

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS TARGET INCOME FUND 9

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 MARCH 2023
TO 31 AUGUST 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 Semi-annual/Quarterly Fund Reports of Eastspring Investments Berhad's fund(s) for the reporting period ended 31 August 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, flowing script.

Raymond Tang Chee Kin

Non-Independent, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

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FUND INFORMATION

Name of Fund	<p>Eastspring Investments Target* Income Fund 9 (the “Fund”)</p> <p>* The Fund aims (i.e. Target) to distribute income on an annual basis from the coupon payments received from the bonds investments.</p>
Fund Category/ Type	Bond (close-ended)/income
Fund Objective	<p>The Fund endeavours to provide regular income** during the tenure of the Fund.</p> <p>** Income declared will be paid out either by way of e-payment (i.e. telegraphic, online transfer or other forms of electronic payment) according to Unit Holders’ instructions in the account opening form.</p> <p>ANY MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE FUND’S OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE UNIT HOLDERS’ APPROVAL.</p>
Termination Date	30 January 2025
Duration of the Fund	Five (5) years close-ended bond
Performance Benchmark	<p>5-year Maybank fixed deposit rate as at Commencement Date.</p> <p>Please note that investors may obtain information on the benchmark from the Manager upon request.</p> <p>As the Fund will invest in local and foreign markets across various bonds of different ratings, the risk profile of the Fund is not the same as the risk profile of the performance benchmark.</p>
Fund Income Distribution Policy	Subject to the availability of income, distribution of income, if any, will be on annual basis, after deduction of taxation and expenses.

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED

Category	2023	2022	2021
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Unquoted fixed income securities	89.48	82.89	88.39
Derivatives	(2.80)	(3.32)	1.34
Cash and other assets	13.32	20.43	10.27
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Net Asset Value (NAV) (RM'000)	168,967	180,159	218,063
Units In Circulation (Units '000)	199,006	210,676	215,574
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.8491	0.8551	1.0115
Highest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM) [#]	0.8706	0.8976	1.0115
Lowest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM) [#]	0.8461	0.8331	0.9940
Total Return (%)			
- Capital Growth	(2.33)	(3.65)	(1.87)
- Income Distribution	-	-	2.54
Total Return (%)	(2.33)	(3.65)	0.62
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	0.0255
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	0.0255
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%) [*]	0.26	0.26	0.25
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times) [^]	0.22	0.17	0.12

[#] Figures shown as ex-distribution.

^{*} 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 1.9.2022 to 31.8.2023	3 years 1.9.2020 to 31.8.2023	Since commencement 30.1.2020 to 31.8.2023
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Average total return	(1.33)	(4.48)	(3.28)

Year ended	1.3.2022 to 28.2.2023	1.3.2021 to 28.2.2022	Since commencement 30.1.2020 to 28.2.2021
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Annual total return	(2.67)	(11.18)	5.08

Source: The above total return of the Fund was sourced from Lipper for Investment Management.

Bases of calculation and assumptions made in calculating returns:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Percentage growth} &= \frac{\text{NAV}_t}{\text{NAV}_0} - 1 \\ \text{NAV}_t &= \text{NAV at the end of the period} \\ \text{NAV}_0 &= \text{NAV at the beginning of the period} \\ \text{Performance annualised} &= (1 + \text{Percentage Growth})^{1/n} - 1 \\ &\quad \text{Adjusted for unit split and distribution paid out for the period} \\ n &= \text{Number of years} \end{aligned}$$

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

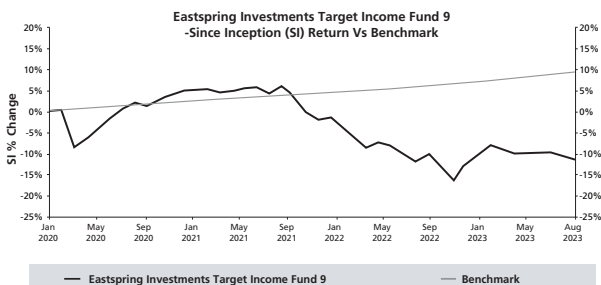
Fund Performance

Since inception, the Fund registered a return of -11.27%, underperforming the benchmark return of 9.20% by 20.47%.

During the period under review, the Fund registered a return of -2.33%, underperforming the benchmark return of 1.62% by 3.95%.

The Fund recorded a loss on the back of weaker risk sentiment. Positions in USD-denominated bonds detracted from returns on a hedged to MYR basis. Exposures to the China real estate sector weighed on performance, led by a sell-off in high yield and non-rated bonds. The mark-to-market value of the portfolio hedges also contributed negatively during the period.

On the other hand, allocations to the financial and quasi-sovereign added to returns. Oil & gas, as well as metal & mining credits also provided some buffer against losses.



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

Benchmark: 5-year Maybank fixed deposit rate as at Commencement Date.

Fund performance is sourced from Lipper for Investment Management, 31 August 2023 and the benchmark is obtainable from Eastspring Investments Berhad upon request.

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 31 August 2023:

Income Return	Capital Return*	Total Return	Total Return of Benchmark
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
0.00	(2.33)	(2.33)	1.62

* 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 31 August 2023.

Investment Strategy During the Period Under Review

As this is a close-ended bond fund, the Fund will be managed primarily with a semi-active management strategy. The Fund's bond investments will be typically held to maturity. At the maturity of these debt securities held by the Fund, the issuers will be obligated to pay the face value of the bonds, provided there is no occurrence of credit events e.g. default.

Nevertheless, the Fund Manager continues to monitor the Fund's investments and may trade and rebalance its investments under the following scenarios:

- Increased default risk and/or uptrend interest rate concerns;
- Hedging transactions in the event that the sale of the security at risk is not possible; and
- Reinvesting proceeds from maturing securities.

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	31-Aug 2023	28-Feb 2023	Changes
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Unquoted fixed income securities	89.48	101.74	(12.26)
Derivatives	(2.80)	(3.00)	0.20
Cash and other assets	13.32	1.26	12.06

Asset Allocation as at 31 August 2023



During the period under review, as the Fund employs hedging, the negative derivative position was due to the mark to market effect of the Fund's derivative holdings.

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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.

Cross-Trade Transaction

During the period under review, there were cross-trades executed through a dealer or a financial institution on an arm's length and fair value basis and in the best interest of the Fund. There were no cross-trades executed for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 August 2023. The investment committee for the Fund has reviewed that such trades for the month of March 2023 were transacted on an arm's length and fair value basis and in the best interest of the Fund.

MARKET REVIEW

Asian USD debt delivered a slight gain over the 6-month period ending 31 August 2023. However, risk aversion remained elevated as credit spreads widened and US Treasury yields climbed upwards.

Global risk appetite retreated in March as the collapse of Credit Suisse and several regional US banks dampened confidence and drove investors to the safety of high-quality fixed income assets. However, Swiss regulators, the Federal Reserve, and the FDIC quickly took decisive actions to strengthen public confidence in the banking system.

In May, market participants expressed concern about the US debt ceiling gridlock, which could have resulted in a US Treasury default and damaged economic conditions. Nonetheless, an agreement was eventually reached, and Congress acted to suspend the debt limit which, provided immediate relief to investors. During August, Fitch Ratings cited a weak fiscal outlook and downgraded the long-term issuer ratings for the United States, which led to a volatile Treasury market.

In China, the reopening optimism that begun at the start of the year faded during the second quarter. The Chinese economy lost momentum as export demand fell, lower consumption and a weak property market impacted sentiment. Real estate credits led decliners in the high yield market with a few developers struggling to meet their repayment obligations. Asian bonds registered a positive return despite high economic uncertainties. The JP Morgan Asia Credit 3-5 year Index was up by 0.6%.

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.

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS TARGET INCOME FUND 9

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 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 12 to 66 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deed and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 August 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the 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 October 2023

TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS TARGET INCOME FUND 9 ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 August 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, 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 October 2023

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME **FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	6-months financial period ended 31.8.2023	6-months financial period ended 31.8.2022
		RM	RM
INVESTMENT LOSS			
Interest income from deposits			
with licensed financial institutions		161,242	285,017
Interest income from unquoted			
fixed income securities		4,172,558	789,523
Other income		190,597	74,506
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at			
fair value through profit or loss	6	(1,067,236)	194,194
Net loss on forward foreign currency			
contracts	8	(5,845,247)	(9,416,287)
Net foreign currency exchange (loss)/gain		(225,645)	552,973
		<u>(2,613,731)</u>	<u>(7,520,074)</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	3	(349,750)	(370,036)
Trustee fee	4	(52,463)	(55,505)
Audit fee		(6,536)	(6,554)
Tax agent fee		(2,514)	(1,715)
Other expenses		(40,861)	(37,210)
		<u>(452,124)</u>	<u>(471,020)</u>
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		(3,065,855)	(7,991,094)
TAXATION	5	(913,433)	-
LOSS AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS		<u>(3,979,288)</u>	<u>(7,991,094)</u>
Loss after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		(16,858,456)	(10,632,526)
Unrealised amount		12,879,168	2,641,432
		<u>(3,979,288)</u>	<u>(7,991,094)</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 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		RM	RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	23,896,110	37,654,247
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	151,221,702	149,324,984
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	8	29,274	-
Other receivable		5,113	-
Tax recoverable		-	107,942
TOTAL ASSETS		175,152,199	187,087,173
LIABILITIES			
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	8	4,755,277	5,980,137
Accrued management fee		57,527	60,560
Amount due to Manager		170,424	-
Amount due to Trustee		8,629	9,084
Amount due to broker		935,573	860,499
Other payables and accruals		13,910	17,514
Tax payable		243,892	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,185,232	6,927,794
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		168,966,967	180,159,379
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		201,268,596	211,176,364
Accumulated losses		(32,301,629)	(31,016,985)
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		168,966,967	180,159,379
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	9	199,005,569	210,676,128
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		0.8491	0.8551

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY **FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	Unit holders' capital	Accumulated losses	Total
		RM	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 March 2023		207,621,861	(28,322,341)	179,299,520
Movement in unit holders' contribution:				
Cancellation of units		(6,353,265)	-	(6,353,265)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period		-	(3,979,288)	(3,979,288)
Balance as at 31 August 2023		<u>201,268,596</u>	<u>(32,301,629)</u>	<u>168,966,967</u>
Balance as at 1 March 2022		213,658,123	(23,025,891)	190,632,232
Movement in unit holders' contribution:				
Cancellation of units		(2,481,759)	-	(2,481,759)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period		-	(7,991,094)	(7,991,094)
Balance as at 31 August 2022		<u>211,176,364</u>	<u>(31,016,985)</u>	<u>180,159,379</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 CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	6-months financial period ended 31.8.2023	6-months financial period ended 31.8.2022
		RM	RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		65,431,674	37,680,999
Payments for purchase of investments		(38,334,046)	(41,483,040)
Net realised loss on forward foreign currency contracts		(6,497,530)	-
Interest income received from deposits with licensed financial institutions		161,242	285,017
Interest income received from unquoted fixed income securities		3,743,459	3,664,121
Exit fees received		186,762	94,600
Management fee paid		(347,602)	(369,210)
Trustee fee paid		(52,141)	(55,382)
Payment for other fees and expenses		(51,738)	(52,620)
Tax paid		(1,129,184)	(83,495)
Net realised foreign currency exchange (loss)/gain		(225,998)	552,403
Net cash generated from operating activities		22,884,898	233,393
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for cancellation of units		(6,225,454)	(3,151,570)
Net cash used in financing activities		(6,225,454)	(3,151,570)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
		16,659,444	(2,918,177)
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES			
		353	570
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD			
		7,236,313	40,571,854
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD			
	7	23,896,110	37,654,247

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 31 AUGUST 2023

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

A. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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 K.

a. Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2023:

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial year beginning on 1 March 2023 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

b. New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2023 and have not been early adopted:

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 March 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 short-term deposits placed with licensed financial institutions and unquoted fixed income securities are 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 method.

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, determined on cost adjusted for accretion of discount or amortisation of premium.

Exit fee income is a redemption fee charged to unit holders on cancellation of units before the maturity date and is recognised upon cancellation of units.

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.

Tax on interest income from foreign unquoted fixed income securities is based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in.

D. FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

Items included in the financial statements of the Fund are measured using the currency as 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. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

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

F. 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 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 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 other receivables 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 broker 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 the obligation under the liabilities are 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" including the effects of currency translation 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.

Derivative investments are forward foreign currency contracts. Financial derivative position will be "marked to market" at the close of each valuation day.

Foreign exchange gains and losses on the derivative financial instrument are recognised in statement of comprehensive income when settled or at date of the statement of financial position at which time they are included in the measurement of the derivative financial instrument.

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 as per the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. Unquoted fixed income securities denominated in foreign currencies are revalued on a daily basis by reference to the price obtained by Reuters. Where Reuters prices are not available on valuation day, these unquoted fixed income securities will be valued by reference to the average indicative yield quoted by three independent and reputable financial institutions.

Where such quotations are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA or the Reuters price 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 or the Reuters price;
- (ii) obtains necessary internal approvals to use the non-BPA price or the Reuters 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 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.

G. 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 with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

H. 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.

I. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A derivative financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset of one enterprise and a financial liability or equity instrument of another enterprise.

A financial asset is any asset that is cash, a contractual right to receive cash or another financial asset from another enterprise, a contractual right to exchange financial instruments with another enterprise under conditions that are potentially favourable, or an equity instrument of another enterprise.

A financial liability is any liability that is a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another enterprise, or to exchange financial instruments with another enterprise under conditions that are potentially unfavourable.

The Fund's derivative financial instruments comprise forward foreign currency contracts. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value.

The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using forward exchange rates at the date of statements of financial position with the resulting value discounted back to present value.

The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and the nature of the item being hedged. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are classified as financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy set out in Note F to the financial statements.

J. 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.

K. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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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1. INFORMATION ON THE FUND

Eastspring Investments Target Income Fund 9 (the “Fund”) was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 20 September 2019 entered into between Eastspring Investments Berhad (the “Manager”) and Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the “Trustee”).

The Fund was launched on 16 December 2019 and will continue its operations until terminated as provided under Part 12 of the Deed.

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in local and/or foreign debt securities. The Fund will invest a minimum of 70% of its NAV in local and/or foreign debt securities. Not more than 40% of the Fund’s NAV may be invested either in non-rated debt securities and/or debt securities rated below investment grade rating by RAM, MARC or other rating agencies (i.e. lower than BBB3 rating by RAM or below investment grade rating by other rating agencies) while the remainder will be invested in investment grade bonds. Additionally, up to 30% of the Fund’s NAV may be invested in liquid assets.

The main objective of the Fund is to provide regular income during the tenure of the Fund.

All investments will be subjected to the Securities Commission’s (“SC”) Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Deed 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 market risk (inclusive of price risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange/currency risk), country risk, fund management risk, liquidity risk, non-compliance risk, capital risk and credit/default 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 Deed.

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	Note	Financial assets at amortised cost	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	Total
		RM	RM	RM	RM
2023					
Cash and cash equivalents	7	23,896,110	-	-	23,896,110
Unquoted fixed income securities	6	-	151,221,702	-	151,221,702
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	8	-	29,274	(4,755,277)	(4,726,003)
Other receivable		5,113	-	-	5,113
		<u>23,901,223</u>	<u>151,250,976</u>	<u>(4,755,277)</u>	<u>170,396,922</u>
2022					
Cash and cash equivalents	7	37,654,247	-	-	37,654,247
Unquoted fixed income securities	6	-	149,324,984	-	149,324,984
Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	8	-	-	(5,980,137)	(5,980,137)
		<u>37,654,247</u>	<u>149,324,984</u>	<u>(5,980,137)</u>	<u>180,999,094</u>

All liabilities except forward foreign currency contract are financial liabilities which are carried at amortised cost.

Market risk

i. Price risk

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

The table below shows assets of the Fund as at 31 August which are exposed to price risk:

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Unquoted fixed income securities*	151,221,702	149,324,984

* Includes interest receivable of RM2,139,680 (2022: RM1,958,858).

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after tax and net asset value to movements in prices of unquoted fixed income securities at the end of each reporting financial period. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price of the unquoted fixed income securities increased by 5% 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	2023		2022	
	Market value	Impact on loss after tax and net asset value	Market value	Impact on loss after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM	RM	RM
+5% (2022: +5%)	156,536,123	7,454,101	154,734,432	7,368,306
-5% (2022: -5%)	141,627,921	(7,454,101)	139,997,820	(7,368,306)

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

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after tax and net asset value to movements in prices of unquoted fixed income securities held by the Fund at the end of each reporting financial year 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 loss after tax and net asset value	Impact on loss after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM
+1% (2022: +1%)	(128,030)	(172,741)
-1% (2022: -1%)	128,655	173,666

iii. Foreign exchange/Currency risk

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

The following table sets out the foreign exchange/currency risk concentrations and counterparties of the Fund.

	Unquoted fixed income securities	Forward foreign currency contracts	Cash and cash equivalents	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>				
EUR	-	-	107	107
SGD	814,059	(71,994)	43,243	785,308
USD	150,407,643	(4,654,009)	1,464,995	147,218,629
	<u>151,221,702</u>	<u>(4,726,003)</u>	<u>1,508,345</u>	<u>148,004,044</u>
<u>2022</u>				
SGD	753,520	(5,392)	17,137	765,265
USD	128,275,894	(5,974,745)	16,299,374	138,600,523
	<u>129,029,414</u>	<u>(5,980,137)</u>	<u>16,316,511</u>	<u>139,365,788</u>

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's loss after tax and net asset value to changes in foreign exchange movements at the end of each reporting financial year. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate changes by each currency's respective historical volatility, with all variables remain constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate.

Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

	Change in foreign exchange rate	Impact on loss after tax	Impact on net asset value
	%	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>			
EUR	4.42	5	5
SGD	3.20	25,130	25,130
USD	5.12	7,537,594	7,537,594
<u>2022</u>			
SGD	5.00	38,263	38,263
USD	5.00	6,930,026	6,930,026

Country risk

A unit trust fund that invests in foreign countries may experience more rapid and extreme changes in value than a unit trust fund that invests exclusively in Malaysia. Nationalisation, expropriation or confiscatory, taxation, currency blockage, political changes or diplomatic developments could adversely affect a unit trust fund's investments in a foreign country. In the event of nationalisation, expropriation or other confiscation, a unit trust fund could lose its entire investment in foreign countries. Adverse conditions in a certain region can adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated. Careful consideration shall be given to risk factors such as liquidity, political and economic environment before any investments are made in a foreign country.

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 has an oversight function over management of the Fund by the management company to safeguard the interests of unit holders.

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	More than 1 year	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM

2023

Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	-	4,755,277	-	4,755,277
Accrued management fee	57,527	-	-	57,527
Amount due to Manager	170,424	-	-	170,424
Amount due to Trustee	8,629	-	-	8,629
Amount due to broker	935,573	-	-	935,573
Other payables and accruals	-	13,910	-	13,910
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	<u>1,172,153</u>	<u>4,769,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,941,340</u>

2022

Forward foreign currency contracts at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	5,980,137	5,980,137
Accrued management fee	60,560	-	-	60,560
Amount due to Trustee	9,084	-	-	9,084
Amount due to broker	860,499	-	-	860,499
Other payables and accruals	-	17,514	-	17,514
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	<u>930,143</u>	<u>17,514</u>	<u>5,980,137</u>	<u>6,927,794</u>

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 RM201,268,596 (2022: RM211,176,364) and accumulated losses of RM32,301,629 (2022: RM31,016,985). 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.

Credit/Default risk

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

Credit risk arising from cash and bank balances is managed by ensuring that they are held by parties with credit rating of AA1 or higher.

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.

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

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

	Cash and cash equivalents	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Other receivables	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2023				
Financial Services				
- AA1	6,289,552	-	-	6,289,552
- AAA	17,606,558	-	-	17,606,558
Unquoted Fixed Income Securities				
Consumer Discretionary				
- Baa1	-	914,238	-	914,238
- BB-	-	1,781,091	-	1,781,091
Energy				
- B2	-	3,078,480	-	3,078,480
- Ba1	-	7,926,364	-	7,926,364
- Baa3	-	9,769,371	-	9,769,371
- BBB-	-	3,686,043	-	3,686,043
Financials				
- A	-	930,142	-	930,142
- A-	-	4,143,220	-	4,143,220
- A+	-	3,742,564	-	3,742,564
- A3	-	920,088	-	920,088
- AA+	-	5,683,542	-	5,683,542
- Aa3	-	11,346,543	-	11,346,543
- B	-	1,710,136	-	1,710,136
- Ba1	-	2,569,002	-	2,569,002
- Baa2	-	6,958,166	-	6,958,166
- Baa3	-	15,143,034	-	15,143,034
- BBB-	-	10,793,462	-	10,793,462
- BBB+	-	4,674,062	-	4,674,062
- Caa1	-	4,025,989	-	4,025,989

	Cash and cash equivalents	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Other receivables	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>2023</u> (continued)				
Government				
- AA	-	1,816,201	-	1,816,201
- Aa2	-	939,772	-	939,772
- Baa3	-	1,858,656	-	1,858,656
- BB+	-	2,760,916	-	2,760,916
- BBB-	-	8,520,631	-	8,520,631
- BBB+	-	926,036	-	926,036
- NR	-	2,869,400	-	2,869,400
Industrials				
- Baa2	-	9,135,465	-	9,135,465
- Baa3	-	896,281	-	896,281
- BBB	-	1,815,044	-	1,815,044
- BBB-	-	9,387,282	-	9,387,282
- NR	-	814,059	-	814,059
Materials				
- Baa1	-	1,827,789	-	1,827,789
- Baa2	-	1,863,656	-	1,863,656
- BBB+	-	2,308,324	-	2,308,324
Utilities				
- Ba2	-	910,849	-	910,849
Other				
- NR	-	2,775,804	5,113	2,780,917
Forward Foreign Currency Contracts				
- AAA	-	29,274	-	29,274
	23,896,110	151,250,976	5,113	175,152,199

	Cash and cash equivalents	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Total
	RM	RM	RM
2022			
Financial Services			
- AA1	17,650,055	-	17,650,055
- AA2	20,004,192	-	20,004,192
Unquoted Fixed Income Securities			
- AAA (S)	-	5,083,734	5,083,734
- AAA	-	4,968,552	4,968,552
- AA	-	1,786,342	1,786,342
- A-3	-	889,633	889,633
- A+	-	1,783,036	1,783,036
- A-	-	11,058,872	11,058,872
- Baa1	-	1,772,487	1,772,487
- BBB+	-	14,799,310	14,799,310
- Baa2	-	4,355,803	4,355,803
- BBB	-	21,002,357	21,002,357
- BBB-	-	45,104,001	45,104,001
- BB	-	1,292,794	1,292,794
- BB-	-	4,062,535	4,062,535
- B+	-	10,055,845	10,055,845
- B3	-	307,855	307,855
- B	-	3,428,321	3,428,321
- B-	-	2,305,368	2,305,368
- CCC+	-	139,244	139,244
- CCC	-	347,748	347,748
- C	-	100,341	100,341
- NR	-	14,680,806	14,680,806
	37,654,247	149,324,984	186,979,231

None of these financial assets are past due or impaired.

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 traded derivatives and 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. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each financial period end date. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments such as options, currency swaps and other over-the-counter derivatives, include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

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.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets				
at fair value through profit or loss:				
Unquoted fixed income securities	-	151,221,702	-	151,221,702
Forward foreign currency contract	-	29,274	-	29,274
Financial liabilities				
at fair value through profit or loss:				
Forward foreign currency contracts	-	(4,755,277)	-	(4,755,277)
<u>2022</u>				
Financial assets				
at fair value through profit or loss:				
Unquoted fixed income securities	-	149,324,984	-	149,324,984
Financial liabilities				
at fair value through profit or loss:				
Forward foreign currency contracts	-	(5,980,137)	-	(5,980,137)

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, these include unquoted fixed income securities and forward foreign currency contracts. 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 F to the financial statements.

- ii. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, other receivables and all liabilities, except for forward foreign currency contracts 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 0.40% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund accrued and calculated on a daily basis.

For the financial period ended 31 August 2023, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 0.40% (2022: 0.40%) per annum on the net asset value of the Fund, excluding foreign custodian charges, 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 0.06% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM15,000 per annum (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges).

For the financial period ended 31 August 2023, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.06% (2022: 0.06%) per annum on the net asset value of the Fund, excluding foreign custodian charges, 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 31.8.2023	6-months financial period ended 31.8.2022
	RM	RM

Tax charged for the financial period:

Current taxation - local	913,433	-
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The numerical reconciliation between loss before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	6-months financial period ended 31.8.2023	6-months financial period ended 31.8.2022
	RM	RM
Loss before taxation	(3,065,855)	(7,991,094)
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	(735,805)	(1,917,863)
Tax effects of:		
Investment loss not deductible for tax purposes	1,540,728	1,804,818
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	23,001	22,663
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	85,509	90,382
Taxation	913,433	-

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	<u>151,221,702</u>	<u>149,324,984</u>
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Realised loss on disposals	(13,293,768)	(11,862,955)
Change in unrealised fair value gain	<u>12,226,532</u>	<u>12,057,149</u>
	<u>(1,067,236)</u>	<u>194,194</u>

Unquoted fixed income securities

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	SGD	RM	RM	%
2.90% Keppel Corporation Limited 31.12.2099 (NR)	250,000	2,492,033	814,059	0.48

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
5.00% Bangkok Bank Public Co Ltd (Hong Kong Branch) 3.10.2023 (BBB+)	200,000	940,962	945,805	0.56
4.00% Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited 8.5.2025 (Baa3)	500,000	2,175,526	2,278,356	1.35
3.425% CCCI Treasury Limited 31.12.2099 (Baa2)	1,000,000	4,147,287	4,462,238	2.64
3.85% Central Plaza Development Ltd 14.7.2025 (BBB-)	500,000	2,069,051	1,756,325	1.04
4.10% Chinalco Capital Holdings Limited 31.12.2099 (BBB+)	500,000	2,160,019	2,308,324	1.37
4.00% Chouzhou International Investment Limited 18.2.2025 (Baa3)	200,000	827,774	896,281	0.53
3.97% CRCC Chengan Limited 31.12.2099 (Baa1)	200,000	877,327	914,238	0.54
4.10% Elect Global Investments Limited 31.12.2099 (Baa3)	500,000	2,140,936	1,939,477	1.15
3.875% Export-Import Bank of India 12.3.2024 (BBB-)	600,000	2,775,601	2,801,622	1.66

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
6.07% Export-Import Bank of India				
6.3.2024 (BBB-)	1,000,000	4,621,824	4,765,431	2.82
6.20% Export-Import Bank of India				
20.3.2024 (BBB-)	200,000	922,115	953,578	0.56
4.974% GLP China Holdings Limited				
26.2.2024 (BBB-)	1,200,000	5,025,697	4,810,095	2.85
3.875% GLP Pte Ltd				
4.6.2025 (BBB-)	200,000	785,930	605,698	0.36
5.50% Greenko Wind Projects (Mauritius) Ltd				
6.4.2025 (Ba2)	200,000	866,105	910,849	0.54
6.814% Huarong Finance 2019 Co., Ltd 24.2.2025 (Ba1)	400,000	1,675,809	1,686,040	1.00
3.75% Huarong Finance 2019 Co., Ltd 29.5.2024 (Ba1)	200,000	904,918	882,962	0.52
4.75% Indian Oil Corporation Limited				
16.1.2024 (Baa3)	600,000	2,686,141	2,785,031	1.65
3.73% Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited 29.3.2024 (Baa3)	400,000	1,796,825	1,858,656	1.10
5.40% Kookmin Bank 28.5.2024 (Aa3)	200,000	931,016	937,350	0.55
5.09% Kookmin Bank 18.10.2023 (Aa3)	200,000	941,769	931,806	0.55

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
5.10% Kookmin Bank 18.10.2023 (Aa3)	400,000	1,940,911	1,934,080	1.14
5.40% Kookmin Bank 22.1.2024 (Aa3)	800,000	3,590,173	3,815,917	2.26
5.83% Kookmin Bank 28.6.2024 (Aa3)	200,000	937,213	931,808	0.55
5.342% Korea Development Bank 17.1.2024 (NR)	600,000	2,713,365	2,869,400	1.70
5.36% Korea Development Bank 25.11.2023 (Aa2)	200,000	928,243	939,772	0.56
3.625% Korea Expressway Corporation 18.5.2025 (AA)	400,000	1,772,340	1,816,201	1.07
7.25% LMIRT Capital Pte Ltd 19.6.2024 (Caa1)	600,000	2,650,259	1,768,784	1.05
4.875% Melco Resorts Finance Limited 6.6.2025 (BB-)	400,000	1,677,934	1,781,091	1.05
3.375% Minmetals Bounteous Finance (BVI) Limited 31.12.2099 (Baa1)	400,000	1,720,752	1,827,789	1.08
3.625% MISC Capital Two (Labuan) Limited 6.4.2025 (BBB)	400,000	1,724,025	1,815,044	1.07
5.36% NongHyup Bank 22.4.2024 (A+)	400,000	1,795,654	1,881,534	1.11

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
5.42% NongHyup Bank 27.11.2023 (A+)	400,000	1,900,295	1,861,030	1.10
5.375% Oil India Limited 17.4.2024 (Baa3)	1,000,000	4,551,149	4,705,984	2.79
4.625% ONGC Videsh Limited 15.7.2024 (BBB-)	800,000	3,513,888	3,686,043	2.18
3.25% Power Finance Corporation Limited 16.9.2024 (Baa3)	1,000,000	4,285,276	4,572,758	2.71
4.25% PT Adaro Indonesia 31.10.2024 (Ba1)	1,750,000	7,430,681	7,926,364	4.69
3.75% PT Bank Mandiri (Persero) TBK 11.4.2024 (Baa2)	1,500,000	6,489,843	6,958,166	4.12
4.75% PT Indonesia Asahan Aluminium (Persero) 15.5.2025 (Baa2)	200,000	874,776	922,982	0.55
5.71% PT Indonesia Asahan Aluminium (Persero) 15.11.2023 (Baa2)	200,000	867,959	940,674	0.56
4.875% PT Pelabuhan Indonesia II (Persero) 1.10.2024 (Baa2)	1,000,000	4,449,490	4,673,227	2.77
4.45% PT Saka Energi Indonesia 5.5.2024 (B2)	666,000	2,988,428	3,078,480	1.82

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
4.25% PT Tower Bersama Infrastructure TBK 21.1.2025 (BBB-)	1,014,000	4,510,204	4,577,187	2.71
3.50% REC Limited 12.12.2024 (Baa3)	1,500,000	6,419,776	6,782,868	4.01
5.25% REC Limited 13.11.2023 (Baa3)	200,000	913,179	939,833	0.56
4.20% Republic of The Philippines 21.1.2024 (BBB+)	200,000	882,060	926,036	0.55
3.766% RHB Bank Berhad 19.2.2024 (A3)	200,000	879,045	920,088	0.54
3.00% Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation 11.9.2024 (Baa3)	200,000	850,098	908,098	0.54
5.805% Shinhan Bank 24.5.2024 (Aa3)	200,000	908,397	929,913	0.55
5.00% Shinhan Bank 14.10.2023 (Aa3)	400,000	1,871,553	1,865,669	1.10
4.80% Socialist Republic of Vietnam 19.11.2024 (BB+)	600,000	2,793,469	2,760,916	1.63
4.375% State Bank of India 24.1.2024 (BBB-)	400,000	1,782,120	1,845,609	1.09
4.50% State Bank of India 28.9.2023 (BBB-)	1,000,000	4,472,295	4,719,098	2.79

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
4.875% State Bank of India 17.4.2024 (BBB-)	400,000	1,869,288	1,866,732	1.10
0.80% Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Limited 12.9.2023 (A)	200,000	886,552	930,142	0.55
5.40% The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited 26.2.2024 (AA+)	200,000	910,832	950,902	0.56
4.90% The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited 21.2.2024 (AA+)	1,000,000	4,470,141	4,732,640	2.80
8.125% Theta Capital Pte. Ltd. 22.1.2025 (Caa1)	600,000	2,497,168	2,257,205	1.34
0.00% United States of America 12.9.2023 (NR)	200,000	899,852	925,905	0.55
0.00% United States of America 19.9.2023 (NR)	400,000	1,809,875	1,849,899	1.09
4.75% Woori Bank 30.4.2024 (BBB+)	800,000	3,461,779	3,728,257	2.21
4.30% Xi Yang Overseas Limited 5.6.2024 (A-)	900,000	3,971,567	4,143,220	2.45

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
6.80% Yanlord Land (HK) Co., Ltd 27.2.2024 (B)	400,000	1,651,469	1,710,136	1.01
	<u>33,580,000</u>	149,278,038	<u>151,221,702</u>	<u>89.48</u>

**ACCUMULATED
UNREALISED GAIN ON
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT
FAIR VALUE THROUGH
PROFIT OR LOSS**

1,943,664

**TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT
FAIR VALUE THROUGH
PROFIT OR LOSS**

151,221,702

Unquoted fixed income securities

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%

3.795% Malaysia Government 30.9.2022 (NR)	5,000,000	5,084,855	5,085,590	2.82
4.059% Malaysia Government 30.9.2024 (NR)	5,000,000	5,221,054	5,157,694	2.86

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	SGD	RM	RM	%

2.90% Keppel Corporation Limited 31.12.2099 (NR)	250,000	2,513,521	753,520	0.42
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Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%

8.375% Agile Group Holdings Limited 4.12.2023 (B3)	250,000	1,071,135	307,855	0.17
2.80% Alibaba Group Holding Limited 6.6.2023 (A+)	400,000	1,685,771	1,783,036	0.99

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
2.80% Beijing Capital Polaris Investment Co., Ltd 18.3.2023 (BBB)	500,000	2,161,360	2,240,351	1.24
4.00% Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited 8.5.2025 (BBB-)	500,000	2,193,690	2,231,107	1.24
2.25% Cagamas Berhad 26.10.2023 (AAA)	5,000,000	4,970,059	4,968,552	2.76
3.425% CCCI Treasure Limited 21.11.2024 (Baa2)	1,000,000	4,146,547	4,355,803	2.42
7.25% Central China Real Estate Limited 16.7.2024 (B)	500,000	1,965,936	811,612	0.45
7.65% Central China Real Estate Limited 27.8.2023 (B)	200,000	874,114	363,155	0.20
3.85% Central Plaza Development Ltd 14.7.2025 (BBB-)	500,000	2,070,270	1,834,399	1.02
4.10% Chinalco Capital Holdings Limited 11.9.2024 (BBB+)	500,000	2,171,634	2,263,533	1.26
4.00% Chouzhou International Investment Limited 18.2.2025 (BBB)	200,000	827,232	871,485	0.48
6.00% CIFI Holdings (Group) Co., Ltd 16.1.2023 (BB-)	500,000	2,118,579	1,191,203	0.66
6.45% CIFI Holdings (Group) Co., Ltd 7.11.2022 (BB-)	400,000	1,730,829	1,038,729	0.58

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
4.30% Coastal Emerald Limited 1.8.2024 (A-)	1,200,000	5,095,928	5,186,708	2.88
5.125% Country Garden Holdings Company Limited 17.1.2025 (BBB-)	600,000	2,478,125	1,372,437	0.76
3.96% Danum Capital Berhad 9.5.2023 (AAA (S))	5,000,000	5,095,850	5,083,734	2.82
4.10% Elect Global Investments Limited 3.6.2025 (BBB)	500,000	2,138,656	2,030,686	1.13
4.25% Future Diamond Limited 22.9.2022 (NR)	200,000	847,940	889,226	0.49
4.90% Gansu Provincial Highway Aviation Tourism Investment Group Co., Ltd 30.3.2025 (BBB+)	200,000	854,925	859,503	0.48
4.974% GLP China Holdings Limited 26.2.2024 (BBB-)	1,200,000	5,053,170	5,050,381	2.80
4.875% Greenko Investment Company 16.8.2023 (B+)	200,000	860,499	858,710	0.48
5.50% Greenko Wind Projects (Mauritius) Ltd 6.4.2025 (BB)	200,000	861,666	822,905	0.46

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
3.50% Guangxi Communications Investment Group Co., Ltd 17.9.2022 (BBB)	1,500,000	6,536,471	6,809,614	3.78
3.75% HBIS Group Hong Kong Co., Ltd 18.12.2022 (BBB+)	2,000,000	8,466,461	8,948,664	4.97
4.23% Huarong Finance 2019 Co., Ltd 24.1.2025 (BBB+)	700,000	2,930,694	2,727,610	1.51
3.73% Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited 29.3.2024 (BBB-)	400,000	1,785,863	1,795,665	1.00
3.625% Korea Expressway Corporation 18.5.2025 (AA)	400,000	1,769,754	1,786,342	0.99
5.875% KWG Group Holdings Limited 10.11.2024 (CCC+)	200,000	760,942	139,244	0.08
7.25% LMIRT Capital Pte Ltd 19.6.2024 (B)	600,000	2,603,907	2,253,554	1.25
5.75% Logan Group Company Limited 14.1.2023 (CCC)	200,000	826,210	161,070	0.09
3.375% Minmetals Bounteous Finance (BVI) Limited 31.12.2099 (Baa1)	400,000	1,719,664	1,772,487	0.98

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
3.625% MISC Capital Two (Labuan)				
Limited 6.4.2025 (BBB)	400,000	1,720,197	1,766,515	0.98
4.80% New Metro Global Limited				
15.12.2024 (BB)	200,000	916,589	469,889	0.26
3.25% Power Finance Corporation Limited				
16.9.2024 (BBB-)	1,000,000	4,287,096	4,406,424	2.45
7.125% Powerlong Real Estate Holdings Limited				
15.1.2024 (NR)	200,000	877,165	137,892	0.08
4.25% PT Adaro Indonesia				
31.10.2022 (BBB-)	1,750,000	7,314,149	7,696,670	4.27
3.75% PT Bank Mandiri (Persero)				
TBK 11.4.2024 (BBB-)	1,500,000	6,541,146	6,720,015	3.73
4.625% PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero)				
TBK 20.7.2023 (BBB-)	200,000	889,119	899,397	0.50
4.75% PT Indonesia Asahan Aluminium (Persero)				
15.5.2025 (BBB-)	200,000	872,667	914,026	0.51
5.71% PT Indonesia Asahan Aluminium (Persero)				
15.11.2023 (BBB-)	200,000	891,686	923,266	0.51
4.50% PT Pelabuhan Indonesia II (Persero)				
2.5.2023 (BBB)	600,000	2,610,632	2,720,975	1.51

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
4.875% PT Pelabuhan Indonesia II (Persero) 1.10.2024 (BBB)	800,000	3,579,882	3,669,799	2.04
4.45% PT Saka Energi Indonesia 5.5.2024 (B+)	800,000	3,309,954	3,330,764	1.85
4.25% PT Tower Bersama Infrastructure TBK 21.1.2025 (BBB-)	514,000	2,223,099	2,255,879	1.25
3.50% REC Limited 12.12.2024 (BBB-)	1,500,000	6,425,748	6,570,408	3.65
5.25% REC Limited 13.11.2023 (BBB-)	200,000	919,226	914,482	0.51
6.45% Renew Power Private Limited 27.9.2022 (BB-)	400,000	1,765,964	1,832,603	1.02
3.766% RHB Bank Berhad 19.2.2024 (A-3)	200,000	883,123	889,633	0.49
3.00% Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation 11.9.2024 (NR)	200,000	852,436	878,905	0.49
6.70% RKPF Overseas 2019 (A) Limited 30.9.2022 (B+)	700,000	2,979,522	1,845,735	1.02
7.875% RKPF Overseas 2019 (A) Limited 1.2.2023 (B+)	200,000	860,408	787,704	0.44
8.10% Ronshine China Holdings Limited 9.6.2023 (CCC)	500,000	2,094,361	186,678	0.10

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
0.00% Scenery Journey Limited 24.10.2022 (C)	200,000	784,927	40,266	0.02
4.80% Shandong Iron and Steel Xinheng International Company Limited 28.7.2024 (NR)	200,000	848,937	833,864	0.46
6.00% Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance I Limited 30.7.2024 (BBB-)	700,000	3,093,494	1,519,445	0.84
4.25% SSG Resources Limited 4.10.2022 (A-)	400,000	1,743,848	1,818,617	1.01
3.70% Taiyuan Longcheng Development Investment Group Co., Ltd 26.6.2023 (NR)	200,000	858,978	878,551	0.49
8.125% Theta Capital Pte Ltd 22.1.2025 (B-)	600,000	2,499,286	2,305,368	1.28
4.15% Vanke Real Estate (Hong Kong) Company Limited 18.4.2023 (BBB)	200,000	884,119	892,932	0.50
4.30% Xi Yang Overseas Limited 5.6.2024 (A-)	900,000	3,988,765	4,053,547	2.25
6.80% Yanlord Land (HK) Co., Ltd 27.2.2024 (B+)	800,000	3,328,235	3,232,932	1.79
8.30% Zhenro Properties Group Limited 15.9.2023 (NR)	200,000	903,799	65,564	0.04

Unquoted fixed income securities (continued)

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	USD	RM	RM	%
6.50% Zhenro Properties Group Limited 1.9.2022 (C)	200,000	859,597	60,075	0.03
	<u>53,264,000</u>	<u>164,101,465</u>	<u>149,324,984</u>	<u>82.89</u>

**ACCUMULATED
UNREALISED LOSS ON
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT
FAIR VALUE THROUGH
PROFIT OR LOSS**

(14,776,481)

**TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT
FAIR VALUE THROUGH
PROFIT OR LOSS**

149,324,984

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>5.57</u>	<u>5.50</u>

7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Bank balances with a licensed bank	6,289,552	17,650,055
Deposits with licensed financial institution	17,606,558	20,004,192
	<u>23,896,110</u>	<u>37,654,247</u>

The currency exposure profile of cash and cash equivalents are as follows:

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
EUR	107	-
MYR	22,387,765	21,337,736
SGD	43,243	17,137
USD	1,464,995	16,299,374
	<u>23,896,110</u>	<u>37,654,247</u>

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

	2023	2022
	%	%
Deposits with licensed financial institution	<u>3.40</u>	<u>2.55</u>

The deposits have an average maturity of 4 days (2022: 5 day).

8. FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

As at the date of statement of financial position, there are 23 (2022: 33) forward foreign currency contracts outstanding. The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to RM148,267,650 (2022: RM174,200,870). The forward foreign currency contracts entered into during the financial period were for hedging against the currency exposure arising from the investment in the foreign unquoted fixed income securities denominated in USD. As the Fund has not adopted hedge accounting during the financial period, the change in the fair value of the forward foreign currency contracts is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

	2023	2022
	RM	RM

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

Forward foreign currency contracts

29,274

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Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:

Forward foreign currency contracts

4,755,277

5,980,137

	2023	2022
	RM	RM

Net loss on forward foreign currency contracts

at fair value through profit or loss:

Realised loss on forward foreign currency contracts

(6,497,530)

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Unrealised gain/(loss) on forward foreign

currency contracts

652,283

(9,416,287)

(5,845,247)

(9,416,287)

Forward foreign currency contracts

Name of issuer	Receivables	Payables	Fair value as at 31.8.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
CIMB Bank Berhad	56,646,550	58,494,001	(1,847,451)	(1.09)
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	4,549,800	4,575,672	(25,872)	(0.02)
HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad	87,071,300	89,923,980	(2,852,680)	(1.69)
	<u>148,267,650</u>	<u>152,993,653</u>	<u>(4,726,003)</u>	<u>(2.80)</u>

Name of issuer	Receivables	Payables	Fair value as at 31.8.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
CIMB Bank Berhad	73,879,517	76,267,649	(2,388,132)	(1.33)
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	47,265,637	48,872,205	(1,606,568)	(0.89)
HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad	53,055,716	55,041,153	(1,985,437)	(1.10)
	<u>174,200,870</u>	<u>180,181,007</u>	<u>(5,980,137)</u>	<u>(3.32)</u>

9. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	2023	2022
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period	206,383,971	213,578,842
Cancellation of units during the financial period	(7,378,402)	(2,902,714)
At the end of the financial period	<u>199,005,569</u>	<u>210,676,128</u>

10. TRANSACTIONS WITH DEALERS

Details of transactions with the top 10 dealers are as follows:

Name of dealers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
<u>2023</u>				
HSBC Bank Singapore	13,782,830	18.62	-	-
BNP Paribas S.A.	8,598,732	11.62	-	-
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	7,271,704	9.82	-	-
CMB International Global Markets Limited	7,200,300	9.73	-	-
Hong Leong Bank Singapore	4,962,500	6.70	-	-
UBS AG London	3,687,242	4.98	-	-
Deutsche Bank AG	3,005,109	4.06	-	-
DBS Bank Limited	2,739,391	3.70	-	-
J.P. Morgan Securities Plc	2,712,901	3.67	-	-
BOFA Securities, Inc.	2,705,371	3.66	-	-
Others	17,348,454	23.44	-	-
	<u>74,014,534</u>	<u>100.00</u>	-	-

Name of issuer	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
<u>2022</u>				
BNP Paribas S.A.	7,686,428	13.65	-	-
Deutsche Bank AG	7,388,423	13.12	-	-
HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad	5,010,750	8.90	-	-
CIMB Bank Singapore	5,009,100	8.90	-	-
Hong Leong Bank Singapore	4,928,500	8.75	-	-
Nomura International Plc	4,601,841	8.17	-	-
Barclays Capital Inc	4,429,484	7.87	-	-
HSBC Bank Singapore	2,543,156	4.52	-	-
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	2,067,822	3.67	-	-
SGX Bond Trading Pte Ltd	1,938,434	3.44	-	-
Others	10,690,641	19.01	-	-
	<u>56,294,579</u>	<u>100.00</u>	-	-

All dealers highlighted above are not related to the Manager.

11. 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:

	No. of units	2023		2022	
		RM	No. of units	RM	
Eastspring Investments Berhad	1,000	849	1,000	860	

The above units were transacted at the prevailing market price.

The units are held legally and 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.

12. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2023	2022
	%	%
TER	0.26	0.26

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 RM173,960,546 (2022: RM183,570,653).

13. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	2023	2022
PTR (times)	0.22	0.17

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 = RM34,784,619 (2022: RM42,343,539)

total disposals for the financial period = RM41,718,574 (2022: RM19,554,061)

14. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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