

## **SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT** 31 August 2023

## AHAM **Tactical** Fund (Formerly known as Affin Hwang Tactical Fund)

MANAGER

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## Semi-Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements For the 6 Months Financial Period Ended 31 August 2023

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## **FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Name	AHAM Tactical Fund (Formerly known as Affin Hwang Tactical Fund)
Fund Type	Capital Growth
Fund Category	Mixed Asset
Investment Objective	To seek a stable return and generate capital growth over medium to long term period in diversified mix of assets
Benchmark	50% FTSE-Bursa Malaysia KLCI (for equities and equity linked instruments) + 50% RAM Quantshop MGS All Index (for fixed income instruments)
Distribution Policy	Distribution (if any) is incidental and will be subject to the availability of income

## **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

Category	As at 31 Aug 2023 (%)	As at 31 Aug 2022 (%)	As at 31 Aug 2021 (%)
Portfolio composition			
Quoted equities – local			
	9.85	6.67	8.46
- Energy - Health care	8.39	8.82	3.00
- Construction	2.89	-	2.21
- Consumer product & services	5.73	- 3.42	13.46
<ul> <li>Financial services</li> </ul>	16.26	8.72	6.42
	9.28	1.50	4.96
<ul> <li>Industrial products &amp; services</li> <li>Plantation</li> </ul>			
	1.94 2.07	7.79 4.19	3.43
- Properties			3.98
- Technology	11.54	7.45	17.44
- Telecommunication & media	6.21	9.04	6.82
- Transportation & logistics	-	-	-
- Utilities	4.67	1.42	-
- Warrant	-	-	-
Total quoted equities – local	78.83	59.02	70.18
Quoted equities – foreign	0.55	0.44	0.00
- Consumer discretionary	3.55	2.11	2.96
- Financial services	-	1.83	-
- Real estate	-	-	3.66
- Technology	-	-	11.07
- Industrials	-	1.10	0.84
Total quoted equities – foreign	3.55	5.04	18.53
Unquoted fixed income securities – local	10.36	11.18	10.02
Cash & cash equivalent	7.26	24.76	1.27
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (RM'million)	79.642	73.808	79.893
NAV per Unit (RM)	0.2875	0.2708	0.3155
Unit in Circulation (million)	276.997	272.556	253.191
Highest NAV	0.2907	0.3042	0.3421
Lowest NAV	0.2725	0.2595	0.2992
Lowest NAV	0.2725	0.2395	0.2992
Return of the Fund (%)	3.42	-6.16	-2.05
- Capital Growth (%)	3.05	-10.80	-6.71
- Income Distribution (%)	0.36	5.20	4.99
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	0.1	1.35	1.50
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	0.1	1.35	1.50
Total Expense Ratio (%) <sup>1</sup>	0.87	0.81	0.82
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) <sup>2</sup>	0.76	0.60	1.03

### Basis of calculation and assumption made in calculating the returns:-

The performance figures are a comparison of the growth/decline in NAV for the stipulated period taking into account all the distribution payable (if any) during the stipulated period.

An illustration of the above would be as follow:-

Capital return	= NAV per Unit end / NAV per Unit begin – 1
Income return	= Income distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit ex-date
Total return	= (1+Capital return) x (1+Income return) – 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The TER of the Fund was higher than previous period due to expenses for the financial period. <sup>2</sup> The PTR of the Fund was higher than previous period due to increased trading activities of the Fund for the financial period.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Income Distribution / Unit Split**

The Net Asset Value per unit prior and subsequent to the distribution was as follows:-

Cum Date	Ex-Date	Cum-distribution (RM)	Distribution per Unit (RM)	Ex-distribution (RM)
19-Jul-22	20-Jul-22	0.2761	0.001	0.2749

No unit split was declared for the financial year ended 31 August 2023.

#### Performance Review

#### Performance Review (1 March 2023 to 31 August 2023)

For the period 1 March 2023 to 31 August 2023, the Fund registered a 3.42% return compared to the benchmark return of 1.24%. The Fund thus outperformed the Benchmark by 2.18%. The Net Asset Value per unit ("NAV") of the Fund as at 31 August 2023 was RM0.2875 while the NAV as at 28 February 2023 was RM0.2790. During the period under review, the Fund has declared an income distribution of RM0.0010 per unit.

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of 76.03% compared to the benchmark return of 67.75%, outperforming by 8.28%.

					Since
	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/3/23 -	(1/9/22 -	(1/9/20 -	(1/9/18 -	(10/8/10 -
	31/8/23)	31/8/23)	31/8/23)	31/8/23)	31/8/23)
Fund	3.42%	6.55%	13.34%	28.57%	76.03%
Benchmark	1.24%	0.79%	0.35%	0.42%	67.75%
Outperformance	2.18%	5.76%	12.99%	28.15%	8.28%

#### Table 1: Performance of the Fund

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Table 2: Average Total Return

				Since
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Commencement
	(1/9/22 -	(1/9/20 -	(1/9/18 -	(10/8/10 -
	31/8/23)	31/8/23)	31/8/23)	31/8/23)
Fund	6.55%	4.26%	5.15%	4.42%
Benchmark	0.79%	0.12%	0.08%	4.04%
Outperformance	5.76%	4.14%	5.07%	0.38%

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

#### Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2023 (1/3/22 - 28/2/23)	FYE 2022 (1/3/21 - 28/2/22)	FYE 2021 (1/3/20 - 28/2/21)	FYE 2020 (1/3/19 - 29/2/20)	FYE 2019 (1/3/18 - 28/2/19)
Fund	(3.32%)	(5.75%)	39.29%	(0.98%)	(4.56%)
Benchmark	(3.26%)	1.45%	4.17%	(1.33%)	(1.62%)
Outperformance	(0.06%)	(7.20%)	35.12%	0.35%	(2.94%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

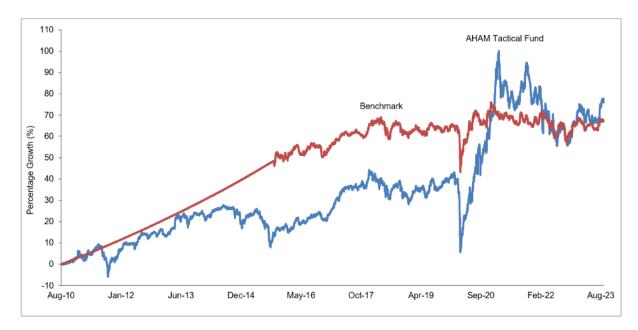


Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark since commencement.

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Benchmark: 50% FTSE-Bursa Malaysia KLCI + 50% RAM Quantshop MGS All Index

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#### Asset Allocation

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

During the period under review, the Fund's investment level was increased while cash level was decreased to 7.26% (2022:24.76%). The Manager had increased local equities exposure through various sectors, most notably Financial Services, Industrial Products & Services, Technology, Energy as well as Utilities. Meanwhile for foreign equities, the Manager has reduced exposure to Financial Services, Industrials while maintaining the exposure to Consumer Discretionary. As at 31 August 2023, the Fund's asset allocation stood at 82.38% (2022:64.06%) in equities, 10.36% (2022:11.18%) in fixed income instruments while the remaining was held in cash and cash equivalent.

#### **Strategies Employed**

Over the year under review, the Manager continued to focus on domestic-driven sectors that may be less affected by turbulent market conditions and elevated inflation levels. With the extreme volatility in markets subsided over the months, we reduced our cash holdings and took the opportunity to enter into potential sectors in our allocation. We continue to keep close monitor on market development amidst the high interest rates and high inflation environment.

#### Market Review

Over the period under review, the Standard and Poor's ("S&P") 500 returned 14.26% while the Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") AC World index returned 10.52%. Specific to the Asian region, MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index was down at -2.07% while locally, the Financial Times Stock Exchange ("FTSE") Bursa Malaysia returned 0.12%. Bond markets were neutral over the year with the Bloomberg Barclays

Global Aggregate Index returning 1.00%. Domestically, bond markets' benchmark 10-year Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield closed at 3.84%.

Market volatility persisted across the global economy as macro events and policy rate hikes over the past year affected stock and bond markets. The economic fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic coupled with the Russia-Ukraine conflict has disrupted supply chains and commodity markets, weighing heavily on global economic growth. Central banks continue to rein in inflation contributed by supply-demand imbalances and volatility in energy prices among other factors through monetary policy, which inadvertently played a role in destabilising the banking sector March this year.

The US Federal Reserve ("Fed") raised their policy rates in monetary policy committee meetings since March last year, to of 5.50% in July 2023, although pausing for the first time in 15 months in June 2023. The sharp pace of policy tightening raised concerns in the financial markets of an over-tightening that could lead to a growth slowdown, or even a potential recession. Further signs of tension in the economy were also visible in March this year as the fallout of Silicon Valley Bank and the emergency rescue of Credit Suisse triggered concerns of contagion to other vulnerable banks. In addition to fractures in the banking sector, other notable events over the year included the concern over the US approaching its debt ceiling in January, failing which to reach a consensus to suspend or raise the limit could result in a catastrophic default. However, investors heaved a sigh of relief after lawmakers passed a bill to raise the debt ceiling, in a deal that included concessions on spending expected to have limited effect on economic growth. Despite narrowly avoiding a default, the U.S did not escape unscathed as Fitch Ratings downgraded its rating on U.S. debt, quoting in a press release "The repeated debt-limit political standoffs and last-minute resolutions have eroded confidence in fiscal management,".

US equities was volatile throughout the year, as the financial sector disruption troubled markets in the first quarter of 2023, while gains in the second quarter of the year was mostly driven by the fervour and enthusiasm over new developments in artificial intelligence ("AI"). Zooming in closer on a monthly basis, although US equities ended July 2023 upbeat, gains were pared back, falling 1.77% over the month of August as stronger than expected economic data spurred bond yields which hit new highs, soaring 15 basis points ("bps") to close at 4.11%. This bolstered bets that the Fed would hold interest rates higher for longer to keep a lid on inflation.

In Asia, the broader MSCI Asia ex-Japan index slid slightly ending the financial period down by 2.07% as rising bond yields put pressure on emerging markets. Despite starting off 2023 strong, Chinese equity trended downwards following the country's reopening after the pandemic started to cool before lifting in July, driven by stimulus optimism in China, evident as the MSCI China Index vaulted 9.30% in July as top party leaders unveiled measures at its Politburo meeting to reinvigorate growth in the country. Among the measures include a pledge by Beijing to provide stimulus support for its beleaguered property sector. Top party leaders also emphasised the need for measures to tackle youth unemployment as well as accelerate the issuance of local government special bonds to spur government investment. While there were no explicit announcements of blockbuster stimulus, the overall policy tone from the Politburo meeting did exceed expectations. There was an acknowledgement of pressing issues on-the-ground that could result in targeted easing measures to bolster growth and lift sentiment. However, this quickly cooled as investors remain doubtful whether the stimulus measure would be enough to arrect the decline in growth, with the gains made in July this year quickly neutralised by the end of August.

Back in Malaysia, several policy announcements by the government in June caught the attention of investors. These positive sentiments lifted foreign investors' confidence as they poured into local equities. These included the Ekonomi Madani Plan which outlined several key economic targets, Part 1 of the National Energy Transition Roadmap which intends to achieve 70% renewable energy capacity mix by 2050 and Part 2 of the National Energy Transition Roadmap as well as the New Industrial Masterplan. By the end of August 2023, there was also greater political clarity following the conclusion of state elections. As widely expected, the Pakatan Harapan-Barisan Nasional coalition retained Selangor, Penang and Negeri Sembilan, while Perikatan Nasional held on to their strongholds in Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu.

On economic data, headline inflation decelerated for an 11th straight month to 2.00% year on year ("y-o-y") in July, marking the lowest level since Aug 2021. Similarly, core consumer price index ("CPI") inflation, which excludes volatile fresh food prices and price-administered goods, decelerated to 2.80% y-o-y. This may provide more room for Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") to pause its overnight policy rate ("OPR") hike with inflationary pressures easing.

Meanwhile, Malaysia's second quarter 2023 (2Q23) Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth at 2.9% y-o-y (1Q23: +5.6% y-o-y), the slowest pace of expansion since 3Q21. GDP growth remained supported by labour market improvements, sustained increase in domestic demand, and higher tourism activities. Key drags were weaker external demand, global tech down cycle, and lower commodity production. Malaysia's gross exports

maintained a double-digit contraction of 13.1% y-o-y (June: -14.1%) and imports declined by -15.9% y-o-y in July 2023 (June: -18.7% y-o-y) YTD as of July, exports shrank by 5.9% (Jan-July 2022: +27.5%). The slowdown in demand was evident in major trading partners such as Singapore, China, and the US, which together account for 40% of total exports

U.S. Treasury ("UST") was seen rebounding post the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, but the advance U.S. second quarter GDP print surprised on the upside while news on discussion on a potential tweak to Bank of Japan's yield curve control unnerved the markets. The 2-year, 5-year and 10-year yields ended the month at 4.88%, 4.25% and 4.11% respectively. The 30-year UST closed at 4.21%. As a result, the inversion between the 2-year and 10-year US. Treasury narrowed to -75bps.

#### Investment Outlook

The US economic data continue to send mixed signals, leading to an increased market conviction that the US may avoid a recession in 2023 and move towards a soft landing. Economic data has been stronger than expected and earnings have been resilient. The larger cap stocks in particular have outperformed driven by various factors. There is a risk that the Fed will hike rates by another 25bps in 2023; however, we believe that there is higher possibility that Fed's may pause its hiking cycle in 2023. With developed markets peak cycle in the horizon, risk appetite is seen returning to the Emerging Markets ("EM") space given that EM has better shielded economics against inflation.

Locally, the economy could be supported by lower government bond supply in September and the fourth quarter of 2023. Easing inflationary pressure and resilient demand from domestic investors could also provide support. The state election results affirmed the current political status quo. We expect that Bank Negara Malaysia will hold OPR for the remainder of 2023 amidst decelerating inflation level and softer GDP growth outlook.

As such, we expect a range bound yield movement in the near term as market reacts to headline risks. Foreign inflows are steady and may continue as global investors seek stability and carry trade opportunities.

#### State of Affairs of the Fund

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

#### Soft Commissions received from Brokers

As per the requirements of the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds and Guidelines on Compliance Function for Fund Management Companies, soft commissions received from brokers/dealers may be retained by the management company only if the –

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

During the financial period under review, the Fund has received soft commissions from brokers/dealers who have also executed trades for other funds managed by AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad). The soft commissions were utilised for goods and services in the form of research materials, data and quotation services, investment-related publications, market data feed, industry benchmarking agencies and investment-related publications to assist the Manager in the investment decision-making process. The soft commission received were for the benefit of the fund and there were no churning of trades.

#### Cross Trade

No cross trade transactions have been carried out during the reported period.

#### **Securities Financing Transactions**

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions during the financial period under review.

## Changes Made To the Fund's Prospectus

There were no changes made to the Fund's prospectus during the financial period under review.

## **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

## TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF AHAM TACTICAL FUND ("Fund") (FORMERLY KNOWN AS AFFIN HWANG TACTICAL FUND)

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 August 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) 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 Deeds, Securities laws and the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
- 2. Valuation and pricing is carriedout in accordance with he Deeds; and
- 3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with eh Deeds and any regulatory requirement.

We are of the opinion that the distribution of income by the Fund is appropriate and reflects the investment objective of the Fund.

Yours faithfully AMANAHRAYA TRUSTEES BERHAD

**ZAINUDIN BIN SUHAIMI** Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 18 October 2023

UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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## UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended <u>31.8.2023</u> RM	6 months financial period ended <u>31.8.2022</u> RM
Dividend income Interest income for financial assets at amortised cost		1,191,039 47,862	692,160 82,226
Interest income for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Net gain on foreign currency exchange Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through		164,511 470	163,500 99,039
profit or loss	9	2,152,539	(5,083,230)
		3,556,421	(4,046,305)
EXPENSES			
Management fee Trustee fee Fund accounting fee Auditors' remuneration Tax agent's fee Transaction cost Other expenses	4 5 6	(561,996) (29,988) (3,000) (4,525) (2,202) (387,753) (61,618)	(566,003) (30,196) - (4,537) (1,346) (335,650) (16,848)
		(1,051,082)	(954,580)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE AXATION		2,505,339	(5,000,885)
Taxation	7		
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		2,505,339	(5,000,885)
Net profit/(loss) after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount Unrealised amount		2,407,118 98,221	(2,815,400) (2,185,485)
		2,505,339	(5,000,885)

## UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from brokers Amount due from Manager	10	7,681,010 4,087,114	16,502,106 1,589,588
- creation of units		9,884	-
Dividend receivables Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Tax recoverable	9	5,770 73,858,747 26,173	16,424 56,013,922 -
TOTAL ASSETS		85,668,698	74,122,040
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager		5,896,119	67,180
- management fee - cancellation of units		98,152 11,841	93,441 128,246
Amount due to Trustee		5,235	4,984
Fund accounting fee		600	-
Auditors' remuneration		4,544	4,557
Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals		6,589 3,423	7,443 8,402
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,026,503	314,253
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		79,642,195	73,807,787
EQUITY			
Unitholders' capital Retained earnings/(Accumulated losses)		75,403,880 4,238,315	73,888,552 (80,765)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		79,642,195	73,807,787
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	11	276,997,000	272,556,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		0.2875	0.2708

## UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSET VALUE FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Unitholders' <u>capital</u> RM	Retained earnings/ (accumulated <u>losses)</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
74,748,040	1,996,637	76,744,677
-	2,505,339	2,505,339
-	(263,661)	(263,661)
6,008,052	-	6,008,052
263,661	-	263,661
(5,615,873)	-	(5,615,873)
75,403,880	4,238,315	79,642,195
74,766,033	8,423,694	83,189,727
-	(5,000,885)	(5,000,885)
-	(3,503,574)	(3,503,574)
1,830,098	-	1,830,098
3,503,574	-	3,503,574
(6,211,153)	-	(6,211,153)
73,888,552	(80,765)	73,807,787
	<u>capital</u> RM 74,748,040 - - 6,008,052 263,661 (5,615,873) 75,403,880 74,766,033 - - - 1,830,098 3,503,574 (6,211,153)	Unitholders' capital RM         earnings/ (accumulated losses) RM           74,748,040         1,996,637           2,505,339         2,505,339           -         2,505,339           -         (263,661)           6,008,052         -           263,661         -           (5,615,873)         -           75,403,880         4,238,315           74,766,033         8,423,694           -         (5,000,885)           -         (3,503,574)           1,830,098         -           3,503,574         -           (6,211,153)         -

## UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	<u>Note</u>	6 months financial period ended <u>31.8.2023</u> RM	6 months financial period ended <u>31.8.2022</u> RM
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Dividends received Interest received Management fee paid Trustee's fee paid Fund accounting fee Payment for other fees and expenses Net realised gain on foreign currency exchange		50,186,647 (56,302,749) 1,185,269 241,500 (552,463) (29,479) (2,400) (76,905) 309,182	48,717,454 (36,697,952) 834,209 282,847 (570,644) (30,443) - (25,663) 532,684
Net cash flows (used in)/generated from operating activities		(5,041,397)	13,042,492
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from creation of units Payments for cancellation of units		6,019,198 (5,615,518)	1,830,098 (6,122,577)
Net cash flows generated from/(used in) financing activities		403,680	(4,292,479)
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(4,637,717)	8,750,013
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE		-	(438)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		12,318,727	7,752,531
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	10	7,681,010	16,502,106

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The following accounting policies have been used in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

#### A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported financial period. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgment are based on the Manager's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

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

- (a) Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations that are effective:
  - Amendments to MFRS 3 'Reference to Conceptual Framework' (effective 1 January 2022) replace the reference to Framework for Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements with 2018 Conceptual Framework.
  - Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2018 2020 Cycle (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022).
  - Amendments to MFRS 137 'Onerous contracts cost of fulfilling a contract' (effective 1 January 2022) clarify that direct costs of fulfilling a contract include both the incremental cost of fulfilling the contract as well as an allocation of other costs directly related to fulfilling contracts.

The adoption of the above standards, amendments to standards or interpretations did not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

- (b) Standards and amendments that have been issued but not yet effective:
  - Amendments to MFRS 101 'Classification of liabilities as current or non-current' (effective 1 January 2024) clarify that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification is unaffected by the entity's expectations or events after the reporting period (e.g. the receipt of a waiver or a breach of covenant). In addition, the amendments clarify that when a liability could be settled by the transfer of an entity's own equity instruments (e.g. a conversion option in a convertible bond), conversion option meeting the definition of an equity instrument in MFRS 132 'Financial Instruments: Presentation' does not impact the current or non-current classification of the convertible instrument.

The amendments also specify that covenants of loan arrangements which an entity must comply with only after the reporting date would not affect classification of a liability as current or non-current at the reporting date. However, those covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or before the reporting date would affect classification of a liability as current or non-current, even if the covenant is only assessed after the reporting date.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### (b) Standards and amendments that have been issued but not yet effective: (continued)

The adoption of the above standards, amendments to standards or interpretations is not expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### **B** INCOME RECOGNITION

#### Dividend Income

Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as part of gross dividend income on the ex-dividend date, when the right to receive the dividend has been established.

#### Interest Income

Interest income from short-term deposits with licensed financial institutions and unquoted fixed income securities are recognised based on effective interest rate method on an accrual basis.

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

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

For quoted equities, realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

For unquoted fixed income securities, realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on cost adjusted for accretion of discount or amortisation of premium on investments.

#### C TRANSACTION COSTS

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

#### D TAXATION

Current tax expense is determined according to the Malaysian tax laws at the current rate based upon the taxable profits earned during the financial period.

Tax on investment income from foreign investments is based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### D TAXATION (CONTINUED)

Withholding taxes on investment income from foreign investment are based on tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in. Such withholding taxes are not "income tax" in nature and are recognized, measured based on the requirements of MFRS 137. They are presented within other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### E **DISTRIBUTION**

A distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a deduction from realised reserve. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved by the Trustee of the Fund.

#### F 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.

#### G FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATIONS

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

#### H FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(i) Classification

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

- those to be measured at fair value through profit or loss, and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed, and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income.

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). However, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments and derivatives not designated as hedging instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (i) Classification (continued)

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from brokers, amount due from Manager, dividend receivables as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows that represent SPPI.

The Fund classifies amount due to brokers, amount due to Manager, amount due to trustee, payable for fund accounting fee, auditors' remuneration, tax agent's fee and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

(ii) Recognition and measurement

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

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

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

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

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

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial period end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the securities, for example during abnormal market conditions or when no market price is available, including in the event of a suspension in the quotation of the securities for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Manager, based on the methods or basis approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (ii) Recognition and measurement

Unquoted fixed income securities including money market instruments denominated in Ringgit Malaysia are revalued on a daily basis based on fair value prices quoted by a bond pricing agency ("BPA") registered with the Securities Commission ("SC") as per the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. Where such quotations are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA for a specific unquoted fixed income security differs from the market price by more than 20 basis points, the Manager may use the market price, provided that the Manager:

- (i) records its basis for using a non-BPA price;
- (ii) obtains necessary internal approvals to use the non-BPA price; and
- (iii) keeps an audit trail of all decisions and basis for adopting the market yield.

Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(iii) Impairment

The Fund's financial assets measured at amortised cost are subject to expected credit losses. The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

#### Significant increase in credit risk

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

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

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

#### Quantitative criteria:

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

Qualitative criteria:

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

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

Financial instruments that are credit-impaired are assessed on individual basis.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (iii) Impairment (continued)

#### Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount.

The Fund may write off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in bad debt recoveries. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period.

#### I CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances and short-term deposits held in highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### J AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) BROKERS

Amounts due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively. The due from brokers balance is held for collection. Refer to Note H for accounting policy on recognition and measurement.

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

Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### K UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

The unitholders' 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 holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's net assets value ("NAV");
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;
- there are no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the Fund to repurchase; and
- the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based substantially on the profit or loss of the Fund.

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at each financial period if the unitholder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

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

#### L 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 contents on the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impacts to the Fund's results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

Estimates and 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.

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

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is, at fair value and in compliance with the Securities Commission's (SC) Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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

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

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### INFORMATION ON THE FUND

1

The Unit Trust Fund was constituted under the name Affin Tactical Fund ("the Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Master Deed dated 8 April 2010, as modified by first Supplemental Deed dated 22 July 2014, Second Supplemental Deed dated 6 August 2015, Third Supplemental Deed dated 5 October 2018 and Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 28 December 2022 (the "Deeds") entered into between AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) ("the Manager") and AmanahRaya Trustees Berhad ("the Trustee). The Fund has changed its name from Affin Tactical Fund to Affin Hwang Tactical Fund as amended by the First Supplemental Deed dated 22 July 2014 and from Affin Hwang Tactical Fund to AHAM Tactical Fund as amended by Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 28 December 2022.

The Fund commenced operations on 8 April 2010 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided by Clause 12.3 of the Deed.

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

- i) Listed securities;
- ii) Unlisted securities including, without limitation, securities that have been approved by relevant authorities for the listing of and quotation for such securities;
- iii) Fixed deposits with financial institutions;
- iv) Money market instruments;
- v) Government bonds, treasury bills and other Government approved or guaranteed bonds;
- vi) Debentures including private debt securities and bonds;
- vii) Units/shares in collective investment schemes, both local and foreign which are in line with the objective of the Fund;
- viii) Equity linked instruments such as warrants and rights; and
- ix) Any other form of investments as may be permitted by the SC from time to time that is in line with the Fund's objectives.

The objective of the Fund is to seek a stable return and generate capital growth over the medium to long term period in diversified mix of assets.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager are establishment and management of unit trust funds, exchange-traded funds and private retirement schemes as well as providing fund management services to private clients. On 10 November 2022, the Manager has changed its name from Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad to AHAM Asset Management Berhad.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 16 October 2023.

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

## 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortized <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
2023				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from broker Amount due from Manager	10	7,681,010 4,087,114	-	7,681,010 4,087,114
- creation of units		9,884		9,884
Dividend receivables Quoted equities	9	5,770	- 65,611,058	5,770 65,611,058
Unquoted fixed income securities	9	-	8,247,689	8,247,689
Total		11,783,778	73,858,747	85,642,525
Financial liabilities				
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager		5,896,119	-	5,896,119
- management fee		98,152	-	98,152
- cancellation of units Amount due to Trustee		11,841 5,235	-	11,841 5,235
Fund accounting fee		600	-	600
Auditors' remuneration		4,544	-	4,544
Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals		6,589 3,423	-	6,589 3,423
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Total		6,026,503	-	6,026,503
<u>2022</u>				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Amount due from broker Dividend receivables	10	16,502,106 1,589,588 16,424	-	16,502,106 1,589,588 16,424
Quoted equities	9	16,424 -	- 47,270,870	47,270,870
Unquoted fixed income securities	9	-	8,743,052	8,743,052
Total		18,108,118	56,013,922	74,122,040

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## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

Financial instruments are as follows: (continued)

	<u>Note</u>	At amortized <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through <u>profit or loss</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>				
Financial liabilities				
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager		67,180	-	67,180
- management fee		93,441	-	93,441
- cancellation of units		128,246	-	128,246
Amount due to Trustee		4,984	-	4,984
Auditors' remuneration		4,557	-	4,557
Tax agent's fee		7,443	-	7,443
Other payables and accruals		8,402	-	8,402
Total		314,253	-	314,253

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk (including price risk, interest rate risk and currency risk), credit risk, liquidity risk, and capital risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Market risk

3 Price risk

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

The Fund's overall exposure to price risk was as follows:

	<u>2023</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM
Quoted investment Quoted equities	65,611,058	47,270,870
Unquoted investment Unquoted fixed income securities	8,247,689	8,743,052

\* Includes interest receivable RM115,154 (2022: RM138,032)

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after taxation and NAV to price risk movement. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price increased by 10% (2022: 2%) and decreased by 10% (2022: 2%) with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

<u>% Change in price</u>	<u>Market value</u> RM	Impact on profit/(loss) after tax/ <u>NAV</u> RM
<u>2023</u>		
-10% 0%	66,369,234 73,743,593	(7,374,359)
+10%	81,117,952	7,374,359
2022		
-2% 0%	54,758,372 55,875,890	(1,117,518)
+2%	56,993,408	1,117,518

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Market risk (continued)

#### 4 Interest rate risk

In general, when interest rates rise, unquoted fixed income securities prices will tend to fall and vice versa. Therefore, the NAV of the Fund may also tend to fall when interest rates rise or are expected to rise. However, investors should be aware that should the Fund hold an unquoted fixed income security till maturity, such price fluctuations would dissipate as it approaches maturity, and thus the growth of the NAV shall not be affected at maturity. In order to mitigate interest rates exposure of the Fund, the Manager will manage the duration of the portfolio via shorter or longer tenured assets depending on the view of the future interest rate trend of the Manager, which is based on its continuous fundamental research and analysis.

This risk is crucial in an unquoted fixed income securities fund since unquoted fixed income securities portfolio management depends on forecasting interest rate movements. Prices of unquoted fixed income securities move inversely to interest rate movements, therefore as interest rates rise, the prices of unquoted fixed income securities decrease and vice versa. Furthermore, unquoted fixed income securities with longer maturity and lower yield coupon rates are more susceptible to interest rate movements.

Investors should note that unquoted fixed income securities and money market instruments are subject to interest rate fluctuations. Such investments may be subject to unanticipated rise in interest rates which may impair the ability of the issuers to make payments of interest income and principal, especially if the issuers are highly leveraged. An increase in interest rates may therefore increase the potential for default by an issuer.

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after tax and NAV to movements in prices of unquoted fixed income securities held by the Fund as a result of movement in interest rate. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the interest rate increased and decreased by 2% (2022: 2%) (200 basis points) with all other variables held constant.

<u>% Change in interest rate</u>	Impact on profit/(loss) a	after tax/ NAV
	2023	<u>2022</u>
	RM	RM
+2% (2022: 2%)	(220,468)	(232,793)
- 2% (2022: 2%)	228,686	241,530

The Fund's exposure to the interest rate risk is mainly confined to short term placement with a financial institution. The Manager overcomes this exposure by way of maintaining deposits on a short-term basis.

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk associated with deposit with a licensed financial institution is not material as the deposit is held on a short-term basis.

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Market risk (continued)

5 © Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with investments denominated in foreign currencies. When the foreign currencies fluctuate in unfavourable movement against Ringgit Malaysia, the investments will face currency losses in addition to the capital gain/(loss). The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of the foreign currency versus Ringgit Malaysia based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest rate differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels and technical chart considerations.

The following table sets out the foreign currency risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund:

<u>2023</u>	Quoted <u>equities</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Dividend <u>receivables</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial assets				
Hong Kong Dollar Singapore Dollar	2,825,335	2,546,685	-	2,825,335 2,546,685
-	2,825,335	2,546,685	-	5,372,020
<u>2022</u>				
Financial assets				
Hong Kong Dollar Indonesian Rupiah Singapore Dollar Thailand Baht United States Dollar	1,559,052 1,347,945 - 813,339 - 3,720,336	6,349,682 742 3,107,704 9,458,128	- - 15,103 - 15,103	7,908,734 1,347,945 742 828,442 3,107,704 13,193,567

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Market risk (continued)

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

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after tax and net asset value ("NAV") to changes in foreign exchange movements. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes by each currency's respective historical volatility, with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Any increase/(decrease) in foreign exchange rate will result in a corresponding (decrease)/increase in the net assets attributable to unitholders by each currency's respective historical volatility. Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

<u>2023</u>	Change in <u>rate</u> %	Impact on profit/(loss) after tax/ <u>NAV</u> RM
Hong Kong Dollar	+/- 10.00	282,534
Singapore Dollar	+/- 10.00	254,669
<u>2022</u>		
Hong Kong Dollar	+/- 10.00	790,873
Indonesian Rupiah	+/- 10.00	134,795
Singapore Dollar	+/- 10.00	74
Thailand Baht	+/- 10.00	82,844
United States Dollar	+/- 10.00	310,770

#### Credit risk

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

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

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

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

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

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Credit risk (continued)

For unquoted fixed income securities, the manager regularly reviews the rating assigned to the issuer so that necessary steps can be taken if the rating falls below those described by the Deeds and SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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

<u>2023</u>	Unquoted fixed income <u>securities</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Consumer Discretionary - A+	1,013,557	_	_	1,013,557
Consumer Product & Services	1,010,007			1,010,007
- NR	-	-	3,716,249	3,716,249
Energy				
- A+	1,030,279	-	-	1,030,279
Financial Services	1 001 040		270.005	6 467 704
- AAA - AA3	1,031,843	5,065,016 2,615,994	370,865	6,467,724 2,615,994
Government	-	2,013,994	-	2,013,994
- SOV	1,008,968	-	-	1,008,968
Industrials	.,,			.,,
- AAA	1,535,406	-	-	1,535,406
- AA2	1,027,788	-	-	1,027,788
- AA3	524,814	-	-	524,814
Technology				
- NR	-	-	5,770	5,770
Utilities	4 075 024			4 075 004
- AA- Others	1,075,034	-	-	1,075,034
- NR	-	-	9,884	9,884
	8,247,689	7,681,010	4,102,768	20,031,467

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Credit risk (continued)

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund (continued):

	Unquoted fixed income <u>securities</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2022</u>				
Consumer Discretionary				
- A+ - NR	1,012,012	-	-	1,012,012
- NR Energy			80,897	80,897
- AA-	1,043,549	-	-	1,043,549
- NR	-	-	505,177	505,177
Financial Services - AAA	1,028,254	6,988,031	_	8,016,285
- AA3	1,020,204	9,514,075	-	9,514,075
- NR	-	-	98,286	98,286
Government	0.040.570			0 040 570
- SOV Health Care	2,016,576	-	-	2,016,576
- NR	-	-	238,981	238,981
Industrials				
- AA2	1,033,688	-	-	1,033,688
- AA3 - NR	510,424	-	- 15,103	510,424 15,103
Technology		-	10,100	15,105
- NR	-	-	667,568	667,568
Utilities	4 070 740			4 070 740
- AA- - AA2	1,076,748 1,021,801	-	-	1,076,748 1,021,801
	1,021,001			1,021,001
	8,743,052	16,502,106	1,606,012	26,851,170

\* Other assets consist of amount due from brokers, amount due from Manager and dividend receivables.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations. The Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellation of units by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise cash, deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days.

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### Liquidity risk (continued)

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

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

	Within <u>one month</u> RM	Between one Month to <u>one year</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u>			
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager	5,896,119	-	5,896,119
- management fee	98,152	-	98,152
- cancellation of units	11,841	-	11,841
Amount due to Trustee	5,235	-	5,235
Fund accounting fee	600	-	600
Auditors' remuneration	-	4,544	4,544
Tax agent's fee	-	6,589	6,589
Other payables and accruals		3,423	3,423
	6,011,947	14,556	6,026,503
2022			
Amount due to brokers Amount due to Manager	67,180	-	67,180
- management fee	93,441	-	93,441
- cancellation of units	128,246	-	128,246
Amount due to Trustee	4,984	-	4,984
Auditors' remuneration	-	4,557	4,557
Tax agent's fee	-	7,443	7,443
Other payables and accruals	-	8,402	8,402
	293,851	20,402	314,253

#### Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unitholders' capital and retained earnings/(accumulated losses). 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 unitholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

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

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the period end date. The Fund utilises the current bid price for financial assets which falls within the bid-ask spread.

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

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques.

## i) Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2)
- Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement 22ategorizedsed in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

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

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

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

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

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - quoted equities - unquoted fixed income securities	65,611,058  65,611,058	8,247,689		65,611,058 8,247,689 73,858,747
<u>2022</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - quoted equities - unquoted fixed income securities	47,270,870 -	- 8,743,052	- -	47,270,870 8,743,052
	47,270,870	8,743,052	-	56,013,922

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.

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 fixed income securities. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from brokers, amount due from Manager, dividend receivables and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short-term nature.

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 4 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate of up to 3.00% per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2023, the management fees provided in the financial statements was 1.50% (2022: 1.50%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis as stated in Fund's Prospectus.

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

#### 5 TRUSTEE'S FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to a fee of up to 0.08% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

For the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2023, the Trustee's fee was recognised at a rate of 0.08% (2022: 0.08%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis as stated in Fund's Prospectus.

There will be no further liability to the Trustee in respect of trustee's fee other than amounts recognised above.

#### 6 FUND ACCOUNTING FEE

The fund valuation and accounting fee for the Fund for 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2023 is RM3,000 (2022: RM Nil).

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 7 TAXATION

6 months	6 months
financial	financial
period ended	period ended
<u>31.8.2023</u>	<u>31.8.2022</u>
RM	RM
Current taxation - local	-

The numerical reconciliation between net profit/(loss) before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	6 months financial period ended <u>31.8.2023</u> RM	6 months financial period ended <u>31.8.2022</u> RM
Net profit/(loss) before taxation	2,505,339	(5,000,885)
Tax at Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2022: 24%) Tax effect of: (Investment income not subject to tax)/	601,281	(1,200,212)
Investment loss not brought to tax	(853,541)	971,113
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	116,295	91,383
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	135,965	137,716
Tax expense		-

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 8 DISTRIBUTION

	6 months financial	6 months financial
	period ended	period ended
	<u>31.8.2023</u> RM	<u>31.8.2022</u> RM
Distribution to unitholders is from the following sources:		
Previous year's realised income	263,661	3,503,574
Gross/Net distribution per unit (sen)	0.10	1.35
Ex-date	20.7.2023	20.7.2022

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

Included in distribution for the financial period is an amount of RM263,661 (2022: RM3,503,574) made from previous year's realised income.

During the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2023, the Fund incurred unrealised loss of RM Nil (2022: RM2,185,485).

#### 9 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	<u>2023</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	60 705 700	12 550 524
- quoted equities - local - quoted equities - foreign	62,785,723 2,825,335	43,550,534 3,720,336
- unquoted fixed income securities - local	8,247,689	8,743,052
	73,858,747	56,013,922
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - realised gain/(loss) on sale of investments	2,054,319	(2,898,183)
- unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in fair value	98,220	(2,185,047)
	2,152,539	(5,083,230)

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (a) Quoted equities - local

#### (i) Quoted equities - local as at 31 August 2023 are as follows:

Name of counters	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Construction IJM Corporation Bhd	1,300,000	2,327,000	2,301,000	2.89
Consumer Products & Services				
Aeon Company (M) Berhad Sime Darby Bhd	1,666,800 1,229,000	2,218,402 2,735,583	1,750,140 2,814,410	2.20 3.53
	2,895,800	4,953,985	4,564,550	5.73
<u>Energy</u> Dialog Group Bhd	1,362,300	3,289,952	2,792,715	3.51
Yinson Holdings Berhad	2,012,000	4,725,691	5,050,120	6.34
	3,374,300	8,015,643	7,842,835	9.85
Financial Services				
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	916,994	4,737,394	5,162,676	6.48
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	146,200	2,763,898	2,912,304	3.66
Malayan Banking Bhd	246,000	2,118,922	2,241,060	2.81
RHB Bank Bhd	470,036	2,607,175	2,636,902	3.31
	1,779,230	12,227,389	12,952,942	16.26
<u>Health Care</u> Hartalega Holdings Bhd	629,900	1,122,110	1,222,006	1.53
Kossan Rubber Industries Bhd	1,177,100	1,487,965	1,518,459	1.91
KPJ Healthcare Berhad	3,396,200	3,705,781	3,939,592	4.95
	5,203,200	6,315,856	6,680,057	8.39

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(i) Quoted equities - local as at 31 August 2023 are as follows: (continued)

Name of counters	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Industrial Draduate & Carviace				
Industrial Products & Services Hiap Teck Venture Berhad	7,000,000	2,728,179	3,010,000	3.78
Pekat Group Berhad	2,186,000	987,375	1,060,210	1.33
Nextgreen Global Bhd	1,649,300	1,676,910	1,459,631	1.83
Sunway Berhad	937,000	1,469,432	1,864,630	2.34
	11,772,300	6,861,896	7,394,471	9.28
Plantation Kuola Lumpur Kapang Bhd	71 900	1 600 507	1 545 126	1.94
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	71,800	1,600,527	1,545,136	1.94
<u>Property</u> Eco World Development Grp Bhd	1,617,100	932,455	1,649,442	2.07
Technology				
Aimflex Berhad	8,524,000	1,515,567	1,790,040	2.25
CTOS Digital Berhad	1,302,000	1,808,548	1,835,820	2.31
Frontken Corp Bhd	97,900	311,377	340,692	0.43
Genetec Technology Bhd	866,000	2,285,825	2,061,080	2.59
ITMAX System Bhd	1,075,800	1,526,165	1,549,152	1.94
Inari Amertron Bhd	511,000	1,608,270	1,609,650	2.02
	12,376,700	9,055,752	9,186,434	11.54
Telecommunication & Media				
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	507,913	2,751,067	2,590,356	3.25
TIME dotCom Berhad	428,600	1,988,879	2,357,300	2.96
	936,513	4,739,946	4,947,656	6.21

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(i) Quoted equities - local as at 31 August 2023 are as follows: (continued)

Name of counters	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Utilities				
Mega First Corp Bhd	288,000	1,053,858	956,160	1.20
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	281,000	2,552,578	2,765,040	3.47
	569,000	3,606,436	3,721,200	4.67
Total quoted equities - local	41,895,943	60,636,885	62,785,723	78.83
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities - local		2,148,838		
Total quoted equities - local		62,785,723		

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

#### (ii) Quoted equities - local as at 31 August 2022 are as follows:

Name of counters	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
<u>Consumer Products &amp; Services</u> Aeon Company (M) Berhad Genting Bhd	500,000 381,000	646,671 1,890,436	735,000 1,786,890	1.00 2.42
	881,000	2,537,107	2,521,890	3.42
Energy				
Dialog Group Bhd Yinson Holdings Berhad	462,100 1,802,600	1,282,779 3,849,078	1,118,282 3,803,486	1.52 5.15
	2,264,700	5,131,857	4,921,768	6.67
Financial Services				
Aeon Credit Service M Bhd	192,800	2,521,724	2,691,488	3.65
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	366,000	1,886,771	1,961,760	2.66
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	85,200	1,497,768	1,777,272	2.41
	644,000	5,906,263	6,430,520	8.72
Health Care				
Hartalega Holdings Bhd	489,000	879,793	797,070	1.08
IHH Healthcare Bhd	422,800	2,774,821	2,621,360	3.55
Kossan Rubber Industries Bhd KPJ Healthcare Berhad	1,105,000 2,272,200	1,152,485 2,444,325	1,116,050 1,976,814	1.51 2.68
KF5 Healthcare Defiliad		2,444,323	1,970,014	2.00
	4,289,000	7,251,424	6,511,294	8.82
Industrial Products & Services				
Press Metal Aluminium Hldg Bhd	233,000	1,126,560	1,106,750	1.50
Plantation				
Hap Seng Plantations Hldgs Bhd	473,000	1,109,402	1,068,980	1.45
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	113,800	2,542,014	2,621,952	3.55
Ta Ann Holdings Bhd	518,000	1,994,361	2,061,640	2.79
	1,104,800	5,645,777	5,752,572	7.79

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

# (a) Quoted equities – local (continued)

(ii) Quoted equities - local as at 31 August 2022 are as follows (continued):

Name of counters	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Property				
Eco World Development Grp Bhd	3,367,900	1,826,089	2,239,654	3.03
Mah Sing Group Bhd	1,411,000	1,104,644	853,655	1.16
	4,778,900	2,930,733	3,093,309	4.19
Technology				
CTOS Digital Berhad	224,000	326,326	315,840	0.43
GHL Systems Bhd	1,400,100	2,480,172	1,540,110	2.09
Inari Amertron Bhd	526,000	1,698,341	1,425,460	1.93
LGMS Bhd	2,012,900	1,066,308	2,214,190	3.00
	4,163,000	5,571,147	5,495,600	7.45
Telecommunication & Media				
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	788,300	4,435,198	4,706,151	6.38
TIME dotCom Berhad	412,000	1,825,381	1,965,240	2.66
	1,200,300	6,260,579	6,671,391	9.04
Utilities				
Mega First Corp Bhd	288,000	1,053,858	1,045,440	1.42
Total quoted equities - local	19,846,700	43,415,305	43,550,534	59.02
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities - local		135,229		
Total quoted equities - local		43,550,534		

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (b) Quoted equities – foreign

#### (i) Quoted equities - foreign as at 31 August 2023 are as follows:

Name of counters	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Hong Kong				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u> Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	53,000	2,784,225	2,825,335	3.55
Total quoted equities - foreign	53,000	2,784,225	2,825,335	3.55
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities - foreign		41,110		
Total quoted equities - foreign		2,825,335		

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (b) Quoted equities – foreign (continued)

#### (ii) Quoted equities - foreign as at 31 August 2022 are as follows:

Name of counters	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
Hong Kong				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u> Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	29,000	1,387,693	1,559,052	2.11
<u>Indonesia</u>				
<u>Financial Services</u> Bank Syariah Indonesia Tbk PT	2,952,000	1,415,730	1,347,945	1.83
<u>Thailand</u>				
Industrial Products & Services Business Online PCL -NVDR	552,800	828,846	813,339	1.10
Total quoted equities - foreign	3,533,800	3,632,269	3,720,336	5.04
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities - foreign		88,067		
Total quoted equities - foreign		3,720,336		

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# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (c) Unquoted fixed income securities - local

(i) Unquoted fixed income securities - local as at 31 August 2023 are as follows:

Name of issuer	Nominal <u>value</u> RM	Adjusted <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
4.50% Bank Pembangunan Malaysia				
Bhd 04.11.2026 (AAA) 4.55% DRB-Hicom Berhad	1,000,000	1,014,473	1,031,843	1.30
12.12.2024 (A+)	1,000,000	1,017,142	1,013,557	1.27
3.422% GII 30.09.2027 (SOV) 4.76% IJM Corporation Bhd	1,000,000	1,048,935	1,008,968	1.27
10.04.2029 (AA3) 5.75% Malaysia Airports Holdings	500,000	536,534	524,814	0.66
Bhd (Call: 13.12.2024) (AA2) 5.70% MMC Corp Berhad	1,000,000	1,028,577	1,027,788	1.29
24.03.2028 (AA-)	1,000,000	1,099,055	1,075,034	1.35
4.44% Plus Bhd 12.01.2028 (AAA) 5.90% UiTM Solar Power Sdn Bhd	1,500,000	1,527,149	1,535,406	1.93
27.04.2029 (A+)	1,000,000	1,107,720	1,030,279	1.29
Total unquoted fixed income				
securities - local	8,000,000	8,379,585	8,247,689	10.36
Accumulated unrealised loss on unquoted fixed income				
securities - local		(131,896)		
Total unquoted fixed income		0.047.000		
securities - local		8,247,689		

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

#### (c) Unquoted fixed income securities - local (continued)

(ii) Unquoted fixed income securities - local as at 31 August 2022 are as follows:

Name of issuer	Nominal <u>value</u> RM	Adjusted <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage <u>of NAV</u> %
4.50% Bank Pembangunan Malaysia				
Bhd 04.11.2026 (AAA)	1,000,000	1,014,674	1,028,254	1.39
4.55% DRB-Hicom Berhad12.12.2024 (A+) 4.25% Edra Solar Sdn Bhd	1,000,000	1,022,301	1,012,012	1.37
11.10.2024 (AA2) 4.76% IJM Corporation Bhd	1,000,000	1,032,437	1,021,801	1.38
10.04.2029 (AA3) 5.75% Malaysia Airports Holdings	500,000	540,752	510,424	0.69
Bhd (Call: 13.12.2024) (AA2) 5.70% MMC Corp Berhad	1,000,000	1,040,664	1,033,688	1.39
24.03.2028 (AA-) 5.90% UiTM Solar Power Sdn Bhd	1,000,000	1,113,512	1,076,748	1.45
27.04.2029 (AA-)	1,000,000	1,121,134	1,043,549	1.41
3.422% GII 30.09.2027 (SOV)	1,000,000	1,056,873	997,398	1.35
3.726% GII 31.03.2026 (SOV)	1,000,000	1,069,790	1,019,178	1.38
Total unquoted fixed income				
securities - local	8,500,000	9,012,137	8,743,052	11.81
Accumulated unrealised loss on unquoted fixed income				
securities - local		(269,085)		
Total unquoted fixed income securities - local		8,743,052		

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 10 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2023</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM
Cash and bank balances Deposits with a licensed financial institution	2,615,994 5,065,016	9,514,075 6,988,031
	7,681,010	16,502,106

The weighted average effective interest rates per annum of deposit with a licensed financial institution are as follows:

	<u>2023</u> %	<u>2022</u> %
Deposit with a licensed financial institution	3.00	2.25

Deposit with a licensed financial institution has an average maturity of 1 day (2022: 1 days).

# 11 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	<u>2023</u> No. of units	2022 No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period	275,023,000	274,039,000
Creation of units from applications during the financial period	20,949,000	6,435,000
Creation of units from distribution during the financial period	951,158	13,372,420
Cancellation of units during the financial period	(19,926,158)	(21,290,420)
At the end of the financial period	276,997,000	272,556,000

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 12 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS AND DEALERS

(a) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers and dealers for the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2023 are as follows:

Name of brokers/dealers	Value of <u>trade</u> RM	Percentage of total trade %	Brokerage <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage</u> %
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd #	11,087,479	9.65	40,909	10.55
Malayan Banking Bhd	8,396,039	7.31	32,118	8.28
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	7,923,044	6.90	26,633	6.87
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	7,490,427	6.52	30,775	7.94
Macquarie Capital Securities Ltd (HK)	6,707,822	5.84	10,848	2.80
Public Investment Bank Bhd	6,013,938	5.23	23,950	6.18
Alliance Bernstein DMA	5,879,370	5.12	9,444	2.43
Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd	5,559,459	4.84	21,451	5.53
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	5,324,108	4.63	21,521	5.55
J.P. Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn				
Bhd	4,800,823	4.18	19,526	5.04
Others	45,699,783	39.78	150,578	38.83
	114,882,292	100.00	387,753	100.00

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#### 12 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS AND DEALERS (CONTINUED)

(b) Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers and dealers for the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2022 are as follows:

Name of brokers/dealers	Value of <u>trade</u> RM	Percentage <u>of total trade</u> %	Brokerage <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage</u> %
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd #	15,746,588	18.43	64,657	19.26
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd JP Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn	7,972,651	9.33	49,020	14.61
Bhd	5,009,862	5.87	20,175	6.01
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd Credit Suisse Securities (Malaysia)	4,726,863	5.53	15,414	4.59
Sdn Bhd	4,433,396	5.19	18,067	5.38
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	3,994,731	4.68	16,231	4.84
Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd	3,478,724	4.07	14,426	4.30
UBS Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	3,255,061	3.81	11,818	3.52
CLSA Limited (Hong Kong)	2,866,007	3.36	5,340	1.59
Alliance Bernstein DMA	2,859,887	3.35	5,373	1.60
Others	31,076,489	36.38	115,129	34.30
	85,420,259	100.00	335,650	100.00

# Included in transaction with brokers and dealers are trades in the stockbroking industry with Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd, a company formerly related to the Manager amounting to RM11,087,479 (2022: RM15,746,588).

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

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

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

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

Related parties	<u>Relationship</u>
CVC Capital Partners Asia V L.P. ("CVC Asia V")	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager and former ultimate holding corporate body of the Manager
Affin Bank Berhad ("ABB")	Former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	Former immediate holding company of the Manager
Starlight TopCo Limited	Penultimate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Universe Limited	Intermediate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Asset Sdn Bhd	Immediate holding company of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI")	Former substantial shareholder of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)	The Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of CVC Asia V as disclosed in their financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of the Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of ABB as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)	Directors of the Manager

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 6 MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER (CONTINUED)

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

	No. of units	2023 RM	No. of units	<u>2022</u> RM
The Manager:				
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) (The units are held legally for booking purpose)	137,143	39,429	2,953	800

Other than the above, there were no units held by any other Directors or parties related to the Manager.

#### 14 TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

6 mo fina period er <u>31.8.2</u>	ncial Ided	6 months financial period ended <u>31.8.2022</u> %
TER	0.87	0.81

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

- A = Management fee
- B = Trustee fees
- C = Fund accounting fee
- D = Auditors' remuneration
- E = Tax agent's fee
- F = Other expenses, excluding sales and service tax on transaction costs and withholding tax
- G = Average NAV of Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis was RM74,552,313 (2022: RM74,867,010).

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

perio	months financial d ended 1.8.2023	6 months financial period ended <u>31.8.2022</u>
PTR (times)	0.76	0.60

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

<u>(Total acquisition for the financial period + total disposal for the financial period)  $\div 2$ </u> Average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis

where: total acquisition for the financial period = RM61,197,771 (2022: RM36,287,857) total disposal for the financial period = RM51,650,143 (2022: RM53,146,803)

#### 16 SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

# Change in substantial shareholders of AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)

On 19 April 2023, Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI") has divested all its equity interest of 27% in AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) to Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM") for 20% and remaining 7% of the equity interest to Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT") resulting in both NAM and LTAT becoming substantial shareholders of the Manager.

# STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Dato' Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Manager, **AHAM Asset Management Berhad** (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad), do hereby state that in the opinion as the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 41 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 August 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the 6 months financial period ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with the Malaysia Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager, AHAM ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD (FORMERLY KNOWN AS AFFIN HWANG ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD)

DATO' TENG CHEE WAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ MANAGING DIRECTOR

Kuala Lumpur 16 October 2023

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