

**QUARTERLY REPORT** 

30 November 2024

AHAM World Series – World Technology Fund

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# **Quarterly Report and Financial Statements As at 30 November 2024**

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# **QUARTERLY REPORT**

# **FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Name	AHAM World Series – World Technology Fund
Fund Type	Growth
Fund Category	Feeder Wholesale
Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long term period.
Distribution Policy	The Fund is not expected to make distribution. However, incidental distribution may be declared whenever is appropriate. Income distribution, if any, will be paid out in the currencies in which the Classes are denominated.

# **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

### MYR class

Category	As at 30 Nov 2024	As at 31 Aug 2024
Total NAV (RM'million)	18.291	17.861
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.6101	0.5539
Unit in Circulation (million)	29.979	32.246

MYR Hedged-class

Category	As at 30 Nov 2024	As at 31 Aug 2024
Total NAV (RM'million)	33.839	30.571
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.6247	0.5875
Unit in Circulation (million)	54.167	52.037

# **USD class**

Category	As at 30 Nov 2024	As at 31 Aug 2024
Total NAV (USD'million)	1.892	1.600
NAV per Unit (USD)	0.6426	0.5995
Unit in Circulation (million)	2.944	2.668

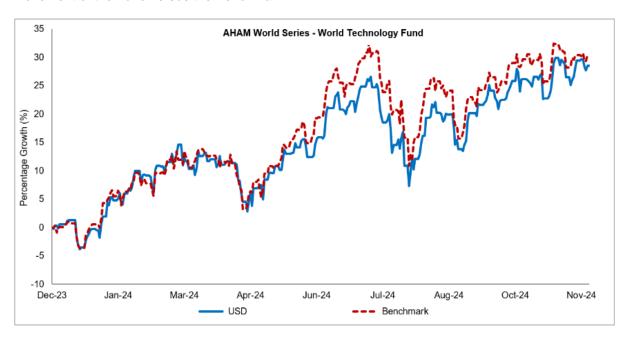
# **Fund Performance**

### Performance as at 30 November 2024

	3 Months (1/9/24 - 30/11/24)	6 Months (1/6/24 - 30/11/24)	Since Commencement (18/12/23 - 30/11/24)
Benchmark	5.07%	13.61%	30.48%
USD	7.19%	14.28%	28.52%
Outperformance	2.12%	0.67%	(1.96%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark

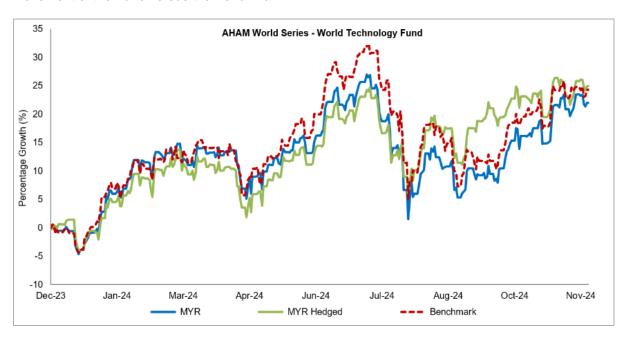


#### Performance as at 30 November 2024

	3 Months (1/9/24 - 30/11/24)	6 Months (1/6/24 - 30/11/24)	Since Commencement (18/12/23 - 30/11/24)
Benchmark	8.19%	7.33%	24.30%
MYR	10.15%	7.79%	22.02%
Outperformance	1.96%	0.46%	(2.28%)
MYR Hedged	6.33%	12.44%	24.94%
Outperformance	(1.86%)	5.11%	0.64%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



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Benchmark: MSCI All Country World Information Technology Index

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#### **Asset Allocation**

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

	30 November 2024	
	(%)	
Unit Trust	97.41	
Derivative	-0.24	
Cash & money market	2.83	
Total	100.00	

#### **Income Distribution Breakdown**

No distribution was declared by the Fund over the financial period under review.

#### Strategies Employed

The Fund will be investing a minimum of 80% of the Fund's NAV in the Target Fund and a maximum of 20% of the Fund's NAV in money market instruments and/or deposits.

#### **Market Review**

Global equity markets experienced significant volatility during the quarter, with mixed performance across regions and sectors. In September, the MSCI ACWI posted a positive return of +2.3%, driven by easing inflation in the US and supportive measures in China. In the US, markets were initially pressured by weak economic data, particularly a contraction in manufacturing and moderating growth. However, the Federal Reserve's decision to cut interest rates by 50 basis points in response to progress on inflation and a softening labor market bolstered investor sentiment. This, along with positive guidance from the Fed, helped the S&P 500 index reach new highs. Meanwhile, economic growth in Europe remained subdued, with the European Central Bank (ECB) cutting interest rates by 25 basis points due to weak momentum in the region, particularly in the manufacturing sector. In the UK, inflation remained steady at +2.2%, but the Bank of England opted to keep interest rates unchanged despite market expectations for a cut. Asian markets faced challenges, primarily due to concerns over the US economic slowdown, though China's unexpected stimulus measures later in the month supported a rebound in equity markets. Commodities were volatile, particularly crude oil, as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East escalated, and WTI crude ended September at \$68 per barrel.

October saw global equities decline, with the MSCI ACWI returning -2.2%, as investors focused on moderating global growth, mixed earnings reports, and uncertainties surrounding the US presidential election. In the US, mixed economic data continued to influence market sentiment. Although inflation showed signs of improvement, the labor market remained resilient, leading investors to adjust expectations for Fed rate cuts in the near term. In Europe, the ECB's rate cut was accompanied by signs of weak economic activity, particularly in the manufacturing sector, and the UK struggled with rising unemployment and muted growth. Asia, particularly China, experienced headwinds from a strengthening US dollar, though supportive policy measures in China provided some optimism. Global commodity prices remained volatile, with geopolitical tensions continuing to affect market stability. From a sector perspective, communication services was the only sector to post positive returns, while utilities and real estate faced the most significant challenges.

In November, global equities rebounded strongly, with the MSCI ACWI returning +3.7%, as investors digested the results of the US presidential election, strong earnings reports, and easing monetary policy. The election outcome, with Donald Trump securing the presidency and the Republican Party maintaining a majority in Congress, led to expectations of tax cuts and nationalistic trade policies, boosting market confidence. The Fed's 25 basis point rate cut further supported risk assets, and the S&P 500 posted a robust gain of +5.9%. In Europe, investor sentiment was weighed down by concerns over potential US trade policy changes and softening corporate earnings, while the UK saw inflation rise to a six-month high, prompting the Bank of England to lower interest rates by 25 basis points. Asian equity markets faced pressure from the strength of the US dollar, but global sectors generally performed well, with consumer discretionary and financials emerging as the top performers. North America led regional performance, while emerging markets lagged. Overall, the quarter saw significant fluctuations, but markets ended on a positive note, driven by supportive monetary policy and strong earnings.

#### **Investment Outlook**

The Target Fund Manager remains confident in the fundamentals of the technology companies within their portfolio, recognising that recent weakness in the sector was driven by factors such as weaker-than-expected US economic data, significant currency fluctuations, and ongoing debates around the return on investment for Al-related spending. These market fluctuations are typical for the technology sector, which has historically shown heightened volatility, and they view this as an opportune moment for active stock picking. Despite the volatility, the long-term outlook for technology remains robust, particularly with the rise of artificial intelligence.

The Target Fund Managers believe we are just at the beginning of the AI era, a transformative force that will drive exponential growth and value creation across the technology sector and beyond. AI is poised to be one of the most significant technological advancements of our time, comparable to previous waves of innovation that have reshaped industries and economies. The opportunities AI presents to investors are immense, continuing the trend the Target Fund Manager has observed over the last three decades where the technology sector has outpaced all other sectors in terms of growth. As AI disrupts existing industries and creates new markets, technology companies will remain at the forefront of this expansion.

While mega-cap tech companies that are building the physical infrastructure required to support generative AI models have been the initial beneficiaries of the AI revolution, the Target Fund Manager sees a broadening of opportunities as the theme evolves. There are emerging areas within AI and other technologies that offer substantial potential for growth. They continue to maintain exposure to long-term secular trends, including artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and electric vehicles, while also positioning for nascent themes such as the metaverse, space exploration, and quantum computing. These sectors hold promise for the next phase of technological advancement, and the Target Fund Manager remains committed to identifying and capitalising on the opportunities they present.

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	Financial period ended <u>30.11.2024</u> USD
INVESTMENT INCOME	
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost Net gain on foreign currency exchange Net gain on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	465 40,992 122,904 1,477,113 1,641,474
EXPENSES	
Management fee Trustee fee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other expenses	(96,005) (3,207) (1,625) (923) (404) (1,300) (103,464)
NET PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	1,538,010
Taxation	
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS	1,538,010
Increase in net asset attributable to unit holders is made up of the following:	
Realised amount Unrealised amount	321,841 1,216,169
	1,538,010

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

ASSETS	<u>2024</u> USD
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Manager - creation of units - management fee rebate receivable Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss  TOTAL ASSETS	358,888 61,901 16,437 13,272,697 124,508 13,834,431
LIABILITIES	
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss  Amount due to Manager - management fee - cancellation of units  Amount due to Trustee  Fund accounting fee  Auditors' remuneration  Tax agent's fee  Other payables and accruals	157,493 20,030 28,135 668 271 784 1,149
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)	208,641
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	13,625,790
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS	13,625,790

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

	<u>2024</u> USD
REPRESENTED BY:	
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS	
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	4,117,256 7,616,675 1,891,859
	13,625,790
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	29,979,000 54,167,000 2,944,000
	86,951,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)	
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	0.1373 0.1406 0.6426
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES	
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	RM0.6101 RM0.6247 USD0.6426

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDER

# FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	Financial period ended <u>30.11.2024</u> USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	3,900,258
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period	
Creation of units arising from applications	10,823,030
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	2,671,468 6,545,388 1,606,174
Cancellation of units	(2,635,508)
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	(668,043) (1,784,162) (183,303)
Net increase in net assets attributable to unit holders during the financial period	1,538,010
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	421,447 954,035 162,528
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	13,625,790

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