

# **ASTUTE DYNAMIC FUND (ADF)**

## **UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 30 June 2024

## **ASTUTE DYNAMIC FUND**

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## 1. FUND INFORMATION

FUND NAME	Astute Dynamic Fund (ADF)
FUND TYPE	Growth
FUNDCATEGORY	Equity
FUND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE	To seek capital appreciation by investing in equity and equity-related securities.
<b>DURATION OF THE</b>	The fund is an open-ended fund.
FUND	The fund was launched on 28 March 2006.
FUND	❖ 70% of FBM KLCI
PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK	30% of Maybank Berhad 1-year fixed deposit rate
BENCHMANN	(Source : Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and Malayan Banking Berhad)
	"The risk profile of the performance benchmark is not the same as the risk profile of the Fund."
FUND DISTRIBUTION POLICY	Distribution is at the discretion of the Manager. If income distributed, it will be automatically re-invested via issuance of additional Units in the Fund.
	Generally, in the absence of written instructions from the Unitholders, income for the Fund will be automatically reinvested into additional Units of the Fund at NAV per Unit on income payment date. Unitholders who wish to realise any income can do so by redeeming Units held in the Fund.
	For reinvestment into additional units, no sales charges will be imposed.

#### 2. FUND PERFORMANCE

Summary of performance data is as follows:

	30.06.2024 RM	30.06.2023 RM	30.06.2022 RM
Portfolio Composition:			
- Equity securities	85.66	89.44	95.68
- Liquid assets and others	14.34	10.56	4.32
Net Assets Value (RM)	1,294,798	961,051	1,919,662
Number of Units in Circulation	5,402,641	5,731,415	11,819,911
Net Asset Value per Units (RM)	0.2397	0.1677	0.1624
Highest NAV Price for the period under review (RM)	0.2440	0.1704	0.1783
Lowest NAV Price for the period under review (RM)	0.1856	0.1580	0.1593
Total Return for the period under review (RM)			
- Capital growth	187,578	23,672	(220,412)
- Income distribution	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%)	1.62	1.24*	1.06
*The TER for the financial period was higher compared with			
the previous financial period due to lower average NAV.			
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)	0.19	0.56*	0.47
*the PTR for the financial period was lower compared with			
previous financial period as there were lower investment activities during the financial period under review.			
activities during the financial period under review.			

	Total	Total Return		Average Total Return	
	ADF	Index	ADF	Index	
1 Year	42.93	11.58	42.93	11.58	
3 Year	37.92	5.18	12.66	1.73	
5 Year	40.75	0.83	8.16	0.17	
Since Inception 18 May 2006	112.37	62.84	6.21	3.48	

Annual total return for each of the		
last five financial year ended	ADF	Index
31.12.2023	11.33	-1.04
31.12.2022	-6.06	-2.44
31.12.2021	3.33	-1.93
31.12.2020	2.58	2.76
31.12.2019	9.82	-3.27

Source: Bloomberg

## \*Notes:

- 1. Total returns as at 30.06. 2024. Total returns are calculated based on NAV per unit, adjusted for income distribution, if any.
- 2. The basis of calculation for the average total return is by dividing the total return by the numbers of years.

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Unit prices and investment returns may fluctuate.

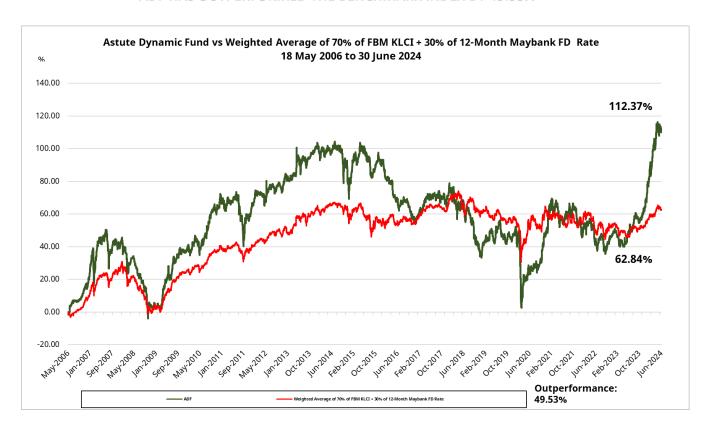
#### MANAGER'S REPORT

For the financial period of review, the Fund has achieved its investment objective to seek capital appreciation by investing in equity and equity-related securities. The Fund has provide a total return of 112.37% since its inception as compare to benchmark total return of 62.84%. Hence, the Fund has outperformed the benchmark return by 49.53%.

#### PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2024, the Fund achieved a return of 29.71% against the benchmark return of 6.88%, resulting an outperformance against the benchmark of 22.83%. The total NAV of the Fund increased to RM 1,294,798 as at 30 June 2024 from RM 941,856 as at 31 December 2023. The increase in NAV was mainly due to portfolio value appreciation.

# PERFORMANCE OF ASTUTE DYNAMIC FUND VS BENCHMARK INDEX SINCE 18 May 2006 TO 30 JUNE 2024 ADF HAS OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX BY 49.53%



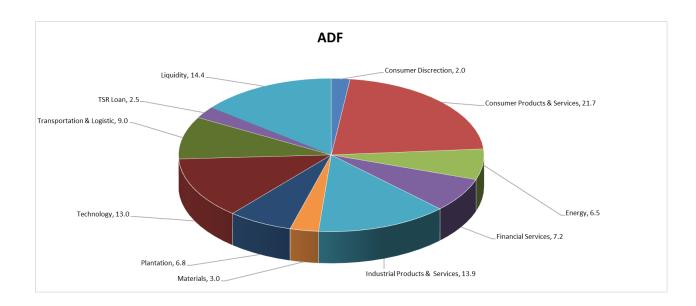
Source: Bloomberg

#### STRATEGIES EMPLOYED

The Fund had adopted the top-down and bottom up approach for its investment strategy. The investment policy was to invest in mostly undervalued companies with good potential of growth. The fund consists of only in shares or warrants that were listed on the Bursa Malaysia. In term of market sector, the Fund had concentrated mainly in the areas of Consumer, Energy and Industrial Product & Services.

Investment strategy will remain centered on well-managed liquid stocks that exhibit good growth prospects with strong earning visibility. Stocks with strong cash flows, decent yield and have proactive capital management will also be considered.

## **ASSET ALLOCATION**



#### **ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR ASAT 30 JUNE 2024**

QUOTED SECURITIES	30 JUNE 2024	30 JUNE 2023
Financial Services	7.2	12.9
Finance	-	2.2
Consumer Discretion	2.0	4.6
Consumer Products & Services	21.7	16.3
Energy	6.5	13.7
Industrial Products & Services	13.9	14.7
Materials	3.0	1.4
Plantation	6.8	7.7
TSR Loans	2.6	-
Technology	13.0	8.4
Transportation & Logistic	9.0	
Utilities	-	7.6
Liquidity	14.3	10.5

#### **MARKET REVIEW (JUL-2023 TO JUN-2024)**

The US Federal reserve hiked interest rates from 4.5% in February 2023 to 5.5% in July 2023. The robust US economy fuelled expectations of "higher for longer" interest rates. This put pressure on Asian currencies such as the Ringgit which fell to a 25 year low of RM4.79 in Sep-24. The latter in turn weighed down on Bursa Malaysia. Overall, the Ringgit declined by 1.0% against the USD to 4.72 in the period under review. The strong USD was a headwind for Asian equity markets.

The US 10-year bond yield ended 2023 at 3.88%, approximately the same level as the start of the year. The latter rose in 2024 due to a resilient US labour market. The 10 year yield peaked at 4.70% in Apr-24 before easing to 4.40% at the end of Jun-24. The resilient US economy provided strong support for US equity markets.

Between July 2023 and June 2024, Bank Negara kept the Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") at 3.0%. The KLCI declined by 2% to 1,455 in 2023. This was due to a lack of positive catalysts, unexciting earnings growth and a weak Ringgit. In 2023, foreigners net sold approximately RM2.3 billion worth of Malaysia equities. However, Bursa Malaysia rebounded by 9.3% in the first 6 months of 2024. This was driven by a confluence of data centre investments, robust FDIs, improved earnings outlook, reasonable valuations and local institutional buying.

MSCI Asia ex-Japan (MXAJ) rose 3.6% in 2023 and a further 8.9% in the first 6M of 2024. The key gainers were Taiwan, India and Korea in 1H 2024. China rallied by 20% from its low in February 2024 as sentiment on the equity market improved. In 2024, Beijing had rolled out a series of measures to revive the stock market and the economy including limiting short selling and promoting a new approach to real estate development while increasing construction spending. Also, the North Asian markets benefit from a bottoming out and anticipated recovery in the technology sector.

#### **MARKET OUTLOOK**

US 1Q24 GDP grew by a tepid +1.4% QoQ (3rd revision) in 1Q24. Recent US data show signs of a "Goldilocks" economy. Non-farm payrolls for Jun-24 came in at 206K, a tad higher than consensus. However, the surprise was the US unemployment rate for Jun-24 which came in at 4.1% (the highest since Oct-21). Other signs of cooler activity came from the core PCE numbers which increased by 0.083% in May-24 - the lowest increase since Nov-2020. Finally, June's core CPI of 0.1% MoM for Jun-24 was below consensus expectations of 0.20%. The recent flow of "cooler" data in the US economy raised hopes of a FED rate cut as early as Sep-2024 and provided conditions for equity markets to stay buoyant.

Given that developed economies had raised rates by a wider margin than Asian economies, we expect the former's rate cuts to be relatively more significant. In our view, this will eventually lead to a weaker USD and stronger Asian currencies moving forward.

We believe the technology sector in Asia will continue to do well. The bottoming out of the export cycle and the recovery in semiconductor demand led by artificial intelligence will support valuations. MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan is trading at a 2024 PER of 13.9x which appears reasonable vs its 10Y range 11.5x to 20.5x [Source: Bloomberg].

For Malaysia, we see a convergence in positive thematises such as data centre investments, FDIs, supply chain relocation, Johor special economic zone and recovery in E&E exports. These themes will support the KLCI for the remainder of 2024.

Finally, we believe the KLCI's valuations remain undemanding i.e. 2024 PER of 14.7x (10Y range 12.4x to 21.7x), PBR of 1.4x (10Y range 1.2x to 2.3x) and 2024 forecast DY of 4.1% (10Y range 2.7% to 5.3%) [Source: Bloomberg]. Our strategy is to invest in companies which have a combination of re-rating potential, strong management and positive catalysts such as earnings, dividends or corporate restructuring. We believe the Malaysia market is capable of trending higher in the coming months.

#### **DISTRIBUTIONS**

For the financial period under review, the Fund did not declare any distribution.

#### STATE OF AFFAIRS OF THE FUND

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the period year up to the date of Manager's report, not otherwise disclosed in the financial statements.

#### **SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS**

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

#### **DETAILS OF ANY UNIT SPLIT EXERCISE**

The Fund did not carry out any unit split exercise during the financial period under review.

#### **CROSS TRADE TRANSACTIONS**

During the financial period under review, no cross-trade transactions were undertaken by the Manager for the Fund.

#### **SOFT COMMISSION**

The Manager will retain soft commissions received from stockbrokers, provided they are of demonstrable benefit to the Unit Holders. The soft commissions may take form of goods and services such as data and quotation services, computer software and investment related publications which are incidental to the management of the Fund. Rebates, if any, will be directed to the account of the Fund.

During the period under review the Manager received data and quotation services and investment related publications which are incidental to the Fund investment.

#### 4. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

To the unit holders of ASTUTE DYNAMIC FUND ("Fund")



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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

To the unit holders of ASTUTE DYNAMIC FUND ("Fund")

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

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

For Maybank Trustees Berhad

[Company No.: 196301000109 (5004-P)]

NORHAZLIANA BINTI MOHAMMED HASHIM Head Unit Trust & Corporate Operations

Date: 26 August 2024

#### 5. STATEMENT BY MANAGER



#### STATEMENT BY MANAGER

We, Clement Chew Kuan Hock and Y.M.Dato' Tunku Ahmad Zahir Bin Tunku Ibrahim, being two of the directors of Astute Fund Management Berhad do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited financial statements of Astute Dynamic Fund are drawn up in accordance with the Deed, Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and Securities Commission Malaysia's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of Astute Dynamic Fund as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance, changes in net asset value and cash flows for the financial period then ended.

For and on behalf of the Manager,

**ASTUTE FUND MANAGEMENT BERHAD** 

**CLEMENT CHEW KUAN HOCK** 

Director

Y.M. DATO' TUNKU AHMAD ZAHIR BIN TUNKU IBRAHIM

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Director

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Date: 26 August 2024

## 5.1 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Financial period ended <b>30.06.2024</b> RM	Financial period ended <b>30.06.2023</b> RM
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)			
Gross dividend income		23,957	30,795
Realised (losses)/gains on sale of investments		85,177	(42,261)
Unrealised gains on financial assets at fair value			
through profit and loss ("FVPL")		187,578	23,672
Other income		750	1,124
		297,462	13,330
LESSs: EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	8,409	9,311
Trustee's fee	5	280	310
Auditors' remuneration		3,973	3,249
Tax agent's fee		1,404	2,354
Administrative expenses		4,166	143
Transaction costs		1,281	5,135
		19,513	20,502
NET INVESTMENT INCOME/ (EXPENSES)		277,949	(7,172)
FOREIGN EXCHANGE GAINS/(LOSSES):			
- REALISED		506	11,173
- UNREALISED		8	(145)
NET INCOME BEFORE TAXATION		278,463	3,856
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	6	(1,099)	(690)
NET INCOME AFTER TAXATION FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		277,364	3,166
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE			
FINANCIAL PERIOD		277,364	3,166
Total comprehensive income/(expenses) for the financial period is made up as follows:			
- realised		89,778	(20,361)
- unrealised		187,586	23,527

The annexed notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## 5.2 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2024

	Note	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
ASSETS			
INVESTMENT			
Quoted investments	7 -	1,109,088	859,610
OTHER ASSETS			
Sundry receivables	8	6,965	4,343
Current tax assets		22,091	22,090
Bank balance	_	178,916	100,505
	_	207,972	126,938
TOTAL ASSETS	_	1,317,060	986,548
NET ASSET VALUE ("NAV") AND LIABILITIES			
NAV			
Unitholders' capital		539,104	572,893
Retained earnings	<del>-</del>	755,694	388,158
TOTAL NAV	9 _	1,294,798	961,051
LIABILITIES Sundry payables and accruals	10	20,662	24,298
Amount owing to Manager		1,547	1,160
Amount owing to Trustee		53	39
TOTAL LIABILITIES		22,262	25,497
TOTAL NAV AND LIABILITIES	_	1,317,060	986,548
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	9.1	5,402,641	5,731,415
NAV PER UNIT ("RM")		0.2397	0.1677

## 5.3 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED CHANGES IN NET ASSET VALUE

For the Six Months Financial Period Ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Unitholders' capital RM	Retained earnings RM	Total RM
Balance at 1 January 2023		1,388,704	384,992	1,773,696
Net income after taxation/Total comprehensive income for the financial period		-	3,166	3,166
Contribution by and distributions to the unitholders of the Fund:				
<ul><li>- Creation of units</li><li>- Cancellation of units</li></ul>	9.1 9.1	1,309 (817,120)	-	1,309 (817,120)
Total transactions with unitholders of the Fund		(815,811)	-	(815,811)
Balance at 30 June 2023		572,893	388,158	961,051
Balance at 1 January 2024		463,527	478,330	941,857
Net income after taxation/Total comprehensive income for the financial period		-	277,364	277,364
Contribution by and distributions to the unitholders of the Fund:	0.4	472.022		472.022
<ul><li>- Creation of units</li><li>- Cancellation of units</li></ul>	9.1 9.1	173,033 (97,456)	-	173,033 (97,456)
Total transactions with unitholders of the Fund		75,577	-	75,577
Balance at 30 June 2024		539,104	755,694	1,294,798

## 5.4 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED CASH FLOWS

For the Six Months Financial Period Ended 30 June 2024

	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
CASH FLOW (FOR)/FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments	221,095	1,056,134
Purchase of investments	(211,489)	(315,095)
Dividend income received	21,266	26,164
Management fee paid	(8,056)	(10,327)
Trustee's fee paid	(268)	(344)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(20,660)	(13,108)
Realised foreign exchange profits/ (losses)	506	(5,889)
Other income received	-	1,124
NET CASH FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES	2,394	738,659
CASH FLOWS FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from units created	3,257,665	1,309
Payment for units cancelled	(3,178,498)	(817,120)
NET CASH FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES	79,167	(815,811)
NET INCRESE/ (DECREASE) IN BANK BALANCE	81,561	(77,152)
NET EFFECT ON FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE	8	(145)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	97,347	177,802
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	178,916	100,505

#### 5.5 NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Six Months Financial Period Ended 30 June 2024

#### 1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Astute Dynamic Fund ("the Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 28 March 2006, the First Supplemental Deed dated 20 August 2013, the Second Supplemental Deed dated 3 August 2015, between the Manager, Astute Fund Management Berhad, the Trustee and the registered unitholders of the Fund. Third Supplemental Deed dated 15 April 2016 was executed for the change of Trustee from MTrustee Berhad to Maybank Trustees Berhad, the Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 22 April 2022 was executed for the change of the Manager's name from Apex Investment Services Berhad to Astute Fund Management Berhad, and the Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 11 January 2023 which the amendments essentially entailed on the amendments to the provisions of the Principal Deed to be in line with the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds revised on 28 November 2022 ("collectively referred to as "the Deeds") between the Manager, Astute Fund Management Berhad, the Trustee, Maybank Trustees Berhad and the registered unitholders of the Fund.

The principal activity of the Fund is to invest in "Permitted Investments" as defined in the Seventh Schedule of the Deeds. The Fund commenced operations on 18 May 2006 (commencement date) and will continue its operations until its termination by the Trustee or the Manager as provided under Clauses 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 of the Deeds.

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek capital appreciation by investing in equity and equity-related securities.

The Manager, Astute Fund Management Berhad, is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activity of the Manager is the management of unit trust and wholesale funds.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements of the Fund are prepared under the historical cost convention and modified to include other bases of valuation as disclosed in other sections under material accounting policy information, and in compliance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

2.1 During the current financial period, the Fund has adopted the following new accounting standards (including the consequential amendments, if any):-

#### MFRSs and/or IC Interpretations (Including The Consequential Amendments)

MFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

Amendments to MFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

Amendments to MFRS 17: Initial Application of MFRS 17 & MFRS 9- Comparative Information

Amendments to MFRS 101: Disclosure of Accounting Policies

Amendments to MFRS 108: Definition of Accounting Estimates

Amendments to MFRS 112: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a

**Single Transaction** 

Amendments to MFRS 112: International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

The adoption of the above accounting standards and/or interpretations (including the consequential amendments, if any) did not have any material impact on the Fund's financial statements except as follows:-

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT'D)

#### Amendments to MFRS 101: Disclosure of Accounting Policies

The Amendments to MFRS 101 'Disclosure of Accounting Policies' did not result in any changes to the existing accounting policies of the Fund. However, the amendments require the disclosure of 'material' rather than 'significant' accounting policies and provide guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about the material accounting policy disclosures. The fund has made updates to the accounting policies presented in Note 3 to financial statements in line with the amendments.

2.2 The Fund has not applied in advance the following accounting standards and interpretations (including the consequential amendments, if any) that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") but are not yet effective for the current financial period:-

MFRSs and/or IC Interpretations (Including The Consequential	
Amendments)	<b>Effective Date</b>
MFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2027
MFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures	1 January 2027
Amendments to MFRS 9 and MFRS 7: Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments	1 January 2026
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and Its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred
Amendments to MFRS 16: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101: Classification of Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7: Supplier Finance Arrangements	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 121: Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025

The adoption of the above accounting standards and/or interpretations (including the consequential amendments, if any) is expected to have no material impact on the financial statements of the Fund upon their initial application except as follows:-

## MFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Statements

MFRS 18 'Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements' will replace MFRS 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements' upon its adoption. This new standard sets out the new requirements for the presentation and disclosure of information in the primary financial statements and notes. The potential impact of the new standard on the financial statements of the Fund has yet to be assessed.

#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 3.1 CRITICAL ACCOUTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies, the management is not aware of any judgements that have significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

There are also no assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation of uncertainties at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial period.

#### 3.2 FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

The functional currency of the Fund is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates.

The financial statements of the Fund are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM") which is the functional and presentation currency of the Fund.

#### 3.3 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when the Fund has become a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

Financial instruments are classified as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement and their definitions in MFRS 132. Interest, dividends, gains and losses relating to a financial instrument classified as a liability are reported as an expense or income. Distributions to holders of financial instruments classified as equity are charged directly to equity.

Financial instruments are offset when the Fund has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends to settle either on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

A financial instrument is recognised initially at its fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial instrument (other than a financial instrument at fair value through profit or loss) are added to/deducted from the fair value on initial recognition, as appropriate. Transaction costs on the financial instrument at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Financial instruments recognised in the statement of financial position are disclosed in the individual policy statement associated with each item.

#### (a) Financial Assets

All recognised financial assets are measured subsequently in their entirety at either their amortised cost or fair value (through profit or loss, or other comprehensive income), depending on the classification of the financial assets.

#### **Debt Instruments**

#### (i) Amortised Cost

The financial asset is held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. Interest

income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset. When the asset has subsequently become credit-impaired, the interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts), excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the financial asset or a shorter period (where appropriate).

## (ii) Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income

The financial asset is held for both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial asset, where the asset's cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through other comprehensive income and accumulated in the fair value reserve, except for the recognition of impairment, interest income and foreign exchange difference which are recognised directly in profit or loss. Interest income is calculated using the effective interest rate method.

#### (i) Fair Value through Profit or Loss (FVPL)

All other financial assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund reclassifies debt instruments when and only when its business model for managing those assets change.

#### **Equity Instruments**

All equity investments are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses recognised in profit or loss except where the Fund has elected to present the subsequent changes in fair value in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the fair value reserve at initial recognition.

The designation at fair value through other comprehensive income is not permitted if the equity investment is either held for trading or is designated to eliminate or significantly reduce a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise.

Dividend income from this category of financial assets is recognised in profit or loss when the Fund's right to receive payment is established unless the dividends clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the equity investments.

#### 3.3 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### (b) Financial Liabilities

#### (i) Financial Liabilities at FVPL

Fair value through profit or loss category comprises financial liabilities that are either held for trading or are designated to eliminate or significantly reduce a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise. The changes in fair value of these financial liabilities are recognised in profit or loss.

#### (ii) Other Financial Liabilities

Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts), through the expected life of the financial liability or a shorter period (where appropriate).

## (c) Equity Instruments

Equity instruments classified as equity are measured initially at cost and are not remeasured subsequently.

#### (i) Unitholders' Capital

Unitholders' capital are classified as equity and recorded at the proceeds received, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The unitholders' contributions to the Fund meet the criteria of puttable instruments classified as equity instruments under the revised MFRS 132 - Financial Instruments Presentation. Those criteria include:-

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV;
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;
- there is no contractual obligation 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 on substantially on the profit or loss of the Fund.

#### 3.3 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### (c) Equity Instruments (Cont'd)

#### (ii) NAV Attributable to Unitholders

NAV attributable to unitholders represents the total NAV in the statement of financial position, which is carried at the redemption amount that would be payable at the end of the reporting period if the unitholders exercised the right to redeem units of the Fund.

Units are created or cancelled at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of the creation or cancellation. The Fund's NAV per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to the unitholders with the total issued and paid-up units as of that date.

#### (iii) Distributions

Distributions are at the discretion of the Fund. A distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a reduction from realised reserves. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved.

#### (d) Derecognition

A financial asset or part of it is derecognised when, and only when, the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss. In addition, on derecognition of a debt instrument classified as fair value through other comprehensive income, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the fair value reserve is reclassified from equity to profit or loss. In contrast, there is no subsequent reclassification of the fair value reserve to profit or loss following the derecognition of an equity investment.

A financial liability or a part of it is derecognised when, and only when, the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires. On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 3.4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, bank balances, demand deposits and short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value with original maturity periods of three months or less.

#### 3.5 CLASSIFICATION OF REALISED AND UNREALISED GAINS AND LOSSES

Unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of financial instruments for the period and from reversal of prior period's unrealised gains and losses for financial instruments which were realised (i.e. sold, redeemed or matured) during the reporting period.

Realised gains and losses on disposal of financial instruments classified as part of at fair value through profit or loss are calculated using the weighted average method. They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount.

#### 3.6 IMPAIRMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The Fund recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on investments in debt instruments that are measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income, receivables, short-term deposits with financial institutions and Bank balance.

The expected credit loss is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Fund in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Fund expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument. The Fund always recognises lifetime expected credit losses for receivables, short-term deposits with financial institutions and bank balance using the simplified approach. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Fund's historical credit loss experience and are adjusted for forward-looking information (including time value of money where appropriate).

For all other financial instruments, the Fund recognises lifetime expected credit losses when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. However, if the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

The Fund recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account, except for investments in debt instruments that are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, for which the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the fair value reserve, and does not reduce the carrying amount of the financial asset in the statement of financial position.

#### 3.7 INCOME TAXES

Current tax assets and liabilities are expected amount of income tax recoverable or payable to the taxation authorities.

Current taxes are measured using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period and are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that the tax relates to items recognised outside profit or loss (either in other comprehensive income or directly in changes in NAV).

#### 3.8 OPERATING SEGMENTS

An operating segment is a component of the Fund that engages in business activities from which it may earn income and incur expenses, including income and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Fund's other components. An operating segment's operating results are reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

#### 3.9 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using a valuation technique. The measurement assumes that the transaction takes place either in the principal market or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market. For non-financial asset, the fair value measurement takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

For financial reporting purposes, the fair value measurements are analysed into level 1 to level 3 as follows:-

- Level 1: Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liability that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2: Inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3: Inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The transfer of fair value between levels is determined as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

The fair value for measurement and disclosure purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions (MFRS 2), leasing transactions (MFRS 16) and measurement that have some similarities to fair value but not are fair value, such as net realisable value (MFRS 102) or value in use (MFRS 136).

#### 3.10 INCOME RECOGNITION

#### (a) Dividend Income

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the right to receive dividend payment is established.

#### (b) Realised Gains or Losses on Sale of Investments

Realised gain or loss on the sale of an investment is recognised based on the sale proceeds less cost which is determined on the weighted average cost basis.

#### (c) Interest Income

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis taking into account the principal outstanding and the effective profit rates applicable.

#### 4. MANAGEMENT'S FEE

Clause 13.1 of the Deed provides that the Manager is entitled to a management fee computed daily on the net asset value attributable to unitholders of the Fund at a rate not exceeding 2.0% (30.06.2023 - 2.0%) per annum. The management fee recognised in the financial statements is based on 1.5% (30.06.2023 - 1.5%) per annum for the financial period.

#### 5. TRUSTEE'S FEE

Trustee is entitled to a fee at such rate as may be agreed from time to time between the Manager and the Trustee. The Trustee's fee recognised in the financial statements is computed daily at 0.05% (30.06.2023 - 0.05%) per annum of the net asset value attributable to unitholders of the Fund.

## 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	30.06.2024	30.06.2023
	RM	RM
Current tax expenses	1,099	690

Domestic income tax is calculated at the Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (30.06.2023 - 24%) of the estimated assessable profit for the financial period.

#### 7. QUOTED INVESTMENTS

		30.06.2024	30.06.2023
		RM	RM
Equity investments, at fair value:			
- in Malaysia	7.1	978,933	741,346
- outside Malaysia	7.2	130,155	118,264
		1,109,088	859,610

At 3	0 June 2024  EQUITY INVESTMENTS IN MALAYSIA	Number of Shares	At Cost RM	At Fair Value RM	Percentage of NAV of the Fund %
7.1					
	Bursa Malaysia Securities  Main Market				
	CONSUMER PRODUCTS & SERVICES Hong Leong Industries Berhad MBM Resources Berhad MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad Sprintzer Berhad	5,000 13,500 36,300 26,300	46,410 45,389 39,989 46,452 178,240	55,600 71,415 84,579 69,958 281,552	4.29 5.52 6.53 5.40 21.74
	ENERGY Dialog Group Berhad	35,000	92,588	83,650	6.46
	FINANCIAL SERVICES ELK-Desa Resources Berhad Malayan Banking Berhad	42,000 4,008	35,339 33,837 69,176	52,920 39,920 92,840	4.09 3.08 7.17
	INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES Hume Cement Industries Berhad Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad	35,571 23,700	26,390 56,825	119,163 60,672	9.20 4.69
	PLANTATION United Plantations Berhad	3,600	83,215 53,522	179,835 88,200	6.81
	TECHNOLOGY Frontken Corporation Berhad	23,100	89,484	103,026	7.96
	TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS  Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad	11,700	86,650	115,830	8.95
	<u>TSR LOANS</u> Capital A Berhad - LA	40,000	39,043	34,000	2.63
	TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY INVESTMENTS IN MALAYSIA	-	691,918	978,933	75.61

At 30 June 2024 (Cont'd)	Number of Shares	At Cost RM	At Fair Value RM	Percentage of NAV of The Fund %
7.2 EQUITY INVESTMENTS OUTSIDE MALAYSIA				,-
IN HONG KONG				
CONSUMER DISCRETION Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	600	37,987	25,545	1.97
MATERIALS  Zijin Mining Group Co Ltd	4,000	28,637	39,809	3.08
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG		66,624	65,354	5.05
IN KOREA				
TECHNOLOGY SK Hynix Inc	80	37,609	64,801	5.00
TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY INVESTMENTS OUTSIDE MALAYSIA		104,233	130,155	10.05
TOTAL QUOTED INVESTMENTS	_	796,151	1,109,088	85.66

At 3	0 June 2023	Number of Shares	At Cost RM	At Fair Value RM	Percentage of NAV of the Fund %
7.1	EQUITY INVESTMENTS IN MALAYSIA				
	Bursa Malaysia Securities  Main Market				
	CONSUMER PRODUCTS & SERVICES Hong Leong Industries Berhad Malayan Flour Mills Berhad MBM Resources Berhad MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad	5,000 51,000 13,500 30,000	46,409 35,583 45,389 30,424	44,800 30,600 47,655 33,000	4.66 3.19 4.96 3.43
			157,805	156,055	16.24
	ENERGY Dialog Group Berhad	29,900	83,727	61,594	6.41
	Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad	54,600	48,684	47,229	4.91
		_	132,411	108,823	11.32
	FINANCIAL SERVICES ELK-Desa Resources Berhad Malayan Banking Berhad	71,400 4,008 -	60,076 33,837 93,913	89,964 34,589 124,553	9.36 3.60 12.96
	INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES Hume Cement Industries Berhad-LA	60,000 -	63,592	141,000	14.67
	<u>PLANTATION</u> United Plantations Berhad	4,800	71,363	74,304	7.73
	TECHNOLOGY Frontken Corporation Berhad Unisem (M) Bhd	6,000 15,000	19,486 48,696	18,900 44,850	1.97 4.67
		<del>-</del>	68,182	63,750	6.64
	<u>UTILITIES</u> Taliworks Corporation Berhad	89,400	76,072	72,861	7.58
	TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY INVESTMENTS IN MALAYSIA	-	663,338	741,346	77.14

QUU	TED INVESTIGENTS (CONT D)				Percentage
At 30	June 2023 (Cont'd)	Number of Shares	At Cost RM	At Fair Value RM	of NAV of The Fund %
7.2	EQUITY INVESTMENTS OUTSIDE MALAYSIA				
	IN HONG KONG				
	CONSUMER DISCRETION				
	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	600	37,987	29,008	3.02
	JNBY Design Ltd.	3,000	18,379	15,165	1.58
		-	56,366	44,173	4.60
		-	30,300	11,273	
	<u>FINANCE</u>				
	China Merchants Bank Co. Ltd.	1,000	26,553	21,196	2.20
	MATERIALS				
	Tianqi Lithium Corporation	400	18,466	12,992	1.35
		-			
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN HONG KONG		101,385	78,361	8.15
	TOTAL INVESTIGIENTS IN HONG KONG	-	101,363	78,301	
	IN INDONESIA				
	ENERGY				
	PT Bukit Asam Tbk	12,900	17,196	10,707	1.11
		-			
	IN TAIWAN				
	TECHNOLOGY  Hon Hai Precision Industry	1,000	14,498	16,927	1.76
	non rial recision madsily		14,430	10,327	1.70
	IN THAILAND				
	ENERGY				
	Banpu Public -NVDR	10,500	18,428	12,269	1.28
		-			
	TOTAL GUIGATE TO				
	TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY INVESTMENTS OUTSIDE MALAYSIA		151,507	118,264	12.30
	22.3.22	<u>-</u>			
	TOTAL QUOTED INVESTMENTS		814,845	859,610	89.44
		-			

Foreign currency exposure profile of the above quoted investments is the total amount of the equity securities in each country's stock exchange as disclosed above.

## 8. SUNDRY RECEIVABLES

	30.06.2024	30.06.2023
	RM	RM
Allotment receivable	5,028	-
Dividends receivable	1,937	4,343

#### 9. TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE

	Note	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
Unitholders' capital Retained earnings	9.1	539,104	572,893
- realised reserve - unrealised reserve	9.2 9.3	435,104 320,590 755,694	343,421 44,737 388,158
		1,294,798	961,051

## 9.1 UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

	<b>30.06.20</b> Number of	<b>30.06.2024</b>		023
	units	RM	Number of units	RM
As at beginning of				
the financial period	5,096,850	463,525	10,682,268	1,388,704
Creation of units	718,748	173,035	8,001	1,309
Cancellation of units	(412,958)	(97,456)	(4,958,854)	(817,120)
As at end of the financial period	5,402,640	539,104	5,731,415	572,893

## 9.2 REALISED RESERVE – DISTRIBUTABLE

	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
Balance as at beginning of the financial period	347,963	356,647
Net income for the financial period	277,364	3,166
Net unrealised (gains)/losses on valuation of quoted investments transferred to unrealised reserve Unrealised foreign exchange (losses)/gains transferred to	(187,576)	(23,672)
unrealised reserve  Realised foreign exchange gains/(losses) transferred from	(8)	145
unrealised reserve during the period	(2,639)	7,135
Net (decrease)/increase in realised reserve for the	07.141	(12.226)
financial period	87,141	(13,226)
Balance as at end of the financial period	435,104	343,421

## 9. TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE (CONT'D)

#### 9.3 UNREALISED RESERVE - NON-DISTRIBUTABLE

	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
Balance as at beginning of the financial period	130,367	28,345
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on valuation of quoted investments transferred from realised reserve Unrealised foreign exchange (losses)/gains transferred	187,576	23,672
from realised reserve Realised foreign exchange gains/(losses) transferred to	8	(145)
realised reserve during the period	2,639	(7,135)
Balance as at end of the financial period	320,590	44,737

#### 10. SUNDRY PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
Amount due to broker Accrued expenses	- 20,662	9,852 14,446
	20,662	24,298

### 11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO

	<b>30.06.2024</b> %	<b>30.06.2023</b> %
Total Expense Ratio ("TER")	1.62	1.24

The TER includes annual management's fee, annual trustee's fee, auditors' remuneration and other administrative fee and expenses which are calculated as follows:-

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

A = Management's fee

B = Trustee's fee

C = Auditors' remuneration

D = Tax agent's fee

E = Administrative fee and expenses

F = Average NAV of the Fund calculated on daily basis

The average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period is RM1,127,242 (30.06.2023 – RM1,241,847).

#### 12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO

	30.06.2024	30.06.2023
	Times	Times
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR")	0.19	0.56

The portfolio turnover ratio is derived from the following calculation:

PTR = (Total acquisitions for the financial period + total disposals for the financial period) ÷ 2

Average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis

Where,

Total acquisitions for the financial period = RM211,489 (30.06.2023: RM323,708) Total disposals for the financial period = RM221,095 (30.06.2023: RM1,060,030)

#### **13. OPERATING SEGMENTS**

Operating segments are prepared in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the Fund Manager as its chief investment decision maker in order to allocate resources to segments and to assess their performance.

The Fund Manager requires such information to allocate the resources more effectively to the following two segments:-

- 13.1 Geographical segment allocate resources to invest in various countries; and
- 13.2 Investment segment allocate resources to invest in quoted investments and liquid assets.

Investment segment has not been presented as the investments of the Fund are mainly concentrated on equity securities.

## 13. OPERATING SEGMENT (CONT'D)

## GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENT

The following table provides an analysis of the results and assets by geographical segments:

Malaysia USA Others RM RM RM INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)	Total RM
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)	
Segment income/(loss) representing segment results:-	
Gross dividend income 22,602 587 768 Realised gains on sale of	23,957
investments 85,177 Unrealised gains/(losses) on	85,177
valuation of investments 154,232 - 32,826 Other income 749 1 -	187,058 750
262,760 588 33,594	296,942
Unallocated expenditure	(19,513)
Net investment expenses	277,429
Foreign exchange gains/(losses):	<b>500</b>
- realised       -       481       25         - unrealised       -       6       522	506 528
- 487 547	1,034
Net income before taxation	278,463 (1,099)
Income tax expense	
Net income after taxation	277,364
Assets Investments:-	
Quoted investments/ Segmental Asset 978,932 - 130,156	1,109,088
Other assets - unallocated	207,972
Total assets	1,317,060
Liabilities Unallocated liabilities	22,261

## 13. OPERATING SEGMENT (CONT'D)

GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENT (CONT'D)

30.06.2023	Malaysia RM	Hong Kong RM	Others RM	Total RM
INVESTMENT (LOSS)/INCOME				
Segment (loss)/income representing segment results:-				
Gross dividend income Realised gain/(loss) on sale of	24,280	506	6,009	30,795
investments Unrealised (loss)/gain on	(11,125)	(1,345)	(29,791)	(42,261)
valuation of investments	45,744	(27,912)	5,840	23,672
Other income	1,124	-	-	1,124
	60,023	(28,751)	(17,942)	13,330
Unallocated expenditure				(20,502)
Net investment expenses				(7,172)
Foreign exchange (loss)/gain:				
- realised - unrealised	-	8,039 -	3,134 (145)	11,173 (145)
	-	8,039	2,989	11,028
Net loss before taxation Income tax expense				3,856 (690)
Net loss after taxation		_		3,166
Assets Investments:-				
Quoted investments/ Segmental Asset	741,346	78,361	39,903	859,610
Other assets - unallocated				126,938
Total assets				986,548
Liabilities				
Unallocated liabilities				25,497

#### 14. UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND DIRECTORS OF THE MANAGER

There were no units in the Fund held by the Manager or directors of the Manager as at 30 June 2024 (30.06.2023 - NIL).

#### 15. TRANSACTIONS BY THE FUND WITH BROKERS

Transactions by the Fund with brokers during the financial period are as follows:-

30.06.2024	Value of trade		Brokerag	e fees
	RM	%	RM	%
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	133,127	38.50	267	32.40
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	103,617	29.97	262	31.84
CGS International Securities Malaysia Sendirian Berhad	85,966	24.86	214	26.05
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad	23,061	6.67	80	9.71
	345,771	100.00	823	100.00
30.06.2023	Value of tr	ade	Brokerag	e fees
30.06.2023	Value of tr	rade %	Brokerag RM	e fees %
30.06.2023  CIMB Investment Bank Berhad				
	RM	%	RM	%
CIMB Investment Bank Berhad	RM 418,195	% 30.28	RM 848	% 29.87
CIMB Investment Bank Berhad Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	RM 418,195 368,256	% 30.28 26.66	RM 848 740	% 29.87 26.06
CIMB Investment Bank Berhad Maybank Investment Bank Berhad CCB International (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	RM 418,195 368,256 269,970	% 30.28 26.66 19.55	RM 848 740 541	% 29.87 26.06 19.06

#### **16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

#### **16.1 IDENTITIES OF RELATED PARTIES**

Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad

The Fund has related party relationships with its Manager, Astute Fund Management Berhad and its Trustee, Maybank Trustees Berhad.

48,082

1,381,079

3.48

100.00

72

2,839

2.54

100.00

#### 16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (CONT'D)

16.2 In addition to the balances detailed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Fund carried out the following transactions with the related parties during the financial period:-

	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
Astute Fund Management Berhad - management's fee	8,409	9,311
Maybank Trustees Berhad: - trustee's fee	280	310

#### 17. FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

The principal closing foreign exchange rates used (expressed on the basis of one unit of foreign currency to RM equivalent) for the translation of foreign currency balances at the end of the reporting period are as follows:-

	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
Hong Kong Dollar	0.6039	0.5954
Indonesian Rupiah	0.0287	0.0003
Singapore Dollar	3.4795	3.4479
Taiwan Dollar	0.1453	0.1498
Thai Baht	0.1284	0.1320
United States Dollar	4.7157	4.6660

#### **18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Fund's activities are exposed to a variety of market risk (including foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and equity price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Fund's overall financial risk management policy focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance.

#### 18.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The policies in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are as follows:-

#### (a) Foreign Currency Risk

The Fund is exposed to foreign currency risk on transactions and balances that are denominated in currencies other than Ringgit Malaysia. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily United States Dollar, Hong Kong Dollar and Indonesian Rupiah Foreign currency risk is monitored closely on an ongoing basis to ensure that the net exposure is at an acceptable level.

## 18.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

## (a) Foreign Currency Risk (Cont'd)

The Fund's exposure to foreign currencies risk based on the carrying amounts of the financial instruments at the end of the reporting period is summarised below:-

Foreign Currency Exposure

30.06.2024	Hong Kong Dollar RM	Other Currencies RM	Ringgit Malaysia RM	Total RM
Financial Assets				
Quoted investments	65,355	64,801	978,932	1,109,088
Sundry receivables	-	1,136	800	1,936
Bank balance	981	16,518	161,417	178,916
	66,336	82,455	1,141,149	1,289,940
Financial Liabilities				
Sundry payables and accruals	-	-	20,662	20,662
Amount owing to Manager	-	-	1,547	1,547
Amount owing to Trustee	-	-	52	52
	-	-	22,261	22,261
Net financial assets Less: Net financial assets denominated in the functional	66,336	82,455	1,118,888	1,267,679
currency			(1,118,888)	(1,118,888)
Currency exposure	66,336	82,455	-	148,791

## 18.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Foreign Currency Risk (Cont'd)

Foreign Currency Exposure (Cont'd)

30.06.2023	Hong Kong Dollar RM	Other Currencies RM	Ringgit Malaysia RM	Total RM
Financial Assets	70.261	20.002	741 246	050 610
Quoted investments	78,361	39,903	741,346	859,610
Sundry receivables	-	3,934	409	4,343
Bank balances	968	27,138	72,399	100,505
	79,329	70,975	814,154	964,458
Financial Liabilities Sundry payables and accruals Amount owing to Manager Amount owing to Trustee	- - -	- - -	24,298 1,160 39	24,298 1,160 39
	-	-	25,497	25,497
Net financial assets Less: Net financial assets denominated in the functional	79,329	70,975	788,657	938,961
currency	-	-	(788,657)	(788,657)
Currency exposure	79,329	70,975	-	150,304

Any reasonably possible change in the foreign currency exchange rates at the end of the reporting period against functional currency of the Fund does not have material impact on the income/(loss) after taxation and other comprehensive income/(expenses) of the Fund and hence, no sensitivity analysis is presented.

#### 18.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (b) Interest Rate Risk

Cash and other fixed income securities are particularly sensitive to movements in interest rates. When interest rate rises, the return on cash and the value of fixed income securities will rise whilst it will be vice versa if there is a fall, thus affecting the NAV of the Fund.

The Fund does not have any significant balances which are subject to interest rate risk as defined in MFRS 7, hence is not exposed to interest rate risk.

#### (c) Particular Stock Risk

Any major price fluctuations of a particular stock invested by the Fund may adversely or favourably impact the NAV of the Fund. However, due to the diversification nature of the unit trust, the impact would not be as major as investing in one particular stock.

#### Particular Stock Risk Sensitivity

Particular stock risk sensitivity is not presented as a reasonable possible change in any one equity index will not have a significant impact on the financial performance of the Fund.

#### Particular Stock Risk Concentration

The Fund's concentration of equity price risk analysed by the Fund's equity instruments by sector is as follows:

	30.06.2024		30.06.2	.023	
		As a % of		As a % of	
	RM	NAV	RM	NAV	
Consumer Products & Services	281,552	21.74	156,055	16.24	
Industrial Products & Services	179,835	13.89	141,000	14.67	
Technology	167,827	12.96	80,677	8.40	
Transport & Logistics	115,830	8.95	-	-	
Financial Services	92,840	7.17	124,553	12.96	
Plantation	88,200	6.81	74,304	7.73	
Energy	83,650	6.46	131,799	13.71	
Materials	39,809	3.08	12,992	1.35	
TSR Loans	34,000	2.63	-	-	
Consumer Discretion	25,545	1.97	44,173	4.60	
	1,109,088	85.66	859,610	89.44	

#### 18.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (d) Liquidity and Cash Flows Risk

Liquidity risk refers to the ease to convert investments into cash without significantly incurring loss in value. Stocks issued by smaller companies will face a greater chance of liquidity risk as compared to stocks issued by larger companies. When investing in stocks of smaller companies, the historical volume traded would be analysed to minimise the liquidity risk.

#### (e) Fund Manager's Risk

The performance of the Fund is also influenced by the expertise of the Fund Manager. The investment committee will oversee the activities and performance of the Fund Manager. There is also the risk that the Fund Manager does not adhere to the investment mandate of the Fund. The investment committee and the compliance unit hold primary functions to ensure that the Fund's investment strategy and mandate are adhered to. A compliance checklist and investment performance report shall be presented for review during the investment committee meeting.

#### (f) Credit Risk

The Fund's exposure to credit risk, or the risk of counterparties defaulting, arises mainly from sundry receivables.

#### (i) Credit Risk Concentration Profile

The Fund does not have any major concentration of credit risk related to any individual customer or counterparty.

#### (ii) Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk

As the Fund does not hold any collateral, the maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets as at the end of the reporting period.

#### 18.1 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (f) Credit Risk (Cont'd)

#### (iii) Assessment of Impairment Losses

At each reporting date, the Fund assesses whether any of the financial assets at amortised cost, contract assets are credit impaired.

The gross carrying amounts of financial assets are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery (i.e. the debtor does not have assets or sources of income to generate sufficient cash flows to repay the debt) despite the fact that they are still subject to enforcement activities.

#### Receivables

The Fund applies the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all receivables.

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of sales over a period of 12 months from the measurement date and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the customers to settle their debts.

	Gross Amount RM	Individual Impairment RM	Collective Impairment RM	Carrying Amount RM
30.06.2024				
Current (not past due)	1,937	-	-	1,937
<b>30.06.2023</b> Current (not past due)				
Current (not past due)	4,343	-	-	4,343

#### Bank balance

The Fund considers the banks and financial institutions have low credit risk. In addition, some of the bank balances are insured by Government agencies. Therefore, the Fund is of the view that the loss allowance is immaterial and hence, it is not provided for.

#### 18.2 CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Manager of the Fund manages the capital of the Fund by maintaining an optimal capital structure so as to support its businesses and maximise unitholders value. To achieve this objective, the Manager of the Fund may make adjustments to the capital structure in view of changes in economic conditions, such as adjusting the amount of dividend payment, returning of capital to unitholders or undertake a unit splitting exercise to lower the value per unit of the Fund, thus the units become more affordable to raise more funds.

## 18.3 CLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
Financial Assets		
Mandatorily at FVPL		
Quoted investments	1,109,088	859,610
Amortised Cost		
Sundry receivables	6,965	4,343
Bank balance	178,916	100,505
	185,881	104,848
Financial Liability		
Amortised Cost		
Accruals	20,662	24,298
Amount owing to Manager	1,547	1,160
Amount owing to Trustee	53	39
	22,262	25,497
18.4 GAINS OR LOSSES ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS		
	<b>30.06.2024</b> RM	<b>30.06.2023</b> RM
Financial Assets		
Mandatorily at FVPL		
Net gains/(losses) recognised in profit or loss	296,712	12,206
Amortised Cost		
Net gains recognised in profit or loss	750	1,124

#### 18.5 FAIR VALUE INFORMATION

Other than those disclosed below, the fair values of the financial assets and financial liabilities of the Fund which are maturing within the next 12 months approximated their carrying amounts due to the relatively short-term maturity of the financial instruments. The fair values of these assets are included in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The financial instruments of the Fund at the end of the reporting period that are carried at fair values analysed into level 1 to 3 are as follows:-

	Fair Value of F Carried	d at Fair Valu	Total Fair	Carrying	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Value	Amount
30.06.2024	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
Financial Asset					
Quoted investments	1,109,088	-	-	1,109,088	1,109,088
30.06.2023					
Financial Asset					
Quoted investments	859,610	-	-	859,610	859,610

The Fund measures its quoted investments that are classified as financial assets at their fair values, determined at their quoted closing bid prices at the end of the reporting period. These financial assets belong to level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

There were no transfer between level 1 and level 2 during the financial period.

## 6. CORPORATE DIRECTORY

Manager	Astute Fund Management Berhad	[100701004904 (420200 NA)]
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Registered Office	No.47-1, Jalan SS 18/6, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan	
Board of Directors	Clement Chew Kuan Hock	Executive and Non-Independent Director
	Wong Fay Lee	Non-Executive and Non-Independent Director
	Y.M. Dato' Tunku Ahmad Zahir bin Tunku Ibrahim	Non-Executive and Independent Director
	Azran bin Osman Rani	Non-Executive and Independent Director
	Asgari bin Mohd Fuad Stephens	Non-Executive and Non-Independent Director
Investment Committee	Y.M. Dato' Tunku Ahmad Zahir bin Tunku Ibrahim	Independent Member
	Azran bin Osman Rani	Independent Member
	Asgari bin Mohd Fuad Stephens	Non-Independent Member (appointed on 26 April 2022)
Company Secretaries	Ng Chin Chin (MAICSA 7042650) No. 47-1, Jalan SS 18/6 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan	
Trustee	<b>Maybank Trustees Berhad [19630</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Menara Maybank 100 Jalan Tun Perak 50050 Kuala Lumpur	D1000109 (5004-P)]
Auditor and Reporting Accountant	Crowe Malaysia PLT (2019060000 Level 16, Tower C Megan Avenue II 12, Jalan Yap Kwan Seng 50450 Kuala Lumpur	005 (LLP0018817-LCA) & AF-1018)
Taxation Advisers	Mazars Taxation Services Sdn Bho Wisma Golder Eagle Realty, 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor, South Block, No.142-A, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur 50450 Malaysia.	d (579747-A)

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