

## **QUARTERLY REPORT** 31 August 2024

# AHAM World Series – World Technology Fund

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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 World Series – World Technology Fund
Fund Type	Growth
Fund Category	Feeder Wholesale
Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over medium to long term period.
Distribution Policy	The Fund is not expected to make distribution. However, incidental distribution may be declared whenever is appropriate. Income distribution, if any, will be paid out in the currencies in which the Classes are denominated.

## FUND PERFORMANCE DATA

#### MYR class

Category	As at 31 Aug 2024	As at 31 May 2024
Total NAV (RM'million)	17.861	7.963
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.5539	0.5660
Unit in Circulation (million)	32.246	14.069

#### MYR Hedged-class

Category	As at 31 Aug 2024	As at 31 May 2024
Total NAV (RM'million)	30.571	8.946
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.5875	0.5556
Unit in Circulation (million)	52.037	16.101

#### USD class

Category	As at 31 Aug 2024	As at 31 May 2024
Total NAV (USD'million)	1.600	0.306
NAV per Unit (USD)	0.5995	0.5623
Unit in Circulation (million)	2.668	0.545

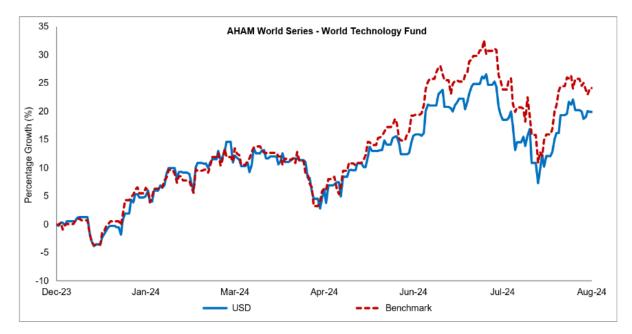
#### **Fund Performance**

#### Performance as at 31 August 2024

	3 Months (1/6/24 - 31/8/24)	6 Months (1/3/24 - 31/8/24)	Since Commencement (18/12/23 - 31/8/24)
Benchmark	8.12%	12.68%	24.18%
USD	6.62%	8.12%	19.90%
Outperformance	(1.50%)	(4.56%)	(4.28%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark

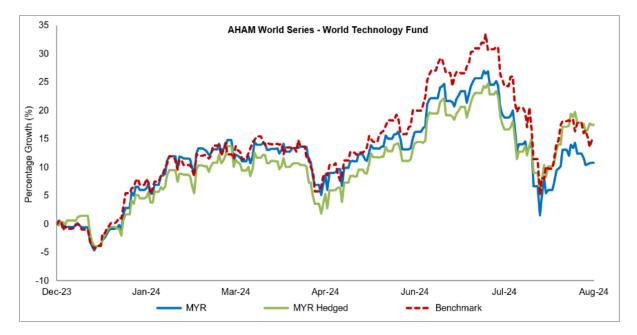


#### Performance as at 31 August 2024

	3 Months (1/6/24 - 31/8/24)	6 Months (1/3/24 - 31/8/24)	Since Commencement (18/12/23 - 31/8/24)
Benchmark	(0.79%)	2.59%	14.89%
MYR	(2.14%)	(1.48%)	10.78%
Outperformance	(1.35%)	(4.07%)	(4.11%)
MYR Hedged	5.74%	6.68%	17.50%
Outperformance	6.53%	4.09%	2.61%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark



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#### Asset Allocation

Fund's asset mix during the period under review:

	31 August 2024
	(%)
Unit Trust	96.28
Derivative	3.21
Cash & money market	0.51
Total	100.00

#### **Income Distribution Breakdown**

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

#### **Strategies Employed**

The Fund will be investing a minimum of 80% of the Fund's NAV in the Target Fund and a maximum of 20% of the Fund's NAV in money market instruments and/or deposits.

#### Market Review

The S&P 500 Index® returned +2.43% in August 2024. Consumer staples and real estate were the best performing sectors, returning +5.94% and +5.79% respectively. Energy and consumer discretionary were the only sectors in red, returning -1.70% and -0.97%, respectively.

August was an eventful month for US equity markets. It began with softer economic data, including a weakerthan-expected July ISM manufacturing report and job numbers, raising investor concerns. The Bank of Japan's decision to raise interest rates by 25bps further influenced markets, particularly affecting carry trade investors. Consequently, the S&P 500 fell by over 6% in the first week of August. However, solid earnings and corporate margins led the index to bounce back. A majority of the companies that reported their recent quarterly earnings beat earnings estimates. The Fed's signal of upcoming rate cuts also supported the markets, with the S&P 500 ending the month up 2.43%.

Large cap stocks, as represented by the S&P 500 Index®, outperformed the small cap Russell 2000 Index®, as they returned +2.43% vs. -1.49%, respectively. Growth underperformed value, as the Russell 3000 Growth Index® returned +1.93% and the Russell 3000 Value Index® returned +2.44%.

#### Investment Outlook

The outlook for the S&P 500 Index® earnings is currently positive, with our analysts projecting an impressive growth rate of +13% for both 2024 and 2025. These estimates are based on a thorough assessment of the underlying economic fundamentals and corporate earnings. While revisions may occur as new data comes in, this forecast represents our most informed projection at this point, reflecting a healthy trajectory for corporate profitability across sectors. Such optimistic earnings growth is expected to be a key driver for equity markets, fostering confidence among investors.

One of the factors fueling this optimism is the easing of inflationary pressures. As inflation cools and growth prospects improve, there is increased hope for a "soft landing" scenario in which the economy slows without tipping into a recession. This environment could create fertile ground for both equity and credit markets to perform well, supporting the broader economic landscape. However, while these factors are favorable, they do not negate the risks that still loom on the horizon. Systematic risks such as the U.S. presidential election, persistently high policy rates, and escalating geopolitical tensions, particularly in regions like Eastern Europe and the Middle East, remain potential sources of market volatility.

Amid this backdrop of potential instability, our strategy remains focused on fundamentals. We are concentrating on high conviction stocks—companies that we believe have strong growth prospects and are well-positioned to weather volatility. In times of market dislocation, where prices may fall out of sync with underlying value due to external shocks, we see opportunities to capitalize on mispriced assets. By remaining disciplined in our stock selection process, we aim to navigate through uncertainty while capturing upside potential in high-quality names that align with our long-term investment outlook.

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

	Financial period ended <u>31.8.2024</u> USD
INVESTMENT INCOME	
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost Net gain on foreign currency exchange Net gain on forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	310 40,587 413,083 445,980
	899,960
EXPENSES	
Management fee Trustee fee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Other expenses	(35,070) (1,174) (786) (450) (197) (632) (38,309)
NET PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	961 651
	861,651
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	861,651
Increase in net asset attributable to unitholders is made up of the following:	
Realised amount Unrealised amount	108,459 753,192
	861,651

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

ASSETS	<u>2024</u> USD
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from Manager - creation of units - management fee rebate receivable Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	57,735 38,160 13,814 12,337,421 411,550 12,858,680
LIABILITIES Amount due to Manager	
<ul> <li>management fee</li> <li>cancellation of units</li> <li>Amount due to Trustee</li> <li>Fund accounting fee</li> <li>Auditors' remuneration</li> <li>Tax agent's fee</li> <li>Other payables and accruals</li> </ul>	17,398 24,610 580 279 337 953 115
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS)	44,272
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	12,814,408
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS	12,814,408

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

2024	USD
REPRESENTED BY:	
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS	
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	4,135,821 7,079,018 1,599,569
	12,814,408
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	32,246,000 52,037,000 2,668,000
	86,951,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)	
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	0.1283 0.1360 0.5995
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES	
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	RM0.5539 RM0.5875 USD0.5995

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

	Financial period ended <u>31.8.2024</u> USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	3,900,258
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period	
Creation of units arising from applications	8,862,125
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	2,506,714 5,073,345 1,282,066
Cancellation of units	(809,626)
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	(205,950) (579,338) (24,338)
Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders during the financial period	861,651
- MYR Class - MYR Hedged-class - USD Class	142,673 683,597 35,381
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	12,814,408

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