unit Holders will be chargeable to tax on the income distributed to the Unit Holder from the interest income of a RMMF exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6 of the MITA with effect from 1 January 2022 as follows:-

Types of Unit Holders	Malaysian Tax Rates for Year of Assessment 2024	
Non-individual residents:		
Withholding tax rate	■ 24%	
Withholding tax mechanism	<ul> <li>Income distribution carries a tax credit, which can be utilised to set off against the tax payable by the Unit Holders</li> </ul>	
Due date of payment	The withholding tax is to be remitted to the Director General of Malaysian Inland Revenue within one month of the distribution of interest income	
Non-individual non-residents:		
<ul><li>Withholding tax rate</li></ul>	■ 24%	
<ul> <li>Withholding tax mechanism</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Withholding tax deducted will be regarded as a final tax</li> </ul>	
Due date of payment	■ The withholding tax is to be remitted to the Director General of Malaysian Inland Revenue within one month of the distribution of interest income	

As the Fund is not a RMMF, the above withholding tax on distribution of interest income that is exempted under Paragraph 35A of Schedule 6 of the MITA will not be applicable to the non-individual Unit Holders of the Fund.

# 3.3 Tax Exempt Distribution

Tax exempt distributions made out of exempt income earned by the Fund will not be subject to Malaysian tax in the hands of Unit Holders, whether individual or corporate, resident or non-resident. All Unit Holders do not pay tax on that portion of their income distribution from the Fund's distribution equalisation account.

#### 3.4 Distribution Voucher

To help complete a Unit Holder's tax returns, the Manager will send to each Unit Holder a distribution voucher as and when distributions are made. This sets out the various components of the income distributed and the amount of attributable income tax already paid by the Fund.

### 3.5 Sale, Transfer or Redemption of Units

Currently, any gains realised by a Unit Holder on the sale, transfer or redemption of his units are generally tax-free capital gains unless the Unit Holder is an insurance company, a financial institution or a person trading or dealing in securities. Generally, the gains realised by these categories of Unit Holders constitute business income on which tax is chargeable. Unit Holders should consult their respective tax advisors based on their own tax profiles to determine whether the gain from sale, transfer or redemption of units would qualify as capital gains or trading gains.

#### 3.6 Reinvestment of Distribution

Unit Holders who receive their income distribution by way of investment in the form of the purchase of new units will be deemed to have received their income distribution and reinvested that amount in the Fund.

### 3.7 Unit Splits

Unit splits issued by the Fund are not taxable in the hands of the Unit Holders.

#### 3.8 Service Tax

Pursuant to the Lampiran A of the First Schedule of the Service Tax Regulations 2018 ("First Schedule"), only taxable services listed in the First Schedule are subject to service tax. Investment income or gains received by the Unit Holder are not prescribed taxable services and hence, not subject to Service Tax.

Currently, the legal fees, consultant fees and management fees may be subject to service tax at 6% if the service providers are registered for Services Tax. Effective from 1 March 2024, in accordance with the provisions of subsection 10(2) Service Tax Act 2018, the aforementioned services would be subject to service tax at 8%.

We hereby confirm that the statements made in this tax adviser letter correctly reflect our understanding and the interpretation of the current Malaysian tax legislations and the related interpretation and practice thereof, all of which may subject to change. Our comments above are general in nature and cover taxation in the context of Malaysian tax legislation only and do not cover foreign tax legislation. The comments do not represent specific tax advice to any investors and we recommend that investors obtain independent advice on the tax issues associated with their investments in the Fund.

Yours faithfully

Mohd Fariz bin Mohd Faruk Executive Director Deloitte Tax Services Sdn Bhd

**Appendix** 

#### Tax Exempt Income of Unit Trusts (Non Exhaustive)

- 1. Interest or discount paid or credited to any individual, unit trust and listed closed-end fund in respect of the following will be exempt from tax:-
  - Securities or bonds issued or guaranteed by the Government; or
  - Debentures or sukuk, other than convertible loan stock, approved or authorized by, or lodged with, the SC: or
  - Bon Simpanan Malaysia issued by the Central Bank of Malaysia.

[Para 35 of Schedule 6 of the MITA]

 Income of a unit trust in respect of interest derived from Malaysia and paid or credited by any bank or financial institution licensed under the Financial Services Act 2013 ("FSA") or the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013 ("IFSA") or any development financial institution regulated under the Development Financial Institutions Act 2002 ("DFIA").

Provided that the exemption shall not apply to the interest paid or credited to a unit trust that is a wholesale fund which is a money market fund.

[Para 35A of Schedule 6 of the MITA]

- Interest in respect of any savings certificates issued by the Government.
   [Para 19 of Schedule 6 of the MITA]
- 4. Interest paid or credited to any person in respect of Sukuk originating from Malaysia, other than convertible loan stock, issued in any currency other than RM and approved or authorized by, or lodged with, the SC or approved by the Labuan Financial Services Authority.

  [Para 33B of Schedule 6 of the MITA]
- 5. Interest received in respect of bonds and securities issued by Pengurusan Danaharta Nasional Berhad within and outside Malaysia.

[Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 5) Order 2001]

- 6. Interest income derived from bonds (other than convertible loan stocks) paid or credited by any company listed in Malaysia Exchange of Securities Dealing and Automated Quotation Berhad ("MESDAQ") (now known as Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ACE Market).
  [Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 13) Order 2001]
- 7. Income derived from the Sukuk Issue which has been issued by the Malaysia Global Sukuk Inc. [Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 31) Order 2002]
- 8. Discount or profit received from the sale of bonds or securities issued by Pengurusan Danaharta Nasional Berhad or Danaharta Urus Sendirian Berhad within and outside Malaysia.

  [Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 6) Order 2003]
- 9. Income derived from the Sukuk Ijarah, other than convertible loan stock, issued in any currency by 1Malaysia Sukuk Global Berhad.
  - [Income Tax (Exemption) Order 2010]
- 10. Gain or profit received from the investment in Islamic securities, other than convertible loan stock, which are issued in accordance with the principles of *Mudharabah*, *Musyarakah*, *Ijarah*, *Istisna'* or any other principle approved by the Shariah Advisory Council established by the SC under the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007.

[Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 2) Order 2011]

11. Gains or profits in lieu of interest, derived from the Sukuk Wakala in accordance with the principle of *Al-Wakala Bil Istithmar*, other than a convertible loan stock, issued in any currency by Wakala Global Sukuk Berhad.

[Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 4) Order 2011]

- 12. Income derived from Sukuk Kijang is exempted from the payment of income tax pursuant to Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 10) Order 2013. For the purpose of this order, "Sukuk Kijang" means the Islamic Securities of nominal value of up to two hundred and fifty million United States dollars (USD\$250,000,000) issued or to be issued in accordance with the Shariah principle of Ijarah by BNM Kijang Berhad.

  [Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 10) Order 2013]
- 13. Gains or profits derived, in lieu of interest, derived from the Sukuk Wakala with the nominal value up to one billion and five hundred million United States Dollar (USD1,500,000,000.00) in accordance with the principle of Wakala Bil Istithmar, other than a convertible loan stock, issued by the Malaysia Sovereign Sukuk Berhad. [Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 3) Order 2015]
- 14. Gains or profits derived, in lieu of interest from the Sukuk Wakala with the nominal value up to one billion and five hundred million United States Dollar (US\$1,500,000,000.00) in accordance with the principle of *Wakala*, other than a convertible loan stock, issued by the Malaysia Sukuk Global Berhad (formerly known as 1Malaysia Sukuk Global Berhad).

  [Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 2) Order 2016]"

# RELEVANT INFORMATION

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J.

#### **COMPLAINTS AVENUES**

The information in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

#### "How do I make a complaint?

You may (i) write to us on our website at http://aham.com.my; (ii) write to us at Ground Floor, Menara Boustead, 69 Jalan Raja Chulan, 50200 Kuala Lumpur; (iii) call us at our toll free number 1300-80-1188 or our telephone number (603) 2116 6000 during business hours, from 8.45 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays; (iv) e-mail us at khidmatpelanggan@aham.com.my; or (v) speak to our customer care consultant in person.

To help us investigate your complaint, please provide us with (i) particulars of the complainant which include name, correspondence address, contact number, e-mail address (if any) and other relevant information; (ii) circumstances of the non-compliance or improper conduct; (iii) parties alleged to be involved in the improper conduct; and (iv) any other supporting documentary evidence (if any).

If you are not satisfied with how your complaint has been handled, or the resolution provided by us, you may file your complaint to the FiMM, Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Centre ("SIDREC") or SC, for an independent external review. Please refer to the PHS and our website for their contact information."

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#### **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The first paragraph of this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"Pursuant to the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 ("AMLATFPUAA") and SC's Guidelines on Prevention of Money Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism, Countering Proliferation Financing and Targeted Financial Sanctions for Reporting Institutions in the Capital Market, it is our responsibility to prevent AHAM from being used for money laundering and terrorism financing activities. To this end, we have established an Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Financing of Terrorism Framework (AML/CFT Framework) and put in place anti-money laundering process and procedures to combat such activities. This includes a robust due diligence process and procedures for client on-boarding (such as know-your-client procedures and customer due diligence) as well as ongoing monitoring of clients' transactions to detect any suspicious transactions."

#### K. VARIATIONS FROM THE GUIDELINES

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The information in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

### "Variation to Paragraph 17 of Schedule B of the Guidelines

"A fund's investment in collective investment schemes must not exceed 25% of the units or shares in the collective investment scheme."

Variation to this paragraph was obtained from the SC to allow the Fund's investments in AHAM Equity Fund, AHAM Growth Fund, and AHAM Principled Growth Fund to be increased from 25% to 80% of the units in the respective funds, for a period of (5) five years from 12 December 2024 to 11 December 2029."

### L. DIRECTORY OF SALES OFFICES

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#### AHAM ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD

The information in this section is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"HEAD OFFICE	JOHOR	SARAWAK
Ground Floor, Menara Boustead	Unit 22-05, Level 22	Ground Floor, No. 69
69 Jalan Raja Chulan	Menara Landmark	Block 10, Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho
50200 Kuala Lumpur	No. 12, Jalan Ngee Heng	93200 Kuching, Sarawak
Tel: 03 – 2116 6000	80000 Johor Bahru	Tel: 082 – 233 320
Toll Free No : 1300-80-1188	Johor	Fax: 082 – 233 663
Email: khidmatpelanggan@aham.com.my	Tel : 07 – 227 8999	
Website: www.aham.com.my	Fax: 07 – 223 8998	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Lot 1291
		Jalan Melayu, MCLD
PENANG	MELAKA	98000 Miri, Sarawak
No. 123, Jalan Macalister	Ground Floor	Tel: 085 – 418 403
10450 Georgetown, Penang	No. 584 Jalan Merdeka	Fax: 085 - 418 372
Toll Free No: 1800-888-377	Taman Melaka Raya	
	75000 Melaka	PETALING JAYA
PERAK	Tel: 06 – 281 2890	C-31-1, Jaya One
1, Persiaran Greentown 6	Fax: 06 – 281 2937	72A Jalan Prof Diraja Ungku Aziz
Greentown Business Centre		Section 13
30450 Ipoh, Perak	SABAH	46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel: 05 – 241 0668	Unit 1.09(a), Level 1, Plaza Shell	Tel: 03 – 7760 3062
Fax: 05 – 255 9696	29, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman	
	88000 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah	

The Fund will be distributed solely by AHAM. Therefore, there will be no other authorised distributors to the Fund.

Tel: 088 – 252 881 Fax: 088 – 288 803

PROSPECTIVE UNIT HOLDERS SHOULD READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND, IF NECESSARY, SHOULD CONSULT THEIR ADVISER(S)."