



QUARTERLY REPORT
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AHAM Single Bond Series 1

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Quarterly Report and Financial Statements As at 31 August 2024

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QUARTERLY REPORT

FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name	AHAM Single Bond Series 1
Fund Type	Income
Fund Category	Bond (Wholesale)
Investment Objective	The Fund aims to provide regular income over the medium to long term period
Benchmark	12-month Malayan Banking Berhad Fixed Deposit Rate
Distribution Policy	Subject to the availability of income, the Fund will provide distribution on an annual basis

FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

Category	As at 31 Aug 2024	As at 31 May 2024
Total NAV (million)	91.323	91.737
NAV per Unit (MYR)	0.9334	0.8998
Unit in Circulation (million)	97.843	101.958

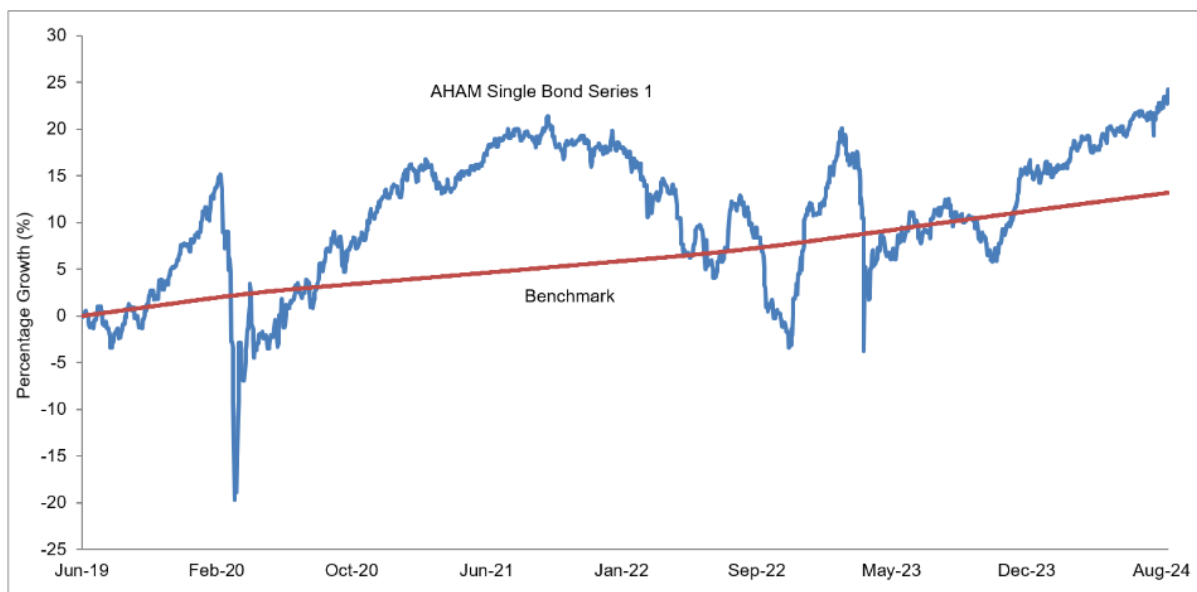
Fund Performance

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 (28/6/19 - 31/8/24)
Fund	3.73%	7.38%	12.31%	4.90%	27.28%	24.30%
Benchmark	0.65%	1.32%	2.71%	7.69%	12.58%	13.19%
Outperformance	3.08%	6.06%	9.60%	(2.79%)	14.70%	11.11%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



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Benchmark: 12-month Malayan Banking Berhad Fixed Deposit Rate*

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Asset Allocation

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

	<u>31 August 2024</u>
	(%)
Fixed Income	87.70
Derivative	5.87
Cash & money market	6.43
Total	100.00

Income Distribution Breakdown

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

Strategies Employed

The Fund's investment would solely consist of a bond (including hybrid security such as an Additional Tier 1 security). The Fund will remain invested while leaving slight cash buffers to meet any potential repurchase requirement.

Market Review

As a recap, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) has aggressively raised interest rates by around 500 basis points (bps) from March 2022 until July 2023. Moreover, central banks started Quantitative Tightening, reining in their balance sheets. These measures previously triggered market adjustments in the global bond market.

Over the 12-month period under review ending August 2024, global bond markets have been better behaved while risk sentiment were stronger as compared to the previous period. The US treasury yields ranged from 3.8% to 5% but overall it declined from 4.1% to 3.9% over the period. Within the period, we have seen markets pricing in multiple rate cuts but at times were quick to reverse that expectation as well. Some notable key economic developments contributing to this was the better-than-expected economic data in the US. That said, we overall saw gradual softening in the developed economies' labour market coupled with lower inflationary data. This has eased pressure on central banks to further normalize interest rates. The Fed has stopped raising interest rates since the middle of 2023, which has translated to mostly unchanged US Fed Fund Rate over the period under review. Closer to home, Bank Negara Malaysia has continuously kept the Overnight Policy Rate unchanged at 3% since the last hike seen in May 2023, supported by the relatively moderate inflation and the central bank's stance to support growth.

Within the European banking space, results released by major financial institutions were overall decent underpinned by higher base of net interest income, cost discipline and low provision costs. Importantly, the fundamentals global banks continued to show they have overall higher than pre-pandemic capital ratios while maintaining good liquidity metrics. Investors sentiment remain upbeat this year in fixed income securities such as additional tier 1 securities and this has translated to improving bond prices.

Investment Outlook

The current global economic landscape presents both challenges and opportunities. Valuations of bonds in terms of yields are still considerably attractive. After the sharp rise of interest rates in the last 2-3 years, bonds are generally offering an attractive yield carry. The Fed Fund Rate today is at 5.5%. We view US interest rates have likely peaked and is expected to begin cutting interest rates as early as in the second half of 2024. The case is supported by slowing inflation and cooling of the tight labour market. We are also seeing encouraging signs of disinflation in the Shelter component of the US inflationary data. There have been more central banks cutting interest rates in recent months such as European Central Bank and Bank of England. Lower interest rates will be supportive of bond valuations.

As for the underlying issuer, HSBC Holdings PLC has demonstrated decent performance when measured in terms of its earnings and balance sheet metrics. We expect global growth to be more moderate in the nearer term, which may translate to some normalization of earnings and credit costs. That said, there is sizable earnings and capital buffer to cushion against potential slowdown in global economic growth. Since the acquisition of Credit Suisse by UBS in 2023, major financial institutions particularly in Europe have continued to call their AT1 issuances on their first call dates. This reflects strong capital buffers, financial flexibility and investor-friendly stance, even amidst economic and financial market uncertainties. This show of commitment, particularly in a high-interest rate landscape, bolstered investor confidence.

On the flipside, it is worth cautioning on some possible scenarios that may have adverse implications on bond investments. For example, one of the risks is reacceleration of inflation in 2025. This could be anchored by consumer spending if the labour market remains tight. Additionally, the Bank of Japan has exited negative interest rates and yield curve control policy but there will be further speculation on whether the central bank will further normalise its monetary policy, leading to concerns of the unwinding of carry trades. Such events could introduce volatility to markets. On the geopolitical front, there are various conflicts that are unfolding and may have mixed implications. All these warrants closer monitoring.

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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		
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost	36,820	65,102
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	972,772	1,548,113
Net gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange	13,308	(1,136,812)
Net gain on currency swap at fair value through profit or loss	1,254,232	161,422
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,861,312	251,332
	<u>4,138,444</u>	<u>889,157</u>
EXPENSES		
Management fee	(75,073)	(116,755)
Trustee fee	(6,022)	(9,378)
Fund accounting fee	(1,923)	(2,224)
Auditors' remuneration	(1,338)	(1,418)
Tax agent's fee	(586)	(620)
Other expenses	(4,880)	(9,710)
	<u>(89,822)</u>	<u>(140,105)</u>
NET PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	4,048,622	749,052
Taxation	(30,526)	(405,132)
	<u>4,018,096</u>	<u>343,920</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDER		
Increase of net asset attributable to unitholders is made up of the following:		
Realised amount	(319,343)	18,109,341
Unrealised amount	4,337,439	(17,765,421)
	<u>4,018,096</u>	<u>343,920</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	<u>2024</u> USD	<u>2023</u> USD
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	800,285	3,677,610
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	19,063,627	19,820,051
Currency swap at fair value through profit or loss	1,209,998	15,159
Tax recoverable	85,663	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>21,159,573</u>	<u>23,512,820</u>
LIABILITIES		
Currency swap at fair value through profit or loss	-	912,070
Amount due to Manager		
- management fee	8,651	9,706
- cancellation of units	-	20,228
Amount due to Trustee	692	777
Fund accounting fee	226	215
Auditors' remuneration	1,338	1,418
Tax agent's fee	1,380	620
Other payables and accruals	299	(23)
Tax provision	-	53,802
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>12,586</u>	<u>998,813</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	<u>21,146,987</u>	<u>22,514,007</u>
EQUITY		
Unitholders' capital	20,109,544	24,331,795
Retained earnings/(accumulated losses)	1,037,443	(1,817,788)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	<u>21,146,987</u>	<u>22,514,007</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:		
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION		
- MYR-Hedged Class	<u>97,843,000</u>	<u>120,469,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)		
- MYR-Hedged Class	<u>0.2161</u>	<u>0.1869</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
- MYR-Hedged Class	<u>RM0.9334</u>	<u>RM0.8665</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Unitholders' <u>capital</u> USD	Retained earnings/ (accumulated <u>losses</u>) USD	<u>Total</u> USD
Balance as at 1 December 2023	22,801,810	(2,425,687)	20,376,123
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	4,018,096	4,018,096
Distribution	-	(554,966)	(554,966)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from distribution	105,561	-	105,561
Cancellation of units	(2,797,827)	-	(2,797,827)
Balance as at 31 August 2024	<u>20,109,544</u>	<u>1,037,443</u>	<u>21,146,987</u>
Balance as at 1 December 2022	40,101,826	(1,487,352)	38,614,474
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	343,920	343,920
Distribution	-	(674,356)	(674,356)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from distribution	131,126	-	131,126
Cancellation of units	(15,901,157)	-	(15,901,157)
Balance as at 31 August 2023	<u>24,331,795</u>	<u>(1,817,788)</u>	<u>22,514,007</u>

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