

# ASTUTE DANA ASLAH (ADA)

# **UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 December 2024

# ASTUTE DANA ASLAH

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# 1. FUND INFORMATION

FUND NAME	Astute Dana Aslah (ADA)
FUND TYPE	Growth and Income
FUND CATEGORY	Mixed Asset (Islamic)
FUND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE	To invest in Shariah-compliant stock listed on the Bursa Malaysia Main Market and to allow the Fund Manager to invest in Shariah-compliant equity, up to 100% of the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund, subject to a minimum investment of 40% of the NAV, in Shariah-compliant stocks or Islamic fixed income instruments (Sukuk) which provided regular payments of dividends or its equivalent and permitted by the Securities Commission, which comply with the Shariah principle.
DURATION OF FUND	The Fund is an open-ended fund. The Fund was launched on 10 August 2000.
FUND PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK	<ul> <li>Weighted average of:</li> <li>60% of FBM Emas Shariah Index ("FMBS")</li> <li>40% of 12 months Maybank General Investment Account ("GIA") rate</li> <li>(Source: Bursa Malaysia and Maybank Berhad)</li> </ul>
	<i>"The risk profile of the performance benchmark is not the same as the risk profile of the Fund."</i>
FUND DISTRIBUTION POLICY	Subject to availability of distribution surplus and approval of the Trustee, the Fund may make annual distribution. The amount of income available for distribution, after deducting expenses incurred by the Fund, may fluctuate from year to year.
	Generally, in the absence of written instructions from the Unit holders, income for the Fund will be automatically reinvested into additional Units of the Fund at NAV per Unit on income payment date. Unit holders 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:

	31.12.2024 RM	31.12.2023 RM	31.12.2022 RM
Portfolio Composition:			
- Equity securities	92.89	91.90	83.88
- Shariah-compliant securities	-	-	-
- Liquid assets and others	7.11	8.10	16.12
Net Assets Value (RM)	8,533,902	6,843,898	6,990,103
Number of Units in Circulation	7,951,208	7,551,910	8,006,010
Net Asset Value per Units (RM)	1.0733	0.9062	0.8731
Highest NAV Price for the period under review (RM)	1.0894	0.9113	0.8758
Lowest NAV Price for the period under review (RM)	0.9728	0.8024	0.8061
Total Return for the period under review (RM)			
- Capital growth	(36,932)	956 <i>,</i> 439	104,156
- Income distribution	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Expenses Ratio (TER) (%)	1.15	1.20*	1.16
*there was no significant changes in the TER.			
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)	0.15	0.42*	0.22
*the PTR for the financial period was higher compared with previous financial period as there were lower average NAV			

during the financial period under review.

	Total Return		Average Tot	al Return
	ADA Index		ADA	Index
1 Year	22.81	9.88	22.81	9.88
3 Year	23.92	5.36	7.99	1.79
5 Year	49.64	9.58	9.95	1.92
Since Inception 11 May 2010	143.07	49.82	9.79	3.41

Annual total return for each of the las	t five financial	
year ended	ADA	Index
30.06.2024	37.03	13.21
30.06.2023	-0.54	0.76
30.06.2022	-7.29	-7.61
30.06.2021	26.40	1.72
30.06.2020	-7.64	1.15
Source: Bloomberg		

\*Notes:

- 1. Total returns as at 31.12.2024. Total returns are calculated based in 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.

## 3. MANAGER'S REPORT

## FUND'S OBJECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

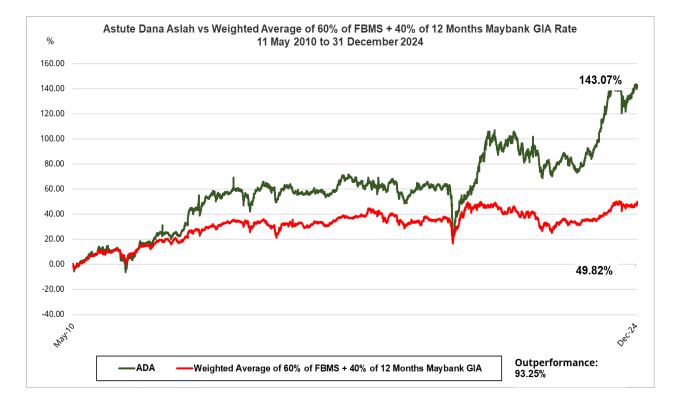
The Fund objective is to invest in stock listed in Bursa Malaysia Main Market and to allow the fund manager to invest in equity, up to 100% of the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum investment of 40% of the NAV, in stocks or fixed income instrument or any other form of investment instruments which provided regular payments of dividends or its equivalent and permitted by the Securities Commission which comply with the Shariah principles.

For the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, the Fund had achieved the investment objective. The Fund had provided a total return of 143.07% since its inception as compared to the benchmark return of 49.82%. Hence, the Fund has outperformed the benchmark by 93.25%.

## **PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS**

The benchmark index is comprised of 60% of the FBM Emas Shariah (FBMS) index and 40% of the 12month Maybank General Investment Account rate. For the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, the Fund had provided a total return of 1.23% as compared to the benchmark return of 0.85% resulting the outperformance against the benchmark by 0.38%. The total NAV of the Fund had decreased to RM 8,533,902.48 as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 from RM 9,480,074 as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The decrease is mainly due to the decrease in the units in circulation.

# PERFORMANCE OF ASTUTE DANA ASLAH VS BENCHMARK INDEX SINCE 11 MAY 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024 ADA HAS OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX 93.25%



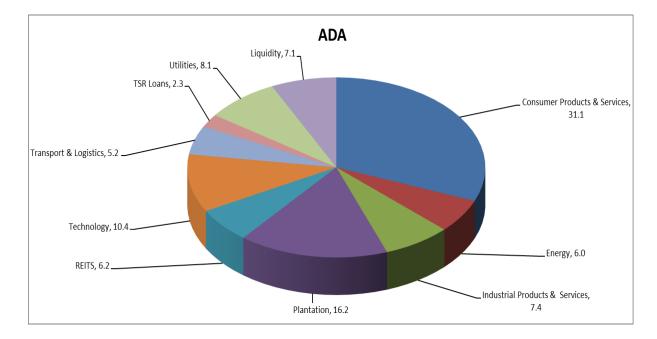
Source: Bloomberg

## 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 for growth.

The fund consists of only shares or warrants that were listed on the Bursa Malaysia. In terms of market sector, the Fund had concentrated mainly in the areas of Consumer Products and Services, Energy, Plantation, and Technology.

The 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 proactive capital management will also be considered.



## ASSET ALLOCATION

## ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

QUOTED SECURITIES	31 DEC 2024	31 DEC 2023
Construction	-	4.0
<b>Consumer Products &amp; Services</b>	31.1	29.8
Energy	6.0	8.6
Industrial Products & Services	7.4	12.1
Plantation	16.2	14.0
REITS	6.2	8.0
Technology	10.4	2.0
Transport & Logistics	5.2	-
TSR Loans	2.3	2.5
Utilities	8.1	8.0
Liquidity	7.1	11.0

## MARKET REVIEW

The fund recorded a 1.23% performance for the six-month period, beating the benchmark which has risen by 0.38%. Despite the recent volatility, we maintain a positive outlook on equity markets.

The US economy has remained resilient as we head into 2025. On the 19th Dec 2024, the FED cut US interest rates by 25-bps to 4.50%. Importantly, FED Chair Powell signalled that the FED's policy stance has entered a "new phase" and that it will move cautiously on further rate cuts. Meanwhile, the median "dot plot" now expects only 2 rate cuts in 2025 (total of 50 bps) vs more bullish expectations of 4 cuts back in Sep-2024.

As President-elect Donald Trump prepares to return to the White House on 20th Jan 2025, markets are bracing for widespread tariffs on China and the rest of the world. The impact of such tariffs may adversely affect Asia's growth and exert downward pressure on their currencies. Since 27th Sep 2024, the DXY (USD Currency Index) has rallied 9.3% to 109.7. During periods of Dollar strength, liquidity invariably leaves Emerging Markets and returns to Developed Markets. With USD "exceptionalism" (strength) expected in 2025, this will represent a significant headwind for Asian markets.

In Malaysia, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) expects the economy to grow at a modest 4.5% to 5.5% in 2025. The forecast appears reasonable given the resilience of the global economy and the slew of domestic initiatives under the Madani government. In particular, the improvement in private investment spending is encouraging.

## MARKET OUTLOOK

In our view, the KLCI will be supported by a bunching-up of thematics. This includes the launch of the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JSSEZ), the government directed focus on domestic investments by government-linked investment companies (GLICs), robust foreign direct investments (FDIs) including into data centres and semiconductors, implementation of the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) and Penang Transport Master Plan.

We took a position in Air Asia X as we are positive on their restructuring plans while the recovery in tourism serves as a further tailwind. We also added Bumi Armada to the portfolio as we think the potential merger with MISC is positive and could lead to a rerating of Armada's share price.

Malaysia's valuations are undemanding ie. 12-month forward PER of 14.1x (10Y range 12.2x to 19.3x), PBR of 1.4x (10Y range 1.1x to 2.0x) and forecast DY of 4.2% (10Y range 3.1% to 4.8%) [source: Bloomberg]. Our strategy is biased towards domestic plays which are insulated from some of the external headwinds. We are keeping a higher level of cash in view of the short-term uncertainties and are looking for lower levels to buy.

## DISTRIBUTIONS

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

## STATE OF AFFAIRS OF THE FUND

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

## SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions for the six months ended 31st December 2024.

## DETAILS OF ANY UNIT SPLIT EXERCISE

The Fund did not carry out any unit split exercise for the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## **CROSS TRADE TRANSACTIONS**

No cross-trade transactions have been carried out for the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## 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 DANA ASLAH



#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF ASTUTE DANA ASLAH ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the six months financial period ended 31 December 2024 and we 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 period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:

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

For and on behalf of CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad

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Datin Ezreen Eliza binti Zulkiplee Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 26 February 2025

## 5. SHARIAH ADVISER'S REPORT



# SHARIAH ADVISOR'S REPORT

To the unit holders of Astute Dana Aslah ("Fund"),

We hereby confirm the following:

- 1. To the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Astute Fund Management Berhad (the "Manager") has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements namely, the semi-annual period ended 31 December 2024, in accordance with the Shariah principles and requirements and complied with the applicable guidelines, rulings or decisions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia pertaining to Shariah matters: and
- 2. The assets of the Fund comprise instruments that have been classified as Shariah compliant.
- 3. We also confirm that the Fund's investment portfolio comprises securities classified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Advisory Council of the SC ("SACSC"). For securities not certified by the SACSC, we have reviewed the said securities and opine that the securities are designated as Shariah-compliant.

For and on behalf of the Shariah Advisors. ASTUTE FUND MANAGEMENT BERHAD

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DR. AIDA BINTI OTHMAN

MOHD FADHLY BIN MD. YUSOFF

Shariah Committee Chairman

Shariah Committee Member

DR. AB. HALIM MUHAMMAD

Shariah Committee Member

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Date: 26 February 2025

# 6. 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 Dana Aslah** 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 Dana Aslah** as at 31 December 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

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CLEMENT CHEW KUAN HOCK

Director

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Date: 26 February 2025

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

Director

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

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 December 2024

INVESTMENT INCOME Gross dividend income172,667151,520Profit income: - Shariah-based deposits3,612932Realised gains on sale of investments66,832(198,829)Unrealised gains on financial assets at fair value through profit and loss ("FVPL")(36,932)956,439Other income267294Z06,446910,356Management fee487,29265,582Trustee's fee54,4763,365Auditors' remuneration: Transaction costs3,2643,228Transaction costs110,61195,542NET INCOME BEFORE TAXATION95,835814,814INCOME TAX EXPENSE6(1,414)(939)NET INCOME AFTER TAXATION FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD94,421813,875OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOMETOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOMETOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD94,421813,875Total comprehensive income for the financial period is made up as follows: - realised131,353(142,564)- unrealised(36,932)956,439956,439		NOTE	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
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- unrealised (36,932) 956,439	- realised		131,353	(142,564)
	- unrealised		(36,932)	956,439

## **6.2 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL POSITION**

As At 31 December 2024

	NOTE	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
ASSETS			
INVESTMENTS Quoted equity securities	7	7,926,932	6,289,580
Shariah-based deposits		-	-
	-	7,926,932	6,289,580
OTHER ASSETS			
Sundry receivables and deposit	8	100	9,063
Cash at bank	-	630,111	628,728
		630,211	637,791
TOTAL ASSETS		8,557,143	6,927,371
<b>NET ASSET VALUE ("NAV") AND LIABILITY</b> NAV			
Unitholders' capital		5,305,934	4,850,581
Retained earnings	_	3,227,968	1,993,317
TOTAL NAV	9	8,533,902	6,843,898
LIABILITIES			
Sundry payable and accruals	10	8,322	71,619
Amount owing to Manager		14,191	11,322
Amount owing to Trustee	-	728	532
TOTAL LIABILITY		23,241	83,473
TOTAL NAV AND LIABILITY		8,557,143	6,927,371
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	9.1	7,951,208	7,551,910
NAV PER UNIT (RM)		1.0733	0.9062

## 6.3 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED CHANGES IN NET ASSET VALUE

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 December 2024

	NOTE	Unitholders' capital RM	Retained earnings RM	Total equity RM
At 1 July 2023		5,254,177	1,179,442	6,433,619
Net income after taxation/Total comprehensive income for the financial period		-	813,875	813,875
Contribution by and distributions to the unitholders of the Fund : - creation of units - cancellation of units	9.1 9.1	346,523 (750,119)	-	346,523 (750,119)
Total transactions with unitholders of the fund		(403,596)		(403,596)
Balance at 31 December 2023		4,850,581	1,993,317	6,843,898
At 4 July 2024		6 246 526	2 422 5 40	0 490 074
At 1 July 2024		6,346,526	3,133,548	9,480,074
Net income after taxation/Total comprehensive income for the financial period		-	94,421	94,421
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Total transactions with unitholders of the fund		(1,040,592)	-	(1,040,592)
Balance at 31 December 2024		5,305,934	3,227,968	8,533,902

## 6.4 STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED CASH FLOWS

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 December 2024

	NOTE	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Dividend income received Profit from Shariah-based deposits received Management fee paid Trustee's fee paid Payment for other fees and expenses Others income		1,659,569 (1,083,253) 219,685 3,611 (88,320) (4,530) (200,064) 306,196	2,847,612 (2,860,654) 164,003 1,027 (64,592) (3,363) (30,737) 3,071
NET CASH FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES		812,894	50,225
CASH FLOWS FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from units created Payment for units cancelled NET CASH FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(257,388) (783,204) (1,040,592)	1,316,778 (1,640,153) (323,375)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE)IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(227,698)	(273,150)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		857,809	901,878
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	11	630,111	628,728

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

Astute Dana Aslah ("the Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 10 August 2000, First Supplemental Deed dated 23 February 2010, Second Supplemental Deed dated 25 April 2014, Third Supplemental Deed dated 3 August 2015 and Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 19 March 2018 (collectively referred to as "the Deeds") between the Manager, Astute Fund Management Berhad, the Trustee, CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad and the registered unitholders of the Fund. The Fifth Supplement Deed dated 22 April 2022 between the Manager and the Trustee modified the name of the Manager and the name of Fund. By a Sixth Supplemental Deed dated 11 January 2023 between the Manager and the Trustee, the Principal Deed was further modified to provide for the participation of Unit Holders in a Unit Holders' meeting by any electronic communication facilities or technologies available and bring it in line with changes to the relevant laws. As declared in Section 3 of the First Schedule to the Supplemental Deed, the Fund is a unit trust scheme to be managed and administered in accordance with Shariah Principles.

The principal activity of the Fund is to invest in 'Permitted Investments' as defined in the Fifth Schedule of the Deeds. The Fund commenced operations on 18 September 2000 (date of inception) and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee or the Manager as provided under Clauses 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 of the Deeds.

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest in stocks listed under the Bursa Malaysia Main Market. The Fund Manager is allowed to invest in equity up to 100% of the NAV of the Fund. The investment mandate is further subjected to a minimum investment of 40% of the NAV, in stocks or fixed income instruments or any other form of investment instruments which provide regular payments of dividends or its equivalent and permitted by the Securities Commission, which comply with Shariah Principles.

The Manager is 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.

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

#### 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 significant accounting policies, 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 standard(s) and/or interpretation(s) (including the consequential amendments, if any):-

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

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

MFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

Amendments to MFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

Amendment to MFRS 17: Initial Application of MFRS 17 and 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:-

## 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 the financial statements in line with the amendments.

2.2 The Fund has not applied in advance the following accounting standards and/or 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 Conse	equential
Amendments)	Effective Date
MFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial State	ements 1 January 2027
MFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Di	isclosures 1 January 2027
Amendments to MFRS 9 and MFRS 7: Amendments to th Classification and Measurement of Financial Instrument	-
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128: Sale or Contrib Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Ve	
Amendments to MFRS 16: Lease Liability in a Sale and Le	aseback 1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101: Classification of Liabilities as Non-current	Current or 1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101: Non-current Liabilities with C	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

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

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. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

## **3.1 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING 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 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

## a) Financial Assets

## Financial Assets Through Profit or Loss

The financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Subsequent to the initial recognition, the financial assets are remeasured to their fair values at the reporting date with fair value changes recognised in profit or loss. The fair value changes do not include interest and dividend income.

## Financial Assets At Amortised Cost

The financial assets are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except for trade receivables without significant financing component which are measured at transaction price only. Subsequent to the initial recognition, all financial assets are measured at amortised cost less any impairment losses.

## b) Financial Liability

## Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost

The financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value less transaction costs. Subsequent to the initial recognition, the financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

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## 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONT'D)

## 3.2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

## c) Equity Instruments

## Unitholders' Capital

Unitholders' capital is 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 MFRS 132 - Financial Instruments Presentation. Those criteria include:-

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV;
- It he units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;
- If there is no contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the Fund to repurchase; and
- It the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based on substantially on the profit or loss of the Fund.

## 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.

## **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.

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#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### 3.3 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.

#### 3.4 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).

#### 3.5 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 when the sale is contracted, based on the sale proceeds less cost which is determined on the weighted average cost basis.

#### (c) Profit Income

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

#### 4. MANAGEMENT FEE

Clause 14.1 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% (2023 - 2.0%) per annum. The management fee recognised in the financial statements is based on 1.95% (2023 - 1.95%) per annum for the financial period.

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## 5. TRUSTEE'S FEE

Clause 14.2 of the Deed provides that the Trustee is entitled to a fee at such rate as may be agreed from time to time between the Manager and the Trustee at a rate not exceeding 0.20% (2023 - 0.20%) per annum. The Trustee's fee recognised in the financial statements is computed daily at 0.10% (2023 - 0.10%) per annum of the net asset value attributable to unitholders of the Fund

#### 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
Income tax for the financial period	1,414	939

Domestic income tax is calculated at the Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2023 - 24%) of the estimated assessable profit for the financial period.

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## 7. QUOTED INVESTMENT

		2024	2023
	Note	RM	RM
Quoted investments in Malaysia, at fair value:			
- equity investments	7.1	7,196,530	5,368,076
- non-equity investments	7.2	730,402	720,798
Collective investment scheme	7.3	-	200,707
		7,926,932	6,289,581

Δ.	t 31 December 2024	Number	At	At fair	Percentage of NAV
A	SI December 2024	of	cost	value	of the Fund
7.1	EQUITY INVESTMENTS	shares	RM	RM	%
<i>/.</i>		Shares			70
	BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES				
	MAIN MARKET				
	CONSUMER PRODUCTS & SERVICES				
	Airasia X Berhad	235,200	448,051	470,400	5.50
	Hong Leong Industries Berhad	52,800	451,938	755,040	8.85
	MBM Resources Berhad	104,100	348,939	642,297	7.53
	MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad	275,000	309,428	324,500	3.80
	Spritzer Berhad	150,000	294,511	460,500	5.40
			1,852,867	2,652,737	31.08
	ENERGY				
	Bumi Armada Berhad	621,000	370,574	406,755	4.76
	Dialog Group Berhad	58,500	144,078	108,225	1.27
		-	514,652	514,980	6.03
	INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES				
	Malayan Cement Berhad	80,900	241,085	396,410	4.64
	Malaysia Smelting Corporation Bhd	103,000	289,265	231,750	2.72
		-	530,350	628,160	7.36
	<u>PLANTATION</u>	-			
		200.000	470.000	402 470	F 70
	Innoprise Plantations Berhad	300,900	479,868	493,476	5.78
	United Plantations Berhad	28,700	438,134	891,996	10.45
			918,002	1,385,472	16.23
	<u>TECHNOLOGY</u>				
	Frontken Corporation Berhad	125,000	452,210	557,500	6.54
	Malaysian Pacific Industries Berhad	12,700	457,754	328,930	3.85
	-	·	909,964	886,430	10.39

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# 7. QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES (CONT'D)

At 31 C	December 2024	Number of	At	At fair value	Percentage of NAV of the Fund
7.1	EQUITY INVESTMENTS	shares	RM	RM	%
	<u>Bursa Malaysia Securities</u> <u>Main Market</u>				
	<u>UTILITIES</u> Mega First Corporation Berhad Taliworks Corporation Berhad	98,900 300,000	436,582 259,632 696,214	453,951 234,000 687,951	5.32 2.74 8.06
	TRANSPORT & LOGISTIC MISC Berhad	58,000	447,815	440,800	5.17
	TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY INVESTMENTS		5,869,864	7,196,530	84.32

7.2	NON-EQUITY INVESTMENTS	Number of shares	At cost RM	At fair value RM	Percentage of NAV of the Fund %
	<u>REITS</u> Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	306,591	542,067	530,402	6.22
	<u>TSR LOANS</u> Capital A Berhad - LA	200,000	173,210	200,000	2.34
	TOTAL NON-EQUITY INVESTMENTS		715,277	730,402	8.56
7.3	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME IN MALAYSIA Astute Dana Al-Kanz	-		-	-
тот	AL QUOTED INVESTMENTS		6,585,146	7,926 ,932	92.88

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# 7. QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES (CONT'D)

	December 2023 EQUITY INVESTMENTS	Number of shares	At cost RM	At fair value RM	Percentage of NAV of the Fund %
	Bursa Malaysia Securities Main Market				
- F N	CONSUMER PRODUCTS & SERVICES Airasia X Berhad Hong Leong Industries Berhad MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad MBM Resources Berhad Spritzer Berhad	108,200 52,800 418,000 104,100 130,000	257,195 451,938 470,331 348,939 237,547 1,765,950	202,334 486,288 672,980 441,384 237,900 2,040,886	2.96 7.11 9.83 6.45 3.47 29.82
	ENERGY Dialog Group Berhad Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad	96,500 152,800	266,434 357,848 624,282	199,755 388,112 587,867	2.92 5.67 8.59
C	NDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES Cahya Mata Sarawak Berhad Malayan Cement Berhad	115,000 166,900	131,296 497,369 628,665	124,200 705,987 830,187	1.81 10.32 12.13
I	PLANTATION Innoprise Plantations Berhad United Plantations Berhad	266,800 34,300	431,225 523,624 954,849	349,508 610,540 960,048	5.11 8.92 14.03
F	TECHNOLOGY Frontken Corporation Berhad Malaysian Pacific Industries Berhad	20,000 2,400	64,954 66,187 131,141	64,800 67,680 132,480	0.95 0.99 1.94
	UTILITIES Taliworks Corporation Berhad	653,533	565,595	545,700	7.97
=	CONSTRUCTION IJM Corporation Berhad	144,100	251,711	270,908	3.96
	TOTAL QUOTED EQUITY INVESTMENTS		4,922,193	5,368,076	78.44

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# 7. QUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES (CONT'D)

At 31	L December 2023	Number of shares	At cost RM	At fair value RM	Percentage of NAV of the Fund %
7.2	NON-EQUITY INVESTMENTS				
	<u>REITS</u> Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	306,591	542,067	548,798	8.02
	<u>TSR LOANS</u> Capital A Berhad - LA	200,000	173,210	172,000	2.51
	TOTAL NON-EQUITY INVESTMENTS	-	715,277	720,798	10.53
7.3	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME IN MALAYSIA Astute Dana Al-Kanz	504,668	200,000	200,707	2.93
тоти	AL QUOTED INVESTMENTS	-	5,837,470	6,289,580	91.90
8. SI	JNDRY RECEIVABLES AND DEPOSIT				
	Dividends receivable Profit receivable from Shariah-based deposit	t	<b>31.12.20</b> RM	24 - -	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM 8,963 -

100

100

Sundry deposit

100

9,063

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#### 9. TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE

	Note	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
Unitholders' capital Retained earnings:	9.1	5,305,934	4,850,581
<ul><li>realised reserve</li><li>unrealised reserve</li></ul>	9.2 9.3	1,886,181 1,341,787	4,768,643 (2,775,326)
	-	8,533,902	6,843,898

#### 9.1 UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

	31.12.	2024	31.12.	2023
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
As at beginning of	units	RIVI	units	<b>L</b> IVI
the financial period	8,942,580	6,346,526	8,017,557	5,254,177
Creation of units	666,461	700,394	409,438	346,523
Cancellation of units	(1,657,831)	(1,740,986)	(875,085)	(750,119)
As at end of the financial period	7,951,208	5,305,934	7,551,910	4,850,581

#### 9.2 REALISED RESERVE - DISTRIBUTABLE

transferred from realised reserve

Balance as at end of the financial period

	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
Balance as at beginning of the financial period	1,754,828	4,911,207
Net income/(losses) for the financial year Net unrealised (gains)/ losses on valuation of equity	94,421	813,875
securities transferred to unrealised reserve	36,932	(956,439)
Net increase in realised reserve for the financial period	131,353	(142,564)
Balance as at end of the financial period	1,886,182	4,768,643
9.3 UNREALISED RESERVE - NON-DISTRIBUTABLE		
	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
Balance as at beginning of the financial period	1,378,719	(3,731,765)
Net unrealised gains on valuation of equity securities		

(36,932)

1,341,787

956,439

(2,775,326)

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## **10. SUNDRY PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS**

	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
Accrued expenses	7,323	3,930
Redemption money payable	999	67,689
	8,322	71,619

Redemption money payable at the end of the previous reporting period represented amount payable to unitholders for the cancellation of units.

## **11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

12.

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:-

	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
Shariah-based deposits with licensed financial institutions	-	-
Cash at a licensed bank	630,111	628,728
	630,111	628,728
. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")		
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	%	%
TER	1.15	1.20

The total expense ratio includes annual management fee, annual trustee's fee, auditors' remuneration and other administrative fee and expenses which is calculated as follows:

TER	=	<u>(A+B+C+D+E)</u>	x 100%
IER	=	(A+B+C+D+E)	X 100%

- A = Management fee
- B = Trustee's fee
- C = Auditor's remuneration
- D = Tax agent's fee
- E = Administrative fees and expenses

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= Average net asset value of the Fund calculated on daily basis

The average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period is RM8,903,891 (01/07/2023-31/12/2023 - RM6,675,194).

## 13. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
PTR ("Times")	0.15	0.42

The portfolio turnover ratio is derived from the following calculation:

PTR = (Total acquisition for the financial period + total disposals for the financial period) ÷ 2 Average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis Where,

total acquisitions for the financial period= RM1,083,253(01/07/2023-31/12/2023 - RM2,792,928)total disposals for the financial period= RM1,659,569 (01/07/2023-31/12/2023 - RM2,832,365)

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#### 14. OPERATING SEGMENTS

Operating segments of the Fund are predominantly investing in quoted equity securities and management of liquid cash by investing in short term deposits.

In accordance with the asset allocation guidelines of the Fund, the Fund can have an exposure in equity and equity-related securities up to 100% and a minimum investment of 40% of the Fund's NAV.

The segmental analysis of the Fund's income, expenses, assets and liabilities are shown in the table below:

31.12.2024	Equity Securities RM	Cash and liquid assets RM	Others RM	Total RM
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income				
Investment income	202,567	3,879	-	206,446
Unallocated expenditure				(110,611)
Net income before taxation Income tax expense				95,835 (1,414)
Net income after taxation				94,421
Statement of Financial Position				
Assets Quoted investments Cash at bank Other assets	7,926,932 - -	- 630,111 -	- - 100	7,926,932 630,111 100
Segment assets	7,926,932	630,111	100	8,557,143
Unallocated assets				-
Total assets				8,557,143
<b>Liabilities</b> Segment liability	-	-	23,241	23,241

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## 14. OPERATING SEGMENTS (COND'T)

	Equity	Cash and liquid		
31.12.2023	Securities RM	assets RM	Others RM	Total RM
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income				
Investment income	909,129	1,226	-	910,355
Unallocated expenditure				(95,542)
Net income before taxation				814,813
Income tax expense				(939)
Net income after taxation				813,874
Statement of Financial Position				
Assets				
Quoted investments and shariah- compliant investment	6,289,580	_	-	6,289,580
Cash at bank	-	628,728	-	628,728
Other assets	8,963	-	100	9,063
Segment assets	6,298,543	628,728	100	6,927,371
Unallocated assets				-
Total assets				6,927,371
<b>Liabilities</b> Segment liability	-	-	83,473	83,473

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

No units of the Fund held by a director of the Manager at the end of the reporting period.

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## 16. TRANSACTIONS BY THE FUND WITH BROKERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

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

## 31.12.2024

BROKERS	Value of trade		Brokerage fees	
	RM	%	RM	%
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	1,016,640	37.09	2,036	40.06
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad	831,666	30.34	1,248	24.56
CGS International Securities Malaysia Sendirian Berhad	469,737	17.14	942	18.53
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	422,980	15.43	856	16.85
	2,741,023	100.00	5,082	100.00

## 31.12.2023

BROKERS	Value of trade		Brokerage fees	
	RM	%	RM	%
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	1,355,883	27.64	2,717	30.83
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad	1,245,709	25.39	1,868	21.20
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	1,175,544	23.96	2,351	26.67
CIMB Investment Bank Berhad	928,703	18.93	1,877	21.30
Fund Broker	200,000	4.08	-	-
	4,905,839	100.00	8,813	100.00

## 17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

## **17.1 IDENTITIES OF RELATED PARTIES**

- (a) The Fund has related party relationships with its Manager, Astute Fund Management Berhad and its Trustee, CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad.
- (b) The Fund also had related party relationships with a shareholder of the manager.
- 17.2 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>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
Astute Fund Management Berhad:		
- management fee	87,292	65,582
CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad: - trustee's fee	4,476	3,365

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

17.3 Units of the Fund at market value held by related party at the end of reporting period are as follows:

	31.12.2024		31.12.2	023
	Units	RM	Units	RM
Related party to the Shareholder				
of the Manager	138,684	148,849	133,840	121,299

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

The Fund's financial risk management policy seeks to ensure that adequate financial resources are available for the development of the Fund's business whilst managing its market risk (including foreign currency risk, profit rate risk and equity price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

#### **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 does not have any transactions or balances denominated in foreign currencies and hence is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

(b) Profit Rate Risk

Cash and other fixed income securities are particularly sensitive to movements in profit rates. When profit 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's fixed deposits with licensed banks are carried at amortised cost. Therefore, they are not subject to profit rate risk as defined in MFRS 7 since neither the carrying amounts nor the future cash flows will fluctuate because of a change in market interest rates.

The Fund's deposits with a financial institution are usually rolled-over on a daily/monthly basis.

It is the Fund's policy not to enter into interest rate swap arrangements.

#### Profit rate risk sensitivity

Profit rate risk sensitivity is not presented as a reasonable possible change in profit rates will not have a significant impact on the net loss for the financial period.

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## 18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

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

(b) Profit Rate Risk (Cont'd)

#### Profit rate risk exposure

The following table analyses the Fund's profit rate risk exposure. The Fund's assets and liabilities are included at fair value and categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

			Weighted average effective
			profit
	•		rate
RM	RM	RM	%
	7 026 022	7 026 022	
-	7,926,932	7,926,932	-
	620 111	620 111	
-			-
-	100	100	-
-	8,557,143	8,557,143	
-	23,241	23,241	
-	8,533,902	8,533,902	
			Weighted average effective
0.2	Non-profit		
0-3			profit
months	•	Total	profit rate
months BM	rate bearing	Total RM	rate
months RM	•	Total RM	•
	rate bearing		rate
	rate bearing RM 6,289,580	RM 6,289,580	rate
	rate bearing RM 6,289,580 628,728	RM 6,289,580 628,728	rate
	rate bearing RM 6,289,580	RM 6,289,580	rate
	rate bearing RM 6,289,580 628,728	RM 6,289,580 628,728	rate
	rate bearing RM 6,289,580 628,728 9,063	RM 6,289,580 628,728 9,063	rate
	rate bearing RM 6,289,580 628,728 9,063 6,927,371	RM 6,289,580 628,728 9,063 6,927,371	rate
	rate bearing RM 6,289,580 628,728 9,063	RM 6,289,580 628,728 9,063	rate
	0-3 months RM - - - - - -	months RM         rate bearing RM           -         7,926,932           -         630,111           -         100           -         8,557,143           -         23,241           -         8,533,902	months RM         rate bearing RM         Total RM           -         7,926,932         7,926,932           -         630,111         630,111           -         630,111         100           -         8,557,143         8,557,143           -         23,241         23,241           -         8,533,902         8,533,902

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## 18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

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

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 analysis is not presented as reasonable possible change in the price of any stock will not have a significant impact on the net loss for the financial period or equity of the Fund at the end of the reporting period.

#### Particular stock risk concentration

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

	31.12.2024		31.12.20	)23
		As a % of	1	As a % of
	RM	NAV	RM	NAV
Consumer Products & Services	2,652,737	31.08	2,040,886	29.82
Plantation	1,385,472	16.23	960,048	14.03
Technology	886,430	10.39	132,480	1.94
Utilities	687,951	8.06	545,700	7.97
Industrial Products & Services	628,160	7.36	830,187	12.13
REITs	530,402	6.22	548,798	8.02
Energy	514,980	6.03	587,867	8.59
Transport & Logistic	440,800	5.17	-	-
TSR Loans	200,000	2.34	172,000	2.51
Construction	-	-	270,907	3.96
Unit Trust	-	-	200,707	2.93
	7,926,932	92.88	6,289,580	91.90

#### (d) Liquidity and Cash Flow Risks

Liquidity and cash flow risks refer 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.

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#### 18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

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

(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 amount owing by sundry receivables.

#### Credit risk concentration profile

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

#### 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.

#### 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.

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## 18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

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

(f) Credit Risk (Cont'd)

The information about the exposure to credit risk and the loss allowances calculated under MFRS 9 for receivables is summarised below:-

	Gross Amount RM	Individual Impairment RM	Collective Impairment RM	Carrying Amount RM
31.12.2024				
Current (not past due)	100	-	-	100
31.12.2023				
Current (not past due)	9,063	-	-	9,063

Deposits with Licensed Banks and Cash at Bank

The Fund considers the banks and financial institutions have low credit risks. 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.

(g) Shariah Specific Risk

The risk that the investments do not conform to the principle of Shariah may result in those investments being not Shariah compliant. Should the situation arise, necessary steps shall be taken to dispose of such investments in accordance with the rules of divestment of non Shariah-compliant investments. If this occurs, the Fund could suffer losses from the disposal and thus, adversely affecting the value of the Fund.

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## 18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### **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 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>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
Financial Assets		
Mandatorily at FVPL		
Quoted investments	7,926,932	6,289,580
	7,926,932	6,289,580
Amortised Cost		
Shariah based deposit with financial		
institution Sundry receivables	- 100	- 9,063
Cash at bank	630,111	628,728
	630,211	637,791
Financial Liability		
Amortised Cost		
Accruals	8,322	71,619
Amount owing to Manager	14,191	11,322
Amount owing to Trustee	728	532
	23,241	83,473

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## 18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

### 18.4 GAINS OR LOSSES ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	<b>31.12.2024</b> RM	<b>31.12.2023</b> RM
Financial Assets		
<u>Mandatorily at FVPL</u> Net gains recognised in profit or loss	202,567	909,130
<u>Amortised Cost</u> Gain recognised in profit or loss	3,879	1,226

## 18.5 FAIR VALUE INFORMATION

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

	Fair Value of Financial Instruments Carried At Fair Value			Total Fair	Carrying
31.12.2024	Level 1 RM	Level 2 RM	Level 3 RM	Value RM	Amount RM
Financial Asset					
Quoted investments	7,926,932	-	-	7,926,932	7,926,932
31.12.2023					
Financial Asset					
Quoted investments	6,289,580	-	-	6,289,580	6,289,580

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

In regard to financial instruments carried at fair value, there were no transfer between level 1 and .level 2 during the financial period.

# 7. CORPORATE DIRECTORY

Manager	Astute Fund Management Berhad	[199701004894 (420390-M)]	
Business Office	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Menara Dungun, 46, Jalan Dungun, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur.		
Registered Office	No.47-1, Jalan SS 18/6, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan		
Board of Directors	Clement Chew Kuan Hock Wong Fay Lee	Executive and Non-Independent Director Non-Executive and Non-Independent	
	Asgari bin Mohd Fuad Stephens	Director 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	
Shariah Committee	Dr. Aida Binti Othman	Independent Member	
	Dr. Ab Halim bin Muhammad	Independent Member	
	Mohd Fadhly bin Md. Yusoff	Independent Member	
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	
Secretary	Ng Chin Chin (MAICSA 7042650) No. 47-1, Jalan SS 18/6 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan		
Trustee	<b>CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad</b> Level 13, Menara CIMB, Jalan Sentral 2, Kuala Lumpur Sentral 50470 Kuala Lumpur	(199401027349)	
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 Bh Wisma Golden Eagle Realty, 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor, South Block No.142-A, Jalan Ampang 50450 Kuala Lumpur,Malaysia	d (579747-A)	

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