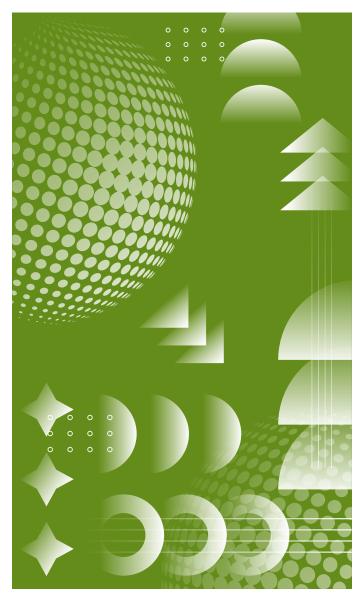


Hong Leong PRS Islamic Conservative Fund

Annual Report

For the Financial Period from 6 December 2023 (Date of Launch) to 31 July 2024 2023/2024 Audited



HONG LEONG PRS ISLAMIC CONSERVATIVE FUND

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I. FUND INFORMATION

Fund Name

Hong Leong PRS Islamic Conservative Fund ("HLPRSICF" or "the Fund")

Fund Category

Core (Conservative)

Fund Type

Not Applicable

Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide capital preservation* while seeking income.

Duration of the Fund and its termination date, where applicable

Not Applicable

Benchmark

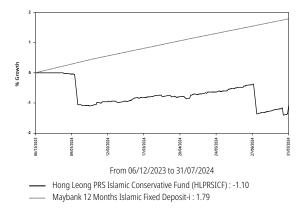
Malayan Banking 12-month Islamic fixed deposit-i.

Distribution Policy

Incidental. Distribution, if any, will be automatically reinvested into the Fund.

II. FUND PERFORMANCE

Chart 1: Performance of the Fund versus the benchmark since launch



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 HLPRSICF 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 first Annual Report covers the financial period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024.

Since launch, the Fund has registered a return of -1.10% while its benchmark the Malayan Banking 12-month Islamic fixed deposit-i registered a return of 1.79% (in Malaysian Ringgit terms).

* Please note the Fund is neither a capital guaranteed fund nor a capital protected fund.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund for the following
periods as at 31 July 2024 (Source: Lipper for
Investment Management)

	3 Months	6 Months	Since Launch
HLPRSICF Return (%)	-0.36	-0.04	-1.10
Benchmark (%)	0.66	1.32	1.79

Table 2: Return of the Fund based on NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis for the period 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024 (Source: Lipper for Investment Management)

	31-Jul-24	6-Dec-23	Return (%)
NAV Per Unit	RM0.4945	RM0.5000	-1.10
Benchmark	2.60	3.10	1.79
vs Benchmark (%)	-	-	-2.89

Table 3: Financial Highlights

The Net Asset Value attributable to members is represented by:

	31-Jul-24 (RM)
Members' Capital	1,000
Accumulated Loss	(11)
Net Asset Value	989
Units in Circulation	2,000

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 31 July

	Financial Period 2024*
Highest NAV Per Unit (RM)	0.5000
Lowest NAV Per Unit (RM)	0.4930
Capital Growth (%)	-1.10
Income Distribution (%)	
Total Return (%)	-1.10

* The figure shown is for the period since Fund launch (6 December 2023).

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 HLPRSICF reinvested.

Table 5:Total Return of the Fund for the financial period
ended 31 July 2024

	Since Launch
Total Return (%)	-1.10*

* The figure shown is for the period since Fund launch (6 December 2023).

Note: Average total return is not appropriate as total return for HLPRSICF is less than one year.

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 HLPRSICF reinvested.

Table 6: Annual Total Return of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 July 2024

Financial Period	Since Launch
Annual Total Return (%)	-1.10*

* The figure shown is for the period since Fund launch (6 December 2023).

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 HLPRSICF reinvested.

III. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

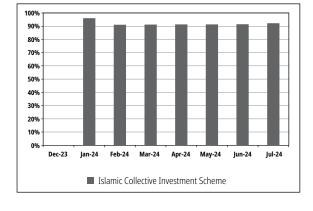
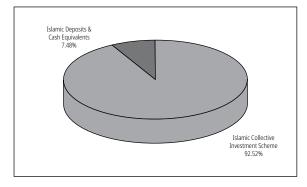


Chart 2: Asset Allocation - December 2023 to July 2024

Chart 3: Sector Allocation as at 31 July 2024



Strategies employed by the Fund during the period under review

During the financial period under review, the Fund continues to maintain its asset class allocation into Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' which overweight in government sukuk and government guaranteed sukuk. Given tight credit spreads and slower external growth, the Fund maintained its defensive strategy towards government sukuk and government guaranteed sukuk given lower risk-return opportunities in sukuk corporate segment.

<u>An explanation on the differences in portfolio</u> <u>composition</u>

During the financial period under review, the Fund maintained its allocation in government and government guaranteed investment class on lower United States Treasury (UST) yield expectations to flow-through into the sukuk government space and benefit the government benchmark yields coupled with anticipated increased in short term foreign flows as compared to sukuk corporate credit space of which the inverse direction between credit spreads and underlying benchmark yield movement may possibly neutralize the lower yield benefits.

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 members up to the date of this PRS Provider's report.

IV. MARKET REVIEW

During the financial period under review, United States (US) inflation report continues to show convincing trend towards US Federal Reserve (Fed) average inflation target range with the first quarter of 2024 and the second quarter of 2024 posted 3.5% and 3.0% year-on-year (YoY) while US core Consumer Price Index (CPI) (excluding food and energy prices) reflected downtrend from 3.8% YoY in the first quarter of 2024 to 3.3% YoY in the second quarter of 2024. This had bolstered market confidence that Fed could begin reducing its Fed Funds Rate (FFR) by year-end. Downtrend in US inflationary data is corroborated with softening of US job market as non-farm payrolls came in softer in July as compared to year-to-date (YTD) average and consumer sentiment plunged to its lowest since November 2023.

For the same review period, Malaysian economy grew at 4.2% YoY in the first quarter of 2024 (fourth quarter of 2023: 2.9%) lifted by robust private consumption and turnaround in trade performance. Domestic inflation remained benign at 1.7% YoY in the first quarter of 2024 (fourth quarter of 2023: 1.6%) despite removal of commercial utility subsidies and increased in service tax. Core inflation remained steady below historical average of 2.0% YoY notwithstanding inflation risks was guided to the upside in tandem with removal of blanket diesel subsidies and higher input prices arising from weak ringgit against the US Dollar (USD) translating into increased pass-through retail prices.

Local sukuk outperformed with key yields shifted lower by 4 basis points (bps) – 10 bps as short-term foreign flows pivot towards domestic narrative and positive country rerating by foreign research houses. Credit spreads tightened across the credit curve on scarcity in issuance pipeline and market expectation of US Fed rate cut and stable Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) compressed market interest in arbitraging yield differential. With narrowed policy interest differential, Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) is expected to strengthen against USD and regional currencies on:- (1) short term domestic political stability; (2) neutrality in US-China geopolitical trade wars; and (3) unwinding of carry trades involving Japanese Yen (JPY) crosses reduces risk appetite on overvalued riskier asset classes.

On short-term rate market, 3 months KLIBOR benchmark rate inched lower to 3.53% from 3.57% during the financial period under review as local onshore banks are maintaining competitive rates for Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) and strengthening the bank's internal net stable funding ratio. The 6 months KLIBOR rate were marginally unchanged above 3.60% as traditional banks faced increasing competition from new entrants e.g. digital banks.

V. FUTURE PROSPECTS AND PROPOSED STRATEGIES

With market expectations of stable OPR at 3.00% until year-end and increasing clarion call for US Fed to loosen FFR, local onshore sukuk is expected to buck up the trend of yield curve shifting lower with long-end expected to benefit given wider latitude of yield moving lower. Therefore, the underlying Fund is positioning to overweight into government sukuk and government guaranteed sukuk to capitalize on price appreciation and improved trading income arising from secondary trading activities. The underlying Fund also capitalizes on short-term cash yield through longer term placement which is expected to provide some return pick-up in excess of the government sukuk and government guaranteed sukuk returns.

VI. SOFT COMMISSIONS

The PRS Provider may receive 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 members and there was no churning of trades.

During the financial period under review, the Fund has not received goods or services by way of soft commissions.

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.

I, Chue Kwok Yan, as the Director of Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd, do hereby state that, in the opinion of the PRS Provider, the financial statements set out on pages 16 to 42 are drawn up in accordance with the provision of the Deed and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 July 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

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

CHUE KWOK YAN

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur 18 September 2024

SCHEME TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBER OF HONG LEONG PRS ISLAMIC CONSERVATIVE FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Scheme Trustee of the Fund for the financial period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 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 PRS Provider under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes;
- 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 and on behalf of **CIMB Islamic Trustee Berhad**

Datin Ezreen Eliza binti Zulkiplee

Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 18 September 2024

SHARIAH ADVISER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBER OF HONG LEONG PRS ISLAMIC CONSERVATIVE FUND ("Fund")

We hereby confirm the following:

- To the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd has operated and managed the Fund for the period covered by these financial statements namely, the period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024, in accordance with Shariah principles and requirements, and complied with the applicable guidelines, rulings or decisions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia pertaining to Shariah matters; and
- 2. The assets of the Fund comprise instruments that have been classified as Shariah-compliant.

For and on behalf of the Shariah Adviser, **BIMB SECURITIES SDN BHD**

NURUL AQILA SUFIYAH LOKMAN

Designated Shariah Officer

Kuala Lumpur 18 September 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBER OF HONG LEONG PRS ISLAMIC CONSERVATIVE FUND

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Hong Leong PRS Islamic Conservative Fund ("the Fund") give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 July 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024 in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 July 2024, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the financial period then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages 16 to 42.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("By-Laws") and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

The PRS Provider of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the PRS Provider's Review and Report, but does not include the financial statements of the Fund and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements of the Fund does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Fund, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Fund or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the PRS Provider for the financial statements

The PRS Provider of the Fund is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of the Fund that give a true and fair view in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards. The PRS Provider is also responsible for such internal control as the PRS Provider determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements of the Fund that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements of the Fund, the PRS Provider is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the PRS Provider either intends to liquidate the Fund or to terminate the Fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Fund as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- (a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Fund, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- (b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the PRS Provider.

(d) Conclude on the appropriateness of the PRS Provider's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Fund or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.

(e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Fund represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the PRS Provider regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

OTHER MATTERS

This report is made solely to the member of the Fund, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS PLT LLP0014401-LCA & AF 1146 Chartered Accountants

Kuala Lumpur 18 September 2024

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 6 DECEMBER 2023 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 31 JULY 2024

	Note	06.12.2023 (date of launch) to 31.07.2024 RM
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividend income		17
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or		
loss ("FVTPL")	9	(1)
		16
EXPENDITURE		
Management fee	4	(7)
Other expenses		(20)
		(27)
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		(11)
Taxation	8	-
LOSS AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE		
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		(11)
Loss after taxation is made up as follows:		
Realised amount		(10)
Unrealised amount		(1)
		(11)

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Note	2024 RM
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		74
Amount due from the PRS Provider		
-management fee rebate		1
Financial assets at FVTPL	9	915
TOTAL ASSETS		990
LIABILITY		
Amount due to the PRS Provider		
-management fee		1
TOTAL LIABILITY		1
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		989
EQUITY		
Member's capital		1,000
Accumulated loss		(11)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBER		989
UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)	11	2,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		0.4945

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 6 DECEMBER 2023 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 31 JULY 2024

	Member's capital RM	Accumulated loss RM	Total RM
Balance as at 6 December 2023			
(date of launch)	-	-	-
Movement in net asset value:			
Creation of units from applications	2,000	-	2,000
Cancellation of units	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
Total comprehensive loss			
for the financial period	-	(11)	(11)
Balance as at 31 July 2024	1,000	(11)	989

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 6 DECEMBER 2023 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 31 JULY 2024

	06.12.2023 (date of launch) to 31.07.2024 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from sales of financial assets at FVTPL	50
Purchase of financial assets at FVTPL	(950)
Management fee paid	(6)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(20)
Net cash used in operating activities	(926)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from creation of units	2,000
Payments for cancellation of units	(1,000)
Net cash generated from financing activities	1,000
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	74

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 6 DECEMBER 2023 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 31 JULY 2024

1. THE FUND, THE PRS PROVIDER AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Hong Leong PRS Islamic Conservative Fund ("the Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 15 September 2023 between Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd ("the PRS Provider") and CIMB Islamic Trustee Berhad ("the Scheme Trustee") for the member of the Fund.

The Fund aims to provide capital preservation while seeking income.

The investment strategy of the Fund is to invest in a basket of Islamic collective investment schemes which have similar investment objective as the Fund's, i.e. capital preservation while seeking income. The Fund will invest a minimum of 80% of its net asset value into sukuk and/or Islamic money market collective investment schemes and up to 20% of its net asset value into Shariah-compliant equity and Shariah-compliant equity-related collective investment schemes and/or balanced Islamic collective investment schemes. The Fund commenced operations on 6 December 2023 and will continue its operations until terminated as provided under Part 14 of the Deed.

The PRS Provider of the Fund is Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd, a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activity of the PRS Provider 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 PRS Provider on 18 September 2024.

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

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 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 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 PRS Provider to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. The PRS Provider believes that the underlying assumptions are appropriate and the Fund's financial statements therefore present the financial position results fairly. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the PRS Provider's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 2(i).

(i) New standards, amendment and interpretations effective after 6 December 2023 (date of launch) and have not been early adopted.

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for financial periods beginning after 6 December 2023 (date of launch). None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund, except the following set out below:

Amendments to MFRS 101 'Classification of liabilities as current or non-current' 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).

The amendment is effective for the annual financial reporting period beginning on or after 1 August 2024.

The amendment shall be applied retrospectively.

(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 Shariah-compliant 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 securities¹ as fair value through other comprehensive income. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities² are solely principal and profit, 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 and amount due from the PRS Provider 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 the PRS Provider 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. Shariah-compliant investments are initially recognised at fair value.

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 Shariah-compliant 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 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.

Unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme is valued at the last published net asset value per unit at the date of the statement of financial position.

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

¹ For the purposes of the investments made by the Fund, equity securities refer to Shariah-compliant equity securities.

² For the purposes of the investments made by the Fund, debt securities refer to sukuk.

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) 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.

(d) Income recognition

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

Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed Islamic financial institutions and auto-sweep facility bank account are recognised on the effective profit rate method on an accrual basis.

Profit income is calculated by applying the effective profit 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 profit 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 unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at banks and Islamic deposits held in highly liquid Shariah-compliant 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) Taxation

Private retirement scheme approved by the Securities Commission Malaysia which is regarded as an approved scheme pursuant to the Act, the income accruing is exempted from tax under the Act.

(g) Distribution

A distribution to the Fund's member 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 PRS Provider.

(h) Member's capital

The member's 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 member 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 member 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 member with the total number of outstanding units.

(i) 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 PRS Provider 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 PRS Provider 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 Private Retirement Schemes.

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

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk (inclusive of price risk and interest rate risk), credit risk, liquidity risk, capital risk, Islamic collective investment scheme risk and Shariah status reclassification risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control process adopted by the PRS Provider and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the Disclosure Document.

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 at FVTPL RM	Financial assets/ liabilities at amortised cost RM	Total RM
2024			
<u>Financial assets</u> Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from the PRS Provider	-	74	74
-management fee rebate	-	1	1
Financial assets at FVTPL (Note 9)	915	-	915
	915	75	990
<u>Financial liabilities</u> Amount due to the PRS Provider			
-management fee	-	1	1
-	-	1	1

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

(a) Market risk

(i) Price risk

Price risk arises mainly from the uncertainty about future prices of Shariah-compliant investments. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The PRS Provider manages the risk of unfavourable changes in prices by continuous monitoring of the performance and risk profile of the Shariah-compliant investment portfolio.

The price risk is managed through diversification and selection of Shariah-compliant securities and other Shariah-compliant financial instruments within specified limits according to the Deed. The Fund's overall exposure to price risk is as follows:

	2024 RM
Financial assets at FVTPL: - Unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme	915

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's net asset value and loss after taxation to movements in prices of unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme at the end of the reporting period. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the price of the unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme fluctuated by 5% with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price of financial assets at FVTPL	Market value RM	Impact on loss after taxation/net asset value RM
2024		
-5%	869	(46)
0%	915	-
5%	961	46

(ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's Shariah-compliant investments and its return will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Interest rate is a general economic indicator that will have an impact on the management of the Fund. The Fund's exposure to the interest rate risk is mainly confined to short term Shariah-compliant placements with licensed Islamic financial institutions. The PRS Provider overcomes the exposure by way of maintaining Islamic deposits on a short term basis. As at end of the reporting period, the Fund does not hold any Islamic deposits and is not exposed to a material level of interest rate risk.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that an issuer or counterparty will default on its contractual obligation resulting in financial loss to the Fund.

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

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the PRS Provider are governed by the Securities Commission Malaysia's Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund at the end of the reporting period:

	Cash and cash equivalents RM	Amount due from the PRS Provider - management fee rebate RM	Total RM
2024 - AAA	74		74
- NR	- 74	- 1	/4
	74	1	75

All financial assets of the Fund are neither past due nor impaired.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Shariah-compliant investments cannot be readily sold at or near its actual value without taking a significant discount. This will result in lower net asset value of the Fund. The PRS Provider manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of Islamic liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of the units by member. Islamic liquid assets comprise cash at banks, Islamic deposits with licensed Islamic financial institutions and other Shariah-compliant instruments.

The table below summarises the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period as at the end of each reporting period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 month RM	1 month to 1 year RM	Total RM
2024			
Financial liabilities			
Amount due to the PRS Provider			
-management fee	1	-	1
Contractual cash out flows	1	-	1

(d) Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of member's capital and accumulated loss. The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of member. 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 member's and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the Shariah-compliant investment activities of the Fund.

(e) Islamic collective investment scheme risk

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

(f) Shariah status reclassification risk

This risk refers to the risk of a possibility that the currently held Islamic collective investment schemes, Islamic money market instruments or Islamic deposits invested by the Fund may be classified as Shariah non-compliant by the relevant authority or the Shariah Adviser. If this occurs, the Provider will take the necessary steps to dispose such collective investment schemes, money market instruments or deposits.

(g) Fair value estimation

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 fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading Shariah-compliant 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 PRS Provider 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 end date. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments such as Islamic options, Islamic currency swaps and other over-the-counter Islamic derivatives, include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other Shariah-compliant 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 Shariah-compliant equity and sukuk 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) <u>Fair value hierarchy</u>

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 entirely is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirely. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirely. 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 entirely 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
2024				
Financial assets at FVTPL:				
- Unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme	-	915	-	915

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 unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme. 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 are stated in Note 2(b).

(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 AND MANAGEMENT FEE REBATE

In accordance with Division 15.1 of the Deed, the PRS Provider is entitled to a management fee of up to 3.00% per annum calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund.

For the financial period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.00% per annum.

The management fee rebate relates to the rebate received from the PRS Provider for investing in unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme. The average rates of rebates were calculated on the net asset value of respective unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme on a daily basis as follow:

	06.12.2023 (date of launch) to 31.07.2024 %
Unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme: - Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' MYR Class A	0.20

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

5. SCHEME TRUSTEE'S FEE

In accordance with Division 15.2 of the Deed, the Scheme Trustee is entitled to a fee not exceeding 2.00% (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges) per annum calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund.

For the financial period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024, the Scheme Trustee's fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% per annum.

There is no further liability to the Scheme Trustee in respect of Scheme Trustee's fee for the financial period.

6. PRIVATE PENSION ADMINISTRATOR'S ("PPA") ADMINISTRATION FEE

For the financial period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024, the Private Pension Administrator's administration fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% per annum calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund.

There is no further liability to the PPA in respect of Private Pension Administrator's administration fee for the financial period.

7. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION, TAX AGENT'S FEE AND SHARIAH ADVISORY FEE

For the financial period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024, auditors' remuneration, tax agent's fee and Shariah advisory fee were borne by the PRS Provider.

8. TAXATION

	06.12.2023 (date of launch) to 31.07.2024 RM
Tax charge for the financial period: Current taxation	

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

	06.12.2023 (date of launch) to 31.07.2024 RM
Loss before taxation	(11)
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24%	(3)
Tax effects of: Islamic investment income not subject to tax Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Restriction on tax deductible expenses for PRS Fund	(4) 5 2
Taxation	

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

	2024 RM
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL:</u> Unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme	915
	06.12.2023 (date of launch) to 31.07.2024 RM
Net loss on financial assets at FVTPL: Changes in unrealised fair values	(1)

Financial assets at FVTPL as at 31 July 2024 are as detailed below:

	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Fair value RM	Percentage of net asset value %
UNQUOTED ISLAMIC COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' - MYR Class A	916	916	915	92.52
TOTAL UNQUOTED ISLAMIC COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	916	916	915	92.52
UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL		(1)		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL	-	915		

10. SHARIAH INFORMATION OF THE FUND

The Shariah Adviser confirmed that the investments portfolio of the Fund is Shariah-compliant, which comprises:

- (a) Collective investment scheme which has been verified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Adviser; and
- (b) Cash placements and liquid assets in local market, which are placed in Shariah-compliant investments and/or instruments.

11. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	06.12.2023 (date of launch) to 31.07.2024 No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period	
Add: Creation of units during the financial period - Arising from applications	4.000
Less: Cancellation of units during the financial period	(2,000)
At the end of the financial period	2,000

12. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	06.12.2023 (date of launch) to 31.07.2024 %
TER (annualised)	4.07

Total expense ratio includes management fee (excluding management fee rebate 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:

$$TER = \frac{(A+B)}{C} \times 100$$

Where;

- A = Management fee (excluding management fee rebate)
- B = Other expenses
- C = 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 RM997.

13. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

06.12	.2023
(date of la	
to 31.07	
1	Times

PTR

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

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

0.50

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

Where;

total acquisitions for the financial period = RM950 total disposals for the financial period = RM50

14. UNITS HELD BY THE PRS PROVIDER AND RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

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

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

No units were held by the PRS Provider and parties related to the PRS Provider as at 31 July 2024.

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

	2024 RM
<u>Related party balances</u> Cash at bank: - Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad	74
	06.12.2023 (date of launch) to 31.07.2024 RM
Related party transactions Dividend income from unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme managed by the PRS Provider	17
Purchase of unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme: - Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd	950
Disposal of unquoted Islamic collective investment scheme: - Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd	50

15. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/DEALERS

For the financial period from 6 December 2023 (date of launch) to 31 July 2024, there are no transactions with brokers/dealers.

16. COMPARATIVES

There are no comparative figures as this is the first set of financial statements since the date of launch of the Fund.

Performance Data

for the Financial Period Ended 31 July

			Financial Period 2024^ %
A. (i)	Islamic Collective Investment Scheme		92.52
	Islamic Deposits & Cash Equivalents		7.48
(ii)	Total Net Asset Value	(ex-distribution)	RM989
(iii)	Net Asset Value Per Unit Units in Circulation	(ex-distribution) (ex-distribution)	RM0.4945 2,000
(iv)	Highest/Lowest NAV Per Unit (ex-distribution)	Highest NAV Per Unit Lowest NAV Per Unit	RM0.5000 RM0.4930
(v)	Total Return of the Fund* - Capital Growth - Income Distribution		-1.10% -1.10% -
(vi)	The distribution (gross) is made out of:- - The Fund's Capital - The Fund's Income - Total Distribution Amount - The Fund's Capital (% of Total Distribution Amount) - The Fund's Income (% of Total Distribution Amount)		-
(vii)	Distribution Per Unit	Additional Units Distribution (Gross) Distribution (Net) Distribution Date Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit Ex-Distribution NAV/Unit	
(viii)	Total Expense Ratio (TER)		4.07%
(ix)	Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)		0.50
В.	Total Return, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis (as at 31/07/2024)* (i) Since Launch		-1.10%

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

^ The figure shown is for the period since Fund launch (6 December 2023 to 31 July 2024).

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