

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT** 31 August 2024

AHAM Smart Invest Portfolio - Growth Fund

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Trustee TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad 200701008892 (766894-T)

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

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## **FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Name	AHAM Smart Invest Portfolio - Growth
Fund Type	Income & Growth
Fund Category	Mixed assets (Fund-of-Funds)
Investment Objective	The Fund aims to provide investors with regular income and capital growth over medium to long-term period through a portfolio of collective investment schemes
Benchmark	Absolute return of 8% per annum
Distribution Policy	Subject to the availability of income, the Fund will distribute income on an annual basis, after the end of its first financial year

### **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

Category	As at 31 Aug 2024 (%)	As at 31 Aug 2023 (%)	As at 31 Aug 2022 (%)
Portfolio composition			
Collective investment scheme – local	9.96	4.88	15.51
Collective investment scheme – foreign	60.08	49.86	43.77
Total unquoted fixed income securities	70.04	54.74	59.28
Exchange-traded fund - foreign	24.91	41.80	38.82
Cash & cash equivalent	5.05	3.56	1.90
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (RM'million)	409.627	378.819	384.350
NAV per Unit (RM)	1.1453	0.6257	0.5884
Unit in Circulation (million)	614.772	605.385	653.255
Highest NAV	1.2552	0.6345	0.6463
Lowest NAV	1.1061	0.5668	0.5650
Return of the Fund (%)	-2.63	7.90	-9.31
- Capital Growth (%)	-2.63	7.90	-9.31
- Income Distribution (%)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Expense Ratio (%) <sup>1</sup>	0.66	0.64	0.58
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) <sup>2</sup>	0.57	0.67	0.89

<u>Basis of calculation and assumption made in calculating the returns:</u>

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

= (1+Capital return) x (1+Income return) – 1 Total return

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The TER of the Fund was higher than previous period due to lower average NAV of the Fund for the financial period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The PTR of the Fund was lower than previous period due to decreased trading activities of the Fund for the financial period.

## **Income Distribution / Unit Split**

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

## **Income Distribution Breakdown**

No income distribution was declared for the financial period ended 31 August 2024.

## **Fund Performance**

## Class A

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

					Since
	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/3/24 -	(1/9/23 -	(1/9/21 -	(1/9/19 -	(7/6/19 -
	31/8/24)	31/8/24)	31/8/24)	31/8/24)	31/8/24)
Fund	(2.63%)	8.44%	(5.64%)	40.20%	41.27%
Benchmark	3.96%	8.00%	26.00%	46.99%	49.68%
Outperformance	(6.59%)	0.44%	(31.64%)	(6.79%)	(8.41%)

Table 2: Average Total Return

J				Since
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/9/23 -	(1/9/21 -	(1/9/19 -	(7/6/19 -
	31/8/24)	31/8/24)	31/8/24)	31/8/24)
Fund	8.44%	(1.92%)	6.98%	6.81%
Benchmark	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%
Outperformance	0.44%	(9.92%)	(1.02%)	(1.19%)

Table 3: Annual Total Return

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	FYE 2024 (1/3/23 -	FYE 2023 (1/3/22 -	FYE 2022 (1/3/21 -	FYE 2021 (1/3/20 -	FYE 2020 (7/6/19 -
	29/2/24)	28/2/23)	28/2/22)	28/2/21)	29/2/20)
Fund	20.16%	(10.62%)	(7.90%)	43.07%	2.52%
Benchmark	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	5.81%
Outperformance	12.16%	(18.62%)	(15.90%)	35.07%	(3.29%)

## Class B

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	Since Commencement
	(27/6/24 - 31/8/24)
Fund	(6.64%)
Benchmark	1.36%
Outperformance	(8.00%)

Table 2: Average Total Return

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	Since Commencement	
	(27/6/24 - 31/8/24)	
Fund	(6.64%)	
Benchmark	1.36%	
Outperformance	(8.00%)	

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

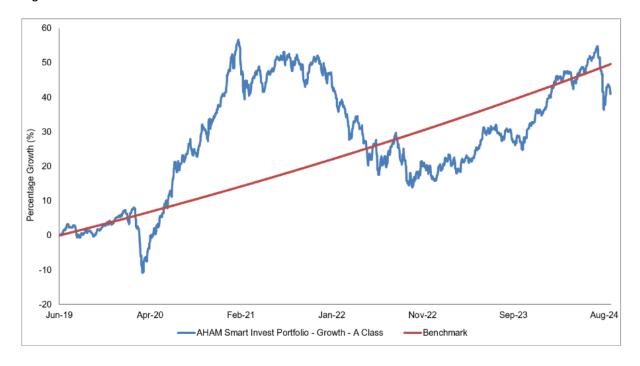
## Performance Review (1 March 2024 to 31 August 2024)

#### Class A

For the period 1 March 2024 to 31 August 2024, the Fund registered a -2.63% return compared to the benchmark return of 3.96%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 6.59%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 31 August 2024 was RM0.6785 while the NAV as at 28 February 2024 was RM0.6968.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 41.27% compared to the benchmark return of 49.68%, underperforming by 8.41%.

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



#### Class B

For the period 27 June 2024 to 31 August 2024, the Fund registered a -6.64% return compared to the benchmark return of 1.36%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 8.00%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 31 August 2024 was RM0.4668 while the initial NAV was RM0.5000.

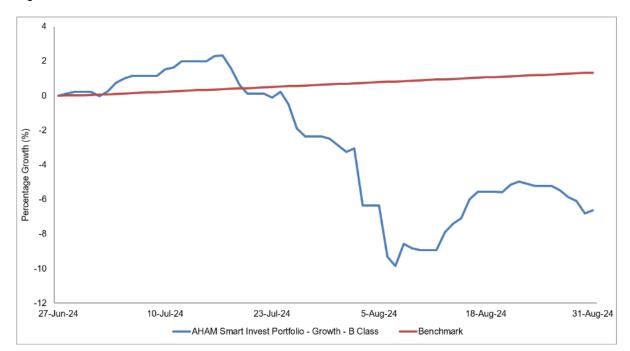


Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark since commencement.

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Benchmark: Absolute return of 8% per annum

#### **Asset Allocation**

For a snapshot of the Fund's asset mix during the period under review, please refer to Fund Performance

During the period under review, the Fund's total exposure into collective investment scheme stood at 70.04% (2023: 54.74%), exchange-traded fund at 24.91% (2023: 41.80%) while the remaining was held in cash and cash equivalent.

#### **Strategies Employed**

For the most part of period under review, the Fund's portfolio remained stable, benefiting from a market rally driven by investor optimism regarding potential interest rate cuts by the U.S. Federal Reserve. However, this positive momentum shifted dramatically mid-July following the release of disappointing job data in the U.S., indicating a slowdown in economic growth. Compounding this issue, the Bank of Japan adopted a hawkish stance by raising interest rates twice, leading to a reversal of the "carry trade". As investors reacted to these developments, confidence waned, resulting in a widespread market downturn.

In light of the current economic landscape, we have adopted a quality-tilt strategy and increased our allocation to the global healthcare sector. This decision is based on our belief that healthcare tends to exhibit greater resilience during economic downturns. Historically, the healthcare industry has demonstrated its ability to withstand market volatility, as demand for medical goods and services remains relatively inelastic even in challenging economic conditions. This characteristic makes healthcare a defensive asset class that can provide stability when other sectors may falter. The Fund remains heavily exposed to foreign currencies through its underlying investments. Recent sharp appreciation in the Malaysian Ringgit has significantly diminished returns, erasing much of the progress made. This situation underscores the risks associated with currency volatility in a global investment framework.

#### **Market Review**

From March to August 2024, the global economy demonstrated a complex interplay of growth and challenges. The U.S. recorded a notable increase in GDP, rising at an annual rate of 3.0% in 2Q24, driven primarily by robust consumer spending and business investments. However, signs of contraction in industrial production and manufacturing indicated underlying weaknesses that could impact future growth. In the Eurozone, modest GDP growth of 0.3% quarter-on-quarter was observed, with a stronger performance in the services sector helping to stabilize the region's economic outlook.

Emerging markets displayed a varied landscape, with China grappling with declining property prices and weak demand, resulting in a projected growth slowdown to 4.8% for 2024. In contrast, India continued to thrive, benefiting from strong domestic consumption and investment. Overall, global inflation trends showed signs of easing, with forecasts suggesting a decline from 6.8% in 2023 to around 5.9% in 2024. Central banks are expected to adopt more accommodative monetary policies as inflation pressures lessen, although risks remain due to persistent inflation in the services sector and geopolitical uncertainties.

Labor market dynamics also played a crucial role during this period. In the U.S., the unemployment rate edged up to 4.3% by July, reflecting some tightening amid economic fluctuations. Despite this increase, wage growth remained above inflation rates, enhancing household purchasing power.

Financial markets experienced volatility, particularly in August after a rebound in July, with most exchanges reporting losses. As investors await further interest rate decisions and navigate ongoing economic adjustments, market stability remains a critical focus for policymakers and analysts alike.

During the review period, the Fund recorded a return of -4%, significantly underperforming its benchmark target return of 8% per annum. Although certain underlying investments experienced heightened volatility beginning in July, the primary factor contributing to the Fund's performance decline was its exposure to foreign currencies. Notably, the Malaysian Ringgit appreciated by nearly 9% over the six months ending in August 2024.

#### **Investment Outlook**

We are cautiously monitoring the prospects for a soft landing in the economy. While this scenario suggests a moderate slowdown in growth with controlled inflation, we recognize the inherent uncertainties that could impact equity markets. As we approach the U.S. earnings season, our focus will be on the potential for corporate earnings to diversify beyond the technology sector. However, we remain vigilant about the risks associated with this transition, particularly if economic conditions deteriorate further than anticipated. We believe that prioritizing quality investments will serve as a safeguard against potential downturns, allowing us to navigate this uncertain economic landscape with greater confidence. While we remain open to growth opportunities, our primary aim is to maintain resilience in our portfolio, ensuring that our investment strategy is robust and adaptable to various scenarios.

#### **State of Affairs of the Fund**

There is neither any significant change to the state affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the unit holders during the period under review.

#### Soft Commissions received from Brokers

Soft commissions received from brokers/dealers may be retained by the management company only if the -

- (i) goods and services provided are of demonstrable benefit to Unit holders of the Fund; and
- (ii) goods and services are in the form of research and advisory services that assists in the decision making process.

During the financial period under review, the Fund has received soft commissions from brokers/dealers who have also executed trades for other funds managed by AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang 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 SMART INVEST PORTFOLIO – GROWTH ("Fund")

We have acted as the Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 August 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 year 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 Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
- 2. Valuation and pricing is 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 TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad (Company No.: (200301008392 [610812-W])

NORHAYATI BINTI AZIT DIRECTOR – FUND SERVICES

Kuala Lumpur 16 October 2024

**UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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

	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended 31.8.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.8.2023 RM
INVESTMENT (LOSS)/INCOME			
Dividend income Interest income from financial assets		1,471,887	612,505
at amortised cost Net loss on foreign currency exchange Net loss on forward foreign currency contracts		88,864 (2,176,604)	71,601 (116,391)
at fair value through profit or loss  Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value		-	(1,650,470)
through profit or loss	8	(7,550,983)	32,142,716
		(8,166,836)	31,059,961
EXPENSES			
Management fee Trustee fee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Transaction cost Other expenses	4 5 6	(2,649,346) (128,804) (6,638) (3,888) (1,814) (12,890) (121,404)	(2,243,999) (112,720) (7,583) (3,910) (1,825) (54,882) (207,291)
		(2,924,784)	(2,632,210)
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		(11,091,620)	28,427,751
Taxation	7	-	(101,477)
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		(11,091,620)	28,326,274
(Decrease)/increase in net asset attributable to unit holders is made up of the following:			
Realised amount Unrealised amount		14,046,501 (25,138,121)	(16,047,492) 44,373,766
		(11,091,620)	28,326,274

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

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	2023 RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	9,167,689	14,828,080
Amount due from Manager - creation of units - management fee rebate receivable Financial assets at fair value through		157,110 41,354	- 27,678
profit or loss Tax recoverable	8	401,305,003 207,283	365,691,049 190,303
TOTAL ASSETS		410,878,439	380,737,110
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to Manager - management fee - cancellation of units Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals		424,133 794,087 20,859 2,289 3,888 5,314 497	413,682 1,471,646 19,138 2,167 3,910 5,325 1,897
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,251,067	1,917,765
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		409,627,372	378,819,345
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS*		409,627,372	378,819,345

<sup>\*</sup>Net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as financial liabilities as at 31 August 2024 and as equity as at 31 August 2023 as Class B of the Fund was launched on 26 June 2024.

## UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> RM	2023 RM
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS			
- A Class - B Class		393,102,472 16,524,900	378,819,345
		409,627,372	378,819,345
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION			
- A Class - B Class	10 (a) 10 (b)	579,371,000 35,401,200	605,385,000
		614,772,200	605,385,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)			
- A Class - B Class		0.6785 0.4668	0.6257
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES*			
- A Class - B Class		0.6785 0.4668	0.6257

<sup>\*</sup>Net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as financial liabilities as at 31 August 2024 and as equity as at 31 August 2023 as Class B of the Fund was launched on 26 June 2024.

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	420,605,149	370,988,110
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period:		
Creation of units arising from applications	42,595,116	4,625,741
- A Class - B Class	25,158,181 17,436,935	4,625,741 -
Cancellation of units	(42,481,273)	(25,120,780)
- A Class - B Class	(42,481,273) -	(25,120,780)
Net decrease/(increase) in net assets attributable		
to unit holders during the financial period comprised of:	(11,091,620)	28,326,274
- A Class - B Class	(10,179,585) (912,035)	28,326,274 -
NET ACCETO ATTRIBUTARI E TO UNIT LIQUARRO		
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	409,627,372	378,819,345

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

<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended <u>31.8.2024</u> RM	6 months financial period ended 31.8.2023 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Dividends received Interest received Management fee rebate received Management fee paid Trustee fee paid Fund accounting fee paid Realised loss on forward foreign currency contracts Net (loss)/gain on foreign currency exchange Payment for other fees and expenses Tax paid  Net cash flows (used in)/generated from operating activities	252,180,410 (254,566,178) 1,471,887 88,864 225,912 (2,627,105) (127,710) (6,516) - (2,655,007) (129,004) (10,798) (6,155,245)	251,307,887 (229,841,203) 429,325 71,601 305,033 (2,236,822) (111,004) (6,499) (2,977,552) 11,113,021 (86,493) (170,000) 27,797,294
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from creation of units Payments from cancellation of units	42,540,425 (42,685,400)	
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(144,975)	(19,077,555)
NET DECREASE/(INCREASE) IN CASH AND	(0.000.000)	
CASH EQUIVALENTS	(6,300,220)	8,719,740
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE	(2,013,246)	(35,580)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	17,481,155	6,143,921
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD 9	9,167,689	14,828,080

## MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 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 judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgment are based on the Manager's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

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

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

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

#### **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 deposit with licensed financial institutions is recognised based on effective interest rate method on an accrual basis.

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

#### Realised gains and losses on sale of investments

For collective investment schemes ("CIS") and exchange-traded funds ("ETF"), realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

#### C TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire or dispose 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 foreign investment 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.

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

#### 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 the 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 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.

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

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

The Fund classifies amount due to Manager, amount due to Trustee, payables 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.

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

#### G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### (ii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" category including the effects of currency transactions are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within "net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" in the financial period which they arise.

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

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.

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

#### G FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### (iii) Impairment (continued)

#### Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

#### Quantitative criteria:

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

#### Qualitative criteria:

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

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

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

#### I CREATION AND CANCELLATION OF UNITS

The unitholders' contributions to the Fund meet the definition of puttable instruments classified as financial liability under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation".

The Fund issues cancellable units, in two classes of units, known respectively as the A Class, and B Class which are cancelled at the unitholder's option and do not have identical features. The units are classified as financial liabilities. Cancellable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") of respective classes. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of the statement of financial position if the unitholder exercises the right to put back the unit to the Fund.

Prior to 26 June 2024, the Fund met the criteria of definition of puttable instruments to be classified as equity under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation". However, the amendment requires puttable financial instruments that do not meet the definition of an equity to be classified as financial liability where certain strict criteria are not met. 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 is no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the Fund to repurchase; and
- the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based substantially on the profit or loss of the Fund.

These conditions were no longer met upon the launch of B Class by the Fund on 26 June 2024.

As a result of the reclassification of puttable instruments from equities to liabilities, the Fund's distribution is no longer be classified as dividend distribution in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders, but rather as finance cost in the statement of comprehensive income.

Units are created and cancelled at the unitholder's option at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit of respective classes at the close of business on the relevant dealing day. The Fund's NAV per unit of respective classes is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders of respective classes with the total number of outstanding units of respective classes.

#### J DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A derivative financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

The Fund's derivative financial instruments comprise forward foreign currency contracts. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value. Financial derivative positions will be "marked to market" at the close of each valuation day. Foreign exchange gains and losses on the derivative financial instrument are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when settled or at the date of the statement of financial position at which time they are included in the measurement of the derivative financial instrument. Derivative instruments that have a positive fair value and negative fair value are presented as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, respectively.

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

#### J DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

The fair value of forward foreign currency contracts is determined using forward exchange rates at the statements of financial position, with the resulting value discounted back to present value.

The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and the nature of the item being hedged. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are classified as financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

#### K INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unit holders.

#### L CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS 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 of 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 judgments 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 judgment 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.

#### M REALISED AND UNREALISED PORTIONS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX

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

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

#### 1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Unit Trust Fund was constituted under the name Affin Hwang Smart Invest Portfolio - Growth (the "Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 15 January 2019, first supplemental deed dated 21 September 2022 and second supplemental deed dated 15 April 2024 (the "Deed") entered in between AHAM Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee"). The Fund has changed its name from Affin Hwang Smart Invest Portfolio – Growth to AHAM Smart Invest Portfolio – Growth as amended by the First Supplemental Deed dated 21 September 2022. Fund has launched Class B on 26 June 2024 as amended by second supplemental deed.

The Fund was launched on 17 May 2019 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under Clause 12.4.2 of the Deed.

The Fund may invest any of in the following assets, subject to the Deed, the Fund's objective, the Guidelines, the requirements of the SC and all relevant laws:

- (a) Units/shares in collective investment schemes;
- (b) Money market instruments;
- (c) Deposits;
- (d) Derivatives; and
- (e) Any other form of investments as may be permitted by the SC from time to time which is in line with the objective of the Fund.

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

The main objective of the Fund is to provide investors with regular income and capital growth over medium to long-term period through a portfolio of collective investment schemes.

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.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 16 October 2024.

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

## 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

<u>2024</u>	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through profit or loss RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Manager - creation of units - management fee rebate receivable Collective investment schemes Exchange-traded fund	9 8 8	9,167,689 157,110 41,354	- 299,271,516 102,033,487	9,167,689 157,110 41,354 299,271,516 102,033,487
Total		9,366,153	401,305,003	410,671,156
Financial liabilities  Amount due to Manager - management fee - cancellation of units Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals  Total		424,133 794,087 20,859 2,289 3,888 5,314 497 1,251,067	- - - - - -	424,133 794,087 20,859 2,289 3,888 5,314 497 1,251,067
2023				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Manager - management fee rebate receivable Collective investment schemes Exchange-traded fund	9 8 8	14,828,080 27,678 - -	207,338,774 158,352,275	14,828,080 27,678 207,338,774 158,352,275
Total		14,855,758	365,691,049	380,546,807

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

### 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments are as follows: (continued)

2023 (continued)	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through profit or loss RM	<u>Total</u> RM
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<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Amount due to Manager				
- management fee		413,682	_	413,682
- cancellation of units		1,471,646	-	1,471,646
Amount due to Trustee		19,138	-	19,138
Fund accounting fee		2,167	-	2,167
Auditors' remuneration		3,910	-	3,910
Tax agent's fee		5,325	-	5,325
Other payables and accruals		1,897	-	1,897
Total		1,917,765	-	1,917,765

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 Collective investment schemes Exchange-traded fund	299,271,516 102,033,487	207,338,774 158,352,275
	401,305,003	365,691,049

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

## 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Market risk (continued)

#### (a) Price risk (continued)

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

% Change in price 2024	Market value RM	Impact on (loss)/profit after tax <u>NAV</u> RM
-10% 0% +10%	361,174,503 401,305,003 441,435,503	(40,130,500) 40,130,500
<u>2022</u>		
-10% 0% +10%	329,121,944 365,691,049 402,260,154	(36,569,105) - 36,569,105

#### (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 deposit with a licensed financial institution is not material as carrying value of the deposits are held on a short-term basis.

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

### 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES 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 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 the 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:

2024	Collective investment <u>schemes</u> RM	Exchange- traded <u>funds</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Amount due from <u>Manager</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
2024					
Financial assets					
British Pound Sterling Euro Hong Kong Dollar United States	- - -	- - -	28,069 6,134 3,064	- - -	28,069 6,134 3,064
Dollar	246,096,773	102,033,487	6,620,166	8,122	354,758,548
	246,096,773	102,033,487	6,657,433	8,122	354,795,815
		Collective investment schemes RM	Exchange- traded <u>funds</u> RM	Cash and cash equivalents RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u>					
Financial assets					
British Pound Sterling Euro Hong Kong Dollar Japanese Yen United States Dollar		188,868,360	17,178,229	3,637 2,832 2,760 1,013,056 6,656,214	3,637 2,832 2,760 18,191,285 336,698,620
		188,868,360	158,352,275	7,678,499	354,899,134

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

### 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Market risk (continued)

#### (c) Currency risk (continued)

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's (loss)/profit after tax and NAV to changes in foreign exchange movements. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes by 10% (2023: 10%), with all other variables held constant. 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 increase/(decrease) 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.

	Impact on (loss)/profit
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<u>in ra</u>	
	% RM
<u>2024</u>	
British Pound Sterling +/-	10 +/- 2,807
Euro +/-	10 +/- 613
	10 +/- 306
United States Dollar +/-	10 +/- 35,475,855
<u>2023</u>	
British Pound Sterling +/-	10 +/- 364
Euro +/-	10 +/- 283
Hong Kong Dollar +/-	10 +/- 276
·	10 +/- 1,819,129
United States Dollar +/-	10 +/- 33,669,862

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

### 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Credit risk

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

Credit risk arising from cash and bank balances is managed by ensuring that they are held by parties with credit rating of AA or higher.

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

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

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units' receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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

<u>2024</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Amount due from <u>Manager</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial - AAA Others	9,167,689	-	9,167,689
- NR		198,464	198,464
	9,167,689	198,464	9,366,153
2023			
Financial - AAA Others	14,828,080	-	14,828,080
- NR		27,678	27,678
	14,828,080	27,678	14,855,758

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

## 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES 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 payment and cancellations of unit by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise bank balances, deposit with a licensed financial institution and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days.

The table below analyses the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date.

The amounts in the table below are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

<u>2024</u>	Within <u>one month</u> RM	Between one month to one year RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Amount due to Manager - management fee - cancellation of units Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals	424,133 794,087 20,859 2,289	3,888 5,314 497	424,133 794,087 20,859 2,289 3,888 5,314 497
	1,241,368	9,699	1,251,067
2023			
Amount due to Manager - management fee - cancellation of units Amount due to Trustee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals	413,682 1,471,646 19,138 2,167	3,910 5,325 1,897	413,682 1,471,646 19,138 2,167 3,910 5,325 1,897
	1,906,633	11,132	1,917,765

<sup>\*</sup> Outstanding units are cancelled on demand at the unit holder's option (Note J). However, the Manager does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table above will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as unit holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term.

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

#### 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to unitholders (2023: equity consisting of unitholders' capital net of accumulated losses). The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders (2023: equity) 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.

#### Collective investment scheme risk

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

#### 3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the 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 judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

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

#### 3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

### (i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

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

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	<u>Total</u>
2024	RM	RM	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
<ul> <li>collective investment schemes</li> <li>exchange - traded fund</li> </ul>	299,271,516 102,033,487	-	-	299,271,516 102,033,487
	401,305,003	-	-	401,305,003
2023				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- collective investment schemes	207,338,774	-	-	207,338,774
- exchange - traded fund	158,352,275		<u>-</u>	158,352,275
	365,691,049	-	-	365,691,049

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

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These includes forward foreign currency contracts. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

(ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from brokers, amount due from Manager and all current liabilities except for forward foreign currency contracts are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short-term nature.

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

#### 4 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 5.00% per annum on the NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis.

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2024, the management fee is recognised at the following stated rate:

Financial period from 1 July 2024 to 31 August 2024 = 1.22% per annum Financial period from 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024 = 1.25% per annum Financial period from 1 March 2024 to 31 March 2024 = 1.22% per annum

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2023, the management fee is recognised at the following stated rate:

Financial period from 1 July 2023 to 31 August 2023 = 1.30% per annum Financial period from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 = 1.35% per annum Financial period from 1 March 2023 to 31 March 2023 = 1.10% per annum

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

#### 5 TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 0.10% per annum on the NAV of the Fund, excluding of foreign custodian fees and charges.

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2024, the Trustee's fee is recognised at a rate of 0.06% (2023: 0.06%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, excluding of foreign custodian fees and charges, calculated on a 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 for 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2024 is RM6,638 (2023: RM7,583).

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

## 7 TAXATION

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	6 months financial period ended 31.8.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.8.2023 RM
Current taxation		101,477
The numerical reconciliation between net (loss)/profit before taxation multiplicatax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:	ed by the Mala	ysian statutory
	6 months financial period ended 31.8.2024 RM	6 months financial period ended 31.8.2023 RM
Net (loss)/profit before taxation	(11,091,620)	28,427,751
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	(2,661,989)	6,822,660
Tax effects of: Investment loss not brought to tax/ (Investment income not subject to tax) Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Restriction on tax deduction expenses for Unit Trust Funds	1,899,400 186,391 576,198	(7,369,268) 214,936 433,149
Tax expenses	-	101,477
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		
	<u>2024</u> RM	2023 RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - collective investment schemes – local - collective investment schemes - foreign - exchange-traded fund – foreign	53,174,743 246,096,773 102,033,487	18,470,414 188,868,360 158,352,275

401,305,003

365,691,049

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

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

6 month	
financi	al financial
period ende	d period ended
<u>31.8.202</u>	<u>31.8.2023</u>
R	M RM
Net (loss)/gain on assets at fair value through profit or loss:	
- realised gain/(loss) on sale of investment 15,321,22	3 (11,195,469)
- unrealised (loss)/gain on changes in fair value (23,124,87	5) 43,082,265
- management fee rebate on collective investment schemes # 252,66	9 255,920
(7,550,98	32,142,716

<sup>#</sup> In arriving at the fair value of the Fund's investment in a CIS, the management fee initially paid to the Manager of CIS has been considered as part of its net asset value. In order to minimise the impact of management fees charged by the fund manager, management fee charged on the Fund's investment in the collective investment scheme has been refunded to the Fund. Accordingly, any rebate of management received from the Manager of CIS is reflected as an increase in the NAV of the CIS.

#### (a) Collective investment schemes - local

(i) Collective investment schemes - local as at 31 August 2024 are as follows:

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
AHAM Aiiman Global Thematic Mixed Asset Fund – USD AHAM Select Asia (ex Japan)	2,986,264	8,404,430	7,968,550	1.95
Opportunity Fund – MYR Class Nomura Asset Management Malaysia	26,462,847	30,603,884	32,708,079	7.98
Global Shariah Semiconductor Equity Fund – USD	1,676,274	14,202,260	12,498,114	0.03
Total collective investment scheme - local	31,125,385	53,210,574	53,174,743	9.96
Accumulated unrealised loss on collective investment schemes - local		(35,831)		
Total collective investment schemes - local		53,174,743		

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

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

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

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
AHAM Select Asia (ex Japan) Opportunity Fund - MYR Class	25,476,433	23,005,607	18,470,414	4.88
Total collective investment scheme - local	25,476,433	23,005,607	18,470,414	4.88
Accumulated unrealised loss on collective investment schemes - local		(4,535,193)		
Total collective investment schemes - local		18,470,414		

- (b) Collective investment schemes foreign
  - (i) Collective investment schemes foreign as at 31 August 2024 are as follows:

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
Baillie Gifford Worldwide Long Term Global Growth Fund BlackRock Global Funds -World Healthscience Fund	136,914 63,149	17,149,236 20,764,520	19,142,377 20,755,829	4.67 5.07
Franklin Templeton Investment -I ACC USD GQG Partners US Equity Fund - USD A	71,419 487,489	19,849,340 26,137,346	21,364,392 32,462,522	5.22 7.92
HSBC Global Liquidity Fund PLC - US Dollar Liquidity Fund-J Janus Henderson Horizon Biotech -A2 USD Janus Henderson Pan European JPMorgan Funds - U.S. Technology Fund Lazard Global Active Funds PLC Japanese Strategic Equity Fund Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund - Global Equity Fund * TT International Funds PLC - Asia Pacific Equity Fund	2,941,371 175,147 192,330 17,373 29,911 482,644 361,476	15,075,800 18,431,663 16,714,215 18,598,567 21,286,499 40,077,400 18,955,264	14,723,895 20,558,145 17,429,715 19,680,313 20,162,816 40,122,771 19,693,998	3.59 5.02 4.26 4.80 4.92 9.80 4.81
Total collective investment scheme - foreign	4,959,223	233,039,850	246,096,773	60.08
Accumulated unrealised gain on collective investment scheme - foreign  Total collective investment scheme - foreign		13,056,923		

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

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

- (b) Collective investment schemes foreign (continued)
  - (ii) Collective investment schemes foreign as at 31 August 2023 are as follows:

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Inc Growth				
Fund Equity PT-USD	394,956	26,848,667	26,666,656	7.04
Baillie Gifford Worldwide Long Term				
Global Growth Fund	136,914	17,149,236	17,158,235	4.53
GQG Partners US Equity Fund - USD A	330,913	15,416,096	17,981,737	4.75
HSBC Global Liquidity Fund PLC - US Dollar				
Liquidity Fund-J	10,944,401	54,261,483	55,718,223	14.71
Lazard Global Equity Franchise	18,142	16,340,675	17,656,489	4.66
Luxembourg SICAV UBAM - 30 Global Leaders	3			
-A-USD	22,695	23,271,681	27,019,065	7.13
Nikko AM Global Umbrella Fund -				
Global Equity Fund *	374,706	25,281,316	26,667,955	7.04
Total collective investment scheme - foreign	12,222,727	178,569,154	188,868,360	49.86
Accumulated unrealised gain on				
collective investment scheme - foreign		10,299,206		
Total collective investment scheme - foreign		188,868,360		

<sup>\*</sup> Managed by a related company of the Manager's substantial shareholder.

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

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

- (c) Exchange-traded fund foreign
  - (i) Exchange-traded fund foreign as at 31 August 2024 are as follows:

	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
JPM Global Research Enh Ind Eq JPM US Research Enhd Index Eq IShares Bitcoin Trust IShares Core MSCI Asia ex JP	152,810 59,565 23,950 456,280	33,631,071 14,333,609 4,296,648 13,293,023	32,757,932 14,399,817 3,451,395 13,399,027	8.00 3.52 0.84 3.27
Ishares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF  Total exchange-traded fund - foreign	14,887 707,492	33,791,788 ———————————————————————————————————	38,025,316 ————————————————————————————————————	9.28
Accumulated unrealised gain on exchange-traded fund - foreign		2,687,348		
Total exchange-traded fund - foreign		102,033,487		

#### (ii) Exchange-traded fund - foreign as at 31 August 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF	17,166	31,610,943	37,569,739	9.92
iShares Core TOPIX ETF	226,521	15,587,979	17,178,229	4.53
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF	112,398	33,376,736	37,078,636	9.79
iShares MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan ETF	60,514	18,628,123	18,399,988	4.86
iShares MSCI China ETF	71,420	14,811,484	14,871,445	3.92
Vanguard FTSE Europe ETF	57,010	15,800,563	16,094,863	4.25
Vanguard US Treasury 0-1 Year Bond ETF	71,100	17,132,553	17,159,375	4.53
Total exchange-traded fund - foreign	616,129	146,948,381	158,352,275	41.80
Accumulated unrealised gain on				
exchange-traded fund - foreign		11,403,894		
Total exchange-traded fund - foreign		158,352,275		

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

#### 9 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2024</u> RM	<u>2023</u> RM
Cash and bank balances Deposit with a licensed financial institution	6,765,744 2,401,945	7,690,762 7,137,318
	9,167,689	14,828,080

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	3.02	3.01

Deposit with a licensed financial institution of the Fund has an average maturity of 2 days (2023: 1 day).

## 10 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

(a) A-class units in circulation

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		2024 No. of units	2023 No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period	603,589,000	639,777,000
	Creation of units arising from applications	35,527,000	7,633,000
	Cancellation of units	(59,745,000)	(42,025,000)
	At the end of the financial period	579,371,000	605,385,000
(a)	B-class units in circulation		
		2024 No. of units	2023 No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period	-	639,777,000
	Creation of units arising from applications	35,401,200	7,633,000
	Cancellation of units	-	(42,025,000)
	At the end of the financial period	35,401,200	605,385,000

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

#### 11 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

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

	Value <u>of trade</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>trade</u> %	Brokerage <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage</u> %
Name of brokers	TXIVI	70	TXIVI	70
MFEX Mutual Funds Exchange AB	282,732,884 81,746,635	56.17 16.24	-	-
CLSA Hong Kong Ltd	70,463,179	14.00	12,890	100.00
AHAM Asset Management Bhd#	42,540,755	8.45	-	-
Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	14,202,260	2.82	-	-
Jane Street Hong Kong Ltd	11,662,901	2.32	-	-
	503,348,614	100.00	12,890	100.00

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

		Percentage		Percentage
	Value	of total	Brokerage	of total
	<u>of trade</u>	<u>trade</u>	<u>fees</u>	<u>brokerage</u>
	RM	%	RM	%
Name of brokers				
MFEX Mutual Funds Exchange AB	207,603,902	42.19	-	-
AHAM Asset Management Bhd)#	80,948,147	16.45	-	-
Robert W. Baird & Co.	70,737,488	14.37	14,855	27.36
CLSA Hong Kong Ltd	51,834,825	10.53	-	-
CLSA Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	34,537,222	7.02	17,269	31.81
CLSA Singapore Pte Ltd	17,551,443	3.57	8,261	15.22
Macqquarie Capital Securities Ltd	13,515,059	2.75	6,490	11.95
Flow Traders	8,091,898	1.64	-	-
Cantor Fitzgerald (HK) Capital				
Markets Ltd	7,269,391	1.48	7,416	13.66
	492,089,375	100.00	54,291	100.00

<sup>#</sup> Included in transactions with brokers are trades with the Manager amounting to RM42,540,755 (2023: RM80,948,147). The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions have been entered into at agreed terms between the related parties.

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

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

The related parties of and their relationship with the Fund as at 31 August 2022 are as follows:

Related parties	Relationships
CVC Capital Partners Asia V L.P. ("CVC Asia V")	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager and former ultimate holding corporate body 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
Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad	Directors of the Manager

Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad Directors of the Manager

The units held by the Manager and its Director as at the end of the financial period are as follows:

		2024		2023
The Manager:	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (The units are held legally for booking purposes)				
- A Class	3,347	2,271	2,759	1,726
- B Class	2,766	1,291	-	-
<u>Director of the Manager</u> :				
Director of the AHAM Asset Management Berhad (The units are held beneficially)				
- A Class	998,858	677,725	948,994	593,786

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

#### 13 **TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")**

6 months 6 months financial financial period ended period ended 31.8.2024 31.8.2023 0.64 0.66

**TER** 

TER is derived from the following calculation:

TER = 
$$(A + B + C + D + E + F) \times 100$$

Α Management fee В = Trustee fees

С Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration D

Ε Tax agent's fee

F Other expenses, excluding sales and service tax on transaction costs and withholding

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 RM425,834,592 (2023: RM373,678,294).

#### 14 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

6	months	6 months
fi	inancial	financial
period	d ended	period ended
<u>31</u>	.8.2024	31.8.2023
PTR (times)	0.57	0.67

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

(Total acquisition for the financial period + total disposal for the financial period) ÷ 2 Average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis

where: total acquisition for the financial period = RM254,566,178 (2023: RM229,620,109) total disposal for the financial period = RM234,367,538 (2023: RM273,672,852)

#### 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 32 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deed and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 August 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2024 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

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

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