

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT 31 January 2024

AHAM **PRS Growth** Fund

PROVIDER AHAM Asset Management Berhad 199701014290 (429786-T) TRUSTEE CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad (313031-A)

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

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FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	AHAM PRS Growth Fund
Fund Type	Growth
Fund Category	Core (Growth)
Investment Objective	To facilitate the accumulation of retirement savings by Members for their retirement needs, the Fund aims to generate capital growth.
Benchmark	50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia Top 100 Index + 10% MSCI AC World Index + 10% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index + 30% Maybank 12-Month Fixed Deposit Rate
Distribution Policy	The Fund will endeavour to declare distribution on an annual basis after the end of its first financial year, subject to the availability of income.

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

Category	As at 31 Jan 2024 (%)	As At 31 Jan 2023 (%)	As at 31 Jan 2022 (%)
Portfolio composition Collective investment scheme – local			
AHAM Select Asia (Ex Japan) Opportunity Fund – MYR class	20.06	34.13	26.48
AHAM Select Asia (Ex Japan) Quantum Fund – MYR class	3.65	9.9	4.84
AHAM Bond Fund	18.68	13.55	12.58
AHAM Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Balanced Fund – MYR class	6.71	13.58	12.72
AHAM Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Dividend Fund – MYR class	3.06	3.31	3.55
AHAM Select Bond Fund – MYR class	6.10	10.15	14.38
AHAM Select Dividend Fund	5.04	-	-
AHAM Select Opportunity Fund – MYR class	19.60	7.41	-
AHAM World Series - Global Equity Fund – MYR class	8.57	5.92	20.30
AHAM China A Opportunity Fund-MYR class	-	1.91	2.06
AHAM Enhanced Deposit Fund	-	-	-
AHAM SGD Bond Fund	-	-	2.10
AIIMAN Global Equity Fund	6.58	-	-
Total collective investment scheme – local	98.05	99.86	99.01
Cash & cash equivalent	1.95	0.14	0.99
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (million) NAV per Unit (in respective currencies) Unit in Circulation (million) Highest NAV	346.439 0.6657 520.377 0.6807	311.334 0.6712 463.829 0.6888	286.955 0.7181 399.591 0.8020
Lowest NAV	0.6308	0.6232	0.7181
Return of the Fund (%) - Capital Growth (%) - Income Distribution (%) Gross Distribution per Unit (sen) Net Distribution per Unit (sen) Total Expense Ratio (%) ¹	-0.29 -2.68 2.45 1.58 0.96	0.29 -1.27 1.58 1.00 1.00 0.95	-9.10 -10.26 1.30 1.00 1.00 0.94
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) ²	0.29	0.11	0.06

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

¹ The Fund's TER was slightly higher than previous year due to higher expenses incurred during the financial period.

² The Fund's PTR was higher than previous year due to higher trading activities during the financial period.

Income Distribution / Unit Split

The NAV per unit prior and subsequent to the distribution was as follows:-

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution
17-Oct-23	18-Oct-23	0.6589	0.0158	0.6455
18-Oct-22	19-Oct-22	0.6396	0.0100	0.6341
19-Oct-21	20-Oct-21	0.7768	0.0100	0.7704

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

Income Distribution / Unit Split

Class	Ex-Date	Income (per unit) (sens / cents)	Income (%)	Capital (per unit) (sens / cents)	Capital (%)
MYR	18-Oct-23	1.5800	100	-	-
MYR	19-Oct-22	1.0000	100	-	-
MYR	20-Oct-21	1.0000	100	-	-

Fund Performance

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	6 Months (1/8/23 - 31/1/24)	1 Year (1/2/23 - 31/1/24)	3 Years (1/2/21 - 31/1/24)	5 Years (1/2/19 - 31/1/24)	Since Commencement (23/11/12 - 31/1/24)
Fund	(0.29%)	1.61%	(11.72%)	17.62%	65.55%
Benchmark	4.70%	13.52%	2.14%	14.59%	50.25%
Outperformance	(4.99%)	(11.91%)	(13.86%)	3.03%	15.30%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

	1 Year (1/2/23 - 31/1/24)	3 Years (1/2/21 - 31/1/24)	5 Years (1/2/19 - 31/1/24)	Since Commencement (23/11/12 - 31/1/24)
Fund	1.61%	(4.07%)	3.30%	4.61%
Benchmark	13.52%	0.71%	2.76%	3.70%
Outperformance	(11.91%)	(4.78%)	0.54%	0.91%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

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	FYE 2023 (1/8/22 - 31/7/23)	FYE 2022 (1/8/21 - 31/7/22)	FYE 2021 (1/8/20 - 31/7/21)	FYE 2020 (1/8/19 - 31/7/20)	FYE 2019 (1/8/18 - 31/7/19)	
Fund	2.20%	(13.94%)	13.66%	10.46%	3.43%	
Benchmark	6.25%	(6.60%)	4.54%	5.21%	(2.96%)	
Outperformance	(4.05%)	(7.34%)	9.12%	5.25%	6.39%	

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

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

PROVIDER'S REPORT

Performance Review (1 August 2023 to 31 January 2024)

For the period 1 August 2023 to 31 January 2024, the Fund has registered a return of -0.29% as compared to the benchmark return of 4.70%. The Fund thus underperformed the benchmark by 4.99%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of the Fund as at 31 January 2024 was RM0.6657 while the NAV per unit on 31 July 2023 was RM0.6840. During the same period under review, the Fund has declared an income distribution of RM0.0158 per unit.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 65.55% compared to the benchmark return of 50.25%, outperforming by 15.30%.



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

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Benchmark: 50% MSCI AC World Index + 10% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index + 10% FTSE Bursa Malaysia Top 100 Index + 30% Maybank 12-Month Fixed Deposit Rate

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 January 2024, the Fund's exposure in collective investment schemes stood at 98.05% of the Fund's NAV, while the remaining balance was held in cash. During the period under review, the Provider had added exposure to AIIMAN Global Equity.

Strategy Employed

The Fund had remained into a portfolio of Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) managed by the Provider. The Provider believes that the portfolio of CIS provides the PRS members with sufficient diversification across asset-classes and geographical reach that is necessary to mitigate concentration risk. The portfolio of investments is reviewed on a quarterly basis. Nevertheless, the Provider holds the flexibility to rebalance the portfolio, depending on prevailing market conditions.

Market Review

Over the financial period under review, the Standard and Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index returned 6.42% with the Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") World index slightly behind at 5.54%. Specific to the Asian region, MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index saw a return of -8.26% while locally, the Financial Times Stock Exchange ("FTSE") Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index ("KLCI") fared better returning 5.79% in Ringgit terms. Within bond markets, Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index gained 2.08% while domestically, the bond markets' benchmark 10-year Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield closed at 3.79%.

Over the period, market volatility continued to affect economies globally as macro events and policy rate hikes at the start of the financial year influenced both stock and bond markets. The US Federal Reserve ("Fed") have been engaging in a tightening monetary policy stance to address inflationary pressures driven by the economic fallout from the pandemic alongside the various conflicts in 2023 such as geopolitical instability arising from strained ties between US and China, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the more recent conflict between Israel and Hamas which weighed heavily on global economic growth. In a notable shift in tone towards the end of 2023, however, Fed Chair Jerome Powell struck a dovish chord and acknowledged that tighter US monetary policy was slowing down the economy with market consensus expecting a rate cut in 2024. At its January Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") meeting, the Fed opted to keep benchmark rates unchanged, but pushed back the timing of potential rat cuts until more concrete evidence of easing inflation.

While the sharp pace of policy tightening by the Fed during the earlier part of 2023 has not caused the economic downturn market participants anticipated, it inadvertently played a role in destabilising the banking sector. Signs of tension in the banking sector from the accelerated increase in policy rates were visible in March 2023 through the fallout of Silicon Valley Bank ("SVB") and several other regional US banks. With an abundant of deposits over loans, SVB had placed them into available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities like Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities when yields were at all-time lows. However, as interest rates began to rise rapidly, it recorded massive outflows in deposits alongside the rest of the banking sector. SVB sold substantially all of its available-for-sale securities to accommodate the outflows, incurring a massive loss which eventually led to a bank run. Smaller US banks were caught also caught in the turmoil as concerns spread.

Looking back on 2023, many predicted at the start of the year that 2023 would be lackluster for US stocks on the back of expectations of economic weakening but to the surprise of investors, the S&P 500 gained 26.3% on a total-return basis over the year. US equities started 2024 on a strong note underpinned by robust economic indicators that fortified the case for a soft landing, surging by 1.60% and reaching a new all-time high in January over the financial year under review. Despite smaller U.S stocks lagging relative to their larger counterparts, the mid-cap S&P 400 and small-cap Russell 2000 recorded solid gains of 16.4% and 16.9% respectively. Growth stocks also performed, in contrast to 2022 where value stocks outperformed. Notably, US Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") surpassed expectations, expanding by 3.30% in the last quarter of 2023, exceeding the forecast of 2.00%.

Chinese equities started 2023 strong as markets anticipated the release of pent-up demand from the lockdown but this was short lived as the market trended downwards with weak consumer confidence, growing local debts and slowing global growth which weighed on jobs and investment activities and China equities remained subdued at the end of 2023 as economic data presented mixed signals in terms of recovery. Data released showed industrial output grew but retail sales missed estimates as analysts had expected a more robust recovery following a low base in 2022 when the economy was still hampered by COVID lockdowns. There was a slight uptick in July 2023, however. The MSCI China Index vaulted 9.30% during the month, driven by stimulus optimism before eventually trending downwards and ending 2023 down by 31.56%. The brief bright spot in July came as top party leaders unveiled measures at its Politburo meeting to reinvigorate growth in the country. Among the measures include a pledge by Beijing to provide stimulus support for its beleaguered property sector. In November, additional stimulus measures were announced to support its property sector. Regulators have drafted whitelist of 50 developers that would be eligible for a range of financing. Shenzhen also lowered the minimum downpayment requirement for second homes as well as loosened the definition of luxury homes. These adjustments are anticipated to lower transaction costs in the sector. Markets however are still apprehensive that the introduced measures are sufficient to stem the sector's decline.

Within the broader Asian regions, the Japan market reached its highest level in 33 years in June 2023, which was partly driven by continuous foreign inflows and finished the year with a 29.15% gain. The gains also come amid expectations of corporate governance reforms, structural shifts and optimism that the Fed has reached peak rates towards the end of the year. South Korea and Taiwan also achieved strong gains over the year due to sentiments over global economic growth. The waning US dollar coupled with improvement in risk appetite also helped the economy. Despite a weak start to the year, India achieved strong gains over the year. Optimism about the nation's growth prospect, greater domestic participation and increased liquidity have all contributed to the strong performance.

Domestically, the benchmark KLCI saw a muted start to the year. With several policy announcements made by the government in July 2023 catching the attention of investors, markets started to gain. These positive sentiments lifted foreign investors' confidence as they poured into local equities. They include the Ekonomi Madani Plan which outlined several key economic targets, Part 1 of the National Energy Transition Roadmap which intends to achieve 70% renewable energy capacity mix by 2050 and Part 2 of the National Energy Transition Roadmap as well as the New Industrial Masterplan. The unveiling of Budget 2024 in October 2023 also helped shed light on the government's policies and laid down the groundwork for the government's path to fiscal consolidation. According to the Budget, the government aims to narrow the fiscal deficit from 5.0% to 4.3% in 2024 in line with its broader policy objective to bring it down to 3.10% by 2026. Key measures announced to broaden the government's revenue include the increase of Sales and Service tax ("SST") from 6% to 8% as well as the introduction of a 10% capital gains tax for unlisted shares. To further bolster revenue, a luxury goods tax will also be applied to high-value items including jewellery and watches based on predefined thresholds.

US headline Consumer Price Index ("CPI") rose by 3.4% year-on-year (November: 3.1%) in December while core CPI eased to 3.9% (November: 4.0%), signifying a long road for the Fed to achieve it's price stability target of 2.0%, especially with geopolitical tension elevating commodity prices. Unemployment rate was held low at 3.7% (November: 3.7%), pointing towards a robust US economy. Nonetheless, market participants drew comfort that most developed economies have approached their terminal rates, and monetary policies should ease as we enter 2024.

Domestically, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") kept Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") unchanged at 3.00% with a neutral statement during the January 2024 Monetary Policy Meeting ("MPC"). Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield curve shifted lower at the start of 2024 on the back of ample domestic liquidity. Principal dealers were seen building positions at the 3 to 5-year space, while real money continued to cap any rise in long-term bond yields. One notable exception was the 10-year MGS which was re-priced higher (in yield terms) to trade in line with the curve, following its aggressive auction in December 2023. For the month of January 3-year, 10-year, and 30-year MGS yield closed at 3.45% (-8 bps), 3.81% (+8 bps), and 4.22% (-4 bps) respectively.

Investment Outlook

In the early parts of 2024, asset classes performances reflect continued resilience of the US economy, upbeat sentiment in AI-related theme and an anticipation of economic rebound in countries such as in China.

For the global bond market, after seeing a sharp rally in the late parts of 2023, US treasury yields overall trended higher since the start of the year. 10-year yields started the year at 3.88% and is currently around 4.3% (19 March 24). This was due to stronger than expected US economic data, particularly on the inflation front and upbeat positioning in late 2023. Nonetheless, the February US Core CPI has continued its downtrend at 3.8% after peaking at 6.6% in September 2022 while we see more signs of softening in the still tight US labour market. In February, while non-farm payrolls of 275k was considerably high, the US unemployment rate has risen to 3.9% from 3.7% and average hourly earnings grew 0.1% MoM, the slowest wage growth since 2022. This broader trend has some encouraging signs, which should contribute to monetary easing backdrop where major central banks can normalize interest rates lower. A general decline in interest rates coupled with resilient economic conditions would overall be supportive of equities and fixed income.

The outlook for global/regional fixed income investments has materially improved as compared to 2 years ago on the back of a relatively high interest rate environment. We view that the US interest rate have likely peaked, after the imposition of a series of rate hikes over 2022 to 2023. The upper limit of the US Federal Funds Rate is currently at 5.5% and has been maintained at the same level over the past 5 Federal Open

Market Committee (FOMC) meetings. Going forward, there is room for rate cuts where the Fed via its dotplot projections has implied a potential 0.75% of rate cuts in 2024. We remain cognizant that central bank decisions remain highly data and development dependent, and hence we would remain nimble in our portfolio positioning. In the corporate bond space (credits), the global primary and secondary bond market has overall been well supported by investors and performed well as measured by credit spread tightening. We continued to see healthy demand for bonds from quality issuers.

For equities in Asia, both Taiwan and South Korea are expected to do well as the AI theme and tech cycle recovery take hold. Tech companies would continue to develop use cases for AI technology to be incorporated into businesses. Apart from AI, certain segments of the tech sector are also coming out of the downturn, such as the DRAM segment. Meanwhile, India remains an exciting long term growth market. The market has been under some selling pressure due to regulators stepping in to reign in on the small and midcap frenzy as well as foreign selling. We see this as a good buying opportunity.

In China, the government has taken multiple steps to shore up the market year-to-date, which includes the involvement of the "National Team" of state funds to buy equities and various measures to restrict short selling in the market. We believe these measures are attempts to cure the symptoms but not the root cause of China's equity malaise. We would be more positive if the government starts supporting the property industry strongly through an extensive lending program or the setting up of a resolution trust.

Malaysian equities also started the year strongly, underpinned by incremental improvements in the local macro environment, coupled with a ramp-up in policy implementation. New policy frameworks such as the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) and the New Industrial Master Plan (NIMP) would lay the groundwork for sustainable growth as well as provide a clear narrative of the country's economic direction to global investors. The strong market performance has also been driven by a resurgence in foreign inflows. We anticipate the strong performance to continue throughout 2024 as a resumption of earnings growth and reform story take hold. As for the local bond market, it has performed well over 2023 on the back to benign inflation and resilient GDP growth data where we view is an economic backdrop that would continue in 2024. This was contrary to some major economies globally which have previously seen much higher inflation and hence much tighter monetary policy responses. We continue to expect BNM to be prudent in their monetary policy stance which helps to anchor the stability in the local fixed income market.

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 Provider 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 year under review.

Changes Made to the Fund's Disclosure Document

There were no changes made to the Fund's disclosure document during the financial period under review.

SCHEME TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AHAM PRS GROWTH FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Scheme Trustee of the Fund for the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 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 PRS Provider under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes;
- 2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the deed; and
- 3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the deed and any regulatory requirement.

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

For and on behalf of CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad

Datin Ezreen Eliza binti Zulkiplee Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 15 March 2024

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

INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023 RM
Dividend income		2,971,814	1,665,074
Interest income from financial assets at			
amortised costs Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair		48,339	16,358
value through profit or loss	9	(209,348)	2,720,048
		2,810,805	4,401,480
EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	(2,937,243)	(2,591,804)
Scheme Trustee fee	5	(65,319)	(57,640)
Private Pension Administrator (PPA) administration fee	6	(65,319)	(57,645)
Auditors' remuneration		(4,381)	(4,456)
Tax agent fee Other expenses		(1,804) (29,227)	(1,573) (3,907)
		(3,103,293)	(2,717,025)
		(0,100,200)	
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		(292,488)	1,684,455
Taxation	7	-	-
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL			
COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		(292,488)	1,684,455
Net (loss)/profit after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		(1,158,277)	7,886,294
Unrealised amount		865,789	(6,201,839)
		(292,488)	1,684,455

UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Provider	10	6,669,111	466,687
 - creation of units - management fee rebate receivable Financial assets at fair value through 		272,559 407,972	138,237 371,507
profit or loss	9	339,696,275	310,898,423
TOTAL ASSETS		347,045,917	311,874,854
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to Provider - management fee - sales of investment in CIS Amount due to Scheme Trustee Amount due to PPA Auditors' remuneration Tax agent fee Other payables and accruals TOTAL LIABILITIES NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		520,865 52,709 11,575 11,575 4,381 5,304 11 606,420	470,542 36,754 10,457 10,457 4,456 4,381 3,645 540,692
EQUITY			
Members' capital Retained earnings		335,696,069 10,743,428	298,764,788 12,569,374
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		346,439,497	311,334,162
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	11	520,377,000	463,829,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		0.6657	0.6712

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

	Members' <u>capital</u> RM	Retained <u>earnings</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Balance as at 1 August 2023	304,887,341	18,638,718	323,526,059
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period	-	(292,488)	(292,488)
Distribution (Note 8)	-	(7,602,802)	(7,602,802)
Movement in members' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	24,135,649	-	24,135,649
Creation of units arising from distribution	7,602,802	-	7,602,802
Cancellation of units	(929,723)	-	(929,723)
Balance as at 31 January 2024	335,696,069	10,743,428	346,439,497
Balance as at 1 August 2022	269,173,434	15,129,399	284,302,833
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	1,684,455	1,684,455
Distribution (Note 8)	-	(4,244,480)	(4,244,480)
Movement in members' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	25,864,670	-	25,864,670
Creation of units arising from distribution	4,244,480	-	4,244,480
Cancellation of units	(517,796)	-	(517,796)
Balance as at 31 January 2023	298,764,788	12,569,374	311,334,162

UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

Note	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments (1 Dividends received Interest received Management fee rebate received Management fee paid Scheme Trustee's fee paid PPA fee paid Payment for other fees and expenses	82,800,000 02,136,741) 2,971,814 48,339 2,293,056 (2,904,940) (64,601) (64,601) (38,247)	20,000,843 (47,328,472) 1,665,074 16,358 2,038,489 (2,547,705) (56,660) (56,659) (9,786)
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(17,095,921)	(26,278,518)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from creation of units Payments for cancellation of units	24,066,700 (888,570)	26,505,421 (517,796)
Net cash flows generated from financing activities	23,178,130	25,987,625
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	6,082,209	(290,893)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	586,902	757,580
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 10	6,669,111	466,687

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 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 revenues and expenses during the reported financial period. It also requires the Provider to exercise their judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgment are based on the Provider'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 I.

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

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

The adoption of the above amendments to standards or interpretations did not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

- (b) Standards and amendments that have been issued 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 JANUARY 2024 (CONTINUED)

B INCOME RECOGNITION

Dividend income

Dividend income for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as part of gross dividend income on the ex-dividend date, when the right to receive the dividend has been established.

Interest income

Interest income from short term deposit with licensed financial institutions is recognised based on effective interest rate method on an accrual basis.

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

Realised gains and losses on sale of investments

For collective investment schemes ("CIS"), 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 a weighted average cost basis.

C TAXATION

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

D DISTRIBUTION

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

E FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

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

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

FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

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

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

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

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely 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.

Investments in CIS have contractual cash flows that do not represent SPPI, and therefore are classified as fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents and amount due from Provider as financial assets measured at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows that represent consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies amount due to Provider, amount due to Scheme Trustee, amount due to PPA, payable for 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 or loss' in the period in which they arise.

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

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

Investment in CIS is valued at the last published net asset value ("NAV") per unit at the date of the statement of financial position.

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

Significant increase in credit risk

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

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

Quantitative criteria:

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

Qualitative criteria:

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

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

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

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

F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment (continued)

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.

G CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

H MEMBERS' CAPITAL

The members' 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 member to a proportionate share of the Fund's 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 period if a member exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled 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 members with the total number of outstanding units. In accordance with the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes, investment positions are valued based on the last traded market price for the purpose of determining the net asset value per unit for creations and cancellations.

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

I CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, rarely equal the related actual results. To enhance the information content of the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impact 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 Provider 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 Provider 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 Provider will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the SC's Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes.

J 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 Private Retirement Schemes.

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

1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Private Retirement Scheme ("PRS") was constituted under the name Hwang PRS Growth Fund (the "Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 25 October 2012 as modified by a Supplemental Deed dated 17 June 2013, a Second Supplemental Deed dated 24 July 2014, a Third Supplemental Deed dated 17 October 2014, a Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 13 June 2016, a Restated Deed dated 18 December 2017, a First Supplemental Restated Deed dated 11 December 2020, Second Supplemental Restated Deed dated 27 April 2022 and a Third Supplemental Restated Deed dated 27 April 2023 (the "Deeds") entered into between AHAM Asset Management Berhad (the "Provider") and CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad (the "Scheme Trustee"). The Fund has changed its name from Hwang PRS Growth Fund to Affin Hwang PRS Growth Fund to AHAM PRS Growth Fund as amended by the Second Supplemental Deed dated 24 July 2014 and from Affin Hwang PRS Growth Fund to AHAM PRS Growth Fund as amended by the Second Supplemental Restated Deed dated 27 April 2022.

The Fund commenced operations on 2 November 2012 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Scheme Trustee as provided under Clause 14.4 of the Deeds.

The Fund may invest in any of the following investments:

- (1) Listed securities:
- (2) Deposits with financial institutions;
- (3) Money market instruments such as negotiable certificates of deposits and bankers acceptance;
- (4) Government bonds, treasury bills and other government approved or guaranteed bonds;
- (5) Debentures:
- (6) Embedded derivatives and equity linked notes;
- (7) Units or shares in collective investment schemes, both local and foreign;
- (8) Derivatives; and
- (9) Any other form of investments permitted by Securities Commission from time to time.

All investments will be subjected to the SC's Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes, the Deeds, and the objective of the Fund.

The main objective of the Fund is to facilitate the accumulation of retirement savings by members for their retirement needs, the Fund aims to generate capital growth.

The Provider is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Provider are establishment and management of unit trust funds, exchange-traded funds and private retirement schemes as well as providing fund management services to private clients. On 10 November 2022, the Provider has changed its name from Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad to AHAM Asset Management Berhad.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Provider on 15 March 2024.

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

Financial instruments are as follows:

<u>2024</u>	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through profit or loss RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Provider	10	6,669,111	-	6,669,111
 - creation of units - management fee rebate receivable Collective investment schemes 	9	272,559 407,972 -	- - 339,696,275	272,559 407,972 339,696,275
Total		7,349,642	339,696,275	347,045,917
Financial liabilities				
Amount due to Provider - management fee - sales of investment in CIS Amount due to Scheme Trustee Amount due to PPA Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals		520,865 52,709 11,575 11,575 4,381 5,304 11	- - - - - -	520,865 52,709 11,575 11,575 4,381 5,304
Total		606,420		606,420
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Provider	10	466,687	-	466,687
 - creation of units - management fee rebate receivable Collective investment schemes 	0	138,237 371,507	- - 210 909 422	138,237 371,507
	9	070.404	310,898,423	310,898,423
Total		976,431	310,898,423	311,874,854

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

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

Financial instruments are as follows: (continued)

2023 (continued)	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through profit or loss RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial liabilities				
Amount due to Provider				
- management fee		470,542	-	470,542
 sales of investment in CIS 		36,754	-	36,754
Amount due to Scheme Trustee		10,457	-	10,457
Amount due to PPA		10,457	-	10,457
Auditors' remuneration		4,456	-	4,456
Tax agent's fee		4,381	-	4,381
Other payables and accruals		3,645	-	3,645
Total		540,692	-	540,692

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

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Provider and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated by the SC's Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes.

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 Provider 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 follow:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	RM	RM
Quoted investments		
Collective investment schemes	339,696,275	310,898,423

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

Market risk (continued)

(a) Price risk (continued)

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's (loss)/profit after taxation and NAV to price risk movements. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 10% (2023: 2%) and decreased by 10% (2023: 2%) with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the collective investment schemes, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price 2024	<u>Market value</u> RM	Impact on (loss)/profit after tax/NAV RM
-10% 0% +10%	305,726,648 339,696,275 373,665,903	(33,969,628) -33,969,628
<u>2023</u>		
-2% 0% +2%	304,680,455 310,898,423 317,116,391	(6,217,968) - 6,217,968

(b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and future cash flows.

The Fund's exposure to the interest rate risk is mainly confined to short term placement with a financial institution. The Provider overcomes this exposure by way of maintaining deposits on short term basis.

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

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE 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 Provider 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.

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Provider are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes.

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

<u>2024</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Amount due from <u>Provider</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial Services - AAA Others	6,669,111	-	6,669,111
- NR		680,531	680,531
	6,669,111	680,531	7,349,642
2023 Financial Services			
- AAA	466,687	-	466,687
Others - NR		509,744	509,744
	466,687	509,744	976,431

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

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations. The Provider manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellation of units by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise cash, deposits with licensed financial institutions 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 <u>one month</u> RM	Between one month to one year RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Amount due to Provider - management fee - sales of investment in CIS Amount due to Scheme Trustee Amount due to PPA Auditors' remuneration Tax agent fee Other payables and accruals	520,865 52,709 11,575 11,575 - - - - 596,724	4,381 5,304 11 9,696	520,865 52,709 11,575 11,575 4,381 5,304 11 606,420
<u>2023</u>			
Amount due to Provider - management fee - sales of investment in CIS Amount due to Scheme Trustee Amount due to PPA Auditors' remuneration Tax agent fee Other payables and accruals	470,542 36,754 10,457 10,457 - -	4,456 4,381 3,645	470,542 36,754 10,457 10,457 4,456 4,381 3,645
	528,210 =======	12,482	540,692

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

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of members' 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 members. 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 members and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

Collective investment scheme risk

This risk is associated with the Fund's investment in CIS exposing the Fund to the inherent investment risks faced by the CIS. The fund may also be exposed to liquidity risk which may arise from the inability of the CIS to meet redemption amounts, as well as the risk of not being aligned with the Fund's mandate in the event the CIS that the Fund is invested into breaches it's asset allocation limits. Therefore, should any of the risks faced by the CIS materialised, the performance of the Fund will be affected.

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)

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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.

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	Level 3 RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - collective investment schemes	339,696,275			339,696,275
2023				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - collective investment schemes	310,898,423			310,898,423

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include CIS. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments.

(ii) The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Provider and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short term nature.

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4 MANAGEMENT FEE

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

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.80% (2023: 1.80%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Disclosure Document.

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

5 SCHEME TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Scheme Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 1.00% per annum on the NAV of the Fund.

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024, the Scheme Trustee's fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% (2023: 0.04%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Disclosure Document.

There will be no further liability to the Trustee in respect of Scheme Trustee's fee other than the amount recognised above.

6 PRIVATE PENSION ADMINISTRATOR ("PPA") ADMINISTRATION FEE

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024, the PPA administration fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% (2023: 0.04%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis.

There will be no further liability to the PPA in respect of the PPA administration fee other than the amount recognised above.

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7 TAXATION

	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023 RM
Current taxation – local		
The numerical reconciliation between net (loss)/profit before taxation multiplied rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:	by the Malaysia	an statutory tax
	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023 RM
Net (loss)/profit before taxation	(292,488)	1,684,455
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	(70,197)	404,269
Tax effects of: Investment income not subject to tax Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Restriction on tax deductible expenses for PRS Funds	(119,690) 38,303 151,584	(560,063) 28,984 126,810
Tax expense	-	-

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

8 DISTRIBUTION

ŗ	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023 RM
Distributions to members are from the following sources:		
Previous year's realised income	7,602,802	4,244,480
Gross realised income Less: Expenses	7,602,802	4,244,480
Net distribution amount	7,602,802	4,244,480

During the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024, distributions were made as follows:

Ex-date	Gross/Net distribution per unit
	sen
18.10.2023	1.58

During the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2023, distributions were made as follows:

<u>Ex-date</u>	Gross/Net distribution per unit
	sen
19.10.2022	1.00

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.

Distribution for the financial period is an amount of RM7,602,802 (2023: RM4,244,480) made from previous year's realised income.

During the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024, the Fund incurred unrealised loss of RM Nil (2023: RM6,201,839).

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9 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: - collective investment schemes - local 339,696	3,275 ——	310,898,423
		6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023 RM
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- realised (loss)/gain on sale of investments (3,387)	,235)	6,854,002
- unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in fair value 865	5,789	(6,201,839)
- management fee rebate on collective investment scheme# 2,312	2,098	2,067,885
(209	,348)	2,720,048

[#] In arriving at the fair value of the Fund's investments in collective investment schemes, the management fee initially paid to the Manager of collective investment schemes has been considered as part of its net asset value. In order to prevent the double charging of management fee which is not permissible under SC's Guidelines, management fee charged on the Fund's investments in collective investment schemes has been refunded to the Fund. Accordingly, any rebate of management fee received from the Manager of collective investment schemes is reflected as an increase in the net asset value of the collective investment schemes.

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

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

- (a) Collective investment schemes local
 - (i) Collective investment schemes local as at 31 January 2024 is as follows:

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
AHAM Bond Fund* AHAM Select Asia (ex Japan) Opportunity	108,868,026	64,605,180	64,722,041	18.68
Fund - MYR Class* AHAM Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund (formerly known as Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum	96,888,249	71,274,552	69,488,252	20.06
Fund) - MYR Class* AHAM Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	6,589,243	13,513,075	12,642,121	3.65
Balanced Fund - MYR Class* AHAM Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	40,529,217	24,357,349	23,243,506	6.71
Dividend Fund - MYR Class*	17,441,174	11,406,663	10,597,257	3.06
AHAM Select Bond Fund - MYR Class*	35,542,893	23,600,276	21,133,804	6.10
AHAM Select Dividend Fund*	24,634,009	17,500,000	17,487,683	5.04
AHAM Select Opportunity Fund* AHAM World Series - Global Equity Fund (formerly known as Affin Hwang World	62,375,760	62,565,285	67,896,015	19.60
Series - Global Equity Fund) - MYR Class*	27,209,819	21,353,383	29,696,796	8.57
Aiiman Global Equity Fund - MYR Class	30,841,520	20,950,000	22,788,800	6.58
Total collective investment schemes – local	450,919,910	331,125,763	339,696,275	98.05
Accumulated unrealised gain on collective Investment schemes — local		8,570,512		
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Total collective investment schemes – local		339,696,275		

^{*} Managed by the Provider of the Fund

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

- (a) Collective investment schemes local (continued)
 - (ii) Collective investment schemes local as at 31 January 2023 is as follows:

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
AHAM Bond Fund* AHAM Select Asia (ex Japan) Opportunity	71,793,436	42,660,308	42,200,182	13.55
Fund - MYR Class* AHAM Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund (formerly known as Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum	144,454,252	106,308,001	106,246,102	34.13
Fund) - MYR Class* AHAM Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	14,853,441	30,466,801	30,813,464	9.90
Balanced Fund - MYR Class* AHAM Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	66,908,556	40,254,191	42,279,517	13.58
Dividend Fund - MYR Class*	16,436,614	10,792,917	10,317,262	3.31
AHAM Select Bond Fund - MYR class	51,223,101	34,231,575	31,609,775	10.15
AHAM Select Opportunity Fund* AHAM World Series - Global Equity Fund (formerly known as Affin Hwang World	23,451,396	22,077,501	23,057,413	7.41
Series - Global Equity Fund) - MYR Class* AHAM World Series - China A Opportunity Fund (formerly known as Affin Hwang World Series)	20,675,822 d	15,314,914	18,438,698	5.92
- China A Opportunity Fund) - MYR Class*	9,681,960	7,284,768	5,936,010	1.91
Total collective investment schemes – local	419,478,578	309,390,976	310,898,423	99.86
Accumulated unrealised gain on collective Investment schemes – local		1,507,447		
Total collective investment schemes – local		310,898,423		

^{*} Managed by the Provider of the Fund

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10 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Cash and bank balances Deposit with licensed financial institutions	30,734 6,638,377	66,627 400,060
	6,669,111	466,687

Weighted average effective interest rates per annum of deposit with licensed financial institutions are as follows:

	<u>2024</u> %	<u>2023</u> %
Deposit with licensed financial institutions	3.00	2.75

Deposit with licensed financial institutions have an average day to maturity period of 2 days (2023: 2 days).

11 NUMBER OF UNIT IN CIRCULATION

No	2024 o. of units	2023 No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period 473	3,008,000	418,218,000
Creation of units arising from applications 36	5,890,475	39,608,176
Creation of units arising from distribution 11	,890,525	6,786,824
Cancellation of units (1,	,412,000)	(784,000)
520),377,000	463,829,000

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12 TRANSACTIONS WITH PROVIDER

(i) Details of transaction with the provider for the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024 are as follows:

	Value <u>of trade</u> RM	Percentage of total trade %
Name of provider		
AHAM Asset Management Berhad #* AIIMAN Asset Management Sdn Bhd^	166,969,737 17,750,000	90.39 9.61
	184,719,737	100.00

There is no brokerage fee paid to the Provider and its related party during the financial period.

(ii) Details of transaction with the provider for the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2023 are as follows:

	Value <u>of trade</u> RM	Percentage of total trade %
Name of provider		
AHAM Asset Management Berhad #*	152,974,788	100.00

There is no brokerage fee paid to the Provider during the financial period.

- # The Provider is of the opinion that all transactions with the Provider and related party have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.
- * AHAM Asset Management Berhad, the Provider of the Fund, is the Manager of AHAM Bond Fund, , AHAM Select Asia (ex Japan) Opportunity Fund, AHAM Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund (formerly known as Affin Hwang Select Asia (ex Japan) Quantum Fund), AHAM Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Balanced Fund, AHAM Select Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Dividend Fund, AHAM Select Bond Fund, AHAM Select Dividend Fund, AHAM Select Opportunity Fund, AHAM World Series China A Opportunity Fund (formerly known as Affin Hwang World Series Global Equity Fund) and AHAM World Series Global Equity Fund (formerly known as Affin Hwang World Series Global Equity Fund) the CIS that the Fund invested in during the financial period ended.
- ^ AIIMAN Asset Management Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Provider, is the Manager of Aiiman Global Equity Fund, one of the CIS that the Fund invested in during the financial period.

Related parties

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13 UNITS HELD BY THE PROVIDER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE PROVIDER

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

CVC Capital Partners Asia V L P. ("CVC Asia V")

Nikko Asset Management International
Limited ("NAMI")

Former substantial shareholder of the Provider

Former penultimate holding company of the Provider

Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad Former immediate holding company of the Provider

Relationship

Starlight TopCo Limited Penultimate holding company of the Provider

Starlight Universe Limited Intermediate holding company of the Provider

Starlight Asset Sdn Bhd Immediate holding company of the Provider

Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera

("LTAT")

Former ultimate holding corporate body of the Provider and substantial shareholder of the Provider

Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM") Substantial shareholder of the Provider

AHAM Asset Management Berhad The Provider

Subsidiaries and associated companies of CVC Asia V as disclosed in their of the ultimate holding company of the Provider

Subsidiaries and associated companies of ABB as disclosed in its financial statements

Subsidiaries and associated companies of the former penultimate holding company of the Provider

Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad Directors of the Provider

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

The units held by the Provider and related parties as at the end of the financial period are as follows:

		2024		2023
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
The Provider:				
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (The units are held legally for booking purposes)	16,899	11,250	3,246	2,179
Parties related to Provider:				
Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad (The units are held beneficially)	8,145,024	5,422,142	7,846,458	5,266,543

14 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

TER

6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023 %	6months financial period ended 31.1.2024 %
0.95	0.96

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A = Management fee excluding management fee rebate

B = Scheme Trustee's fees
C = PPA administration fee
D = Auditors' remuneration

E = Tax agent fee F = Other expenses

G = Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM323,869,202 (2023: RM285,407,327)

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15 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

6 months financial period ended 31.1.2024 6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023

PTR (times) 0.29 0.11

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

(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 = RM102,136,741 (2023: RM47,365,226) total disposal for the financial period = RM86,187,235 (2023: RM13,146,841)

16 SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

Change in substantial shareholders of AHAM Asset Management Berhad

On 19 April 2023, Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI") has divested all its equity interest of 27% in AHAM Asset Management Berhad to Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM") for 20% and remaining 7% of the equity interest to Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT") resulting in both NAM and LTAT becoming substantial shareholders of the Provider.

STATEMENT BY THE PROVIDER

I, Dato' Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Provider, **AHAM Asset Management Berhad**, do hereby state that in the opinion of the Provider, 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 January 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial period ended 31 January 2024 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Provider, **AHAM ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD**

DATO' TENG CHEE WAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MANAGING DIRECTOR

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