

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT** 31 May 2024

# AHAM **Select Cash** Fund

MANAGER AHAM Asset Management Berhad 199701014290 (429786-T) Trustee HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad 193701000084 (001281T)

# Semi-Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements For the 6 Months Financial Period Ended 31 May 2024

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# **FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Name	AHAM Select Cash Fund
Fund Type	Income
Fund Category	Money Market
Investment Objective	The Fund aims to provide investors with a regular income stream and high level of liquidity to meet cash flow requirement whilst maintaining capital preservation
Benchmark	Maybank Overnight Repo Rate
Distribution Policy	The Fund endeavours to distribute income on a monthly basis

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

Category	As at 31 May 2024 (%)	As at 31 May 2023 (%)	As at 31 May 2022 (%)
Portfolio Composition			
Unquoted fixed income securities – local			
- Bonds	-	8.67	26.83
- Commercial papers	-	1.49	8.80
Total unquoted fixed income securities – local	-	10.16	35.63
Cash & cash equivalent1	100.00	89.84	64.37
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (RM'million)	3,387.431	3,007.655	2,953.512
NAV per Unit (RM)	1.1218	1.0931	1.0635
Unit in Circulation (million)	3,019.511	2,751.449	2,777.257
Highest NAV	1.1218	1.0931	1.0635
Lowest NAV	1.1071	1.0758	1.0557
Return of the fund (%)	1.83	1.80	1.94
- Capital Return (%)	1.34	1.62	0.78
- Income Return (%)	0.49	0.18	1.15
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	0.54	0.20	0.25
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	0.54	0.20	0.25
Total Expense Ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.16	0.17	0.17
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) <sup>3</sup>	18.36	0.12	0.22

# 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 =  $(1+Capital return) \times (1+Income return) - 1$ 

<sup>1</sup> Includes deposits with licensed financial institutions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Fund's TER was lower than previous year due to lower expenses of the Fund during the financial period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Fund's PTR was higher than previous year due to higher trading activities during the financial period under review.

# **Income Distribution / Unit Split**

The Net Asset Value per Unit prior and subsequent to the distributions was as follows:

Cum-Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
7-Dec-21	8-Dec-21	1.0566	0.0008	1.0559
21-Dec-21	22-Dec-21	1.0565	0.0008	1.0557
25-Jan-22	26-Jan-22	1.0577	0.0002	1.0576
22-Feb-22	23-Feb-22	1.0591	0.0002	1.0589
22-Mar-22	23-Mar-22	1.0605	0.0002	1.0603
26-Apr-22	27-Apr-22	1.0619	0.0002	1.0617
24-May-22	25-May-22	1.0630	0.0001	1.0630
27-Dec-22	28-Dec-22	1.0783	0.0002	1.0782
24-Jan-23	25-Jan-23	1.0811	0.0003	1.0809
21-Feb-23	22-Feb-23	1.0839	0.0003	1.0837
21-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	1.0866	0.0002	1.0865
25-Apr-23	26-Apr-23	1.0902	0.0004	1.0899
23-May-23	24-May-23	1.0929	0.0006	1.0923
12-Dec-23	13-Dec-23	1.1083	0.0005	1.1079
26-Dec-23	27-Dec-23	1.1094	0.0005	1.1090
9-Jan-24	10-Jan-24	1.1105	0.0005	1.1101
23-Jan-24	24-Jan-24	1.1116	0.0005	1.1112
13-Feb-24	14-Feb-24	1.1135	0.0005	1.1131
27-Feb-24	28-Feb-24	1.1146	0.0005	1.1142
12-Mar-24	13-Mar-24	1.1157	0.0004	1.1154
26-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	1.1168	0.0004	1.1165
11-Apr-24	12-Apr-24	1.1182	0.0005	1.1178
23-Apr-24	24-Apr-24	1.1190	0.0005	1.1187
7-May-24	8-May-24	1.1201	0.0004	1.1198
22-May-24	23-May-24	1.1213	0.0004	1.1210

No unit split was declared for the financial period ended 31 May 2024.

# **Income Distribution Breakdown**

Class	Ex-Date	Income (per unit) (sens / cents)	Income (%)	Capital (per unit) (sens / cents)	Capital (%)
MYR	8-Dec-21	0.0800	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	22-Dec-21	0.0800	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	26-Jan-22	0.0200	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	23-Feb-22	0.0200	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	23-Mar-22	0.0200	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	27-Apr-22	0.0200	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	25-May-22	0.0090	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	28-Dec-22	0.0200	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	25-Jan-23	0.0300	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	22-Feb-23	0.0300	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	22-Mar-23	0.0200	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	26-Apr-23	0.0350	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	24-May-23	0.0640	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	13-Dec-23	0.0470	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	27-Dec-23	0.0470	100.00	0.0000	0.00

MYR	10-Jan-24	0.0470	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	24-Jan-24	0.0470	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	14-Feb-24	0.0470	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	28-Feb-24	0.0470	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	13-Mar-24	0.0420	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	27-Mar-24	0.0420	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	12-Apr-24	0.0470	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	24-Apr-24	0.0470	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	8-May-24	0.0420	100.00	0.0000	0.00
MYR	23-May-24	0.0420	100.00	0.0000	0.00

# **Fund Performance**

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	6 Months (1/12/23 - 31/5/24)	1 Year (1/6/23 - 31/5/24)	3 Years (1/6/21 - 31/5/24)	5 Years (1/6/19 - 31/5/24)	Since Commencement (6/4/05 - 31/5/24)
Fund	1.83%	3.66%	8.89%	14.94%	80.30%
Benchmark	0.65%	1.30%	2.53%	4.24%	35.13%
Outperformance	1.18%	2.36%	6.36%	10.70%	45.17%

Source of Benchmark: Maybank

Table 2: Average Total Return

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	1 Year (1/6/23 - 31/5/24)	3 Years (1/6/21 - 31/5/24)	5 Years (1/6/19 - 31/5/24)	Commencement (6/4/05 - 31/5/24)
Fund	3.66%	2.88%	2.82%	3.12%
Benchmark	1.30%	0.84%	0.83%	1.58%
Outperformance	2.36%	2.04%	1.99%	1.54%

Source of Benchmark: Maybank

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2023 (1/12/22 - 30/11/23)	FYE 2022 (1/12/21 - 30/11/22)	FYE 2021 (1/12/20 - 30/11/21)	FYE 2020 (1/12/19 - 30/11/20)	FYE 2019 (1/12/18 - 30/11/19)
Fund	3.63%	2.16%	2.02%	2.73%	3.61%
Benchmark	1.21%	0.52%	0.25%	0.73%	1.73%
Outperformance	2.42%	1.64%	1.77%	2.00%	1.88%

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 December 2023 to 31 May 2024)

For the period 1 December 2023 to 31 May 2024, the Fund registered a 1.83% return compared to the benchmark return of 0.65%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 1.18%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 31 May 2024 was RM1.1218 while the NAV as at 30 November 2023 was RM1.1070. During the period under review, the Fund has declared a total income distribution of RM0.00544 per unit.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 80.30% compared to the benchmark return of 35.13%, outperforming by 45.17%.

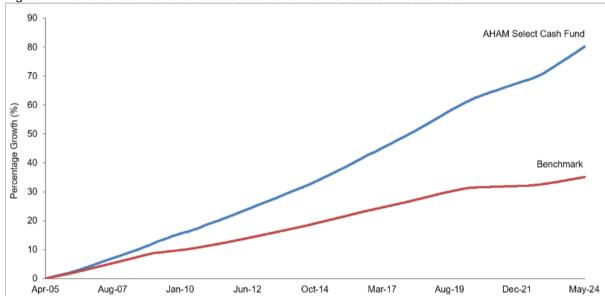


Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark since commencement.

#### **Asset Allocation**

For a snapshot of the Fund's asset mix during the period under review, please refer to Fund Performance Data.

As at 31 May 2024, the asset allocation of the Fund was held in liquid assets such as cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Strategies Employed**

The Fund maintained a high exposure into money market placements in order to maintain high liquidity to meet cash flow requirements.

#### **Market Review**

Malaysia's growth moderated to 3.7% in 2023 (2022: 8.7%) amid slower global trade, global tech downcycle, geopolitical tensions, and tighter monetary policies. Growth was mainly supported by domestic demand and improve tourism activities. Similarly, headline inflation moderated to average of 2.5% in 2023 (2022: 3.3%) but core inflation remained at average of 3.0% (2022: 3.00%). Though government reduce subsidies in electricity tariffs and chicken prices, the impact on the headline inflation was rather muted due to its small weight in the CPI basket.

<sup>&</sup>quot;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: Maybank Overnight Repo Rate

Into 2024 Q1 2024 the domestic economy improved by recording a higher growth rate of +4.2% YoY (Q4 2023: +2.9% YoY) supported by higher household spending, turnaround in exports and stronger investment activities. Headline inflation ticked up to 1.7% in Q1 2024 (Q4 2023: 1.6%) from utilities as water tariffs were adjusted higher and increased in service tax from higher electricity consumption.

Interbank rates were higher in December 2023 due to seasonal year-end deposit taking competition among the banks with 3-months and 6-months KLIBOR ended 2023 at 3.77% and 3.81% respectively. The KLIBORs fell sharply in the following month-ended, 3-months 3.57% (-20bps) and 6-months 3.64% (17bps). Subsequently the KLIBORs were generally stable throughout until the end of the review period, May 2024, with 3-months 3.59% (+2bps) and 6-months 3.64% (unchanged).

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) held its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meetings 3 times within the review period, in Jan, Mar and May 2024. In all its MPC meetings, the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) remained at 3.00% and unchanged for the 6th consecutive meetings since May 2023. In its monetary policy statement, BNM notes that the monetary policy stance remained supportive of the economy and is consistent with assessment of inflation and growth prospects.

### **Investment Outlook**

Malaysia's growth outlook is expected to expand further driven by resilient domestic expenditure, continued positive turnaround in exports, higher arrivals of tourist and better household spending. Despite the on-going subsidy rationalization, the impact on domestic inflation would require a longer time to ascertain.

Nevertheless, the average inflation for 2024 forecast by BNM is expected to range 2.0%-3.5% for headline inflation and 2.0%-3.0% for core inflation. BNM is expected to prioritize growth over inflation in the near-term, giving rise to a stable OPR outlook.

#### 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 period under review, no soft commission was received by the management on behalf of the Fund.

#### **Cross Trade**

No cross trade transactions have been carried out during the reported period.

#### **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 Prospectus**

No changes were made to the Fund's Prospectus over the financial period under review.

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

### TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF AHAM SELECT CASH FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 May 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 period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

- 1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Management Company under the Deeds, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
- 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 distributions of income by the Fund are appropriate and reflects the investment objective of the Fund.

For HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

Yap Lay Guat Manager, Investment Compliance Monitoring

Kuala Lumpur 15 July 2024

**UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024

# **UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024

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# UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended <u>31.5.2024</u> RM	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2023 RM
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss  Net gain on financial assets at fair value	4	60,354,938	56,162,685
through profit or loss	10	-	1,581,274
		60,354,938	57,743,959
EXPENSES			
Management fee Trustee fee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other expenses	5 6 7	(4,582,381) (304,802) (11,500) (4,336) (1,878) (1,611) (4,906,508)	(4,421,834) (515,881) (3,833) (4,538) (1,966) (1,652) (4,949,704)
NET PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		55,448,430	52,794,255
Taxation	8	-	-
NET PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		55,448,430	52,794,255
Net profit after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount Unrealised amount		55,448,430 -	51,386,665 1,407,590
		55,448,430	52,794,255

# UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MAY 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Financial assets at fair value through		1,546	1,454
profit or loss	10	3,388,367,698	3,008,564,142
TOTAL ASSETS		3,388,369,244	3,008,565,596
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals  TOTAL LIABILITIES  NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		857,195 56,990 1,917 4,336 4,332 13,842 938,612	792,377 92,444 1,917 4,538 4,320 14,879 910,475
EQUITY			
Unitholders' capital Retained earnings		3,123,077,956 264,352,676	2,824,359,155 183,295,966
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		3,387,430,632	3,007,655,121
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	11	3,019,511,000	2,751,449,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		1.1218	1.0931

# UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024

<u>capital</u> RM	Retained <u>earnings</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
2,829,802,208	223,731,442	3,053,533,650
-	55,448,430	55,448,430
-	(14,827,196)	(14,827,196)
1,939,052,883	-	1,939,052,883
11,163,794	-	11,163,794
(1,656,940,929)		(1,656,940,929)
3,123,077,956	264,352,676	3,387,430,632
3,081,149,398	135,949,681	3,217,099,079
-	52,794,255	52,794,255
-	(5,447,970)	(5,447,970)
1,097,684,440	-	1,097,684,440
4,135,297	-	4,135,297
(1,358,609,980)	-	(1,358,609,980)
2,824,359,155	183,295,966	3,007,655,121
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# UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	6 months financial period ended <u>31.5.2024</u> RM	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2023 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Placement of deposits with	-	576,750,000 (156,108,879)
licensed financial institutions Proceeds from maturity of deposits	(56,099,291,376)	(68,183,292,554)
with licensed financial institutions Interest received Management fee paid Trustee fee paid Fund accounting fee paid Payment for other fees and expenses	55,765,335,290 60,354,938 (4,492,775) (337,364) (11,500) (6,022)	67,969,061,394 60,798,019 (4,434,822) (517,396) (1,916) (15,268)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(278,448,809)	262,238,578
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from creation of units Payments for cancellation of units Payment for distributions	1,939,052,883 (1,656,940,929) (3,663,402)	1,097,684,440 (1,358,609,980) (1,312,673)
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	278,448,522	(262,238,213)
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(257)	365
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	1,803	1,089
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	1,546	1,454

Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 May 2024 and 31 May 2023 comprise of bank balances.

# MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024

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. 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 J.

- (a) Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations that are applicable and effective:
  - There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are applicable and effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2023 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.
- (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.

# MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### B INCOME RECOGNITION

#### Interest income

Interest income from short-term deposits with licensed financial institutions and unquoted fixed income securities are recognised on effective interest 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.

#### C TAXATION

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

#### D DISTRIBUTION

A distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a deduction from retained earnings. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved by the Trustee of the Fund.

At the Manager's discretion, the Fund may distribute (1) realised income, (2) realised capital gains, (3) unrealised income, (4) unrealised capital gains, (5) capital, or (6) a combination of any of the above.

#### 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.

#### F 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.

# MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

#### (i) Classification (continued)

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 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 as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

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

#### (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.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within 'net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit and loss' in the period which they arise.

Unquoted fixed income 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"). Where such quotation are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA for a specific unquoted sukuk 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 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.

# MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### (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 consider both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management consider 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 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 creditimpaired, 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.

# MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### G CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances which is subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### H AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) DEALERS

Amounts due from and to dealers represent receivables for securities sold and payables 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 brokers balance is held for collection. Refer to Note F for accounting policy on recognition and measurement.

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

#### I UNIT HOLDERS' CAPITAL

The unitholders' 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 assets value ("NAV");
- 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 unitholder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

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

# MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### J CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS 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 judgments 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 judgment 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 Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

#### K REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX

The analysis of realised and unrealised profit or loss after tax as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024

#### 1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Unit Trust Fund was constituted under the name HwangDBS Select Cash Fund (the "Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 21 March 2005 as modified by First Supplemental Deed dated 29 December 2005, Second Supplemental Deed dated 18 June 2007, Third Supplemental Deed dated 15 October 2008, Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 19 March 2010, Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 18 January 2012, Sixth Supplemental Deed dated 27 June 2014, Seventh Supplemental Deed dated 19 December 2016 and Eighth Supplemental Deed dated 31 January 2023 and Nineth Supplemental Deed dated 21 June 2023 (the "Deeds") entered into between AHAM Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad (the "Trustee"). The Fund has changed its name from HwangDBS Select Cash Fund to Hwang Select Cash Fund as amended by Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 18 January 2012, from Hwang Select Cash Fund to Affin Hwang Select Cash Fund as amended by Sixth Supplemental Deed dated 27 June 2014 and from Affin Hwang Select Cash Fund to AHAM Select Cash Fund as amended by Eight Supplemental Deed dated 31 January 2023.

The Fund commenced operations on 31 March 2005 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under Clause 3.1 of the Deed.

The Fund may invest in any of the following investments:

- (a) Debentures;
- (b) Unlisted securities, including without limitation, securities that have been approved by the relevant regulatory authorities for the listing of and quotation of such securities;
- (c) Money market instruments:
- (d) Deposits;
- (e) Derivatives;
- (f) Units or shares in collective investment schemes; and
- (g) Any other form of investments as may be permitted by the SC from time to time which are in line with the objective of the fund.

All investments will be subjected to the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Deeds and the objective of the Fund.

The main objective of the Fund is to provide investors with a regular income stream and high level of liquidity to meet cash flow requirement while maintaining capital preservation.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager are establishment and management of unit trust funds, exchange-trades 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 15 July 2023.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

# 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments of the fund are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Tota</u> l RM
2024		· · · · ·	1 (1)	TXIVI
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Deposits with licensed financial institutions	10	1,546 -	3,388,367,698	1,546 3,388,367,698
Total		1,546	3,388,367,698	3,388,369,244
Financial liabilities				
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals		857,195 56,990 1,917 4,336 4,332 13,842	- - - -	857,195 56,990 1,917 4,336 4,332 13,842
Total		938,612	-	938,612
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Deposits with licensed financial institutions Unquoted fixed income securities	10 10	1,454 - -	2,703,107,362 305,456,780	1,454 2,703,107,362 305,456,780
Total		1,454	3,008,564,142	3,008,565,596
Financial liabilities				
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals		792,377 92,444 1,917 4,538 4,320 14,879	- - - -	792,377 92,444 1,917 4,538 4,320 14,879
Total		910,475	-	910,475

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

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

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk, (including price risk and interest rate 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 Unit Trust Funds.

#### 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.

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

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Unquoted investments Unquoted fixed income securities*	-	305,456,780

<sup>\*</sup> Include interest receivable RMnil (2023: RM3,298,297)

The Fund has no financial instruments exposed to price risk as at 31 May 2024.

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit after taxation and NAV to price risk movements as at 31 May 2023. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 5% and decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the unquoted investments, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% change in price	<u>Market value</u> RM	Impact on profit after <u>tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>2023</u>		
-5% 0% +5%	287,050,559 302,158,483 317,266,407	(15,107,924) - 15,107,924

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

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

Market risk (continued)

#### (b) Interest rate risk

In general, when interest rates rise, unquoted fixed income securities prices 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 securities till 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 Fund was not exposed to interest rate risk arise from unquoted fixed income securities as at 31 May 2024. The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit 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 31 May 2023. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the interest rate increased and decreased by 2% (200 basis points) with all other variables held constant.

% change in interest rate	Impact on pro	fit after tax/ NAV
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	RM	RM
+ 2%	-	(83,825)
- 2%		85,490

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk associated with deposit with licensed financial institutions are not material as the deposits is held on a short-term basis.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### 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 investments. 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 of 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 by the Deeds and SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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

<u>2024</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Deposits with licensed financial <u>institutions</u> RM	<u>Tota</u> l RM
Financials Services			
- AA2	-	92,112,781	92,112,781
- AA3	-	1,092,713,249	1,092,713,249
- AAA	1,546	2,203,541,668	2,203,543,214
	1,546	3,388,367,698	3,388,369,244

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

# 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)

		Deposits	Unquoted	
	Cash	with licensed	fixed	
	and cash	financial	income	
	<u>equivalents</u>	<u>institutions</u>	<u>securities</u>	<u>Tota</u> l
	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>				
Basic Materials				
- AA1	-	-	20,394,195	20,394,195
Consumer Discretionary				
- AAA	-	-	5,003,667	5,003,667
- AA2	-	-	14,968,740	14,968,740
Financials Services				
- AAA	1,454	1,490,102,819	52,594,127	1,542,698,400
- AA2	-	449,544,003	-	449,544,003
- AA3	-	612,111,503	35,343,931	647,455,434
- AA-	-	50,090,616	-	50,090,616
- A1	-	101,258,421	-	101,258,421
Industrials				
- AAA	-	-	20,218,315	20,218,315
- AA1	-	-	5,038,885	5,038,885
- AA3	-	-	60,966,309	60,966,309
Real Estate			, ,	, ,
- P1	-	-	24,958,286	24,958,286
Utilities			, ,	, ,
- AA3	-	-	30,826,493	30,826,493
- P1	-	-	19,774,287	19,774,287
- AA	-	-	5,114,481	5,114,481
- AA-	-	-	10,255,064	10,255,064
	1,454	2,703,107,362	305,456,780	3,008,565,596

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### 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 cancellations of units by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise cash, deposits with a 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>2024</u>	Within one month RM	Between one month to one year RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals	857,195 56,990 - - - - - 914,185	1,917 4,336 4,332 13,842 —	857,195 56,990 1,917 4,336 4,332 13,842
<u>2023</u>			
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals	792,377 92,444 - - - - 884,821	1,917 4,538 4,320 14,879 ————————————————————————————————————	792,377 92,444 1,917 4,538 4,320 14,879

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unitholders' capital and retained earnings. 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 unitholders.

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 unitholders 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 markets (such as trading securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the period end date. The Fund utilises the current 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 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 judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment 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.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### 3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets (by class) measured at fair value:

2024	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - deposits with licensed financial institutions		3,388,367,698		3,388,367,698
2023				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - deposits with licensed				
financial institutions - unquoted fixed income	-	2,703,107,362	-	2,703,107,362
securities	-	305,456,780	-	305,456,780
	-	3,008,564,142	-	3,008,564,142

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 deposits in licensed financial institutions. 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 equivalent and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short-term nature.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### 4 INTEREST INCOME

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	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2023 RM
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
<ul><li>deposits with licensed financial institutions</li><li>unquoted fixed income securities</li></ul>	60,354,938	48,103,329 8,059,356
	60,354,938	56,162,685

#### 5 MANAGEMENT FEE

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

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 May 2024, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 0.30% (2023: 0.30%) per annum of the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Prospectus.

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

#### **6 TRUSTEE FEE**

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 0.30% per annum of the NAV of the Fund.

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 May 2024, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.035% (2023: 0.035%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, inclusive of local custodian fee but exclusive of foreign sub-custodian fee, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Prospectus.

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

#### 7 FUND ACCOUNTING FEE

The fund valuation and accounting fee is RM11,500 (2023:RM3,833) for the financial period.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### 8 TAXATION

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	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2023 RM
Current taxation		
The numerical reconciliation between net profit before taxation multiplied and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:	by the Malaysian	statutory tax rate
	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2023 RM
Net profit before taxation	55,448,430	52,794,255
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	13,307,623	12,670,621
Tax effects of: Investment income not subject to tax Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds Tax expense	(14,485,185) 76,750 1,100,812	(13,858,551) 125,600 1,062,330
DISTRIBUTIONS		
	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2023 RM
Interest income Previous year's realised income	16,187,955 1,337,233	5,447,970
Gross realised income Less: Expenses	17,525,188 (2,697,992)	5,447,970
Net distribution amount	14,827,196	5,447,970

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

### 9 DISTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

During the 6 months financial period ended 31 May 2024, distributions (sen) were made as follows:

13.12.2023       0.047         27.12.2023       0.047         10.01.2024       0.047         24.01.2024       0.047         14.02.2024       0.047         28.02.2024       0.047         13.03.2024       0.042         27.03.2024       0.042         12.04.2024       0.047         08.05.2024       0.042         23.05.2024       0.042         0.544       0.042	Ex-date	Gross/Net distribution per unit
27.12.20230.04710.01.20240.04724.01.20240.04714.02.20240.04728.02.20240.04713.03.20240.04227.03.20240.04212.04.20240.04724.04.20240.04708.05.20240.04223.05.20240.042		(sen)
27.12.20230.04710.01.20240.04724.01.20240.04714.02.20240.04728.02.20240.04713.03.20240.04227.03.20240.04212.04.20240.04724.04.20240.04708.05.20240.04223.05.20240.042		
10.01.2024       0.047         24.01.2024       0.047         14.02.2024       0.047         28.02.2024       0.047         13.03.2024       0.042         27.03.2024       0.042         12.04.2024       0.047         24.04.2024       0.047         08.05.2024       0.042         23.05.2024       0.042	13.12.2023	0.047
24.01.2024       0.047         14.02.2024       0.047         28.02.2024       0.047         13.03.2024       0.042         27.03.2024       0.042         12.04.2024       0.047         24.04.2024       0.047         08.05.2024       0.042         23.05.2024       0.042	27.12.2023	0.047
14.02.2024       0.047         28.02.2024       0.047         13.03.2024       0.042         27.03.2024       0.042         12.04.2024       0.047         24.04.2024       0.047         08.05.2024       0.042         23.05.2024       0.042	10.01.2024	0.047
28.02.2024       0.047         13.03.2024       0.042         27.03.2024       0.042         12.04.2024       0.047         24.04.2024       0.047         08.05.2024       0.042         23.05.2024       0.042	24.01.2024	0.047
13.03.2024       0.042         27.03.2024       0.042         12.04.2024       0.047         24.04.2024       0.047         08.05.2024       0.042         23.05.2024       0.042	14.02.2024	0.047
27.03.2024       0.042         12.04.2024       0.047         24.04.2024       0.047         08.05.2024       0.042         23.05.2024       0.042	28.02.2024	0.047
12.04.2024       0.047         24.04.2024       0.047         08.05.2024       0.042         23.05.2024       0.042	13.03.2024	0.042
24.04.2024 0.047 08.05.2024 0.042 23.05.2024 0.042	27.03.2024	0.042
08.05.2024       0.042         23.05.2024       0.042	12.04.2024	0.047
23.05.2024 0.042	24.04.2024	0.047
	08.05.2024	0.042
0.544	23.05.2024	0.042
		0.544

During the 6 months financial period ended 31 May 2023, distributions (sen) were made as follows:

<u>Ex-date</u>	Gross/Net distribution per unit
	(sen)
28.12.2022	0.020
25.01.2023	0.030
22.02.2023	0.030
22.03.2023	0.020
26.04.2023	0.035
24.05.2023	0.064
	0.199

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 distribution for the financial period is an amount of RM1,337,233 (2023: RM5,447,970) made from previous year's realised income.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

### 10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - deposits with licensed financial institutions - unquoted fixed income securities - local	3,388,367,698	2,703,107,362 305,456,780
	3,388,367,698	3,008,564,142
	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2023 RM
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- unrealised gain on change in fair value		1,581,274
(a) Deposits with licensed financial institutions		
	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception - Deposits with licensed financial institutions*	3,388,367,698	2,703,107,362
* Include interest receivable RM37,130,486 (2023: RM22,389,413).		
Weighted average effective interest rates per annum of deposits with lice follows:	ensed financial ins	titutions are as
	<u>2024</u> %	<u>2023</u> %
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	3.91	4.07

The deposits have an average remaining maturity of 106 days (2023: 90 days).

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

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

- (b) Unquoted fixed income securities local
  - (i) There are no unquoted fixed income securities local as at 31 May 2024.
  - (ii) Unquoted fixed income securities local as at 31 May 2023 are as follows:

Name of issuer  Bonds	Nominal <u>value</u> RM	Adjusted <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
2 159/ Apon Company (M) Porhad				
3.15% Aeon Company (M) Berhad 10.11.2023 (AA2)	15,000,000	15,027,763	14,968,740	0.50
4.28% Amanat Lebuhraya Rakyat	13,000,000	10,021,100	14,500,740	0.50
Berhad 11.10.2023 (AAA)	20,000,000	20,114,043	20,218,315	0.67
3.14% Ambank (M) Bhd 29.12.2023		,,		
(AA3)	5,000,000	5,065,731	5,041,061	0.17
4.10% AmBank Islamic Bhd 27.03.2025				
(AA3)	10,000,000	10,070,632	10,079,537	0.34
2.94% AmBank (M) Bhd 30.06.2023				
(AA3)	5,000,000	5,061,547	5,057,669	0.17
4.688% Bandar Serai Development				
28.08.2023 (AA3)	20,000,000	20,324,286	20,283,495	0.67
4.05% Batu Kawan Bhd 06.06.2023	00 000 000	00 000 710	00 004 405	0.00
(AA1)	20,000,000	20,396,710	20,394,195	0.68
4.68% BGSM Management Sdn Bhd	15 000 000	15 200 772	1E 1CE CC1	0.50
28.09.2023 (AA3)	15,000,000	15,200,773	15,165,664	0.50
6.05% Cagamas Berhad 10.10.2023 (AAA)	15,000,000	15,286,601	15 261 120	0.51
5.73% Edra Energy Sdn Bhd	15,000,000	15,260,001	15,261,138	0.51
05.01.2024 (AA3)	10,000,000	10,381,572	10,332,370	0.34
5.70% Edra Energy Sdn Bhd	10,000,000	10,301,372	10,332,370	0.54
05.07.2023 (AA3)	20,000,000	20,505,847	20,494,123	0.68
5.05% Encorp Systembilt Sdn Bhd	20,000,000	20,000,011	20, 10 1, 120	0.00
17.11.2023 (AA1)	5,000,000	5,055,432	5,038,885	0.17
4.30% HSBC Amanah Malaysia Bhd	3,000,000	0,000, .02	0,000,000	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
02.10.2023 (AAA)	25,000,000	25,316,081	25,236,267	0.84
4.64% IJM Corporation Bhd 02.06.2023	-,,	-,,	-,, -	
(AA3)	5,000,000	5,113,372	5,113,340	0.17
5.22% Jimah East Power Sdn Bhd				
02.06.2023 (AA-)	10,000,000	10,255,170	10,255,064	0.34
4.85% Kimanis Power Sdn Bhd				
14.06.2023 (AA)	5,000,000	5,114,668	5,114,481	0.17
4.25% Lafarge Cement Sdn Bhd				
10.07.2023 (AA3)	35,000,000	35,583,010	35,569,474	1.18
3.57% Merc Benz SVC Malaysia				
28.11.2023 (AAA)	5,000,000	5,018,975	5,003,667	0.17
3.30% Toyota Capital Malaysia				
26.01.2024 (AAA)	12,000,000	12,136,021	12,096,722	0.40
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	257,000,000	261,028,234	260,724,207	8.67
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# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

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

- (a) Unquoted fixed income securities local (continued)
  - (ii) Unquoted fixed income securities local as at 31 May 2023 are as follows: (continued)

Name of issuer	Nominal <u>value</u> RM	Adjusted <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
Commercial papers				
0.00% Tenaga Nasional Bhd 27.09.2023 (P1) 0.00% Tusmadi Capital Sdn Bhd	20,000,000	19,774,287	19,774,287	0.66
15.06.2023 (P1)	25,000,000	24,958,286	24,958,286	0.83
	45,000,000	44,732,573	44,732,573	1.49
Total unquoted fixed income securities - local	302,000,000	305,760,807	305,456,780	10.16
Accumulated unrealised loss on unquoted fixed income securities - local		(304,027)		
Total unquoted fixed income securities - local		305,456,780		

#### 11 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period	2,758,402,000	2,990,694,000
Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	1,738,528,561	1,010,342,308
Creation of units arising from distributions during the financial period	10,016,020	3,804,576
Cancellation of units during the financial period	(1,487,435,581)	(1,253,391,884)
At the end of the financial period	3,019,511,000	2,751,449,000

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### 12 TRANSACTIONS WITH DEALERS

- (i) There are no details of transactions with the top 10 dealers for the 6 months financial period ended 31 May 2024
- (ii) Details of transactions with the top 10 dealers for the 6 months financial period ended 31 May 2023 are as follow:

	Value <u>of trade</u>	Percentage of total trade
	RM	%
Names of dealers		
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	35,571,931,357	52.05
Public Bank Bhd	18,738,790,535	27.42
KAF Investment Bank Bhd	3,760,476,064	5.50
CIMB Bank Bhd	3,451,139,562	5.05
RHB Bank Bhd	3,408,009,093	4.99
AmBank (M) Bhd	2,002,315,511	2.93
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd*	830,884,353	1.22
Alliance Bank Malaysia Bhd	200,493,151	0.29
Malayan Banking Bhd (Maybank)	200,125,918	0.29
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	100,523,014	0.15
Others	74,762,322	0.11
	68,339,450,880	100.00

<sup>\*</sup> Included in the transactions with dealers are trades with Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd, the former immediate holding company of the Manager amounting to RMnil (2023: RM830,884,353). The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related company have been entered into at agreed terms between the related parties.

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# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

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

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

Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad

Related parties	Relationships
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
Affin Bank Berhad ("ABB")	Former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	Former immediate holding company 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
Subsidiaries and associated companies of ABB as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the former penultimate holding company of the Manager

Directors of the Manager

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

#### 13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER (CONTINUED)

The units held by the Manager as at the end of the financial period are as follows:

		2024		2023
The Manager:	No of units	RM	No of units	RM
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (the units are held legally for booking purposes)	3,263	3,661	3,122	3,413
Subsidiary of the Manager:				
Accelvantage Academy Sdn Bhd (The units are held beneficially)	200,228	224,615	82,783	90,490

#### 14 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

**TER** 

6 months financial period ended 31.5.2024 %	6 months financial period ended 31.5.2023 %
0.16	0.17

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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 and;

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM3,046,547,424 (2023: RM2,955,961,092).

Average NAV of Fund calculated on a daily basis

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (CONTINUED)

### 15 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

6 months
financial
period ended
31.5.2023
0.12

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

PTR (times)

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

where: total acquisition for the financial period = RM56,099,282,376 (2023: RM156,108,879) total disposal for the financial period = RM55,765,335,290 (2023: RM576,750,000)

#### 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 29 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 31 May 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the 6 months financial period ended 31 May 2024 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

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

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