

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BOND FUND

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD
ENDED 30 JUNE 2023



Dear Valued Investor,

Greetings from Eastspring Investments Berhad!

First and foremost, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to invest with Eastspring Investments Berhad.

We are pleased to enclose a copy of the Annual/Semi-annual/Quarterly Fund Reports of Eastspring Investments Berhad's fund(s) for the reporting period ended 30 June 2023.

You may also download these reports from our website at www.eastspring.com/my

Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Client Services at 03-2778 1000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymond Tang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raymond Tang Chee Kin

Non-Independent, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

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FUND INFORMATION

Name of Fund	Eastspring Investments Bond Fund (the "Fund")
Fund Category/ Type	Bond/income
Fund Objective	<p>The Fund seeks to provide investors with a steady stream of income* returns by investing principally** in a portfolio of investment grade fixed income securities with exposure in noninvestment grade fixed income securities which yield above average returns.</p> <p>ANY MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE UNIT HOLDERS' APPROVAL.</p> <p>* Income distributed to a Unit Holder will be reinvested into additional Units unless Unit Holder opts for the distribution to be paid out.</p> <p>** principally refers to minimum 70% of the Fund's NAV</p>
Performance Benchmark	<p>The performance benchmark of the Fund is Quant Shop Malaysian Government Securities Medium Index ("Quant Shop MGS Medium Index").</p> <p>Source: www.quantshop.com</p> <p>Note: The risk profile of the Fund is different from the risk profile of the performance benchmark.</p>
Fund Income Distribution Policy	At least once a year, subject to the availability of income.

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED

Category	2023	2022	2021
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Unquoted fixed income securities	92.82	90.67	85.74
Cash and other assets	7.18	9.33	14.26
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Net Asset Value (NAV) (RM'000)	275,697	253,846	343,276
Units In Circulation (Units '000)	423,068	397,676	514,979
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.6517	0.6383	0.6666
Highest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.6519	0.6539	0.6798
Lowest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.6338	0.6293	0.6524
Total Return (%)			
- Capital Growth	2.99	(1.92)	(1.70)
- Income Distribution	-	-	-
Total Return (%)	2.99	(1.92)	(1.70)
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%)*	0.54	0.54	0.54
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)^	0.09	0.49	0.17

* There were no significant changes to the TER during the period under review.

^ There were no significant changes to the PTR during the period under review.

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

	1 year 1.7.2022 to 30.6.2023	3 years 1.7.2020 to 30.6.2023	5 years 1.7.2018 to 30.6.2023
	(%)	(%)	(%)

Average total return	5.77	1.39	3.21
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Year ended	1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022	1.1.2021 to 31.12.2021	1.1.2020 to 31.12.2020	1.1.2019 to 31.12.2019	1.1.2018 to 31.12.2018
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)

Annual total return	0.73	(1.07)	3.84	7.17	4.05
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Source: The above total return of the Fund was sourced from Lipper for Investment Management.

Bases of calculation and assumptions made in calculating returns:

$$\text{Percentage growth} = \frac{\text{NAV}_t}{\text{NAV}_0} - 1$$

NAV_t = NAV at the end of the period

NAV_0 = NAV at the beginning of the period

$$\text{Performance annualised} = (1 + \text{Percentage Growth})^{1/n} - 1$$

Adjusted for unit split and distribution paid out for the period

n = Number of years

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

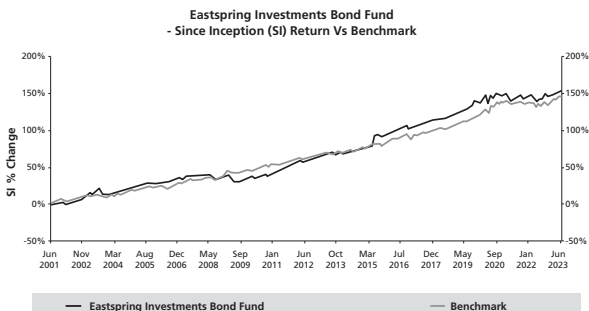
MANAGER'S REPORT

Fund Performance

Over the 5-year period, the Fund recorded a return of 17.14%, underperforming the benchmark return of 21.56% by 4.42%.

During the period under review, the Fund registered a return of 2.99%, underperforming the benchmark return of 3.01% by 0.02%.

For the period under review, the Fund's underperformance was attributable to the Fund's overweight position in short tenor corporate bonds that underperformed the medium-term government bond index.



The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis with gross income or dividend reinvested.

Benchmark: Quant Shop Malaysian Government Securities Medium Index ("Quant Shop MGS Medium Index").

Source: Lipper for Investment Management and www.quantshop.com, as at 30 June 2023.

Past performance of the Fund is not necessarily indicative of its future performance.

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Analysis of Fund Performance

For the financial period ended 30 June 2023:

Income Return	Capital Return*	Total Return	Total Return of Benchmark
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
0.00	2.99	2.99	3.01

* Capital return components (NAV per unit to NAV per unit).

**Distribution/
Unit Split**

No distribution or unit split were declared for the financial period ended 30 June 2023.

Investment Strategy During the Period Under Review

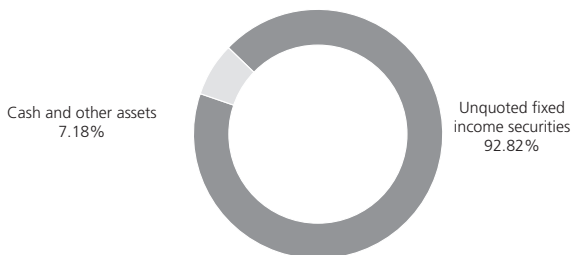
The Fund participated in selected quality bond issuances for yield pick-up, and traded on market volatility, subject to liquidity constraints

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	30-Jun 2023	31-Dec 2022	Changes
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Unquoted fixed income securities	92.82	73.47	19.35
Cash and other assets	7.18	26.53	(19.35)

Asset Allocation as at 30 June 2023



The significant changes in asset allocation of the Fund for the period under review was due to the Fund's purchase of corporate bonds and outflows from the fund.

State of Affairs of the Fund

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

MARKET REVIEW

The Federal Reserve (“Fed”) raised its federal funds rate by 75 bps during the review period to 5.00%-5.25% as inflationary pressures persist and it remains committed to tame inflation to its 2% target. However, in its June Federal Open Market Committee (“FOMC”) meeting, the Fed left the federal funds rate unchanged but signaled that another 50bps rate hike is expected in 2023. The “hawkish pause” is to allow the FOMC to assess additional information and its implications of its monetary policy.

Also, the period saw banking turmoil hitting U.S. banks, with Silicon Valley Bank (“SVB”) failing after a bank run in mid-March, marking the second largest bank failure by asset size in U.S. history. The collapse of SVB was due to the significant withdrawals from its technology and start-up depositors, as well as its over-exposure to investments that had suffered huge mark-to-market losses. Subsequently, Signature Bank was shut down, while First Republic Bank was “bailed out” by 11 banks with a total of USD30bn injection.

The U.S. Personal Consumption Expenditures (“PCE”) price index for May eased to 3.8% YoY, from the revised 4.3% recorded in April. U.S. Core PCE declined marginally to 4.6% compared to 4.7% in April. Although U.S. non-farm payrolls grew by 339,000 in May 2023, above April’s upwardly-revised data of 294,000, May’s unemployment rate rose to 3.7% (April : 3.4%). US inflation (as measured by CPI) declined to 0.1% (month-on-month) in May, easing from a 0.4% increase in April amid a continued decline in the cost of energy. This brought down the annual rate to 4.0%, below expectations of 4.1%. The economy more broadly remains in good health. The US unemployment rate increased in May to 3.7% from 3.4%, a larger than expected move but the labour market nonetheless remains historically tight.

Meanwhile, the tightening cycle continued with Bank of England (“BOE”) surprising markets with a higher-than-expected rate hike of 50bps to 5.00% to get U.K. inflation back down to the 2% target as it remained at 8.7% in May. At its recent meeting, the European Central Bank (“ECB”) raised its interest rates on the main refinancing operations, marginal lending facility and the deposit facility by 25bps each to 4.00%, 4.25% and 3.50% respectively. The Eurozone’s Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) eased to 5.5% in June 2023 compared to 6.1% in the previous month but Core CPI inched up to 5.4% from 5.3% in May. The Eurozone’s composite PMI declined to 50.3 in June (May revised: 52.8) as both Services and Manufacturing PMI continued to decline to 52.4 and 43.6 respectively (May revised: 55.1; 44.8). Reserve Bank of Australia (“RBA”) decided to increase the cash rates by another 25bps to 4.10% in June and in its minutes noted that “core inflation had remained sticky and shown little sign of easing”.

In Malaysia, after staying pat for two consecutive Monetary Policy Committee (“MPC”) meetings, BNM surprisingly decided to hike the Overnight Policy Rate (“OPR”) by 25 bps from 2.75% to 3.00% in its May MPC Meeting. BNM expects growth in 2023 to be led by domestic demand while exports are expected to moderate. Risks to the domestic growth outlook are weighed to be relatively balanced, with upside risks to growth potentially coming from better-than-expected tourism activity and projects implementation, while downside risks may arise from slower-than-expected global growth and volatile global financial markets.

BNM forecasts that headline and core inflation rate will moderate in 2023, averaging between 2.8-3.8%. However, the central bank is of the view that the balance of risk for inflation is tilted to the upside. Given that BNM views domestic growth to be resilient, the central bank believes that it is timely to “further normalise the degree of monetary accommodation” and withdraw the monetary stimulus provided to support economic recovery during the Covid-19 pandemic, to prevent future financial imbalances. The monetary policy stance is currently viewed as “slightly accommodative” and remains supportive of the economy.

Malaysia’s CPI and core CPI continued to retreat to 2.8% and 3.5% respectively in May, compared to April’s figure of 3.3% and 3.6% respectively. BNM’s international reserves decreased to US\$113.0bn as of mid-June (mid-May: US\$114.7bn). The reserves position is sufficient to finance 4.8 months of imports and is 1.0x of the total short-term external debt.

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim re-tabled an expansionary Budget 2023 entitled “Developing Malaysia MADANI” focused on the economy, institutional reform and social justice. The total allocation is revised upward to RM386.1 billion versus RM372.3 billion tabled by the previous government in October 2022. 2023 GDP is expected to grow at 4.5%, while inflation is expected to range between 2.8%-3.8% in 2023, which is wider than the 2.8-3.3% in the October 2022 budget. In line with the government’s commitment to fiscal consolidation, the fiscal deficit is expected to be at a lower 5.0% of GDP and forecasted to narrow to 3.2% of GDP by 2025. The government ended the speculation of the implementation of Goods & Services Tax (“GST”), but introduced instead a Luxury Goods Tax in 2023, although there are no details yet on the value and type of goods to be taxed, nor the tax rate. Capital Gains Tax on the disposal of unlisted shares is planned for implementation in 2024.

Malaysia's MGS yield curve traded mixed and flatter during the period with 3-, 5-, 10- and 15-year yields closed at 3.49%, 3.62%, 3.88% and 4.03%, respectively. The flatter yield curve was driven monetary policy tightening both globally and domestically on the back of still commendable economic recovery and heightening inflationary pressure. MGII yields too ended the same across the curve with the 3-, 5-, 10- and 15-year MGII close at 3.47%, 3.70%, 3.89% and 3.98% respectively.

REBATES AND SOFT COMMISSIONS

During the period under review, the Manager and its delegates (if any) did not receive any soft commissions from stockbrokers.

SECURITIES LENDING OR REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

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

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EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BOND FUND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

We, Tang Chee Kin and John Campbell Tupling, being two of the Directors of Eastspring Investments Berhad, do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited financial statements set out on pages 14 to 50 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the six months financial period ended on that date in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager,
EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BERHAD

TANG CHEE KIN
Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

JOHN CAMPBELL TUPLING
Independent, Non-Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur
Date: 23 August 2023

TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BOND FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Eastspring Investments 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
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the deed and any regulatory requirement.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

Ng Hon Leong
Head, Fund Operations

Sylvia Beh
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur
Date: 23 August 2023

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME **FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Note	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2023	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2022
		RM	RM
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)			
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions		843,572	222,086
Interest income from unquoted fixed income securities		5,110,036	5,081,358
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	4,462,056	(9,395,499)
		<u>10,415,664</u>	<u>(4,092,055)</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	3	(1,481,560)	(1,371,206)
Trustee fee	4	(118,525)	(109,696)
Audit fee		(4,165)	(4,165)
Tax agent fee		(1,687)	(1,687)
Other expenses		(9,890)	(14,697)
		<u>(1,615,827)</u>	<u>(1,501,451)</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		8,799,837	(5,593,506)
TAXATION	5	-	-
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)		<u>8,799,837</u>	<u>(5,593,506)</u>
Profit/(loss) after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		4,195,899	(409,232)
Unrealised amount		4,603,938	(5,184,274)
		<u>8,799,837</u>	<u>(5,593,506)</u>

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the unaudited financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		RM	RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	18,513,264	33,458,623
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	255,925,827	230,168,566
Amount due from Manager		2,182,697	187,286
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>276,621,788</u>	<u>263,814,475</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accrued management fee		232,361	212,656
Amount due to Manager		655,969	280,859
Amount due to Trustee		18,589	17,013
Amount due to brokers		-	9,434,022
Other payables and accruals		18,266	24,088
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>925,185</u>	<u>9,968,638</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>275,696,603</u>	<u>253,845,837</u>
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		224,311,343	212,690,327
Retained earnings		51,385,260	41,155,510
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		<u>275,696,603</u>	<u>253,845,837</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	8	<u>423,067,894</u>	<u>397,676,289</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.6517</u>	<u>0.6383</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Unit holders' capital	Retained earnings	Total
	RM	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 January 2023	263,325,955	42,585,423	305,911,378
Movement in unit holders' contribution:			
Creation of units from applications	37,126,929	-	37,126,929
Cancellation of units	(76,141,541)	-	(76,141,541)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	8,799,837	8,799,837
Balance as at 30 June 2023	<u>224,311,343</u>	<u>51,385,260</u>	<u>275,696,603</u>
Balance as at 1 January 2022	240,822,990	46,749,016	287,572,006
Movement in unit holders' contribution:			
Creation of units from applications	96,986,680	-	96,986,680
Cancellation of units	(125,119,343)	-	(125,119,343)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period	-	(5,593,506)	(5,593,506)
Balance as at 30 June 2022	<u>212,690,327</u>	<u>41,155,510</u>	<u>253,845,837</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2023	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2022
		RM	RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		15,875,400	163,526,895
Purchase of investments		(42,611,500)	(126,641,878)
Interest received from deposits with licensed financial institutions		843,572	222,086
Interest received from unquoted fixed income securities		5,094,925	5,995,991
Management fee paid		(1,506,277)	(1,400,748)
Trustee fee paid		(120,502)	(112,059)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(20,801)	(25,244)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities		(22,445,183)	41,565,043
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash proceeds from units created		39,465,433	102,095,478
Payments for cancellation of units		(75,984,882)	(127,580,300)
Net cash used in financing activities		(36,519,449)	(25,484,822)
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(58,964,632)	16,080,221
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		77,477,896	17,378,402
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	7	18,513,264	33,458,623

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the unaudited financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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

A. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

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

- a. Standards, amendments and interpretations that have been issued but not yet effective and have not been early adopted:

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2023 and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

B. INCOME RECOGNITION

Interest income from deposits placed with licensed financial institutions is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest rate method.

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

Interest income from unquoted fixed income securities including amortisation of premium and accretion of discount are recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Realised gain or loss on disposal of unquoted fixed income securities is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the investments, which is determined on cost adjusted for accretion of discount and amortisation of premium.

C. TAXATION

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

D. FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

Items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the “functional currency”). The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia (“RM”), which is the Fund’s functional and presentation currency.

E. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

i. Classification

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

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

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents and amount due from Manager as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies accrued management fee, amount due to Manager, amount due to Trustee, amount due to brokers and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

ii. Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value.

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

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

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

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the “financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within “net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” in the financial period in which they arise. Any unrealised gains however are not distributable.

Deposits with licensed financial institutions are stated at cost plus accrued interest calculated on the effective interest method over the period from the date of placement to the date of maturity of the respective deposits.

Unquoted fixed income securities are carried at cost and adjusted for any amortisation of premium or accretion of discount from acquisition date to maturity date. The carrying cost is revalued to reflect its fair value on a daily basis based on fair value prices quoted by a bond pricing agency (“BPA”) registered with the Securities Commission (“SC”) as per the SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. Where such quotations are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA for a specific unquoted fixed income securities differs from the market price by more than 20 basis points, the Manager may use the market price, provided that the Manager:

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

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

iii. Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

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

iv. Significant increase in credit risk

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

v. Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

vi. Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and deposits with licensed financial institutions that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

G. UNIT HOLDERS' CAPITAL

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

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

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

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

H. AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) BROKERS

Amount due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively. The amount due from brokers balance is held for collection.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amount due from broker at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12 months expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

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

I. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated by the Manager and the Trustee and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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

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FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1. INFORMATION ON THE FUND

Eastspring Investments Bond Fund (the "Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of Master Deed dated 4 May 2001, Supplemental Master Deed dated 26 May 2003, Supplemental Master Deed dated 15 February 2006, Master Supplemental Deed dated 25 July 2007 and Second Supplemental Master Deed dated 30 November 2009 between BHLB (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad ("BHLB Trustee") and Eastspring Investments Berhad (the "Manager"). The Fund replaced BHLB Trustee with Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee") effective 1 October 2010. A Supplemental Master Deed was entered into between the Manager and the Trustee on 30 July 2010 to effect the change of trustee from BHLB Trustee to the Trustee, followed by Second Supplemental Master Deed dated 28 January 2011, Third Supplemental Master Deed dated 9 March 2011, Fourth Supplemental Master Deed dated 20 January 2012, Fifth Supplemental Master Deed dated 26 March 2014, Sixth Supplemental Master Deed dated 2 January 2015, Seventh Supplemental Master Deed dated 11 July 2016, Eighth Supplemental Master Deed dated 25 January 2017, Ninth Supplemental Master Deed dated 11 December 2017, Tenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 4 June 2018, Eleventh Supplemental Master Deed dated 30 September 2021, Twelfth Supplemental Master Deed dated 29 June 2022 and Thirteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 29 November 2022 (collectively referred to as the "Deeds").

The Fund was launched on 29 May 2001 and will continue its operations until terminated as provided under Part 12 of the Deed.

The Fund seeks to provide investors with a steady stream of income returns by investing principally in a portfolio of investment-grade fixed income securities with exposure in non-investment grade fixed income securities which yield above average returns.

All investments will be subjected to the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Deeds and the Fund's objective.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia and is related to Prudential Plc., a public listed company in the United Kingdom. The principal activity of the Manager is the establishment and management of unit trust funds and asset management.

2. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks, which include market risk (inclusive of price risk and interest rate risk), liquidity risk, credit/default risk, fund management risk, non-compliance risk and capital risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the Deeds.

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	Note	Financial assets at amortised cost RM	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss RM	Total RM
<u>2023</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7	18,513,264	-	18,513,264
Unquoted fixed income securities	6	-	255,925,827	255,925,827
Amount due from Manager		2,182,697	-	2,182,697
		<u>20,695,961</u>	<u>255,925,827</u>	<u>276,621,788</u>
<u>2022</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7	33,458,623	-	33,458,623
Unquoted fixed income securities	6	-	230,168,566	230,168,566
Amount due from Manager		187,286	-	187,286
		<u>33,645,909</u>	<u>230,168,566</u>	<u>263,814,475</u>

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

Market risk

i. Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of the investment in unquoted fixed income securities will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk). The value of investments may fluctuate according to the activities of individual companies, sector and overall political and economic conditions. Such fluctuation may cause the Fund's net asset value and prices of units to fall as well as rise, and income produced by the Fund may also fluctuate.

The price risk is managed through diversification and asset allocation whereby the unquoted fixed income securities exposure will be reduced in the event of anticipated market weakness.

The table below shows assets of the Fund as at 30 June which are exposed to price risk:

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Unquoted fixed income securities*	255,925,827	230,168,566

* Includes interest receivables of RM2,648,504 (2022: RM2,377,371).

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after tax and net asset value to movements in valuation of unquoted fixed income securities at the end of each reporting financial period. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the valuation of the unquoted fixed income securities increased and decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the unquoted fixed income securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price	Market value	Impact on profit/(loss) after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>		
+5%	265,941,189	12,663,866
-5%	240,613,457	(12,663,866)
<u>2022</u>		
+5%	239,180,755	11,389,560
-5%	216,401,635	(11,389,560)

ii. Interest rate risk

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

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

Investors should note that the movement in prices of unquoted fixed income securities and money market instruments are benchmarked against interest rates. As such, the investments are exposed to the movement of the interest rates.

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

Such investments may be subject to unanticipated rise in interest rates which may impair the ability of the issuers to make payments of interest income and principal, especially if the issuers are highly leveraged. An increase in interest rates may therefore increase the potential for default by an issuer.

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after tax and net asset value to movements in interest rate for investments at the end of each reporting financial period as a result of movement in interest rate. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the interest rate changed by 1% (2022: 1%) with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the interest rate, having regard to the historical volatility of the interest rate.

	2023	2022
% Change in interest rate of unquoted fixed income securities	Impact on profit after tax and net asset value	Impact on loss after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM
+1% (2022: +1%)	(636,286)	(712,645)
-1% (2022: -1%)	638,516	716,118

The Fund's investments in deposits with licensed financial institutions are short term in nature. Therefore, exposure to interest rate fluctuations is minimal.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations. Generally, all investments are subject to a certain degree of liquidity risk depending on the nature of the investment instruments, market, sector and other factors. For the purpose of the Fund, the Manager will attempt to balance the entire portfolio by investing in a mix of assets with satisfactory trading volume and those that occasionally could encounter poor liquidity. This is expected to reduce the risks for the entire portfolio without limiting the Fund's growth potentials.

The Fund maintains sufficient level of liquid assets, after consultation with the Trustee, to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of units by unit holders. Liquid assets comprise bank balances, deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 days.

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

	Less than 1 month	Between 1 month to 1 year	Total
	RM	RM	RM
2023			
Accrued management fee	232,361	-	232,361
Amount due to Manager	655,969	-	655,969
Amount due to Trustee	18,589	-	18,589
Other payables and accruals	-	18,266	18,266
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	906,919	18,266	925,185
2022			
Accrued management fee	212,656	-	212,656
Amount due to Manager	280,859	-	280,859
Amount due to Trustee	17,013	-	17,013
Amount due to brokers	9,434,022	-	9,434,022
Other payables and accruals	-	24,088	24,088
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	9,944,550	24,088	9,968,638

Credit/Default risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of an issuer or a counter party to make timely payments of interest income, principals and proceeds from realisation of investments. In the case of the Fund, the Manager regularly reviews the ratings assigned to the Issuer so that the necessary steps can be taken if the ratings fall below those prescribed by the Deeds.

The credit risk arising from placements of deposits with licensed financial institutions is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions. The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund.

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Cash and cash equivalents	Amount due from Manager	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2023				
Financial Services				
- AAA	-	18,241,524	-	18,241,524
- AA1	-	271,740	-	271,740
Unquoted Fixed Income Securities				
- A1	51,230,590	-	-	51,230,590
- AA	9,831,651	-	-	9,831,651
- AA1	18,682,511	-	-	18,682,511
- AA1 (S)	27,922,320	-	-	27,922,320
- AA IS	16,360,996	-	-	16,360,996
- AA- IS	27,211,832	-	-	27,211,832
- AA2	39,734,539	-	-	39,734,539
- AA3	14,000,688	-	-	14,000,688
- AA3 (S)	20,762,792	-	-	20,762,792
- AAA	10,276,070	-	-	10,276,070
- AAA (S)	1,521,423	-	-	1,521,423
- NR	18,390,415	-	-	18,390,415
Other				
- NR	-	-	2,182,697	2,182,697
	255,925,827	18,513,264	2,182,697	276,621,788

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Cash and cash equivalents	Amount due from Manager	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2022				
Financial Services				
- AA1	-	136,706	-	136,706
- AA2	-	33,321,917	-	33,321,917
Unquoted Fixed Income Securities				
- A1	22,306,938	-	-	22,306,938
- AA	9,642,051	-	-	9,642,051
- AA1	3,037,368	-	-	3,037,368
- AA1 (S)	12,478,444	-	-	12,478,444
- AA IS	1,046,471	-	-	1,046,471
- AA- IS	28,849,483	-	-	28,849,483
- AA2	18,031,696	-	-	18,031,696
- AA3	22,533,662	-	-	22,533,662
- AA3 (S)	19,907,792	-	-	19,907,792
- AAA	9,907,870	-	-	9,907,870
- AAA (S)	3,005,919	-	-	3,005,919
- NR	79,420,872	-	-	79,420,872
Other				
- NR	-	-	187,286	187,286
	<u>230,168,566</u>	<u>33,458,623</u>	<u>187,286</u>	<u>263,814,475</u>

None of these financial assets are past due or impaired.

Fund management risk

There is the risk that the management company may not adhere to the investment mandate of the respective Funds. With close monitoring by the investment committee, back office system being incorporated with limits and controls, and regular reporting to the senior management team, the management company is able to manage such risk. The Trustee have an oversight function over management of the Fund by the management company to safeguard the interests of unit holders.

Non-compliance risk

Non-compliance risk arises when the Manager and others associated with the Fund are not compliant to the rules set out in the Fund's constitution or the laws that govern the Fund or applicable internal control procedures, or acts of fraudulence or dishonesty.

Non-compliance may expose the Fund to higher risks which may result in a fall in the value of the Fund which in turn may affect its investment goals. However, the risk can be mitigated by the internal controls and compliance monitoring undertaken by the Manager.

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unit holders' capital of RM224,311,343 (2022: RM212,690,327) and retained earnings of RM51,385,260 (2022: RM41,155,510). The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unit holders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

Fair value estimation

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e. an exit price).

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

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

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

i. Fair value hierarchy

The following table analyses financial instruments carried at fair value by valuation method.

The different levels have been defined as follows:

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

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement.

Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

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

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

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM

2023

Financial assets at fair value
through profit or loss:

Unquoted fixed income
securities

-	255,925,827	-	255,925,827
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2022

Financial assets at fair value
through profit or loss:

Unquoted fixed income
securities

-	230,168,566	-	230,168,566
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Financial instruments that trade in markets that are considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2 which include unquoted fixed income securities. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets are stated in Note E to the financial statements.

- ii. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager and all liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short term nature.

3. MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate not exceeding 2.00% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund calculated on daily basis.

For the financial period ended 30 June 2023, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.00% (2022: 1.00%) per annum on the net asset value of the Fund, calculated on daily basis.

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

4. TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee at a rate not exceeding 0.20% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM30,000 per annum.

For the financial period ended 30 June 2023, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.08% (2022: 0.08%) per annum on the net asset value of the Fund, inclusive of local custodian fee, calculated on daily basis.

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

5. TAXATION

	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2023	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2022
	RM	RM

Tax charged for the financial period:

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

	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2023	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2022
	RM	RM
Profit/(loss) before taxation	8,799,837	(5,593,506)
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	2,111,961	(1,342,441)
Tax effects of:		
(Investment income not subject to tax)/ investment loss not deductible for tax purposes	(2,499,759)	982,093
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	31,224	30,259
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	356,574	330,089
Taxation	-	-

6. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Unquoted fixed income securities	255,925,827	230,168,566
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Realised loss on disposals	(141,882)	(4,211,225)
Change in unrealised fair value gain/(loss)	4,603,938	(5,184,274)
	4,462,056	(9,395,499)

Unquoted fixed income securities

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
5.00% Affin Bank Berhad 26.7.2032 (A1)	20,000,000	20,427,397	20,657,597	7.49
4.98% AmBank (M) Berhad 15.11.2023 (A1)	5,000,000	5,067,796	5,049,213	1.83
4.18% AmBank (M) Berhad 28.3.2031 (A1)	5,000,000	4,946,069	5,029,202	1.82
5.20% AmBank (M) Berhad 12.10.2032 (A1)	10,000,000	10,113,973	10,373,473	3.76
4.58% AmBank (M) Berhad 28.3.2033 (A1)	10,000,000	10,119,205	10,121,105	3.67
4.20% Bumitama Agri Ltd 22.7.2026 (AA2)	10,000,000	10,411,631	10,195,558	3.70
3.15% CIMB Group Holdings Berhad 12.11.2030 (AA)	10,000,000	10,043,151	9,831,651	3.57
4.95% CIMB Group Holdings Berhad 2.12.2032 (AA2)	15,000,000	15,058,993	15,499,543	5.62

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
4.79% Danainfra Nasional Berhad 6.4.2035 (NR)	5,000,000	5,788,550	5,373,080	1.95
4.53% Danainfra Nasional Berhad 1.4.2037 (NR)	1,000,000	1,011,046	1,053,046	0.38
4.53% Dialog Group Berhad 28.1.2032 (AA2)	5,000,000	5,094,323	5,159,073	1.87
4.98% GENM Capital Berhad 31.3.2027 (AA1 (S))	5,000,000	5,322,672	5,071,012	1.84
5.07% GENM Capital Berhad 5.5.2028 (AA1 (S))	5,000,000	5,039,588	5,043,688	1.83
5.35% GENM Capital Berhad 3.5.2030 (AA1 (S))	10,000,000	10,083,548	10,088,948	3.66
4.86% Genting Capital Berhad 8.6.2027 (AA1 (S))	5,000,000	5,261,489	4,998,362	1.81
4.38% Genting RMTN Berhad 8.11.2034 (AA1 (S))	3,000,000	3,019,440	2,720,310	0.99
3.45% Hong Leong Assurance Berhad 26.12.2025 (AA3)	10,000,000	10,002,836	9,769,436	3.54
3.85% Hong Leong Assurance Berhad 31.1.2030 (AA3)	4,200,000	4,265,566	4,231,252	1.53
5.10% Kimanis Power Sdn Berhad 8.8.2024 (AA IS)	1,000,000	1,021,759	1,033,711	0.37
5.24% Lebuhraya Duke Fasa 3 Sdn Berhad 23.8.2027 (AA- IS)	10,800,000	11,161,277	11,100,952	4.03

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
5.44% Lebuhraya Duke Fasa 3 Sdn Berhad 23.8.2029 (AA- IS)	5,000,000	5,269,021	5,189,286	1.88
5.77% Lebuhraya Duke Fasa 3 Sdn Berhad 23.8.2032 (AA- IS)	2,500,000	2,618,460	2,631,561	0.95
3.87% Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad 30.12.2026 (AAA)	5,000,000	5,000,530	4,983,230	1.81
4.90% Manjung Island Energy Berhad 25.11.2031 (AAA (S))	1,450,000	1,588,500	1,521,423	0.55
4.58% Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional 28.2.2034 (NR)	10,000,000	10,153,085	10,580,585	3.84
3.15% Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd 28.8.2025 (AA IS)	5,000,000	5,053,075	4,961,625	1.80
4.58% Point Zone (M) Sdn Bhd 7.3.2029 (AA- IS)	5,000,000	5,072,778	5,153,428	1.87
4.96% PONS B Capital Berhad 28.12.2028 (AA3 (S))	15,000,000	15,006,115	15,494,965	5.62
5.31% PONS B Capital Berhad 29.6.2029 (AA3 (S))	5,000,000	5,000,727	5,267,827	1.91
3.80% Prasarana Malaysia Berhad 25.2.2050 (NR)	1,500,000	1,519,364	1,383,704	0.50
3.35% RHB Bank Berhad 28.5.2030 (AA2)	5,000,000	5,015,144	4,951,644	1.80
3.13% RHB Bank Berhad 20.11.2030 (AA2)	4,000,000	4,013,721	3,928,721	1.43

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
5.09% Southern Power Generation Sdn Berhad 30.4.2029 (AA- IS)	3,000,000	3,026,775	3,136,605	1.14
4.78% Tenaga Nasional Berhad 29.8.2033 (AAA)	5,000,000	5,343,775	5,292,840	1.92
4.74% VS Capital Management Sdn Berhad 21.9.2027 (AA IS)	10,000,000	10,132,460	10,365,660	3.76
5.05% YTL Power International Berhad 3.5.2027 (AA1)	3,000,000	3,106,417	3,103,269	1.13
4.88% YTL Power International Berhad 22.3.2030 (AA1)	15,000,000	15,239,541	15,579,242	5.65
TOTAL UNQUOTED FIXED INCOME SECURITIES	<u>250,450,000</u>	<u>255,419,797</u>	<u>255,925,827</u>	<u>92.82</u>
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>506,030</u>		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>255,925,827</u>		

Unquoted fixed income securities

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
5.03% Affin Bank Berhad 20.9.2022 (A1)	7,000,000	7,098,395	7,120,795	2.81
4.18% Ambank (M) Berhad 28.3.2031 (A1)	5,000,000	4,934,416	4,948,352	1.95
5.23% Ambank (M) Berhad 14.3.2023 (A1)	5,000,000	5,078,092	5,134,542	2.02
4.98% Ambank (M) Berhad 15.11.2023 (A1)	5,000,000	5,157,987	5,103,249	2.01
4.10% Bumitama Agri Ltd 22.7.2024 (AA2)	3,000,000	3,053,244	3,063,774	1.21
4.20% Bumitama Agri Ltd 22.7.2026 (AA2)	10,000,000	10,483,224	10,038,208	3.95
3.15% CIMB Group Holdings Berhad 12.11.2030 (AA)	10,000,000	10,043,151	9,642,051	3.80
4.53% Danainfra Nasional Berhad 1.4.2037 (NR)	1,000,000	1,011,294	979,524	0.39
4.65% Danainfra Nasional Berhad 20.10.2036 (NR)	5,000,000	5,749,096	4,961,963	1.95
4.79% Danainfra Nasional Berhad 6.4.2035 (NR)	5,000,000	5,838,769	5,084,130	2.00
4.53% Dialog Group Berhad 28.1.2032 (AA2)	5,000,000	5,095,564	4,929,714	1.94
4.98% GENM Capital Berhad 31.3.2027 (AA1 (S))	5,000,000	5,386,480	4,999,362	1.97
4.86% Genting Capital Berhad 8.6.2027 (AA1 (S))	5,000,000	5,318,770	4,918,762	1.94
4.38% Genting RMTN Berhad 8.11.2034 (AA1 (S))	3,000,000	3,019,080	2,560,320	1.01
3.45% Hong Leong Assurance Berhad 26.12.2025 (AA3)	10,000,000	10,002,836	9,606,036	3.78

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
3.85% Hong Leong Assurance Berhad 31.1.2030 (AA3)	4,200,000	4,265,566	4,209,874	1.66
5.10% Kimanis Power Sdn Berhad 8.8.2024 (AA IS)	1,000,000	1,023,326	1,046,471	0.41
5.24% Lebuhraya Duke Fasa 3 Sdn Berhad 23.8.2027 (AA- IS)	10,800,000	11,196,061	10,900,828	4.29
5.44% Lebuhraya Duke Fasa 3 Sdn Berhad 23.8.2029 (AA- IS)	5,000,000	5,292,818	5,016,086	1.98
3.87% Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad 30.12.2026 (AAA)	5,000,000	5,000,530	4,892,280	1.93
3.447% Malaysia Government 15.7.2036 (NR)	10,000,000	9,687,338	8,914,019	3.51
4.895% Malaysia Government 8.5.2047 (NR)	5,000,000	5,423,914	4,921,314	1.94
4.762% Malaysia Government 7.4.2037 (NR)	20,000,000	21,141,293	20,511,186	8.08
3.84% Malaysia Government 15.4.2033 (NR)	10,000,000	9,434,022	9,434,022	3.72
4.254% Malaysia Government 31.5.2035 (NR)	5,000,000	5,565,973	4,860,916	1.91
4.90% Manjung Island Energy Berhad 25.11.2031 (AAA (S))	1,450,000	1,601,633	1,465,061	0.58

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
4.58% Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional 28.2.2034 (NR)	10,000,000	10,153,085	10,006,785	3.94
4.93% Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional 17.8.2032 (NR)	4,000,000	4,075,874	4,156,997	1.64
3.15% Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd 28.8.2025 (AA- IS)	5,000,000	5,053,075	4,885,225	1.92
4.58% Point Zone (M) Sdn Bhd 7.3.2029 (AA- IS)	5,000,000	5,072,778	4,985,828	1.96
4.96% PONSb Capital Berhad 28.12.2028 (AA3 (S))	15,000,000	15,006,115	14,874,865	5.86
5.31% PONSb Capital Berhad 29.6.2029 (AA3 (S))	5,000,000	5,000,727	5,032,927	1.98
3.28% Prasarana Malaysia Berhad 23.2.2035 (NR)	5,000,000	5,056,954	4,378,664	1.72
3.80% Prasarana Malaysia Berhad 25.2.2050 (NR)	1,500,000	1,519,677	1,211,352	0.48
3.13% RHB Bank Berhad 20.11.2030 (AA3)	4,000,000	4,014,407	3,841,567	1.51
3.35% RHB Bank Berhad 28.5.2030 (AA3)	5,000,000	5,014,685	4,876,185	1.92
5.09% Southern Power Generation Sdn Berhad 30.4.2029 (AA- IS)	3,000,000	3,026,356	3,061,516	1.21
4.78% Tenaga Nasional Berhad 29.8.2033 (AAA)	5,000,000	5,364,234	5,015,590	1.98
4.65% Toyota Capital Malaysia Sdn Berhad 24.1.2023 (AAA (S))	1,500,000	1,530,444	1,540,858	0.61

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
5.05% YTL Power International Berhad 3.5.2027 (AA1)	3,000,000	3,124,862	3,037,368	1.20
TOTAL UNQUOTED FIXED INCOME SECURITIES	<u>233,450,000</u>	239,916,145	<u>230,168,566</u>	90.67
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>(9,747,579)</u>		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>230,168,566</u>		

The effective weighted average rate of return of unquoted fixed income securities per annum as at the date of the statement of financial position are as follows:

	2023	2022
	%	%
Unquoted fixed income securities	<u>4.47</u>	<u>4.74</u>

7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Bank balance with a licensed bank	271,740	136,706
Deposits with licensed financial institution	18,241,524	33,321,917
	<u>18,513,264</u>	<u>33,458,623</u>

The effective weighted average interest rate of short-term deposits with licensed financial institution per annum as at the date of statement of financial position are as follows:

	2023	2022
	%	%
Deposits with licensed financial institution	<u>3.05</u>	<u>2.10</u>

The deposits have an average maturity of 3 days (2022: 1 day).

8. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	2023	2022
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period	483,359,828	441,873,919
Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	57,808,095	148,972,625
Cancellation of units during the financial period	<u>(118,100,029)</u>	<u>(193,170,255)</u>
At the end of the financial period	<u>423,067,894</u>	<u>397,676,289</u>

9. TRANSACTIONS WITH DEALERS

Details of transactions with the dealers are as follows:

Name of dealers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
2023				
Maybank Islamic Berhad	15,043,500	28.94	-	-
AmBank (M) Berhad	15,000,000	28.85	-	-
AmlInvestment Bank Berhad	10,000,000	19.23	-	-
CIMB Bank Berhad	5,115,000	9.84	-	-
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	4,260,400	8.20	-	-
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	2,568,000	4.94	-	-
	51,986,900	100.00	-	-
2022				
CIMB Bank Berhad	110,322,400	40.81	-	-
United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Berhad	45,811,700	16.95	-	-
Bank of America Malaysia Berhad	30,601,500	11.32	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad	30,220,000	11.18	-	-
HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad	25,266,300	9.35	-	-
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	13,385,300	4.95	-	-
Citibank Berhad	9,350,000	3.46	-	-
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	5,355,500	1.98	-	-
	270,312,700	100.00	-	-

All dealers highlighted above are not related to the Manager. There are no brokerage fees charged by the dealers for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

10. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2023	2022
	%	%
TER	0.54	0.54

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A = Management fee

B = Trustee fee

C = Audit fee

D = Tax agent fee

E = Other expenses

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

The average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM298,757,515 (2022: RM276,378,879).

11. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	2023	2022
PTR (times)	0.09	0.49

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

$$\frac{(\text{Total acquisitions for the financial period} + \text{total disposals for the financial period}) \div 2}{\text{Average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis}}$$

where:

total acquisitions for the financial period = RM42,611,500 (2022: RM136,075,900)

total disposals for the financial period = RM9,375,400 (2022: RM134,396,321)

12. UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

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

Related parties	Relationship
Director of Eastspring Investments Berhad	Director of the Manager
Eastspring Investments Berhad	The Manager
Eastspring Investments Group Private Limited	Immediate holding company of the Manager
Prudential Plc	Ultimate holding company of the Manager

Units held by Manager and parties related to the Manager:

	2023		2022	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
Eastspring Investments Berhad	1,617	1,054	1,561	996
Director of Eastspring Investments Berhad	24,248	15,803	62,020	39,587

The above units were transacted at the prevailing market price.

The units are held legally beneficially by the Manager and are within the prescribed limit allowed by SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. Other than the above, there were no units held by the Directors or parties related to the Manager.

In addition to the related parties disclosure mentioned in the financial statements, there were no other significant related parties transactions and balances.

13. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 23 August 2023.

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