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QUARTERLY REPORT

FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	AHAM World Series – China A Opportunity Fund
Fund Type	Growth
Fund Category	Feeder (Wholesale)
Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long term period
Benchmark	MSCI China A Onshore
Distribution Policy	The Fund is not expected to make distribution. However, incidental distribution may be declared whenever is appropriate.

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

USD Class

Category	As at 31 Aug 2023	As at 31 May 2023
Total NAV (million)	13.675	17.107
NAV per Unit (USD)	0.4471	0.4693
Unit in Circulation (million)	30.587	36.448

AUD-Hedged Class

Category	As at 31 Aug 2023	As at 31 May 2023
Total NAV (million)	16.331	19.522
NAV per Unit (AUD)	0.4037	0.4258
Unit in Circulation (million)	40.453	45.846

MYR-Hedged Class

Category	As at 31 Aug 2023	As at 31 May 2023
Total NAV (million)	434.997	509.390
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.4316	0.4554
Unit in Circulation (million)	1007.823	1118.617

MYR Class

Category	As at 31 Aug 2023	As at 31 May 2023
Total NAV (million)	104.904	131.670
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.4699	0.5375
Unit in Circulation (million)	223.232	244.981

SGD-Hedged Class

Category	As at 31 Aug 2023	As at 31 May 2023
Total NAV (million)	13.271	15.834
NAV per Unit (SGD)	0.4160	0.4383
Unit in Circulation (million)	31.901	36.127

Fund Performance

USD Class

Performance as at 31 August 2024

	3 Months (1/6/24 - 31/8/24)	6 Months (1/3/24 - 31/8/24)	1 Year (1/9/23 - 31/8/24)	3 Years (1/9/21 - 31/8/24)	5 Years (1/9/19 - 31/8/24)	Since Commencement (29/1/19 - 31/8/24)
Fund	(4.73%)	(3.04%)	(9.00%)	(34.32%)	(23.43%)	(10.58%)
Benchmark	(4.89%)	(4.09%)	(9.16%)	(36.49%)	(0.63%)	13.94%
Outperformance	0.16%	1.05%	0.16%	2.17%	(22.80%)	(24.52%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



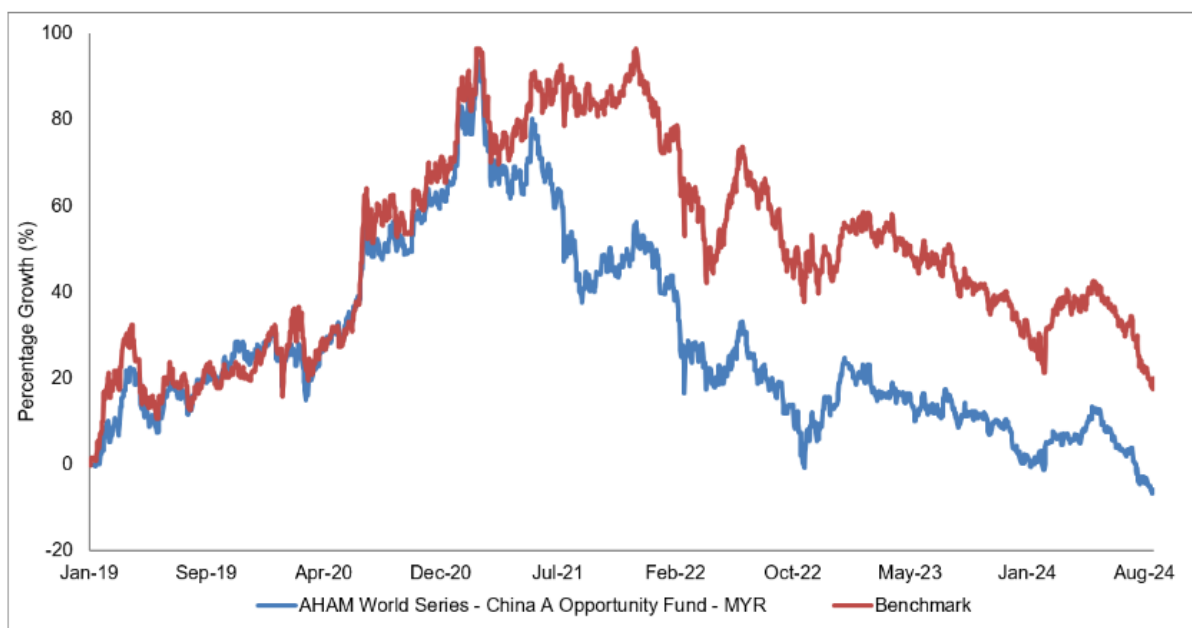
MYR Class

Performance as at 31 August 2024

	3 Months (1/6/24 - 31/8/24)	6 Months (1/3/24 - 31/8/24)	1 Year (1/9/23 - 31/8/24)	3 Years (1/9/21 - 31/8/24)	5 Years (1/9/19 - 31/8/24)	Since Commencement (29/1/19 - 31/8/24)
Fund	(12.58%)	(11.66%)	(15.24%)	(31.71%)	(21.37%)	(6.02%)
Benchmark	(12.73%)	(12.68%)	(15.42%)	(33.97%)	1.76%	19.83%
Outperformance	0.15%	1.02%	0.18%	2.26%	(23.13%)	(25.85%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



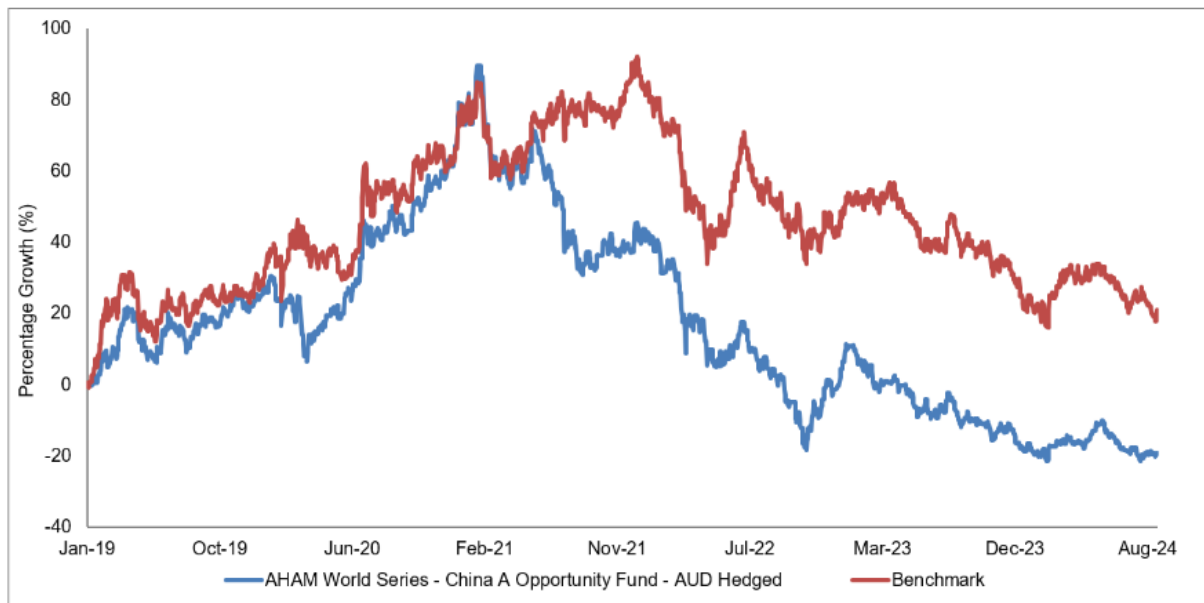
AUD Hedged-Class

Performance as at 31 August 2024

	3 Months (1/6/24 - 31/8/24)	6 Months (1/3/24 - 31/8/24)	1 Year (1/9/23 - 31/8/24)	3 Years (1/9/21 - 31/8/24)	5 Years (1/9/19 - 31/8/24)	Since Commencement (29/1/19 - 31/8/24)
Fund	(5.19%)	(3.95%)	(10.63%)	(38.21%)	(30.84%)	(19.26%)
Benchmark	(6.54%)	(7.83%)	(13.03%)	(31.29%)	(1.08%)	20.82%
Outperformance	1.35%	3.88%	2.40%	(6.92%)	(29.76%)	(40.08%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



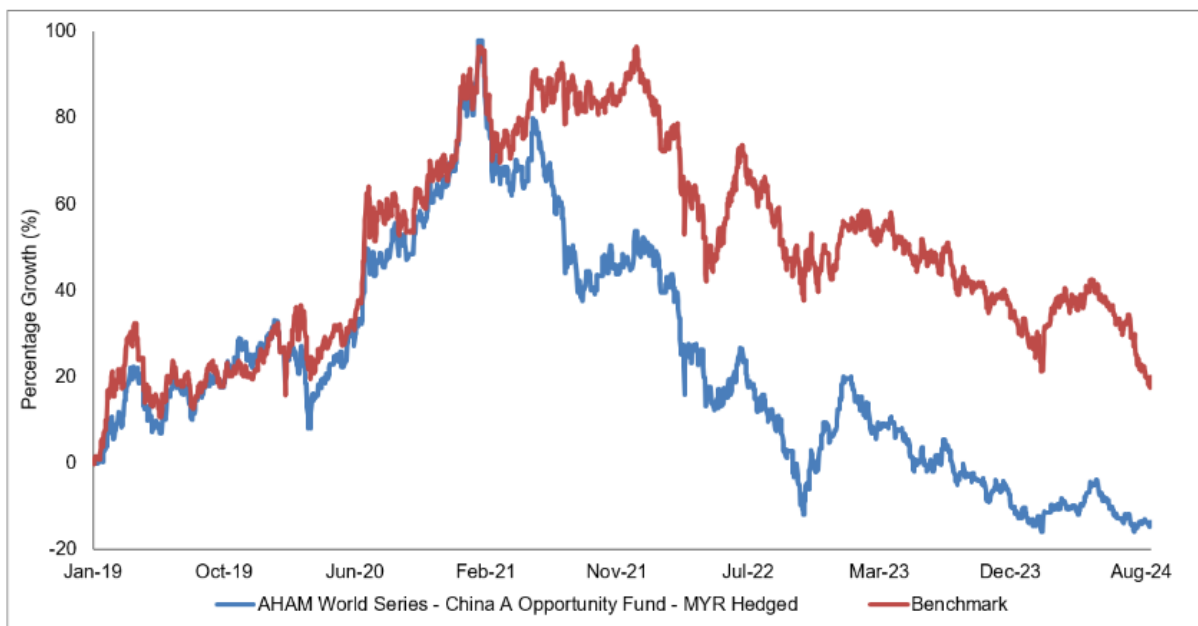
MYR Hedged-Class

Performance as at 31 August 2024

	3 Months (1/6/24 - 31/8/24)	6 Months (1/3/24 - 31/8/24)	1 Year (1/9/23 - 31/8/24)	3 Years (1/9/21 - 31/8/24)	5 Years (1/9/19 - 31/8/24)	Since Commencement (29/1/19 - 31/8/24)
Fund	(5.23%)	(4.13%)	(11.38%)	(37.20%)	(26.62%)	(13.68%)
Benchmark	(12.73%)	(12.68%)	(15.42%)	(33.97%)	1.76%	19.83%
Outperformance	7.50%	8.55%	4.04%	(3.23%)	(28.38%)	(33.51%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



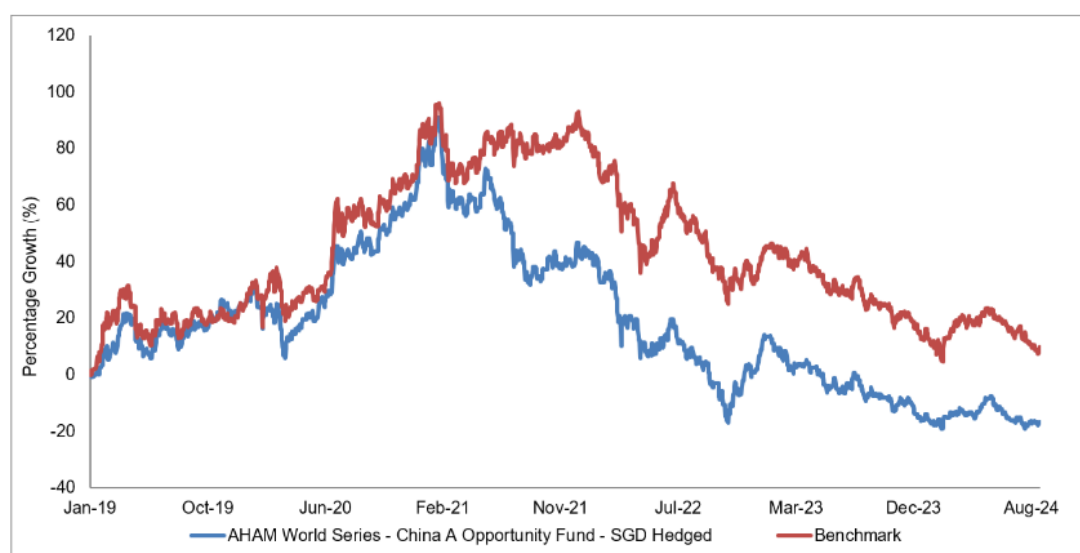
SGD Hedged-Class

Performance as at 31 August 2024

	3 Months (1/6/24 - 31/8/24)	6 Months (1/3/24 - 31/8/24)	1 Year (1/9/23 - 31/8/24)	3 Years (1/9/21 - 31/8/24)	5 Years (1/9/19 - 31/8/24)	Since Commencement (29/1/19 - 31/8/24)
Fund	(5.09%)	(3.82%)	(10.63%)	(36.80%)	(28.31%)	(16.80%)
Benchmark	(8.15%)	(6.99%)	(12.29%)	(38.33%)	(6.56%)	9.94%
Outperformance	3.06%	3.17%	1.66%	1.53%	(21.75%)	(26.74%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



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 Benchmark: MSCI China A Onshore Index

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Asset Allocation

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

	<u>31 August 2024</u>
	(%)
Unit Trust	95.39
Derivative	4.78
Cash & money market	-0.17
Total	<u>100.00</u>

Income Distribution Breakdown

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

Strategies Employed

The Manager tend not to overly focus on short-term periods of pullbacks in the market –our objective remains to deliver strong long-term returns and to take advantage of such volatility, and Target Fund Manager have demonstrated this ability over the history of managing the funds. The Manager focus on companies which have the consistent ability to deliver on the earnings front. As part of the disciplined investment approach, the Manager avoided rushing into sectors and names where valuations were overextended, and instead, have been deploying cash into high-quality companies. Overall, global investors' allocation to Chinese equities will probably remain strong, and short-term volatility provides an opportunity to buy the quality names at better prices.

Market Review

Market performance throughout the June-August 2024 quarter was strong across most asset classes, though this masked significant intra-quarter volatility. At the start of the period, a weaker-than-expected US labor market report for July led investors to price in additional Federal Reserve easing. Falling US yields put pressure on the US dollar and triggered an unwind of popular carry trades, particularly short positions in the Japanese yen, driving USD/JPY below 145 for the first time since January. As a result, Japanese stocks experienced one of their worst days in history. The ripple effects were felt globally, and amid seasonally weak liquidity, the VIX spiked above 60. However, the turmoil was short-lived, and solid US data helped dispel fears of an imminent recession, leading to a swift recovery that brought global stocks back to their previous all-time highs. Meanwhile, interest rates stayed at year-to-date lows as falling inflation and slowing growth increased expectations for faster policy rate cuts, particularly in the US. The US dollar depreciated against all other G-10 currencies, hitting a 12-month low in August, though it stabilized somewhat by the end of the quarter. Gold, continuing its upward trend, reached a new all-time high above USD 2,500.

MSCI Asia ex-Japan finished the quarter up 2% in USD terms, with Southeast Asia leading the region as investor interest returned on expectations of a Fed rate cut in September. Markets saw a sharp dip at the beginning of August due to AI-related cautiousness, partly triggered by rumors of a potential Nvidia product delay, as well as concerns about a US recession, prompting investors to rotate out of previously high-performing stocks. Other sources of global market volatility included rising tensions in the Middle East and the unwinding of the Japanese carry trade after the Bank of Japan raised rates. Despite heightened volatility, Chinese equities initially outperformed but ended the quarter underperforming the region, as mixed economic data and diminished expectations for strong policy stimulus weighed on the market. By the end of August, all markets posted positive returns except Korea. Sector-wise, Healthcare, Real Estate, and Communication Services were the strongest performers, while Materials was the only sector to see negative returns.

China A shares posted a negative return over the quarter. The onshore market faced pressure due to mixed economic data and reduced expectations for substantial policy stimulus, though speculation towards the end of August regarding potential refinancing options for homeowners provided some relief. On the economic front, China's macro data sent mixed signals. The trade surplus narrowed from a historical high due to a slowdown in exports. Fixed Asset Investment (FAI) growth slowed to 3.6% year-on-year from January to July, driven by continued contraction in real estate investment and further moderation in infrastructure development. Meanwhile, retail sales showed a moderate improvement compared to the previous month. From a sector perspective, Financials was the key contributor to the China A index, while Information Technology was the primary detractor.

Investment Outlook

The China market has been challenging for the past few years. As China's growth normalizes, investors' confidence dents and valuations remain well below historical average. While we recognized economic recovery will take a longer time amidst structural and geopolitical concerns, lower valuations, oftentimes, sow the seeds for long-term alpha generation within Emerging Markets. In the long run, we note that China is in a different growth stage and economic environment, facing considerable challenges, but it remains on a growth trajectory with sizeable investment potential.

Put another way, slower economic growth does not mean lower stock returns. The lack of correlation can be somewhat perplexing but well-illustrated among Chinese companies. In the lower growth environment of the past few years, few companies are still able to thrive and deliver healthy gains, supported by attractive dividend yields.

China is still home to a large number of high-quality companies and remains a fertile ground for active management. Some of them have made breakthroughs in expanding their businesses overseas. These companies are no longer producing low end processing trade products or primary processed goods, but successfully competing with well-established global brands in international markets. They are adapting to the various external challenges in this volatile environment, and continue to invest in technology and R&D (research and development), control costs and grow their market share. As bottom-up investors, we continue to believe that extensive boots on the ground research is required to identify best opportunities.

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Financial period ended <u>31.8.2024</u> USD	Financial period ended <u>31.8.2023</u> USD
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)		
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost	2,501	2,257
Net loss on foreign currency exchange	(59,717)	(784)
Net gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	8,486,803	(2,285,723)
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(7,372,068)</u>	<u>1,523,789</u>
	<u>1,057,519</u>	<u>(760,461)</u>
EXPENSES		
Management fee	(767,664)	(1,132,794)
Trustee fee	(24,912)	(36,750)
Fund accounting fee	(761)	(757)
Auditors' remuneration	(450)	(449)
Tax agent's fee	(197)	(196)
Other expenses	<u>(4,612)</u>	<u>(2,449)</u>
	<u>(798,596)</u>	<u>(1,173,395)</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION	258,923	(1,933,856)
Taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDER	<u>258,923</u>	<u>(1,933,856)</u>
Increase/(decrease) of net asset attributable to unitholders is made up of the following:		
Realised amount	(10,356,256)	(9,668,532)
Unrealised amount	<u>10,615,179</u>	<u>7,734,676</u>
	<u>258,923</u>	<u>(1,933,856)</u>

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	<u>2024</u> USD	<u>2023</u> USD
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	236,975	7,122,186
Amount due from broker	366,460	2,300,000
Amount due from Manager		
- creation of units	7,568	312,557
- management fee rebate receivable	208,506	319,271
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	152,619,990	227,120,739
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	7,655,495	22,615
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>161,094,994</u>	<u>237,197,368</u>
LIABILITIES		
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	-	3,806,255
Amount due to Manager		
- management fee	250,255	375,423
- cancellation of units	834,470	630,342
Amount due to Trustee	8,116	12,176
Fund accounting fee	270	252
Auditors' remuneration	479	446
Tax agent's fee	1,020	950
Other payables and accruals	121	83
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)	<u>1,094,731</u>	<u>4,825,927</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	<u>160,000,263</u>	<u>232,371,441</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	<u>160,000,263</u>	<u>232,371,441</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)

	<u>2024</u> USD	<u>2023</u> USD
REPRESENTED BY:		
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS		
- AUD Hedged-class	11,115,228	17,699,442
- MYR Class	24,291,739	36,598,020
- MYR Hedged-class	100,728,819	138,858,478
- SGD Hedged-class	10,189,006	14,900,208
- USD Class	13,675,471	24,315,293
	<u>160,000,263</u>	<u>232,371,441</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION		
- AUD Hedged-class	40,453,000	60,610,000
- MYR Class	223,232,000	306,083,000
- MYR Hedged-class	1,007,823,000	1,321,955,000
- SGD Hedged-class	31,901,000	43,300,000
- USD Class	30,587,000	49,495,000
	<u>1,333,996,000</u>	<u>1,781,443,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)		
- AUD Hedged-class	0.2748	0.2920
- MYR Class	0.1088	0.1196
- MYR Hedged-class	0.0999	0.1050
- SGD Hedged-class	0.3194	0.3441
- USD Class	0.4471	0.4913
	<u>0.2748</u>	<u>0.2920</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
- AUD Hedged-class	AUD0.4037	AUD0.4517
- MYR Class	RM0.4699	RM0.5544
- MYR Hedged-class	RM0.4316	RM0.4870
- SGD Hedged-class	SGD0.4160	SGD0.4655
- USD Class	USD0.4471	USD0.4913
	<u>AUD0.4037</u>	<u>AUD0.4517</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Financial period ended <u>31.8.2024</u> USD	Financial period ended <u>31.8.2023</u> USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	178,044,951	239,516,825
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period		
Creation of units arising from applications	533,565	4,175,506
- AUD Hedged-class	165,985	95,759
- MYR Class	86,697	1,230,894
- MYR Hedged-class	270,206	2,356,018
- SGD Hedged-class	10,677	65,664
- USD Class	-	427,171
Cancellation of units	(18,837,176)	(9,387,034)
- AUD Hedged-class	(1,635,228)	(468,872)
- MYR Class	(2,463,759)	(1,056,844)
- MYR Hedged-class	(10,746,195)	(4,934,811)
- SGD Hedged-class	(1,326,901)	(599,761)
- USD Class	(2,665,093)	(2,326,746)
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders during the financial period	258,923	(1,933,856)
- AUD Hedged-class	(390,264)	(133,307)
- MYR Class	(1,316,387)	33,276
- MYR Hedged-class	2,939,195	(1,885,952)
- SGD Hedged-class	(207,327)	(11,489)
- USD Class	(766,294)	63,616
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>160,000,263</u>	<u>232,371,441</u>

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