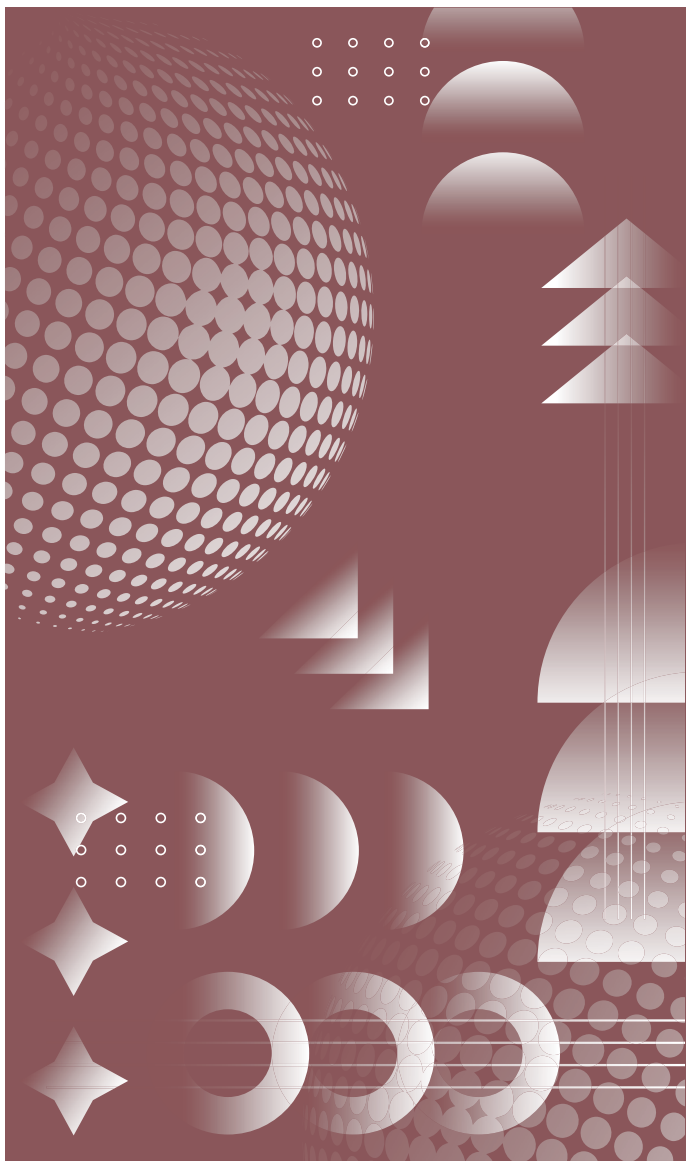


Hong Leong Asia-Pacific Dividend Fund

Semi-Annual Report
Financial Period Ended 30 April 2024

2023/2024
Unaudited



HONG LEONG ASIA-PACIFIC DIVIDEND FUND

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Manager's Review and Report

I. FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name

Hong Leong Asia-Pacific Dividend Fund ("HLAPDF" or "the Fund")

Fund Category

Equity

Fund Type

Growth & Income

Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with steady recurring income* that is potentially higher than the average fixed deposit rates. At the same time, the Fund also attempts to attain medium to long-term capital gains from investing in high quality dividend yielding equities**.

Duration of the Fund and its termination date, where applicable

Not Applicable

Benchmark

MSCI AC Asia-Pacific ex Japan Index

Distribution Policy

The Fund intends to provide regular income* and potentially consistent long-term capital appreciation. Regular income returns will be declared annually depending on interest rates, market conditions and performance of the Fund. As such, the Fund will strive to declare distributions annually, if any, in the form of either cash or additional Units to the Unit holders.

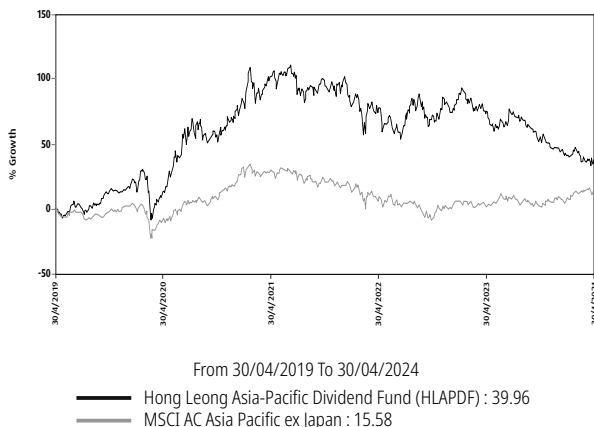
Notes:

* Income may be distributed in the form of cash and/or Units.

** High quality dividend yielding equities refer to equity securities that have dividend yields at and/or above market average.

II. FUND PERFORMANCE

Chart 1: Performance of the Fund versus the benchmark covering the last five-year financial periods



Source: Lipper for Investment Management, in Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLAPDF reinvested.

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up.

Performance Review

This Semi-Annual Report covers the six-month financial periods from 1 November 2023 to 30 April 2024.

The Fund posted a return of -8.04% (based on NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from the Fund reinvested) in the past six months while its benchmark the MSCI AC Asia-Pacific ex Japan Index registered a return of 14.43% (in Malaysian Ringgit terms).

For the five-year financial periods ended 30 April 2024, the Fund registered a return of 39.96% compared to the benchmark's return of 15.58% while distributing a total gross income of 17.9000 sen per unit (net income of 17.8869 sen per unit).

Table 1: Performance of the Fund for the following periods as at 30 April 2024 (Source: Lipper for Investment Management)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Launch
HLAPDF Return (%)	0.07	-8.04	-19.98	-30.59	39.96	63.66	85.09
Benchmark (%)	8.04	14.43	12.08	-9.82	15.58	66.08	111.75

Table 2: Return of the Fund based on NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis for the period 31 October 2023 to 30 April 2024 (Source: Lipper for Investment Management)

	30-Apr-24	31-Oct-23	Return (%)
NAV Per Unit	RM0.4336	RM0.4715	-8.04
Benchmark	2,572.59	2,248.25	14.43
vs Benchmark (%)	-	-	-22.47

Table 3: Financial Highlights

The Net Asset Value attributable to Unit holders is represented by:

	30-Apr-24 (RM)	31-Oct-23 (RM)	Change (%)
Unit Holders' Capital	86,592,855	94,952,599	(8.80)
Accumulated Loss	(17,600,146)	(10,915,638)	(61.24)
Net Asset Value	68,992,709	84,036,961	(17.90)
Units in Circulation	159,128,177	178,225,608	(10.72)

Table 4: The Highest and Lowest NAV Per Unit, Total Return of the Fund and the breakdown into Capital Growth and Income Distribution for the financial period ended 30 April and financial years ended 31 October

	Financial Period 2024	Financial Year 2023	Financial Year 2022	Financial Year 2021
Highest NAV Per Unit (RM)	0.4870	0.6131	0.7086	0.7684
Lowest NAV Per Unit (RM)	0.4135	0.4697	0.5251	0.5700
Capital Growth (%)	-8.04	-16.83	-17.75	21.02
Income Distribution (%)	-	5.28	5.86	7.96
Total Return (%)	-8.04	-11.55	-11.89	28.98

Source: Lipper for Investment Management, in Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLA PDF reinvested.

Table 5: Average Total Return of the Fund for the financial period ended 30 April 2024

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Average Total Return (%)	-19.98	-10.20	7.99

Source: Lipper for Investment Management, in Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLA PDF reinvested.

Table 6: Annual Total Return of the Fund for the financial years ended 31 October

Financial Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Annual Total Return (%)	-11.55	-11.89	28.98	32.56	13.82

Source: Lipper for Investment Management, in Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLA PDF reinvested.

III. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Chart 2: Asset Allocation - November 2023 to April 2024

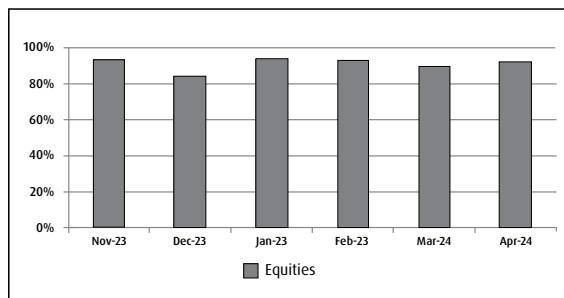


Chart 3: Sector Allocation as at 30 April 2024

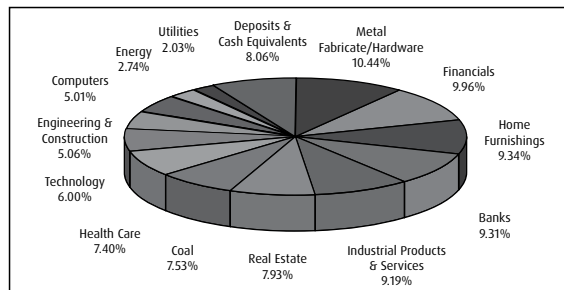
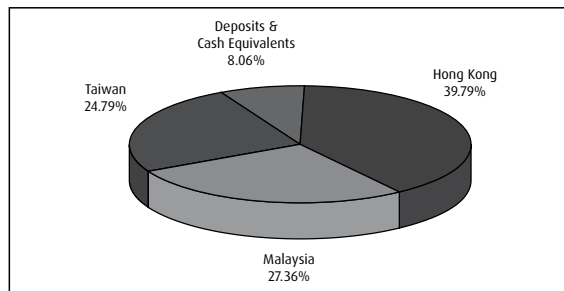


Chart 4: Geographical Allocation as at 30 April 2024



Strategies employed by the Fund during the period under review

During the financial period under review, the Fund increased its exposure to Hong Kong equities due to its attractive valuation. The Fund also reduced its Malaysia equities exposure and added more exposure to Taiwan stocks that are in the AI industry.

An explanation on the differences in portfolio composition

During the financial period under review, the Fund's cash position remains similar. The Fund reduced its allocation in the technology and industrial production sector and increased its exposure in the financials and metal hardware sector.

Operational review of the Fund

For the financial period under review, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund or circumstances that would materially affect the interest of Unit holders up to the date of this Manager's report.

IV. MARKET REVIEW

During the financial period under review, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index rose 6.5%. The best performing markets were Taiwan and India while the laggards were Indonesia and Thailand. In the local market, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia (FBM) KLCI rose 8.5%. Small caps underperformed as the FBM Small Cap Index rose 11.0%.

The final quarter of 2023 started on a tentative note as investors maintained a high cash level in their portfolios in view of the weak economic outlook and heightened geopolitical risk. However global equity markets rallied strongly in the last two months of the year as statements by the United States (US) Federal Reserve (Fed) left very little doubt that the current rate hike cycle is at an end. US indices led the global equity rally as the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index hit an all-time high in December.

Global markets started the year of 2024 positively, particularly in the US as the major US indices hit record highs. Most of the US firms reported earnings that beat expectations. Although inflation remains elevated and expectations of the first rate cut is pushed out further, investors took the macro developments positively with the view that the economy is still robust. China and Hong Kong markets started the year poorly but appears to have found a bottom following a slew of stimulus measures announced by the policy makers in China.

Although the FBM KLCI posted a positive return, it was a quiet fourth quarter for the Malaysia market in comparison to other global peers as investors, particularly foreign investors, appeared to find more urgency to cover their underweight in developed markets before deploying cash in emerging markets.

The FBM KLCI was the top performing ASEAN market in January 2024 and outperformed most regional peers for the rest of the quarter. This is despite a weak currency relative to the US Dollar (USD) and the local equity market experiencing foreign fund selling during the quarter.

V. FUTURE PROSPECTS AND PROPOSED STRATEGIES

During the financial period under review, we expect investor sentiment to improve considerably given the significant shift in interest rate outlook by the US Fed in their recent communications with the media and investors. With inflation expected to be at benign levels for the year, it is encouraging to know that global central banks will have the flexibility to ease monetary policy to support the economy should the need arises.

We expect the local market to also gain some interest among foreign investors who are looking to have exposure in the emerging market space as the 'risk-on' sentiment prevails. Other external factors that might support interest in the local market includes the expected correction in the USD and the high valuation of the US market.

However, as the global economic outlook is still fraught with uncertainty, we expect investors to remain cautious. We opine the best strategy to navigate through this challenging environment is through bottom-up stock picking and remain invested in high quality companies.

VI. SOFT COMMISSIONS

The Manager has received soft commissions from brokers/dealers in the form of goods and services such as research materials, data and quotation services incidental to investment management of the Fund and investment related publications. Such soft commissions received are utilised in the investment management of the Fund and are of demonstrable benefit to the Fund and Unit holders and there was no churning of trades.

VII. SECURITIES LENDING OR REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

No securities lending or repurchase transactions have been carried out during the financial period under review.

VIII. CROSS TRADE TRANSACTIONS

No cross trade transactions have been carried out during the financial period under review.

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Lee Jim Leng, as the Director of Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd, do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited condensed financial statements set out on pages 10 to 37 are drawn up in accordance with the provision of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial period ended 30 April 2024 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard 134 “Interim Financial Reporting” and International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”.

For and on behalf of the Manager,
Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd
(Company No.: 199401033034 (318717-M))

LEE JIM LENG

Chairman/Non-Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur
19 June 2024

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF HONG LEONG ASIA-PACIFIC DIVIDEND FUND (“Fund”)

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 30 April 2024 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the management company under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the deed; and
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the deed and any regulatory requirement.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

Ng Hon Leong
Head, Fund Operations

Sylvia Beh
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur
19 June 2024

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	Note	2024 RM	2023 RM
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Interest income from financial assets measured at amortised cost		49,807	51,711
Dividend income		903,421	1,257,828
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	8	(3,743,570)	2,406,348
Net loss on derivatives	9	(2,065,961)	(97,974)
Net foreign currency exchange loss		(280,259)	(353,737)
		<u>(5,136,562)</u>	<u>3,264,176</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Management fee	4	(735,287)	(1,098,320)
Trustee's fee	5	(26,549)	(38,441)
Auditors' remuneration		(5,619)	(4,811)
Tax agent's fee		(5,452)	(2,215)
Custodian fees		(10,364)	(5,279)
Transaction costs		(612,198)	(205,870)
Other expenses		(144,878)	(139,773)
		<u>(1,540,347)</u>	<u>(1,494,709)</u>
(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		<u>(6,676,909)</u>	<u>1,769,467</u>
Taxation	6	(7,599)	(10,408)
(LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		<u>(6,684,508)</u>	<u>1,759,059</u>
(Loss)/profit after taxation is made up as follows:			
Realised amount		(10,443,578)	(1,862,291)
Unrealised amount		<u>3,759,070</u>	<u>3,621,350</u>
		<u>(6,684,508)</u>	<u>1,759,059</u>
Distribution for the financial period:			
Net distributions	7	-	<u>3,723,575</u>
Net distributions per unit (sen)	7	-	<u>1,9923</u>
Gross distributions per unit (sen)	7	-	<u>2,0000</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited condensed financial statements.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited)

AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	Note	30.04.2024 RM	31.10.2023 RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,041,987	7,327,066
Amount due from brokers/dealers		7,066,088	352,406
Amount due from the Manager			
-creation of units		35,546	51,800
Dividends receivable		40,600	-
Financial assets at FVTPL	8	63,428,895	77,938,048
Tax recoverable		42,599	15,576
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>72,655,715</u>	<u>85,684,896</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to brokers/dealers		2,891,107	952,460
Amount due to the Manager			
-cancellation of units		283,050	253,129
-management fee		100,656	149,243
Amount due to the Trustee		3,914	5,224
Derivatives	9	369,726	270,716
Other payables and accruals		14,553	17,163
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>3,663,006</u>	<u>1,647,935</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>68,992,709</u>	<u>84,036,961</u>
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		86,592,855	94,952,599
Accumulated loss		(17,600,146)	(10,915,638)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		<u>68,992,709</u>	<u>84,036,961</u>
UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)	10	<u>159,128,177</u>	<u>178,225,608</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.4336</u>	<u>0.4715</u>

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Unaudited)

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Note	Unit holders' capital RM	(Accumulated loss)/retained earnings RM	Total RM
Balance as at 1 November 2023	94,952,599	(10,915,638)	84,036,961
Movement in net asset value:			
Creation of units from applications	1,202,359	-	1,202,359
Cancellation of units	(9,562,103)	-	(9,562,103)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period	-	(6,684,508)	(6,684,508)
Balance as at 30 April 2024	<u>86,592,855</u>	<u>(17,600,146)</u>	<u>68,992,709</u>
Balance as at 1 November 2022	106,191,646	1,261,823	107,453,469
Movement in net asset value:			
Creation of units from applications	3,641,598	-	3,641,598
Creation of units from distribution	2,849,304	-	2,849,304
Cancellation of units	(4,844,566)	-	(4,844,566)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	1,759,059	1,759,059
Distributions for the financial period	7 (3,551,613)	(171,962)	(3,723,575)
Balance as at 30 April 2023	<u>104,286,369</u>	<u>2,848,920</u>	<u>107,135,289</u>

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	2024 RM	2023 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sales of financial assets at FVTPL	85,542,361	31,941,659
Purchase of financial assets at FVTPL	(80,164,011)	(31,758,625)
Realised loss on derivatives	(1,966,951)	(185,920)
Realised foreign exchange differences arising from operating activities	(288,092)	(353,288)
Interest income received from financial assets measured at amortised cost	49,807	51,711
Dividend income received	749,508	1,079,079
Management fee paid	(783,874)	(1,099,445)
Trustee's fee paid	(27,859)	(38,481)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(55,610)	(34,569)
Tax paid	(34,622)	(17,079)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>3,020,657</u>	<u>(414,958)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from creation of units	1,218,613	3,447,269
Payments for cancellation of units	(9,532,182)	(4,890,172)
Payments for distribution	-	(874,271)
Net cash used from financing activities	<u>(8,313,569)</u>	<u>(2,317,174)</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(5,292,912)	(2,732,132)
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES	7,833	(449)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>7,327,066</u>	<u>5,545,206</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>2,041,987</u>	<u>2,812,625</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Unaudited)*

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Hong Leong Asia-Pacific Dividend Fund (“the Fund”) was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 27 January 2006 and Supplemental Deed dated 30 April 2010 between Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd (“the Manager”) and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad for the unit holders of the Fund. HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad has been replaced with Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (“the Trustee”) effective 1 November 2012 and Supplemental Master Deeds were entered into between the Manager and the Trustee for the unit holders of the Fund on 21 September 2012, 25 March 2015, 27 July 2022 and 23 March 2023 to effect the change (“the Deeds”).

The Fund aims to provide investors with steady recurring income that is potentially higher than the average fixed deposit rates. At the same time, the Fund also attempts to attain medium to long-term capital gains from investing in high quality dividend yielding equities.

The Fund will invest a minimum 70% of its net asset value into equities and equity-related securities which include common stock and depository receipts of companies in the Asia-Pacific ex Japan region. The Fund may invest in ETFs and REITs. A maximum 30% of its net asset value may be invested into fixed income instruments which include fixed income securities, money market instruments and deposits. The Fund's investments may include derivatives which include futures, options, forward contracts and warrants to gain exposure to equities in the Asia-Pacific ex Japan region and in fixed income instruments. The Fund commenced operations on 28 February 2006 and will continue its operations until terminated as provided under Part 12 of the Deeds.

The Manager of the Fund is Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd, a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activity of the Manager is the management of unit trust funds, private retirement schemes and private investment mandates. Its holding company is Hong Leong Capital Berhad, a company incorporated in Malaysia and listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 19 June 2024.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements:

(a) Basis of preparation

The condensed financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard 134 “Interim Financial Reporting” and International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”.

The condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 October 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities

Classification

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

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income (“OCI”) or 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 flows 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 principal and interest, 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 are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from brokers/dealers, amount due from the Manager and dividends receivable 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 brokers/dealers, amounts due to the Manager, amount due to the Trustee and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

Recognition and measurement

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

Financial liabilities, within the scope of MFRS 9, are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

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

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

Unrealised gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss including the effects of currency translation are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within net gain or loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the period which they arise.

Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as part of dividend income when the Fund's right to receive payments is established.

Local quoted investments are valued at the last traded market prices quoted on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") at the date of the statement of financial position.

Foreign quoted investments are valued at the last traded market prices quoted on the respective foreign stock exchanges at the close of the business day of the respective foreign stock exchanges.

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the quoted investments, 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 quoted securities for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the quoted securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Manager, based on the methods or bases approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

Deposits with licensed financial institutions are stated at cost plus accrued interest calculated on the effective interest rate method over the period from the date of placement to the date of maturity of the respective deposits, which is a close estimate of their fair value due to the short term nature of the deposits. Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Impairment

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 closed to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

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 obligor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to pay 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 impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period.

(c) Foreign currency

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.

Due to mixed factors in determining the functional currency of the Fund, the Manager has used its judgement to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions and have determined the functional currency to be in RM primarily due to the following factors:

- The Fund's NAV per unit and the settlement of creation and cancellation are denominated in RM.
- The Fund's significant expenses are denominated in RM.

Transactions and balances

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 remeasured. 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 profit or loss, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss.

(d) Income recognition

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date when the Fund's right to receive payment is established.

Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions and auto-sweep facility bank account are recognised on the 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 gain or loss on disposal of quoted investments is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of quoted investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

Realised gain or loss on derivatives - unquoted forward currency contracts is measured by the net settlement as per the forward currency contracts.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at banks and deposits held in highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with an original maturity of three months or lesser which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(f) Amount due from/to brokers/dealers

Amount due from/to brokers/dealers represents receivables/payables for investments sold/purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment for amount due from brokers/dealers. A provision for impairment of amount due from a broker/dealer is established when there is objective evidence that the Fund will not be able to collect all amounts due from the relevant broker/dealer. Significant financial difficulties of the broker/dealer, probability that the broker/dealer will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are considered indicators that the amount due from brokers/dealers is impaired. Once a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, interest income is recognised using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

(g) Taxation

Current tax expense is determined according to Malaysian tax laws at the prevailing tax rate based on the taxable profit earned during the financial period. Withholding taxes on investment income from foreign investments are based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in. Such withholding taxes are not "income tax" in nature and are recognised and measured based on the requirements of MFRS 137. They are presented within other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

(h) Distributions

A distribution to the Fund's unit holders is accounted for as a deduction from realised reserve. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the financial period in which it is approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager.

(i) Transaction costs

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

(j) Unit holders' capital

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

- the units entitle the unit 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 the units; and
- the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based substantially on the profit or loss and change in the net asset value of the Fund.

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of the statement of financial position if unit holder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

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

(k) Derivatives

A derivative is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset/liability of the Fund and a financial liability/asset or equity instrument of another enterprise.

A financial asset is any asset that is cash, a contractual right to receive cash or another financial asset from another enterprise, a contractual right to exchange financial instruments with another enterprise under conditions that are potentially favorable, or an equity instrument of another enterprise.

A financial liability is any liability that is a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another enterprise, or to exchange financial instruments with another enterprise under conditions that are potentially unfavorable.

The Fund's derivatives comprise unquoted forward currency contracts. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and is subsequently re-measured at their fair value.

The fair value of forward foreign currency contracts is determined using forward exchange rates at the date of 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 held for trading and accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy set out in Note 2(b).

(l) Fair value of financial instruments

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. Fair value is 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 information presented herein represents the estimates of fair values as at the date of the statement of financial position.

The Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities are measured on an ongoing basis at either fair value or at amortised cost based on the respective classification.

The following table analyses the financial assets and financial liabilities of the Fund in the statement of financial position as at the reporting date:

	Financial assets/ liabilities at FVTPL RM	Financial assets/ liabilities at amortised cost RM	Total RM
30.04.2024			
<u>Financial assets</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	2,041,987	2,041,987
Amount due from brokers/dealers	-	7,066,088	7,066,088
Amount due from the Manager			
-creation of units	-	35,546	35,546
Dividends receivable	-	40,600	40,600
Financial assets at FVTPL (Note 8)	63,428,895	-	63,428,895
	<u>63,428,895</u>	<u>9,184,221</u>	<u>72,613,116</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>			
Amount due to brokers/dealers	-	2,891,107	2,891,107
Amount due to the Manager			
-cancellation of units	-	283,050	283,050
-management fee	-	100,656	100,656
Amount due to the Trustee	-	3,914	3,914
Derivatives (Note 9)	369,726	-	369,726
Other payables and accruals	-	14,553	14,553
	<u>369,726</u>	<u>3,293,280</u>	<u>3,663,006</u>
31.10.2023			
<u>Financial assets</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	7,327,066	7,327,066
Amount due from brokers/dealers	-	352,406	352,406
Amount due from the Manager			
-creation of units	-	51,800	51,800
Financial assets at FVTPL (Note 8)	77,938,048	-	77,938,048
	<u>77,938,048</u>	<u>7,731,272</u>	<u>85,669,320</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>			
Amount due to brokers/dealers	-	952,460	952,460
Amount due to the Manager			
-cancellation of units	-	253,129	253,129
-management fee	-	149,243	149,243
Amount due to the Trustee	-	5,224	5,224
Derivatives (Note 9)	270,716	-	270,716
Other payables and accruals	-	17,163	17,163
	<u>270,716</u>	<u>1,377,219</u>	<u>1,647,935</u>

All liabilities are financial liabilities which are carried at amortised cost.

(m) Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, rarely equal the related actual results. To enhance the information content of the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impact to the Fund's results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

Estimates and judgements 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.

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 Malaysia's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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

3. FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

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 reporting 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.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each period/year end date. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments such as options, currency swaps and other over-the-counter derivatives, include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

For instruments for which there is no active market, the Fund may use internally developed models, which are usually based on valuation methods and techniques generally recognised as standard within the industry. Valuation models are used primarily to value unlisted equity, debt securities and other debt instruments for which market were or have been inactive during the financial period. Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including model risk, liquidity risk and counter party risk.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an on-going basis.

(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); and
- 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 requires significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

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

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

	Level 1 RM	Level 2 RM	Level 3 RM	Total RM
30.04.2024				
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL:</u>				
- Quoted equity securities - local	18,875,031	-	-	18,875,031
- Quoted equity securities - foreign	44,553,864	-	-	44,553,864
	<u>63,428,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,428,895</u>
<u>Financial liabilities:</u>				
- Derivatives	-	(369,726)	-	(369,726)
31.10.2023				
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL:</u>				
- Quoted equity securities - local	59,902,375	-	-	59,902,375
- Quoted equity securities - foreign	18,035,673	-	-	18,035,673
	<u>77,938,048</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,938,048</u>
<u>Financial liabilities:</u>				
- Derivatives	-	(270,716)	-	(270,716)

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include active listed equities. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets are stated in Note 2(b).

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 include derivatives. 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. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets/liabilities are stated in Note 2(b) and 2(k).

(ii) The carrying values of financial assets (other than financial assets at FVTPL) and financial liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short term nature.

4. MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with Division 13.1 of the Deeds, the Manager is entitled to a management fee of up to 2.00% per annum calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund.

For the financial period 1 November 2023 to 29 February 2024 the management fee is recognised at a rate of 2.00% (01.11.2022 to 30.04.2023: 2.00%) per annum. With effective from 1 March 2024, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.80% per annum.

There is no further liability to the Manager in respect of management fee other than the amount recognised above.

5. TRUSTEE'S FEE

In accordance with Division 13.2 of the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to a fee not exceeding 0.20% per annum subject to a minimum of RM18,000 per annum calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund.

For the financial period ended 30 April 2024, the Trustee's fee is recognised at a rate of 0.07% (2023: 0.07%) per annum.

There is no further liability to the Trustee in respect of Trustee's fee other than the amount recognised above.

6. TAXATION

	2024 RM	2023 RM
Tax charge for the financial period:		
Current taxation	7,599	10,408

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

	2024 RM	2023 RM
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(6,676,909)	1,769,467
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	(1,602,458)	424,672
Tax effects of:		
Investment loss disallowed from tax/ (investment income not subject to tax)	1,338,280	(620,084)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	116,410	(29,563)
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for unit trust fund	155,367	235,383
Taxation	7,599	10,408

7. DISTRIBUTIONS

Distribution to unit holders for the financial period ended 30 April 2023 is derived from the following sources:

	2023 RM
Prior financial years' realised income	237,697
Interest income from financial assets measured at amortised cost	19,901
Dividend income	251,717
Realised foreign currency exchange gain	245,030
Distribution equalisation	3,551,613
Less: Expenses	(582,383)
Net distributions amount	3,723,575

Date of Declaration

26 January 2024 / 16 January 2023

Net distributions per unit (sen)	1.9923
Gross/net distribution per unit (sen)	2.0000

The composition of distribution payments sourced from income and capital are disclosed in below:

	Income		Capital	
	RM	%	RM	%
2023	3,723,575	100.00	-	-

Net distribution above are sourced from prior financial year's and current financial period's realised income. Gross distribution are derived using total income less total expenses.

Gross distribution per unit is derived from net realised income less expenses divided by units in circulation, while net distribution per unit is derived from net realised income less expenses and taxation divided by units in circulation.

Distribution equalisation represents the average amount of distributable income included in the creation and cancellation of units. It is computed as at each date of creation and cancellation of units. For the purpose of determining amount available for distribution, distribution equalisation is included in the computation of distribution available for unit holders.

There is no distribution declared for the financial period ended 30 April 2024.

8. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS ("FVTPL")

	30.04.2024 RM	31.10.2023 RM
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL:</u>		
Quoted equity securities - local	18,875,031	59,902,375
Quoted equity securities - foreign	44,553,864	18,035,673
	<u>63,428,895</u>	<u>77,938,048</u>
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
<u>Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at FVTPL:</u>		
Realised loss on disposals	(7,593,817)	(1,127,505)
Changes in unrealised fair values	3,850,247	3,533,853
	<u>(3,743,570)</u>	<u>2,406,348</u>

Financial assets at FVTPL as at 30 April 2024 are as detailed below:

	Quantity units	Aggregate cost RM	Fair value RM	Percentage of net asset value %
QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES - LOCAL				
<u>Main Market</u>				
<u>Energy</u>				
Velesto Energy Berhad	7,000,000	2,135,000	1,890,000	2.74
<u>Health Care</u>				
Kossan Rubber Industries Berhad	1,500,000	3,133,650	3,300,000	4.78
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Aurelius Technologies Bhd	750,000	2,000,115	2,070,000	3.00
EG Industries Berhad	1,000,000	1,510,800	1,500,000	2.17
V.S. Industry Berhad	1,600,000	1,455,680	1,456,000	2.11
	<u>3,350,000</u>	<u>4,966,595</u>	<u>5,026,000</u>	<u>7.28</u>
<u>Technology</u>				
Frontken Corporation Berhad	1,050,000	3,413,486	4,137,000	6.00
<u>Utilities</u>				
Mega First Corporation Berhad	300,000	1,448,640	1,401,000	2.03
<u>ACE Market</u>				
<u>Health Care</u>				
Alpha IVF Group Berhad	5,555,000	1,777,600	1,805,375	2.62
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Coraza Integrated Technology Berhad	2,436,400	1,853,423	1,315,656	1.91
TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES - LOCAL	21,191,400	18,728,394	18,875,031	27.36
QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES - FOREIGN				
Hong Kong				
<u>Banks</u>				
Agricultural Bank Of China Limited*	3,000,000	5,639,599	6,422,247	9.31
<u>Coal</u>				
Yankuang Energy Group Co Ltd	500,000	5,936,554	5,196,348	7.53
<u>Engineering & Construction</u>				
Greentown Management Holdings	850,000	3,391,666	3,494,117	5.06
<u>Financials</u>				
China Citic Bank Corp Ltd*	2,450,000	5,879,630	6,873,573	9.96
<u>Real Estate</u>				
Onewo Inc*	430,000	10,879,381	5,468,059	7.93
Total Hong Kong	7,230,000	31,726,830	27,454,344	39.79

	Quantity units	Aggregate cost RM	Fair value RM	Percentage of net asset value %
Taiwan				
<u>Computers</u>				
Wiwynn Corp	10,000	3,723,510	3,455,040	5.01
<u>Home Furnishings</u>				
Lite-On Technology Corporation	440,000	5,805,081	6,441,600	9.34
<u>Metal Fabricate/Hardware</u>				
King Slide Work Co Ltd	40,000	6,516,822	7,202,880	10.44
Total Taiwan	490,000	16,045,413	17,099,520	24.79
TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES - FOREIGN	7,720,000	47,772,243	44,553,864	64.58
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	28,911,400	66,500,637	63,428,895	91.94
UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL		(3,071,742)		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL		63,428,895		

Financial assets at FVTPL as at 31 October 2023 are as detailed below:

	Quantity units	Aggregate cost RM	Fair value RM	Percentage of net asset value %
QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES - LOCAL				
<u>Main Market</u>				
<u>Consumer Products & Services</u>				
Focus Point Holdings Berhad	8,624,000	2,822,345	6,683,600	7.95
<u>Energy</u>				
Perdana Petroleum Berhad	5,500,000	1,498,750	1,402,500	1.67
Velesto Energy Berhad	13,500,000	3,270,600	3,442,500	4.10
	19,000,000	4,769,350	4,845,000	5.77
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Dufu Technology Corp. Berhad	1,935,700	4,905,150	3,329,404	3.96
Kobay Technology Bhd	1,524,000	7,090,323	2,682,240	3.19
SAM Engineering & Equipment (M) Berhad	750,000	3,846,025	3,247,500	3.86
Wellcall Holdings Bhd	2,250,000	3,492,245	3,465,000	4.12
	6,459,700	19,333,743	12,724,144	15.13
<u>Technology</u>				
D & O Green Technologies Berhad	1,030,000	1,062,651	3,378,400	4.02
Frontken Corporation Berhad	2,050,000	6,664,425	6,519,000	7.76
Genetec Technology Berhad	1,570,000	3,026,427	3,705,200	4.41
Inari Amertron Berhad	1,568,500	4,862,350	4,470,225	5.32
Pentamaster Corporation Berhad	972,900	3,462,959	4,864,500	5.79
	7,191,400	19,078,812	22,937,325	27.30

	Quantity units	Aggregate cost RM	Fair value RM	Percentage of net asset value %
<u>ACE Market</u>				
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Evergreen Max Cash Capital Bhd	8,800,000	3,741,760	3,652,000	4.35
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Coraza Integrated Technology Berhad	6,150,000	4,678,440	3,413,250	4.06
Minox International Group Bhd	8,240,800	2,606,237	2,637,056	3.14
	14,390,800	7,284,677	6,050,306	7.20
<u>Technology</u>				
ECA Integrated Solution Berhad	4,300,000	3,894,539	3,010,000	3.58
TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES - LOCAL	68,765,900	60,925,226	59,902,375	71.28
QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES - FOREIGN				
Hong Kong				
<u>Real Estate</u>				
Onewo Inc*	430,000	10,879,380	5,704,079	6.79
Total Hong Kong	430,000	10,879,380	5,704,079	6.79
Taiwan				
<u>Home Furnishings</u>				
Lite-On Technology Corporation	440,000	5,805,081	6,463,600	7.69
<u>Telecommunications</u>				
Alpha Networks Inc.	1,130,000	7,250,350	5,867,994	6.98
Total Taiwan	1,570,000	13,055,431	12,331,594	14.67
TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES - FOREIGN	2,000,000	23,934,811	18,035,673	21.46
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	70,765,900	84,860,037	77,938,048	92.74
UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL		(6,921,989)		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL		77,938,048		

* H Shares are shares of the companies incorporated in the Chinese mainland that is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. These shares are denominated in Hong Kong dollars and trade the same as other equities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

9. DERIVATIVES

Derivatives comprise forward currency contracts. The negative fair value represents the unrealised loss on the revaluation of forward currency at the reporting date. The contract or underlying principal amount of the forward currency contracts and the corresponding gross negative fair value at the end of each reporting date is analysed below:

	30.04.2024	31.10.2023
	RM	RM
Derivative liabilities:		
Forward currency contracts	369,726	270,716
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Net loss on derivatives:		
Realised loss on disposals	(1,966,951)	(185,920)
Changes in unrealised fair values	(99,010)	87,946
	<u>(2,065,961)</u>	<u>(97,974)</u>

	Maturity date	Contract or underlying principal amounts	*Fair value RM
30.04.2023			
Hong Kong Dollar	within 1 month	20,761,000	(24,913)
New Taiwan Dollar	within 1 month	1,602,694#	(358,756)
United States Dollar	within 1 month	1,602,694	13,943
			<u>(369,726)</u>
31.10.2023			
Hong Kong Dollar	within 1 month	3,546,000	(18,085)
New Taiwan Dollar	within 1 month	1,424,054#	(190,115)
United States Dollar	within 1 month	1,424,054	(62,516)
			<u>(270,716)</u>

This is the equivalent US Dollar amount used to hedge TWD54,732,000 (31.10.2023: TWD47,421,000).

* Being the difference between the contract price and the market forward price discounted at appropriate discount rates.

	Payables RM	Fair value RM	Percentage of net asset value %
30.04.2023			
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	(369,726)	(369,726)	0.54
31.10.2023			
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	(270,716)	(270,716)	0.32

As the Fund does not adopt hedge accounting during the financial period, the change in the fair value of the forward currency contracts is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

10. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	01.11.2023 to 30.04.2024	01.11.2023 to 31.10.2023
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period/year	178,225,608	189,540,290
Add: Creation of units during the financial period/year		
-Arising from applications	2,703,164	9,654,089
-Arising from distribution	-	8,898,416
Less: Cancellation of units during the financial period/year	<u>(21,800,595)</u>	<u>(29,867,187)</u>
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>159,128,177</u>	<u>178,225,608</u>

11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2024 %	2023 %
TER (annualised)	<u>2.14</u>	<u>2.12</u>

Total expense ratio includes management fee, Trustee's fee, auditors' remuneration, tax agent's fee, custodian fees and other expenses for the financial period divided by the Fund's average net asset value calculated on a daily basis and is calculated as follows:

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

Where;

- A = Management fee
- B = Trustee's fee
- C = Auditors' remuneration
- D = Tax agent's fee
- E = Custodian fees
- F = Other expenses excluding withholding tax
- G = Average net asset value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM76,221,691 (2023: RM110,744,998).

12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	2024 Times	2023 Times
PTR	1.19	0.29

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

(Total acquisitions for the financial period + total disposals for the financial period) / 2

Average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis

Where: total acquisitions for the financial period
= RM81,822,250 (2023: RM31,654,204)
total disposals for the financial period
= RM100,181,650 (2023: RM33,012,772)

13. UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

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

Related parties	Relationships
Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd	The Manager
Hong Leong Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd	Subsidiary of the Manager
Hong Leong Capital Berhad	Holding company of the Manager
Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad ("HLFG")	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Subsidiaries and associates of HLFG as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associate companies of the ultimate holding company of the Manager

No units were held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager as at 30 April 2024 and 31 October 2023.

In addition to related party disclosures mentioned elsewhere in the financial statements, set out below are other related party transactions and balances. The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related companies have been entered into at agreed terms between the related parties.

	30.04.2024 RM	31.10.2023 RM
<u>Related party balances</u>		
Cash at bank:		
- Hong Leong Bank Berhad	1,899,687	490,900
Derivatives:		
- Hong Leong Bank Berhad	(369,726)	(270,716)
	<u>1,529,961</u>	<u>220,184</u>

	2024 RM	2023 RM
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Related party transactions

Interest income from auto-sweep facility bank account:
- Hong Leong Bank Berhad 48,248 49,004

Purchase of quoted equity securities:
- Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad 7,880,097 1,908,564

Disposal of quoted equity securities:
- Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad 15,019,759 209,514

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/DEALERS

Detail of transactions with brokers/dealers are as follows:

	Values of trade of trade RM	Percentage of total trade %	Brokerage fees RM	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
2024				
CL Securities Taiwan Company Limited	32,476,118	18.63	81,214	18.84
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad*	22,899,856	13.13	51,780	12.01
Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	22,128,924	12.69	55,426	12.86
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	18,438,807	10.58	36,757	8.52
Shenwan Hongyuan Securities (H.K.) Limited	16,320,741	9.36	32,618	7.56
CGS International Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd (formerly known as CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd)	14,012,858	8.04	35,045	8.13
JPMorgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	13,695,620	7.85	34,289	7.95
Public Investment Bank Berhad	9,483,454	5.44	23,790	5.52
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	5,798,927	3.33	14,521	3.37
DBS Vickers Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd	5,134,095	2.94	7,687	1.78
Others	13,969,302	8.01	58,029	13.46
	<u>174,358,702</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>431,156</u>	<u>100.00</u>
2023				
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	10,999,959	17.31	28,716	18.89
Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited	9,759,880	15.36	20,892	13.75
Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	9,090,162	14.31	22,645	14.90
Shenwan Hongyuan Securities (H.K.) Limited	6,773,238	10.66	13,501	8.88
JPMorgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	5,743,738	9.04	14,415	9.48
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	5,328,003	8.38	13,375	8.80
CL Securities Taiwan Company Limited	4,478,974	7.05	11,170	7.35
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	3,822,257	6.02	9,543	6.28
Credit Suisse Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	2,973,640	4.68	7,465	4.91
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	2,263,196	3.56	4,509	2.97
Others*	2,309,491	3.63	5,759	3.79
	<u>63,542,538</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>151,990</u>	<u>100.00</u>

* Transactions with brokers/dealers related to the Manager.

The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related companies have been entered into at agreed terms between the related parties.

Performance Data

for the Financial Period Ended 30 April and Financial Years Ended 31 October

	Financial Period 2024 %	Financial Year 2023 %	Financial Year 2022 %	Financial Year 2021 %	
A (i) Portfolio Compositions:					
By Sector:					
Banks	9.31	-	-	-	
Coal	7.53	-	-	-	
Communication Services	-	-	-	3.49	
Computers	5.01	-	-	-	
Consumer Products & Services	-	7.95	17.68	10.44	
Cosmetic/Personal Care	-	-	-	5.80	
Electric	-	-	-	6.10	
Energy	2.74	5.77	1.74	3.30	
Engineering & Construction	5.06	-	-	-	
Financial Services	-	4.35	12.66	-	
Financials	9.96	-	-	-	
Health Care	7.40	-	-	5.66	
Home Furnishings	9.34	7.69	-	-	
Industrial Products & Services	9.19	22.33	21.03	12.32	
Materials	-	-	6.88	4.58	
Metal Fabricate/Hardware	10.44	-	-	-	
Pharmaceuticals	-	-	-	3.67	
Real Estate	7.93	6.79	-	6.33	
Technology	6.00	30.88	35.07	20.00	
Telecommunications	-	6.98	-	-	
Transportation & Logistics	-	-	-	6.22	
Utilities	2.03	-	-	-	
Deposits & Cash Equivalents	8.06	7.26	4.94	12.09	
By Country:					
Australia	-	-	6.88	-	
Hong Kong	39.79	6.79	-	29.97	
Indonesia	-	-	12.66	-	
Malaysia	27.36	71.28	67.78	55.24	
Singapore	-	-	-	2.70	
Taiwan	24.79	14.67	-	-	
Thailand	-	-	7.74	-	
Deposits & Cash Equivalents	8.06	7.26	4.94	12.09	
(ii) Total Net Asset Value	(ex-distribution)	RM68,992,709	RM84,036,961	RM107,453,469	RM132,369,206
(iii) Net Asset Value Per Unit	(ex-distribution)	RM0.4336	RM0.4715	RM0.5669	RM0.6892
Units in Circulation	(ex-distribution)	159,128,177	178,225,608	189,540,290	192,083,737
(iv) Highest/Lowest NAV Per Unit	Highest NAV Per Unit	RM0.4870	RM0.6131	RM0.7086	RM0.7684
(ex-distribution)	Lowest NAV Per Unit	RM0.4135	RM0.4697	RM0.5251	RM0.5700
(v) Total Return of the Fund*		-8.04%	-11.55%	-11.89%	28.98%
- Capital Growth		-8.04%	-16.83%	-17.75%	21.02%
- Income Distribution		-	5.28%	5.86%	7.96%
(vi) The distribution (gross) is made out of:-					
- The Fund's Capital		-	3.5000 sen/unit	4.0000 sen/unit	0.0000 sen/unit
- The Fund's Income		-	0.0000 sen/unit	0.0000 sen/unit	4.5000 sen/unit
- Total Distribution Amount		-	3.5000 sen/unit	4.0000 sen/unit	4.5000 sen/unit
- The Fund's Capital (% of Total Distribution Amount)		-	100%	100%	0%
- The Fund's Income (% of Total Distribution Amount)		-	0%	0%	100%

Performance Data

for the Financial Period Ended 30 April and Financial Years Ended 31 October

		Financial Period 2024 %	Financial Year 2023 %	Financial Year 2022 %	Financial Year 2021 %
(vii) Distribution Per Unit					
	Additional Units	-	-	-	-
	Distribution (Gross)	-	2.0000 sen/unit	2.0000 sen/unit	2.0000 sen/unit
	Distribution (Net)	-	1.9923 sen/unit	2.0000 sen/unit	2.0000 sen/unit
	Distribution Date	-	16/01/2023	19/01/2022	19/01/2021
	Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit	-	RM0.5963	RM0.6500	RM0.6827
	Ex-Distribution NAV/Unit	-	RM0.5764	RM0.6300	RM0.6627
	Additional Units	-	-	-	-
	Distribution (Gross)	-	1.5000 sen/unit	2.0000 sen/unit	2.5000 sen/unit
	Distribution (Net)	-	1.4946 sen/unit	2.0000 sen/unit	2.5000 sen/unit
	Distribution Date	-	20/07/2023	19/07/2022	19/07/2021
	Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit	-	RM0.5550	RM0.5425	RM0.7479
	Ex-Distribution NAV/Unit	-	RM0.5400	RM0.5225	RM0.7229
(viii) Total Expense Ratio (TER)		2.14%	2.12%	2.13%	2.01%
(ix) Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)		1.19#	0.69	1.09	2.05
B Average Total Return, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis (as at 30/04/2023)*		-19.98%			
(i) One year		-10.20%			
(ii) Three years		7.99%			
(iii) Five years					

* Source: Lipper for Investment Management
(Returns are calculated after adjusting for distributions and/or additional units, if any)

The PTR increased by 0.50 times (72.46%) to 1.19 times for the financial period from 1 November 2023 to 30 April 2024 versus 0.69 times for the financial year ended 31 October 2023 and 0.90 times (310.34%) as compared to 0.29 times for the financial period from 1 November 2022 to 30 April 2023 mainly due to higher level of rebalancing activities undertaken by the Fund.

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