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AHAM Select Opportunity Fund

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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 Select Opportunity Fund
Fund Type	Growth
Fund Category	Equity
Investment Objective	To achieve consistent capital appreciation over the medium to long-term by investing mainly in listed Malaysian companies with good growth prospects.
Benchmark	The benchmark to be used by the Manager in measuring the performance of the Funds will be the FTSE Bursa Malaysian Top 100 Index ("FBM 100")
Distribution Policy	The Fund endeavours to distribute income, if any, on an annual basis. However, the amount of income available for distributon may fluctuate from year to year.

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

Category	As at 31 Jan 2024 (%)	As at 31 Jan 2023 (%)	As at 31 Jan 2022 (%)
Portfolio composition			
Quoted equities – local			
- Consumer product & services	4.71	3.69	3.43
- Energy	7.95	8.75	5.60
- Financial services	18.83	17.81	20.32
- Health care	9.89	1.25	4.34
- Industrial product & services	6.20	5.9	2.65
- Telecommunication & media	-	9.42	7.91
- Transportation & logistics	4.14	0.85	-
- Plantation	1.71	3.07	4.35
- Property	5.09	5.02	7.21
- Technology	11.43	5.27	15.45
- Telecommunication & Media	6.57	-	-
- Utilities	6.70	2.23	-
Total quoted equities – local	83.22	63.26	71.26
Quoted equities – foreign			
- Consumer staples	-	0.97	4.35
- Consumer discretionary	0.88	8.79	8.20
- Energy	-	-	0.98
- Financial services	1.97	5.11	2.97
- Health care	-	1.37	0.78
- Industrials	-	0.64	-
- Real estate	-	0.42	1.63
- Technology	5.35	7.37	5.68
- Telecommunication & Media	-	0.49	-
Total quoted equities – foreign	8.19	25.16	24.59
Cash & cash equivalent	8.59	11.58	4.15
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (RM'million)	539.1928	466.914	457.318
NAV per Unit (RM)	1.0879	0.9763	1.0494
Unit in Circulation (million)	495.6420	478.263	435.783
Highest NAV	1.0909	0.9870	1.1310
Lowest NAV	0.9764	0.8642	1.0406
Return of the Fund (%)	10.56	4.55	0.85
- Capital Growth (%)	10.56	4.55	0.85
- Income Distribution (%)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Expense Ratio (%) ¹	0.81	0.82	0.81
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) ²	0.35	0.44	0.47

¹ The TER of the Fund decreased slightly due to an increase in the average NAV of the Fund for the financial period.

² The PTR of the Fund decreased due to a decrease in trading activities of the Fund for the financial period.

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) x (1+Income return) – 1

Income Distribution / Unit Split

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

Income Distribution Breakdown

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

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 (28/9/01 - 31/1/24)
Fund	10.56%	12.36%	7.68%	25.62%	965.32%
Benchmark	4.92%	3.99%	(1.81%)	(5.56%)	172.14%
Outperformance	5.64%	8.37%	9.49%	31.18%	793.18%

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 (28/9/01 - 31/1/24)
Fund	12.36%	2.50%	4.66%	11.16%
Benchmark	3.99%	(0.61%)	(1.14%)	4.58%
Outperformance	8.37%	3.11%	5.80%	6.58%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	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	6.25%	(5.41%)	13.09%	(1.27%)	(1.74%)
Benchmark	0.39%	(3.07%)	(5.09%)	(1.40%)	(8.10%)
Outperformance	5.86%	(2.34%)	18.18%	0.13%	6.36%

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.

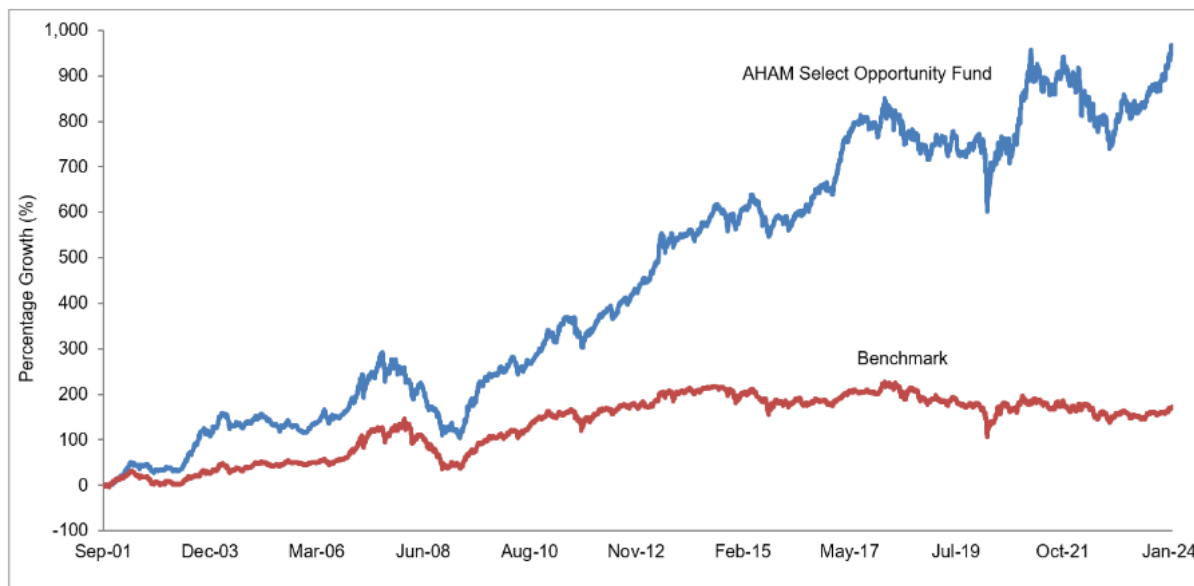
MANAGER'S REPORT

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 10.56% as compared to the benchmark return of 4.92%. The Fund thus outperformed the benchmark by 5.64%. The Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of the Fund as at 31 January 2024 was RM1.0879 while the NAV per unit on 31 July 2023 was RM0.9840.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 965.32% compared to the benchmark return of 172.14%, outperforming by 793.18%.

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



*"This information is prepared by AHAM Asset Management Berhad for information purposes only. Past earnings or the fund's distribution record is not a guarantee or reflection of the fund's future earnings/future distributions. Investors are advised that unit prices, distributions payable and investment returns may go down as well as up. Source of Benchmark is from Bloomberg."
Benchmark: FTSE Bursa Malaysia Top 100 Index*

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 equities weighting stood at 83.22% while the balance was held in cash and cash equivalent. During the period under review, the Fund's allocation into local equities was increased to 83.22%. Meanwhile, within the foreign equity space, the Manager had trimmed across all sector.

Strategy Employed

Over the period under review, the Fund maintained its objective by investing in a diversified portfolio with at least 70% of the Fund's NAV in equities and a maximum of 30% of the Fund's NAV in debentures, money market instruments. The Fund also maintained its domestic focus, with most of its holdings in the domestic market.

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 year, 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 rate 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 its 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

Within equities, we anticipate overweighting Taiwan and Korea tech sectors due to their strong earnings growth potential, driven by the cyclical rebound and their significant exposure to the AI theme. Both countries have established themselves as key players in the global technology supply chain, and could be well-positioned to capitalize on the increasing demand for advanced technological solutions. In India and Indonesia, the focus will be on banks, industrials, and consumer sectors, recognizing their growth potential within the respective economies. These sectors are poised to benefit from favorable demographic trends, rising consumer spending, and infrastructure development initiatives. Additionally, we see opportunities for value creation and market outperformance in these areas. Conversely, we are adopting an underweight stance on China and Hong Kong until there is clarity on policies aimed at stabilizing the property sector, which is currently experiencing a decline. Uncertainty surrounding regulatory measures and the potential impact on property developers and related industries necessitates a cautious approach in these markets.

On fixed income, we maintain our positive outlook in 2024 as global growth is expected to moderate on the back of restrictive monetary policies and rising geopolitical tension. Volatility is expected to persist but at a tighter range compared to 2023. Although inflation expectations have peaked, inflationary environment may persist driven by elevated commodity prices. The first half of 2024 appeared to be a smoother runway relative to the second half amid dovish sentiment and less political/policy uncertainties.

With that in mind, we expect yields to be range-bound with a downward skew in the near-term, but cautious on front-loaded rate cut expectations at the global space. The short-end of the curve looks more vulnerable to external shocks such as short-term Treasury yields foreign exchange fluctuations, while the long-end of the curve looks unattractive due to the flatness of the curve. Hence the 6 to 10-year Malaysia Government Securities (“MGS”)/Government Investment Issue (“GII”) offer better risk-adjusted return in our opinion.

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 year under review, the Fund has received soft commissions from brokers/dealers who have also executed trades for other funds managed by AHAM Asset Management Berhad. The soft commissions were utilised for goods and services in the form of research materials, data and quotation services, investment-related publications, market data feed, industry benchmarking agencies and investment-related publications to assist the Manager in the investment decision-making process. The soft commission received were for the benefit of the fund and there were no churning of trades.

Cross Trade

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

Securities Financing Transactions

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions during the financial period under review.

Changes Made to the Fund's Prospectus

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

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the 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 Management Company under the Deeds, securities laws and the the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
2. Valuation and pricing are carried out in accordance with the Deeds; and
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Deeds and any regulatory requirement.

For HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

Yap Lay Guat
Manager, Investment Compliance Monitoring

Kuala Lumpur
Date: 15 March 2024

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UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

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

	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023 RM
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Dividend income		7,665,313	6,004,839
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		288,632	592,945
Net gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange		455,506	(1,038,946)
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	44,463,760	19,021,459
		<u>52,873,211</u>	<u>24,580,297</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	(3,478,095)	(3,130,397)
Trustee fee	5	(162,525)	(146,213)
Fund accounting fee	6	(12,500)	-
Auditors' remuneration		(4,814)	(5,006)
Tax agent's fee		(23,494)	(6,480)
Transaction costs		(1,100,179)	(1,174,081)
Other expenses		(80,225)	(89,314)
		<u>(4,861,832)</u>	<u>(4,551,491)</u>
NET PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		48,011,379	20,028,806
Taxation	7	(49,938)	-
NET PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		<u><u>47,961,441</u></u>	<u><u>20,028,806</u></u>
Net profit after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		9,478,053	(3,731,302)
Unrealised amount		38,483,388	23,760,108
		<u><u>47,961,441</u></u>	<u><u>20,028,806</u></u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information and notes to the unaudited semi-annual financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	41,594,470	55,297,813
Amount due from brokers		8,816,092	12,184,859
Amount due from Manager			
- creation of units		5,162,978	-
Dividends receivables		1,338,827	1,243,944
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	492,900,107	412,833,234
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>549,812,474</u>	<u>481,559,850</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to brokers		9,733,422	13,646,244
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee		651,774	589,257
- cancellation of units		-	351,383
Amount due to Trustee		30,416	27,499
Fund accounting fee		2,083	-
Auditors' remuneration		4,814	5,006
Tax agent's fee		9,776	9,712
Tax payable		186,497	-
Other payables and accruals		880	17,190
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>10,619,662</u>	<u>14,646,291</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>539,192,812</u>	<u>466,913,559</u>
EQUITY			
Unitholders' capital		424,498,751	403,248,478
Retained earnings		114,694,061	63,665,081
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		<u>539,192,812</u>	<u>466,913,559</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	10	<u>495,642,000</u>	<u>478,263,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>1.0879</u>	<u>0.9763</u>

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

	Unitholders' <u>capital</u> RM	Retained <u>earnings</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Balance as at 1 August 2023	382,060,287	66,732,620	448,792,907
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	47,961,441	47,961,441
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	74,408,983	-	74,408,983
Cancellation of units	(31,970,519)	-	(31,970,519)
Balance as at 31 January 2024	<u>424,498,751</u>	<u>114,694,061</u>	<u>539,192,812</u>
Balance as at 1 August 2022	370,672,558	43,636,275	414,308,833
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	20,028,806	20,028,806
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	44,682,421	-	44,682,421
Cancellation of units	(12,106,501)	-	(12,106,501)
Balance as at 31 January 2023	<u>403,248,478</u>	<u>63,665,081</u>	<u>466,913,559</u>

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

	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended <u>31.1.2024</u> RM	6 months financial period ended <u>31.1.2023</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		143,542,133	128,916,760
Purchase of investments		(166,111,729)	(200,366,246)
Dividends received		6,567,505	5,384,074
Interest received		288,632	592,945
Management fee paid		(3,389,870)	(3,061,937)
Trustee fee paid		(158,408)	(143,018)
Fund accounting fee paid		(10,417)	-
Payment for other fees and expenses		(1,220,057)	(1,277,373)
Realised gain on foreign currency exchange		2,067,528	2,157,917
Tax paid		(110,500)	-
Net cash flows used in operating activities		<u>(18,535,183)</u>	<u>(67,796,878)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from creation of units		69,246,005	44,816,401
Payments for cancellation of units		(32,345,897)	(11,769,159)
Net cash flows generated from financing activities		<u>36,900,108</u>	<u>33,047,242</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		18,364,925	(34,749,636)
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE		358,177	(976,742)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		<u>22,871,368</u>	<u>91,024,191</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	9	<u><u>41,594,470</u></u>	<u><u>55,297,813</u></u>

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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 revenue and expenses during the reported financial period. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the Manager's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note K.

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

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

(b) Standards and amendments that have been issued that are applicable to the Fund but not yet effective:

- Amendments to MFRS 101 'Classification of liabilities as current or non-current' (effective 1 January 2024) clarify that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification is unaffected by the entity's expectations or events after the reporting date (e.g. the receipt of a waiver or a breach of covenant). In addition, the amendments clarify that when a liability could be settled by the transfer of an entity's own equity instruments (e.g. a conversion option in a convertible bond), conversion option meeting the definition of an equity instrument in MFRS 132 'Financial Instruments: Presentation' does not impact the current or non-current classification of the convertible instrument.

The amendments also specify that covenants of loan arrangements which an entity must comply with only after the reporting date would not affect classification of a liability as current or non-current at the reporting date. However, those covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or before the reporting date would affect classification of a liability as current or non-current, even if the covenant is only assessed after the reporting date.

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

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B INCOME RECOGNITION

Dividend income

Dividend income from 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 deposits with licensed financial institutions are recognised based on effective interest rate method on an accruals 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 quoted equities, 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 TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They include the bid-ask spread, fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as expenses.

D 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.

Tax on investment income from foreign investments is based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in.

Withholding taxes on investment income from investments are based on tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in. Such withholding taxes are not "income tax" in nature and are recognised, measured based on the requirements of MFRS 137. They are presented within other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

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.

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F FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATIONS

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in statement of comprehensive income, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

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

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

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 financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). However, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments and derivatives not designated as hedging instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from brokers and dividends receivable as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of amount outstanding.

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

(ii) Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

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.

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G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(ii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

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 including the effects of foreign transactions are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within 'net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit and loss' in the period which they arise.

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial period end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the securities, for example during abnormal market conditions or when no market price is available, including in the event of a suspension in the quotation of the securities for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Manager, based on the methods or basis approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

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

(iii) Impairment

The Fund's financial assets measured at amortised cost are subject to expected credit losses. The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management 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.

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G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(iii) Impairment (continued)

Qualitative criteria:

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

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

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

Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount.

The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in bad debt recoveries. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period.

H 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.

I AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) BROKERS

Amounts due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively. The due from brokers balance is held for collection. Refer to Note G for accounting policy on recognition and measurement.

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

Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

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J UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

The unit holders' contributions to the Fund meet the criteria to be classified as equity instruments under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation". Those criteria include:

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value;
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;
- there are 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 unit holder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

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

K 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 contents on the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impacts to the Fund's results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

Estimates and judgement are continually evaluated by the Manager and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

However, the Manager is of the opinion that there are no accounting policies which require significant judgement to be exercised.

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

L REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX

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

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1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Unit Trust Fund was constituted under the name HwangDBS Select Opportunity Fund (the "Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 13 August 2001, First Supplemental Deed dated 18 June 2007, Second Supplemental Deed dated 15 October 2008, Third Supplemental Deed dated 18 January 2012, Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 27 June 2014, Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 28 April 2017 and Sixth Supplemental Deed dated 5 October 2018 (the "Deeds") entered into between AHAM Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad (the "Trustee"). The Fund has changed its name from HwangDBS Select Opportunity Fund to Hwang Select Opportunity Fund as amended by the Third Supplemental Deed dated 18 January 2012, from Hwang Select Opportunity Fund to Affin Hwang Select Opportunity Fund as amended by Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 27 June 2014 and from Affin Hwang Select Opportunity Fund to AHAM Select Opportunity Fund as amended by the Seventh Supplemental Deed dated 6 October 2022.

The Fund commenced operations on 7 September 2001 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under Clause 13.1 of the Deed.

The Fund may invest in any of the following investments:

- a) Listed securities on eligible market
- b) Unlisted securities including, without limitation, securities that have been approved by the relevant regulatory authorities for the listing of and quotation for such securities;
- c) Debentures;
- d) Money market instruments;
- e) Deposits;
- f) Derivatives, for the purpose of hedging only;
- g) Warrants;
- h) Units or shares in collective investment schemes; and
- i) Any other form of investments permitted by the SC from time to time which are in line with the objective of the Fund.

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

The main objective of the Fund is to achieve consistent capital appreciation over the medium to long-term through investing mainly in listed Malaysian companies with good growth prospects.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager 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 Manager has changed its name from Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad to AHAM Asset Management Berhad.

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

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2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	9	41,594,470	-	41,594,470
Amount due from brokers		8,816,092	-	8,816,092
Amount due from Manager				
- creation of units		5,162,978	-	5,162,978
Dividends receivables		1,338,827	-	1,338,827
Quoted equities	8	-	492,900,107	492,900,107
Total		<u>56,912,367</u>	<u>492,900,107</u>	<u>549,812,474</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to brokers		9,733,422	-	9,733,422
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		651,774	-	651,774
Amount due to Trustee		30,416	-	30,416
Fund accounting fee		2,083	-	2,083
Auditors' remuneration		4,814	-	4,814
Tax agent's fee		9,776	-	9,776
Other payables and accruals		880	-	880
Total		<u>10,433,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,433,165</u>
<u>2023</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	9	55,297,813	-	55,297,813
Amount due from brokers		12,184,859	-	12,184,859
Dividends receivable		1,243,944	-	1,243,944
Quoted equities	8	-	412,833,234	412,833,234
Total		<u>68,726,616</u>	<u>412,833,234</u>	<u>481,559,850</u>

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

Financial instruments are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u> (continued)				
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to brokers		13,646,244	-	13,646,244
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		589,257	-	589,257
- cancellation of units		351,383	-	351,383
Amount due to Trustee		27,499	-	27,499
Auditors' remuneration		5,006	-	5,006
Tax agent's fee		9,712	-	9,712
Other payables and accruals		17,190	-	17,190
		<u>14,646,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,646,291</u>
Total		<u>14,646,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,646,291</u>

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

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

Market risk

(a) Price risk

Price risk arises mainly from the uncertainty about future prices of investments. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Manager manages the risk of unfavourable changes in prices by continuous monitoring of the performance and risk profile of the investment portfolio.

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

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Quoted investments		
Quoted equities	<u>492,900,107</u>	<u>412,833,234</u>

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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 profit after taxation and net asset value ("NAV") to price risk movements. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 15% (2023: 4%) and decreased by 15% (2023: 4%) with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the unquoted securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> RM	<u>Impact on</u> <u>profit after</u> <u>tax/NAV</u> RM
<u>2024</u>		
-15%	418,965,091	(73,935,016)
0%	492,900,107	-
+15%	566,835,123	73,935,016
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>2023</u>		
-4%	396,319,905	(16,513,329)
0%	412,833,234	-
+4%	429,346,563	16,513,329
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

(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 deposit placement with a financial institution. The Manager 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 the deposit is held on a short-term basis.

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

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with investments denominated in foreign currencies. When the foreign currencies fluctuate in an unfavourable movement against Ringgit Malaysia, the investments will face currency losses in addition to the capital gain/(loss). The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of a foreign currency versus Ringgit Malaysia based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest rate differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels, and technical chart considerations.

The following table sets out the foreign currency risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund:

	<u>Quoted equities</u> RM	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Other assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Chinese Yuan	-	252	-	252
Euro	-	1,011	-	1,011
Hong Kong Dollar	9,133,443	19,773	7,827,233	16,980,449
Indian Rupee	6,214,341	-	-	6,214,341
Korean Won	6,535,817	11	-	6,535,828
Singapore Dollar	-	57,581	-	57,581
Taiwan Dollar	22,310,659	-	-	22,310,659
United States Dollar	-	8,170,886	-	8,170,886
	<u>44,194,260</u>	<u>8,249,514</u>	<u>7,827,233</u>	<u>60,271,007</u>
			<u>Other liabilities#</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Euro			12	12

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

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk (continued)

The following table sets out the foreign currency risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund:
(continued)

	<u>Quoted equities</u> RM	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Other assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u>				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Chinese Yuan	7,986,039	1,072,072	-	9,058,111
Euro	8,887,726	123,878	-	9,011,604
Hong Kong Dollar	69,892,164	4,584,868	5,644,405	80,121,437
Indonesian Rupiah	4,716,134	-	4,741,507	9,457,641
Korean Won	10,180,438	11	71,118	10,251,567
Singapore Dollar	-	47,645	-	47,645
Taiwan Dollar	11,258,914	-	-	11,258,914
Thai Baht	4,545,445	-	-	4,545,445
United States Dollar	-	4,924,784	-	4,924,784
	<u>117,466,860</u>	<u>10,753,258</u>	<u>10,457,030</u>	<u>138,677,148</u>
			<u>Other liabilities#</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Euro			11	11

* Other assets consist of amount due from brokers and dividend receivable.

Other liabilities consist of other payables and accruals.

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

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk (continued)

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit after taxation and NAV to foreign exchange movement. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes by 10% (2023: 10%), with all other variables remain constants. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Any increase/(decrease) in foreign exchange rate will result in a corresponding (decrease)/increase in the net assets attributable to unitholders by approximately 10% (2023: 10%). Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

	Change in price %	Impact on profit after tax/NAV RM
<u>2024</u>		
Chinese Yuan	+/- 10	+/- 25
Euro	+/- 10	+/- 100
Hong Kong Dollar	+/- 10	+/- 1,698,045
Indian Rupee	+/- 10	+/- 621,434
Korean Won	+/- 10	+/- 653,583
Singapore Dollar	+/- 10	+/- 5,758
Taiwan Dollar	+/- 10	+/- 2,231,066
United States Dollar	+/- 10	+/- 817,089
<u>2023</u>		
Chinese Yuan	+/- 10	+/- 905,811
Euro	+/- 10	+/- 901,159
Hong Kong Dollar	+/- 10	+/- 8,012,144
Indonesian Rupiah	+/- 10	+/- 945,764
Korean Won	+/- 10	+/- 1,025,157
Singapore Dollar	+/- 10	+/- 4,765
Taiwan Dollar	+/- 10	+/- 1,125,891
Thai Baht	+/- 10	+/- 454,545
United States Dollar	+/- 10	+/- 492,478

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of an issuer or counterparty to make timely payments of interest, principals and proceeds from realisation of investments. The Manager manages the credit risk by undertaking credit evaluation to minimise such risk.

The settlement terms of amount due from brokers are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by the respective stock exchanges.

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.

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

Credit risk (continued)

Credit risk arising from placement of deposit in licensed financial institution is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions.

The settlement terms of amount due from brokers are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by the respective stock exchanges.

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

	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> RM	<u>Other assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>			
Financial Services			
- AAA	41,594,470	-	41,594,470
- NR	-	1,172,827	1,172,827
Consumer Product & Services			
- NR	-	7,827,233	7,827,233
Energy			
- NR	-	988,859	988,859
Technology			
- NR	-	166,000	166,000
Other			
- NR	-	5,162,978	5,162,978
	<u>41,594,470</u>	<u>15,317,897</u>	<u>56,912,367</u>
<u>2023</u>			
Financial Services			
- AAA	55,297,813	-	55,297,813
- NR	-	6,817,232	6,817,232
Technology			
- NR	-	71,117	71,117
Transport & Logistic			
- NR	-	1,798,947	1,798,947
Other			
- NR	-	4,741,507	4,741,507
	<u>55,297,813</u>	<u>13,428,803</u>	<u>68,726,616</u>

* Other assets consist of amount due from brokers and dividends receivable.

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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 Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of units by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise bank balances, 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>Within one month</u> RM	<u>Between one month to one year</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>			
Amount due to brokers	9,733,422	-	9,733,422
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	651,774	-	651,774
Amount due to Trustee	30,416	-	30,416
Fund accounting fee	2,083	-	2,083
Auditors' remuneration	-	4,814	4,814
Tax agent's fee	-	9,776	9,776
Other payables and accruals	-	880	880
	<u>10,417,695</u>	<u>15,470</u>	<u>10,433,165</u>
<u>2023</u>			
Amount due to brokers	13,646,244	-	13,646,244
Amount due to Manager			
- management fee	589,257	-	589,257
- creation of units	351,383	-	351,383
Amount due to Trustee	27,499	-	27,499
Auditors' remuneration	-	5,006	5,006
Tax agent's fee	-	9,712	9,712
Other payables and accruals	-	17,190	17,190
	<u>14,614,383</u>	<u>31,908</u>	<u>14,646,291</u>

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unitholders' capital and retained earnings. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

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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 financial 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 and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques.

(i) Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2)
- Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement 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:

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2024</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- quoted equities	492,900,107	-	-	492,900,107

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3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- quoted equities	412,833,234	-	-	412,833,234

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

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

4 MANAGEMENT FEE

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

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.50% (2023: 1.50%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund calculated on daily basis as stated in the Prospectus.

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

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5 TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 0.3% per annum on the NAV of the Fund.

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.07% (2023: 0.07%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM18,000 per annum, inclusive of local custodian fee but exclusive of foreign sub-custodian fee calculated on daily basis as stated in the Prospectus.

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

6 FUND ACCOUNTING FEE

The Fund valuation and accounting fee for the Fund is RM12,500 (2023: RM Nil) during the financial period.

7 TAXATION

	6 months financial period ended <u>31.1.2024</u> RM	6 months financial period ended <u>31.1.2023</u> RM
Current taxation	49,938	-

The numerical reconciliation between net profit before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	6 months financial period ended <u>31.1.2024</u> RM	6 months financial period ended <u>31.1.2023</u> RM
Net profit before taxation	48,011,379	20,028,806
Tax at Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	11,522,731	4,806,913
Tax effects of:		
Investment income not subject to tax	(12,689,570)	(5,899,271)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	329,732	338,651
Restrictions on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	837,107	753,707
Foreign income subject to different tax rate	49,938	-
Tax expense	49,938	-

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8 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:		
- quoted equities - local	448,705,847	295,366,374
- quoted equities - foreign	44,194,260	117,466,860
	<u>492,900,107</u>	<u>412,833,234</u>
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- realised gain /(loss) on sale of investments	6,338,549	(7,935,512)
- unrealised gain on changes in fair value	38,125,211	26,956,971
	<u>44,463,760</u>	<u>19,021,459</u>

(a) Quoted equities - local

(i) Quoted equities - local as at 31 January 2024 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost</u> RM	<u>Fair value</u> RM	<u>Percentage of NAV</u> %
<u>Consumer Product & Services</u>				
Genting Bhd	1,600,000	4,429,120	4,320,000	0.80
Sime Darby Bhd	8,705,200	19,764,515	21,066,584	3.91
	<u>10,305,200</u>	<u>24,193,635</u>	<u>25,386,584</u>	<u>4.71</u>
<u>Energy</u>				
Dialog Group Bhd	8,918,600	21,031,686	16,321,038	3.03
Yinson Holdings Bhd	10,439,600	22,599,307	26,516,584	4.92
	<u>19,358,200</u>	<u>43,630,993</u>	<u>42,837,622</u>	<u>7.95</u>
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Aeon Credit Service	513,500	3,035,333	3,024,515	0.56
Allianz Malaysia Bhd - PA	1,416,458	6,277,872	27,479,285	5.10
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	4,920,822	25,266,518	30,558,305	5.67
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	705,700	13,453,343	13,436,528	2.49
Hong Leong Financial Group	280,000	4,508,000	4,592,000	0.85
Malayan Banking Bhd	1,671,698	14,321,974	15,463,207	2.87
RHB Bank Bhd	1,243,846	6,913,882	6,953,099	1.29
	<u>10,752,024</u>	<u>73,776,922</u>	<u>101,506,939</u>	<u>18.83</u>

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

(a) Quoted equities - local (continued)

(i) Quoted equities - local as at 31 January 2024 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
Hartalega Holding	4,946,300	9,196,888	13,552,862	2.51
Kossan Rubber Industries	6,982,000	8,940,543	14,243,280	2.64
KPJ Healthcare Bhd	15,975,800	17,508,622	25,561,280	4.74
	<u>27,904,100</u>	<u>35,646,053</u>	<u>53,357,422</u>	<u>9.89</u>
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Hiap Teck Venture Bhd	39,023,300	16,729,493	14,633,738	2.71
Sunway Bhd	7,021,240	10,941,441	18,816,923	3.49
	<u>46,044,540</u>	<u>27,670,934</u>	<u>33,450,661</u>	<u>6.20</u>
<u>Plantation</u>				
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	415,000	9,742,549	9,213,000	1.71
<u>Property</u>				
Eco World Development Group Bhd	5,332,800	3,148,523	7,039,296	1.31
Mah Sing Group Bhd	21,686,300	17,938,492	20,385,122	3.78
	<u>27,019,100</u>	<u>21,087,015</u>	<u>27,424,418</u>	<u>5.09</u>
<u>Technology</u>				
CTOS Digital Bhd	11,973,500	16,932,528	16,882,635	3.13
Frontken Corporation Bhd	3,083,500	8,221,024	10,638,075	1.97
Inari Amertron Bhd	4,965,100	15,576,261	15,789,018	2.93
ITMax System Bhd	9,220,100	13,706,729	18,347,999	3.40
	<u>29,242,200</u>	<u>54,436,542</u>	<u>61,657,727</u>	<u>11.43</u>
<u>Telecommunication & Media</u>				
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	2,788,197	13,978,364	16,394,598	3.04
TIME dotCom Bhd	3,456,100	13,514,677	19,008,550	3.53
	<u>6,244,297</u>	<u>27,493,041</u>	<u>35,403,148</u>	<u>6.57</u>

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

(a) Quoted equities - local (continued)

(i) Quoted equities - local as at 31 January 2024 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Transportation & Logistics</u>				
Malaysia Airports Holdings	2,906,500	20,736,147	22,321,920	4.14
<u>Utilities</u>				
Mega First Corp Bhd	3,922,400	13,436,058	15,258,136	2.83
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	1,959,500	18,154,812	20,888,270	3.87
	<u>5,881,900</u>	<u>31,590,870</u>	<u>36,146,406</u>	<u>6.70</u>
Total quoted equities – local	<u>186,073,061</u>	<u>370,004,701</u>	<u>448,705,847</u>	<u>83.22</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – local		<u>78,701,146</u>		
Total quoted equities – local		<u>448,705,847</u>		

(ii) Quoted equities - local as at 31 January 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Consumer Product & Services</u>				
Genting Bhd	3,503,000	16,029,948	17,269,790	3.69
<u>Energy</u>				
Dialog Group Bhd	4,031,600	10,340,011	10,441,844	2.24
Yinson Holdings Bhd	11,299,400	23,175,490	30,395,386	6.51
	<u>15,331,000</u>	<u>33,515,501</u>	<u>40,837,230</u>	<u>8.75</u>
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Allianz Malaysia Bhd - PA	1,416,458	6,277,872	19,858,741	4.25
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	2,972,522	15,052,237	17,092,002	3.66
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	698,100	13,140,741	14,325,012	3.07
Malayan Banking Bhd	1,735,098	14,753,950	15,147,406	3.24
RHB Bank Bhd	2,942,195	16,432,532	16,770,511	3.59
	<u>9,764,373</u>	<u>65,657,332</u>	<u>83,193,672</u>	<u>17.81</u>

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

(a) Quoted equities - local (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities - local as at 31 January 2023 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
IHH Healthcare Bhd	983,300	5,985,195	5,821,136	1.25
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Petronas Chemical Group Bhd	660,900	5,840,423	5,518,515	1.18
Press Metal Aluminium Holding Bhd	1,955,000	9,495,238	10,107,350	2.17
Sunway Bhd	7,449,140	11,571,270	11,918,624	2.55
	<u>10,065,040</u>	<u>26,906,931</u>	<u>27,544,489</u>	<u>5.90</u>
<u>Plantation</u>				
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	670,000	15,728,935	14,351,400	3.07
<u>Property</u>				
Eco World Development Group Bhd	25,274,600	14,826,611	17,313,101	3.71
Mah Sing Group Bhd	10,158,000	7,724,682	6,094,800	1.31
	<u>35,432,600</u>	<u>22,551,293</u>	<u>23,407,901</u>	<u>5.02</u>
<u>Technology</u>				
CTOS Digital Bhd	2,582,600	3,930,859	3,951,378	0.85
Frontken Corporation Bhd	2,035,800	4,768,051	6,677,424	1.43
Inari Amertron Bhd	2,595,200	8,013,018	6,721,568	1.44
ITMax System Bhd	4,686,000	6,462,299	7,216,440	1.55
	<u>11,899,600</u>	<u>23,174,227</u>	<u>24,566,810</u>	<u>5.27</u>
<u>Telecommunication & Media</u>				
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	3,407,197	17,004,536	17,751,496	3.80
TIME dotCom Bhd	5,020,500	17,428,283	26,257,215	5.62
	<u>8,427,697</u>	<u>34,432,819</u>	<u>44,008,711</u>	<u>9.42</u>
<u>Transportation & Logistics</u>				
Swift Haulage Bhd	8,127,900	3,251,160	3,982,671	0.85

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

(a) Quoted equities - local (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities - local as at 31 January 2023 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Utilities</u>				
Mega First Corporation Bhd	1,873,900	6,796,685	6,671,084	1.43
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	394,000	3,609,415	3,711,480	0.80
	<u>2,267,900</u>	<u>10,406,100</u>	<u>10,382,564</u>	<u>2.23</u>
Total quoted equities – local	<u>106,472,410</u>	257,639,441	<u>295,366,374</u>	<u>63.26</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – local		<u>37,726,933</u>		
Total quoted equities – local		<u>295,366,374</u>		

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

(b) Quoted equities - foreign

(i) Quoted equities - foreign as at 31 January 2024 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Hong Kong</u>				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
Samsonite International SA	357,000	5,009,597	4,708,473	0.88
<u>Financial Services</u>				
AIA Group Ltd	120,000	5,190,200	4,424,970	0.82
<u>India</u>				
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Astra International Tbk PT	74,700	7,114,431	6,214,341	1.15
<u>South Korea</u>				
<u>Technology</u>				
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	25,360	7,068,825	6,535,817	1.21
<u>Taiwan</u>				
<u>Technology</u>				
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	112,800	9,677,729	10,710,766	1.99
Unimicron Technology Corp	164,000	4,356,017	4,364,237	0.81
United Microelectronics Corp	560,600	4,192,238	4,149,135	0.77
WIWYNN Corp	9,300	2,409,695	3,086,521	0.57
	846,700	20,635,679	22,310,659	4.14
Total quoted equities – foreign	1,423,760	45,018,732	44,194,260	8.19
Accumulated unrealised loss on quoted equities –foreign		(824,472)		
Total quoted equities – foreign		44,194,260		

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

(b) Quoted equities - foreign (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities - foreign as at 31 January 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>China</u>				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
China Tourism Group	15,000	1,990,665	2,010,375	0.43
<u>Industrials</u>				
Nari Technology Development	178,200	3,315,002	2,967,688	0.64
<u>Technology</u>				
Shengyi Technology Co Ltd	45,426	3,159,558	3,007,976	0.64
<u>France</u>				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	2,405	7,242,739	8,887,726	1.90
<u>Hong Kong</u>				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd	127,100	7,512,677	7,435,541	1.59
JD.com Inc	48,952	7,728,030	6,164,421	1.32
Li Ning Company Ltd	136,500	5,255,893	5,734,671	1.23
Samsonite International SA	269,700	3,141,828	3,397,742	0.73
Shenzhen Intl Group Holdings	93,700	4,241,863	5,009,919	1.07
	<u>675,952</u>	<u>27,880,291</u>	<u>27,742,294</u>	<u>5.94</u>
<u>Financial Services</u>				
AIA Group Ltd	120,000	5,190,200	5,782,669	1.24
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd	35,500	6,424,418	6,804,187	1.46
	<u>155,500</u>	<u>11,614,618</u>	<u>12,586,856</u>	<u>2.70</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
WuXi Biologics Cayman Inc	180,000	7,180,804	6,391,629	1.37

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

(b) Quoted equities - foreign (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities - foreign as at 31 January 2023 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Aggregate cost RM</u>	<u>Fair value RM</u>	<u>Percentage of NAV %</u>
<u>Hong Kong (continued)</u>				
<u>Real Estate</u>				
Link REIT	57,198	2,131,985	1,951,672	0.42
<u>Technology</u>				
Baidu Inc	67,050	4,971,177	4,831,092	1.03
Meituan	68,980	6,368,757	6,550,541	1.40
Tencent Holdings Ltd	47,300	9,882,243	9,838,080	2.11
	<u>183,330</u>	<u>21,222,177</u>	<u>21,219,713</u>	<u>4.54</u>
<u>Indonesia</u>				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
Astra International Tbk PT	1,422,700	2,354,159	2,414,180	0.52
<u>Telecommunication & Media</u>				
Telkom Indonesia Persero Tbk PT	2,110,800	2,354,100	2,301,954	0.49
<u>South Korea</u>				
<u>Technology</u>				
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd				
- Preference Shares	23,711	4,466,651	4,513,507	0.97
Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co Ltd	8,114	3,846,221	4,007,381	0.86
Samsung SDI Co Ltd	700	1,349,316	1,659,550	0.36
	<u>32,525</u>	<u>9,662,188</u>	<u>10,180,438</u>	<u>2.19</u>
<u>Taiwan</u>				
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	152,000	12,267,462	11,258,914	2.41

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

(b) Quoted equities - foreign (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities - foreign as at 31 January 2023 are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Thailand</u>				
<u>Consumer Staples</u>				
CP ALL PCL	528,900	4,279,047	4,545,445	0.97
Total quoted equities – foreign	<u>5,739,936</u>	116,654,795	<u>117,466,860</u>	<u>25.16</u>
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities –foreign		<u>812,065</u>		
Total quoted equities – foreign		<u>117,466,860</u>		

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9 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Cash and bank balances	8,361,064	10,902,512
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	33,233,406	44,395,301
	<u>41,594,470</u>	<u>55,297,813</u>

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

	<u>2024</u> %	<u>2023</u> %
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	<u>3.00</u>	<u>1.75</u>

Deposits with a licensed financial institution have an average maturity of 2 days (2023: 2 days).

10 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	<u>2024</u> No. of units	<u>2023</u> No. of units
At beginning of the financial period	456,099,000	443,670,000
Creation of units from applications	71,344,000	47,841,000
Cancellation of units	(31,801,000)	(13,248,000)
At the end of the financial period	<u>495,642,000</u>	<u>478,263,000</u>

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11 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

- (i) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024 are as follows:

<u>Name of brokers</u>	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total trade</u> %	<u>Brokerage fees</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total brokerage</u> %
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd	35,137,513	10.65	86,818	11.43
CLSA Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	29,075,834	8.81	55,768	7.34
Credit Lyonnais Sec Seoul	22,130,976	6.71	55,327	7.28
JP Morgan Sec Asia Pac Ltd	21,215,543	6.43	49,111	6.47
CLSA Singapore Pte Ltd	21,069,561	6.39	14,869	1.96
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	18,065,621	5.47	45,164	5.95
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	17,448,464	5.29	43,621	5.74
Macquarie Capital Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	17,212,948	5.22	43,032	5.67
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd #	14,949,886	4.53	33,979	4.47
Daiwa Sec Cathay Taipei	13,231,637	4.01	33,079	4.36
Others	120,412,322	36.49	298,725	39.33
	<u>329,950,305</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>759,493</u>	<u>100.00</u>

- (ii) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2023 are as follows:

<u>Name of brokers</u>	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total trade</u> %	<u>Brokerage fees</u> RM	<u>Percentage of total brokerage</u> %
JP Morgan Sec Malaysia Sdn Bhd	31,400,969	8.86	78,502	9.48
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	28,300,415	7.99	70,751	8.54
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd #	27,239,208	7.69	57,923	7.00
CLSA Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	23,710,810	6.69	56,202	6.79
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	21,715,010	6.13	54,288	6.56
Credit Suisse Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	19,404,437	5.47	48,511	5.86
UOB Kay Hian Pte Ltd	19,193,728	5.42	47,984	5.79
Macquarie Capital Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	16,307,109	4.60	33,038	3.99
Public Investment Bank Bhd	14,765,505	4.17	36,914	4.46
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd	13,524,860	3.82	24,395	2.95
Others	138,736,096	39.16	319,422	38.58
	<u>354,298,147</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>827,930</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Included in transactions with broker are trades in the stockbroking industry with Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd, the immediate former holding company of the Manager amounting RM14,949,886 (2023: RM27,239,208). The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related companies have been entered into at agreed terms between the related parties.

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

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

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
CVC Capital Partners Asia V L.P. ("CVC Asia V")	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT")	Former ultimate holding corporate body of the Manager and substantial shareholder of the Manager
Affin Bank Berhad ("ABB")	Former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	Former immediate holding company of the Manager
Starlight TopCo Limited	Penultimate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Universe Limited	Intermediate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Asset Sdn Bhd	Immediate holding company of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI")	Former substantial shareholder of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager
AHAM Asset Management Berhad	The Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of CVC Asia V as disclosed in their financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of the Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of ABB as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad	Directors of the Manager

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

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

	2024		2023	
	No. of Units	RM	No. of. Units	RM
<u>The Manager:</u>				
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (The units are held legally for booking purpose)	221,894	241,398	33,508	32,714
	221,894	241,398	33,508	32,714
<u>Parties related to the Manager:</u>				
Director of AHAM Asset Management Berhad (The units are held beneficially)	971,338	1,056,719	-	-
	971,338	1,056,719	-	-

Other than the above, there were no units held by the Directors or parties related to the Manager.

13 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (“TER”)

	6 months financial period ended <u>31.1.2024</u> %	6 months financial period ended <u>31.1.2023</u> %
TER	0.81	0.82
	0.81	0.82

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A	=	Management fee, excluding management fee rebates
B	=	Trustee fees
C	=	Auditors' remuneration
D	=	Tax agent's fee
E	=	Fund accounting fee
F	=	Other expenses, excluding sales and services tax on transaction costs and withholding tax
G	=	Average NAV of Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM460,382,233 (2023: RM414,308,214).

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14 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2024	6 months financial period ended 31.1.2023
PTR (times)	0.35	0.44

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

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

where: total acquisition for the financial period = RM175,668,971 (2023: RM214,012,490)
total disposal for the financial period = RM147,989,875 (2023: RM147,450,208)

15 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS 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 Manager.

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STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Dato' Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Manager, **AHAM Asset Management Berhad**, do hereby state that in the opinion of the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 36 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 6 months financial period ended 31 January 2024 in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

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

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