

**QUARTERLY REPORT** 30 April 2024

# AHAM World Series – Long Term Global Growth Fund

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

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#### **QUARTERLY REPORT**

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

| Fund Name            | AHAM World Series – Long Term Global Growth Fund   |
|----------------------|--|
| Fund Type            | Growth   |
| Fund Category        | Feeder (wholesale)   |
| Investment Objective | The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long term period.  |
| Benchmark            | MSCI All Country World Index   |
| Distribution Policy  | The Fund is not expected to make distribution. However, incidental distribution may be declared whenever is appropriate. |

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

#### USD Class

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Apr 2024 | As at<br>31 Jan 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (USD'million)       | 9.11                 | 8.92                 |
| NAV per Unit (USD)            | 0.4521               | 0.4247               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 20.15                | 21.01                |

#### MYR Class

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Apr 2024 | As at<br>31 Jan 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (RM'million)        | 1.16                 | 0.66                 |
| NAV per Unit (RM)             | 0.5596               | 0.5207               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 2.07                 | 1.26                 |

MYR Hedged-class

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Apr 2024 | As at<br>31 Jan 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (RM'million)        | 201.23               | 202.23               |
| NAV per Unit (RM)             | 0.4337               | 0.4096               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 463.95               | 493.69               |

SGD Hedged-class

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Apr 2024 | As at<br>31 Jan 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (SGD'million)       | 6.80                 | 5.59                 |
| NAV per Unit (SGD)            | 0.4264               | 0.4023               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 15.95                | 13.90                |

#### **AUD Hedged-class**

| Category                      | As at<br>30 Apr 2024 | As at<br>31 Jan 2024 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total NAV (AUD'million)       | 2.24                 | 2.66                 |
| NAV per Unit (AUD)            | 0.4209               | 0.3974               |
| Unit in Circulation (million) | 5.33                 | 6.70                 |

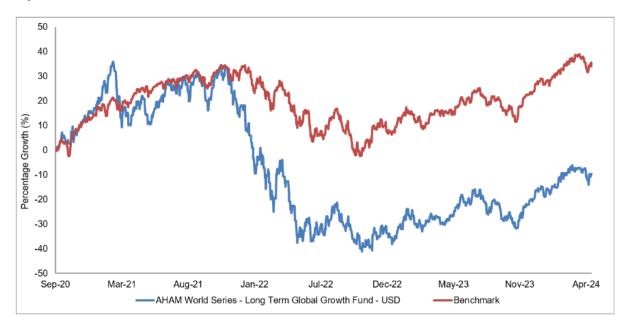
#### **Fund Performance**

#### **USD Class**

Table 1: Performance as at 30 April 2024

|                | 3 Months<br>(1/2/24 -<br>30/4/24) | 6 Months<br>(1/11/23 -<br>30/4/24) | 1 Year<br>(1/5/23 -<br>30/4/24) | 3 Years<br>(1/5/21 -<br>30/4/24) | Since<br>Commencement<br>(29/9/20 -<br>30/4/24) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Fund           | 6.45%                             | 31.96%                             | 28.36%                          | (25.20%)                         | (9.58%)   |
| Benchmark      | 3.53%                             | 18.84%                             | 15.51%                          | 7.81%                            | 34.11%  |
| Outperformance | 2.92%                             | 13.12%                             | 12.85%                          | (33.01%)                         | (43.69%)  |

Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark

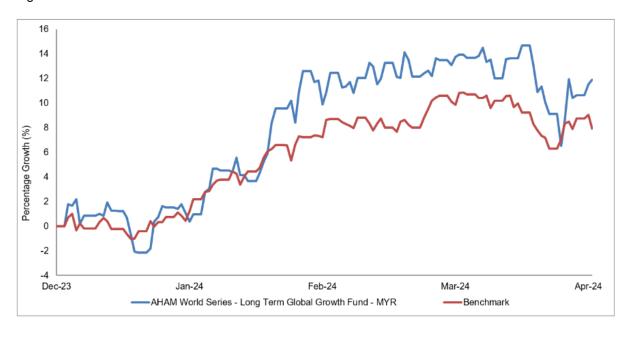


#### **MYR Class**

Table 1: Performance as at 30 April 2024

|                | 3 Months<br>(1/2/24 - 30/4/24) | Since Commencement<br>(16/12/23 - 30/4/24) |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Fund           | 7.47%                          | 11.92%                                     |
| Benchmark      | 4.41%                          | 7.92%                                      |
| Outperformance | 3.06%                          | 4.00%                                      |

Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark

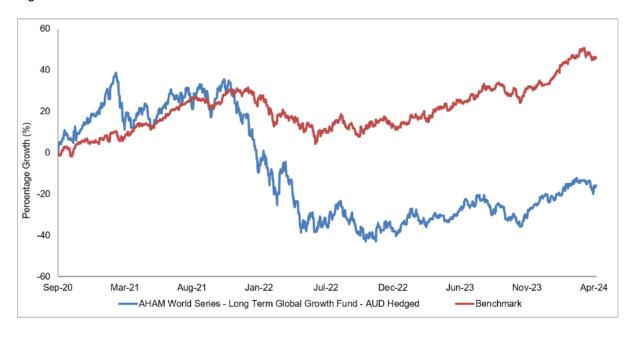


#### **AUD Hedged Class**

Table 1: Performance as at 30 April 2024

|                | 3 Months<br>(1/2/24 -<br>30/4/24) | 6 Months<br>(1/11/23 -<br>30/4/24) | 1 Year<br>(1/5/23 -<br>30/4/24) | 3 Years<br>(1/5/21 -<br>30/4/24) | Since<br>Commencement<br>(29/9/20 -<br>30/4/24) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Fund           | 5.91%                             | 30.51%                             | 25.42%                          | (31.37%)                         | (15.82%)  |
| Benchmark      | 5.25%                             | 16.13%                             | 17.83%                          | 28.15%                           | 46.04%  |
| Outperformance | 0.66%                             | 14.38%                             | 7.59%                           | (59.52%)                         | (61.86%)  |

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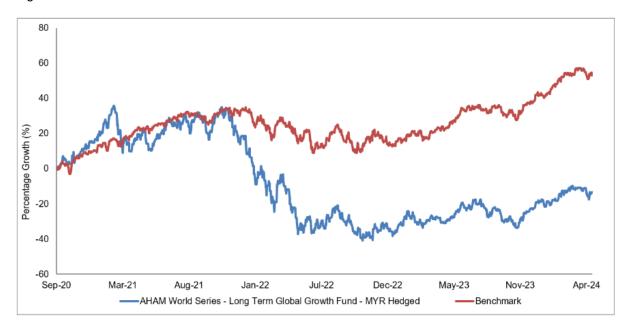


#### **MYR Hedged Class**

Table 1: Performance as at 30 April 2024

|                | 3 Months<br>(1/2/24 -<br>30/4/24) | 6 Months<br>(1/11/23 -<br>30/4/24) | 1 Year<br>(1/5/23 -<br>30/4/24) | 3 Years<br>(1/5/21 -<br>30/4/24) | Since<br>Commencement<br>(29/9/20 -<br>30/4/24) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Fund           | 5.88%                             | 30.08%                             | 24.55%                          | (28.12%)                         | (13.26%)  |
| Benchmark      | 4.41%                             | 18.98%                             | 23.53%                          | 25.77%                           | 53.22%  |
| Outperformance | 1.47%                             | 11.10%                             | 1.02%                           | (53.89%)                         | (66.48%)  |

Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



#### **SGD Hedged Class**

Table 1: Performance as at 30 April 2024

|                | 3 Months<br>(1/2/24 -<br>30/4/24) | 6 Months<br>(1/11/23 -<br>30/4/24) | 1 Year<br>(1/5/23 -<br>30/4/24) | 3 Years<br>(1/5/21 -<br>30/4/24) | Since<br>Commencement<br>(29/9/20 -<br>30/4/24) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Fund           | 5.99%                             | 30.56%                             | 25.74%                          | (28.55%)                         | (14.72%)  |
| Benchmark      | 5.55%                             | 18.35%                             | 18.15%                          | 10.54%                           | 33.23%  |
| Outperformance | 0.44%                             | 12.21%                             | 7.59%                           | (39.09%)                         | (47.95%)  |

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



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Benchmark: MSCI All Country World Index

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#### **Asset Allocation**

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

|                     | 30 April 2024 |  |
|---------------------|---------------|--|
|                     | (%)           |  |
| Unit Trust          | 99.09         |  |
| Derivative          | -1.45         |  |
| Cash & money market | 2.36          |  |
| Total               | 100.00        |  |

#### **Income Distribution Breakdown**

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

#### **Strategies Employed**

Long Term Global Growth is a purely stock-driven, unconstrained global equity strategy focused on investing in exceptional growth companies from around the world. The approach is committed and expressly long-term because we believe that investing in companies with the scope to grow to multiples of their current size over the next decade has the potential to transform the returns achieved for investors over time. Portfolio holding sizes are based purely on our view of the magnitude of the potential upside and our associated level of conviction. The turnover in the portfolio is low, reflecting our long-term perspective and resistance to trading on short-term news-flow.

#### **Market Review**

Market sentiment has grown increasingly positive about the widespread adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) applications across various sectors, boosting certain segments of the global economy and supporting many of the technological growth companies we have identified in the portfolio. Recognising these significant technological trends, which provide multi-decade opportunities, is part of the Long Term Global Growth team's core investment philosophy.

Among the largest contributors to performance over the quarter were NVIDIA, Spotify and ASML NVIDIA's, a leader in graphic processing unit (GPU) chips, share price nearly doubled this past quarter, fuelled by its continuous breakthroughs in AI technology. We saw NVIDIA's Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang showcase innovations at their technology conference, GTC. Huang said, "accelerated computing has reached the tipping point" and demand is surging across industries and countries. This has translated into record quarterly revenues of \$22 billion, an increase of over 250% from a year ago, and earnings per share rose nearly 8x over the same period. A new GPU chip named Blackwell was unveiled, which is 2x more powerful for training AI models, and has 5x more inference capability.

The audio streaming company Spotify's share price this quarter has been buoyed by the focus on profitability and continued user growth, with their monthly active users up to 600 million, up over 20% since last year. Spotify is making headway on efficiency initiatives, which included an executive team reshuffle and headcount reduction. We think the large, growing and engaged user base is Spotify's most distinctive asset. Spotify are providing better podcast distribution, making audiobooks free to paying subscribers and increasing prices, which are positive steps to improving profitability and cash generation.

Despite an uncertain few years for semiconductor equipment, ASML, the Dutch lithography machine manufacturer, continues to operate extremely well, seeing a revenue increase of 30% over 2023. This was driven by increasing sales of DUV (Deep Ultraviolet) and EUV (Extreme Ultraviolet) lithography machine orders. ASML points to the global megatrends of the electronic industry to fuel growth across the semiconductor industry. In their full-year results, the long-term opportunity for ASML was conveyed by management's reiteration of their 2025 and 2030 revenue and gross margin goals, which aims for a doubling of sales and more than a 5% increase in margins.

Among the largest detractors from performance over the quarter were PDD Holdings, Atlassian and Tesla PDD Holdings, a social e-commerce platform was one of the largest contributors to performance last quarter, so it is not surprising to see the share price come off slightly following a strong period of performance. However, it is worth restating the incredible operational progress, while PDD Holdings still continues to invest in its agricultural and supply chain technology. This quarter's results were strong, with a revenue increase of over 120% compared to this time last year. Although there is no disclosure of Temu's contribution, their ecommerce platform offered in the United States, we think the domestic business has reached significant profitability.

For the first time, software company Atlassian's quarterly revenue exceeded a billion dollars, which is over a 20% increase from the previous year. A key component of Atlassian's strategy is cloud migration, with the company anticipating strong growth going forward, but the market has been concerned about how much of this growth may be inorganic, due to some cloud revenues coming through Atlassian's acquisition of Loom. We think these concerns are overblown and the series of new products in the generative AI space are helping to further expand its offerings.

Tesla's, the electric vehicles (EV) company, share price continued to decline this quarter, due to reduced expectations for electric vehicle sales and intensifying competition in China. Despite this, it is important to highlight Tesla's remarkable achievement, with Model Y becoming the bestselling vehicle globally in 2023 with over 1.2 million units sold. In the most recent earnings, Tesla explained that by focusing on the next generation vehicle, a \$25,000 electric car, they expected slower volume growth in 2024. The Target Fund Manager is cognisant that Tesla's intrinsic value is based on the company's ability to reach the long -term aims of selling 10 -20 million cars per year, at an attractive margin with additional upside from energy and software businesses.

#### **Investment Outlook**

The Target Fund Manager's outlook remains unchanged. They aim to invest in a concentrated portfolio of exceptional growth over the long term. They seek out companies that can grow to multiples of their current size, have a sustainable competitive advantage, are led by visionary and entrepreneurial management teams, have a clear path to long-term profitability

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

|  | Financial<br>period ended<br><u>30.4.2024</u><br>USD                       | Financial<br>period ended<br>30.4.2023<br>USD                              |
|--|--|--|
| INVESTMENT INCOME  |  |  |
| Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost Net (loss)/gain on foreign currency exchange Net (loss)/gain on forward foreign currency | 1,708<br>(4,431)   | 597<br>3,773   |
| contracts at fair value through profit or loss  Net gain on financial assets at fair value through   | (756,550)  | 1,679,145  |
| profit or loss   | 15,706,491   | 7,922,197  |
|  | 14,947,218   | 9,605,712  |
| EXPENSES   |  |  |
| Management fee Trustee fee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other expenses   | (532,750)<br>(17,290)<br>(1,486)<br>(866)<br>(379)<br>(3,815)<br>(556,586) | (525,478)<br>(17,051)<br>(1,841)<br>(931)<br>(407)<br>(2,617)<br>(548,325) |
| NET PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION   | 14,390,632   | 9,057,387  |
| Taxation   | -  | -  |
| INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS   | 14,390,632   | 9,057,387  |
| Increase in net asset attributable to unitholders is made up of the following:   |  |  |
| Realised amount<br>Unrealised amount   | (3,585,494)<br>17,976,126  | (3,510,554)<br>12,567,941  |
|  | 14,390,632   | 9,057,387  |
|  |  |  |

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

|   | <u>2024</u><br>USD                | <u>2023</u><br>USD                |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ASSETS  |                                   |                                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from broker Amount due from Manager  | 1,577,797<br>-                    | 1,598,859<br>670                  |
| <ul> <li>creation of units</li> <li>management fee rebate receivable</li> <li>Financial assets at fair value through profit or</li> </ul> | 7,220<br>29,348                   | 8,820<br>29,449                   |
| loss Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value   | 57,471,748                        | 55,644,820                        |
| through profit or loss  | 47,130                            | 49,222                            |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | 59,133,243                        | 57,331,840                        |
| LIABILITIES   |                                   |                                   |
| Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss Amount due to broker Amount due to Manager                        | 886,114<br>-                      | 873,352<br>6,580                  |
| - management fee - cancellation of units Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee  | 88,723<br>151,447<br>2,884<br>245 | 89,091<br>130,340<br>2,896<br>262 |
| Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee  | 855<br>1,107                      | 925<br>1,189                      |
| Other payable and accruals  | 496                               | 448                               |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)   | 1,131,871                         | 1,105,083                         |
| NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND   | 58,001,372                        | 56,226,757                        |
| NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS  | 58,001,372                        | 56,226,757                        |

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

|  | <u>2024</u><br>USD   | <u>2023</u><br>USD  |
|--|--|---|
| REPRESENTED BY:  |  |   |
| FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS  |  |   |
| <ul> <li>AUD Hedged-class</li> <li>MYR Class</li> <li>MYR Hedged-class</li> <li>SGD Hedged-class</li> <li>USD Class</li> </ul> | 1,465,357<br>243,191<br>42,186,561<br>4,995,988<br>9,110,275<br>58,001,372       | 1,622,975<br>42,968,249<br>3,490,884<br>8,144,649<br>56,226,757     |
| NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION   |  |   |
| <ul> <li>AUD Hedged-class</li> <li>MYR Class</li> <li>MYR Hedged-class</li> <li>SGD Hedged-class</li> <li>USD Class</li> </ul> | 5,331,000<br>2,073,000<br>463,950,000<br>15,947,000<br>20,149,000<br>507,450,000 | 7,349,000<br>550,421,000<br>13,767,000<br>23,128,000<br>594,665,000 |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)   |  |   |
| <ul><li>AUD Hedged-class</li><li>MYR Class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li><li>USD Class</li></ul>       | 0.2749<br>0.1173<br>0.0909<br>0.3133<br>0.4521                                   | 0.2208<br>0.0781<br>0.2536<br>0.3522                                |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES  |  |   |
| <ul><li>AUD Hedged-class</li><li>MYR Class</li><li>MYR Hedged-class</li><li>SGD Hedged-class</li><li>USD Class</li></ul>       | AUD0.4209<br>RM0.5596<br>RM0.4337<br>SGD0.4264<br>USD0.4521                      | AUD0.3356<br>RM0.3482<br>SGD0.3391<br>USD0.3522                     |

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDER FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

|   | Financial<br>period ended<br>30.4.2024<br>USD | Financial<br>period ended<br>30.4.2023<br>USD |
|---|---|---|
| NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD | 47,853,704                                    | 49,737,078                                    |
| Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period         |   |   |
| Creation of units arising from applications                                     | 2,739,701                                     | 1,218,569                                     |
| - AUD Hedged-class<br>- MYR Class   | 12,224<br>349,282                             | 105,031<br>-                                  |
| - MYR Hedged-class  | 1,425,938                                     | 1,091,842                                     |
| - SGD Hedged-class  | 798,708                                       | 5,934   |
| - USD Class   | 153,549                                       | 15,762  |
| Cancellation of units   | (6,982,665)                                   | (3,786,277)                                   |
| - AUD Hedged-class  | (509,144)                                     | (134,210)                                     |
| - MYR Class   | (122,945)                                     | - 1   |
| - MYR Hedged-class  | (5,466,770)                                   | (2,070,336)                                   |
| - SGD Hedged-class  | (167,082)                                     | (479,566)                                     |
| - USD Class   | (716,724)                                     | (1,102,165)                                   |
| Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders                          |   |   |
| during the financial period   | 14,390,632                                    | 9,057,387                                     |
| - AUD Hedged-class  | 486,764                                       | 231,021                                       |
| - MYR Class   | 16,854  | -   |
| - MYR Hedged-class  | 10,539,273                                    | 7,023,964                                     |
| - SGD Hedged-class  | 1,022,633                                     | 657,323                                       |
| - USD Class   | 2,325,108                                     | 1,145,079                                     |
|   |   |   |
| NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS  |   |   |
| AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD  | 58,001,372                                    | 56,226,757                                    |

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