

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ISLAMIC SMALL-CAP FUND

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD
ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024



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 30 November 2024.

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 be 'S. Hoon', written in a cursive style.

YAP SIOK HOON

Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

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FUND INFORMATION

Name of Fund	Eastspring Investments Islamic Small-cap Fund (the "Fund")
Fund Category/ Type	Equity (small-cap Shariah/Growth)
Fund Objective	<p>The Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing in small market capitalisation Shariah-compliant securities of companies with growth potential.</p> <p>ANY MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE UNIT HOLDERS' APPROVAL.</p>
Performance Benchmark	<p>FTSE Bursa Malaysia Small Cap Shariah Index.</p> <p>The performance benchmark of the Fund was previously benchmarked against the composite benchmark of 80% FTSE Bursa Malaysia Small Cap Shariah Index + 20% FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Shariah Index. However, this has been replaced with FTSE Bursa Malaysia Small Cap Shariah Index with effect from 1 February 2023.</p> <p>Source: www.bursamalaysia.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	<p>Subject to the availability of income, distribution of income, if any, will be incidental, after deduction of taxation and expenses.</p>

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED

Category	2024	2023	2022
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Quoted Shariah-compliant securities			
Construction	8.44	10.13	9.81
Consumer Products & Services	20.39	22.84	25.99
Energy	2.15	3.51	4.91
Financial Services	3.28	5.69	5.67
Health Care	5.95	4.25	2.76
Industrial Products & Services	22.21	14.35	6.09
Islamic Real Estate Investment Trust	5.93	6.39	4.85
Plantation	2.98	4.65	8.48
Property	5.06	6.50	3.99
Technology	11.01	9.59	2.26
Transportation & Logistics	0.19	-	0.30
Utilities	3.25	2.15	2.78
	90.84	90.05	77.89
Cash and other assets	9.16	9.95	22.11
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Net Asset Value (NAV) (RM'000)	97,676	89,366	98,234
Units In Circulation (Units '000)	155,357	175,981	204,606
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.6287	0.5078	0.4801
Highest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.6515	0.5139	0.4980
Lowest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.5766	0.4777	0.4462
Total Return (%)			
- Capital Growth	2.88	5.57	(2.40)
- Income Distribution	-	-	-
Total Return (%)	2.88	5.57	(2.40)
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%)*	0.80	0.80	0.80
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)^	0.20	0.14	0.18

* 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 1.12.2023 to 30.11.2024	3 years 1.12.2021 to 30.11.2024	5 years 1.12.2019 to 30.11.2024
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Average total return	23.81	7.64	4.62

Year ended	1.6.2023 to 31.5.2024	1.6.2022 to 31.5.2023	1.6.2021 to 31.5.2022	1.6.2020 to 31.5.2021	1.6.2019 to 31.5.2020
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Annual total return	27.05	(2.22)	(3.94)	7.88	1.70

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

$$n = \text{Number of years}$$

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

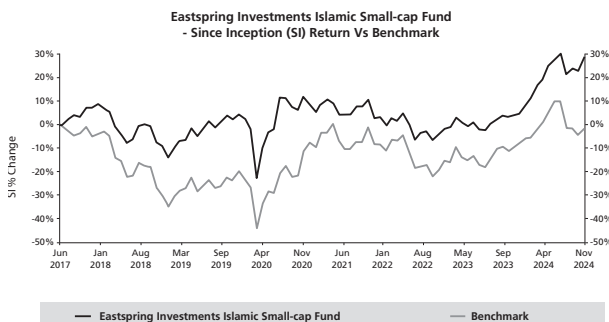
MANAGER'S REPORT

Fund Performance

Over the 5-year period, the Fund registered a return of 25.38%, underperforming the benchmark return of 29.05% by 3.67%.

During the period under review, the Fund recorded a return of 2.88%, outperforming the benchmark return of -7.20% by 10.08%.

The outperformance was mainly attributed to Fund's stock holdings within the industrials and consumer discretionary sectors.



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

Benchmark: FTSE Bursa Malaysia Small Cap Shariah Index.

Source: Lipper for Investment Management and www.bursamalaysia.com, as at 30 November 2024.

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 November 2024:

Income Return	Capital Return*	Total Return	Total Return of Benchmark
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
0.00	2.88	2.88	(7.20)

* 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 November 2024.

Investment Strategy During the Period Under Review

During the period under review, the Fund remained constructive and took the opportunity on market volatility to raise its Shariah-compliant equity exposure. The Fund raised its exposure in selected industrial and utilities stocks, while reducing exposure to energy and real estate sectors.

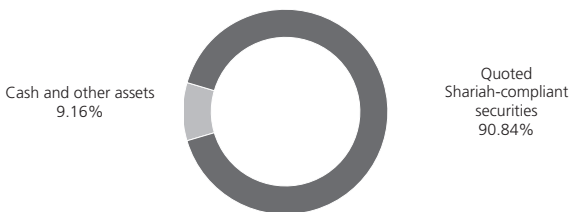
The Fund remained constructive on domestic-driven sectors such as industrials and continue to like structural growth theme within technology sector.

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	30-Nov 2024	31-May 2024	Changes
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Quoted Shariah-compliant securities	90.84	88.07	2.77
Cash and other assets	9.16	11.93	(2.77)

Asset Allocation as at 30 November 2024



There were no significant changes in asset allocation of the Fund for the period under review.

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

Malaysian equity markets saw some consolidation in June 2024 which could be related to profit taking activities, following the strong 1H24 performance thus far. The FTSE rebalancing at the beginning of the month saw Sunway Berhad replacing AMMB as a constituent of the KLCI. During the month diesel retail price at the pump was raised to RM3.35/litre from RM2.15/litre effective 10 June 2024 across Peninsular Malaysia. June also saw a flurry of news regarding Data Centres with the sale of land by Eco World and UEM Sunrise, and Telekom announced their partnership Singtel's Data Centre unit Nxera to develop data centres. China's Premier Li Qiang was in Malaysia for a three-day maiden visit mid-June, and witnessed the signing of 14 memoranda of understanding and agreements involving nine Malaysian ministries.

For most of 3Q24, Malaysian equity markets performed positively driven partly by a much stronger Malaysian Ringgit, on the expectations of the US FOMC will cut rates starting September, and better than expected macro data reported for Malaysia. In August, global markets corrected sharply in the beginning of the month, post the surprise BoJ rate hike on the 31 July, and the unwinding of the Yen carry trades. Economic indicators in the US were also of concern, as jobs data was spurring fears of a recession, prompting significant market volatility globally. The confluence of factors led to widespread declines across major stock indices. Thankfully, global markets rebounded soon after. By the end of 3Q24, Malaysian equity markets saw a correction, underperforming regional markets in September. Chinese stocks rallied hard in the last week of September, on the back of China's government stimulus announcement to provide a supportive stance towards the stock market and economy, and focus on stabilizing the property market. Many investors were underweight on China, and forced to jump back into the market, which may have seen foreign flows diverting out of Malaysia and other markets back to China. Despite that, the Malaysian Ringgit posted its best ever performance after the US Fed 50bps rate cut and news of the Chinese stimulus measures boosted Malaysia's trade outlook.

Malaysian equity market was weak in October, in line with weakness in the region, as investors stayed on the sidelines ahead of the US elections. The month of October was fairly quiet, and domestic news was centered on Budget 2025. An expansionary budget focused on reforming the economy, fueling change and bringing prosperity to the people. Minimal new taxes were introduced, and a timeline for RON95 subsidy rationalization was stated for mid-2025, although the mechanism of its rollout is still lacking. Cash aid was the highest in this budget at RM13b, and minimum wages will increase to RM1700/month effective 1 February 2025. During the month, Malaysia recorded foreign outflow of RM1.8b, the largest foreign outflow since March 2024, which could still be the result of investors diverting funds to China.

Malaysian equity market declined for the fourth consecutive month in November, as foreign investors continued to be net sellers of equity for the month, to the tune of RM3b, turning the YTD flows to a net outflow of RM0.8b. The US Presidential Elections took centre stage in the beginning of the month. President-elect Trump winning convincingly was a bit of a surprise as investors were expecting the race to be tighter. Nevertheless, emerging markets post this election result saw weakness as the threat of US imposing higher import tariffs have become more of a reality. The month of November was corporate results reporting for the 3Q24, and results were either inline or below expectations, with some underlying weakness seen in some consumer and technology stocks. The impact of the sharp MYR appreciation up to end September 2024 when it reached RM4.1235/USD, also negatively affected many companies' earnings in unrealized forex losses, hitting exporters especially hard.

The FBMKLCI saw new constituents in the latest semi-annual review, with the announcement that Gamuda Berhad ("Gamuda") and 99 Speed Mart Retail Holdings Berhad will replace Genting Malaysia Berhad and Genting Berhad effective 23 December 2023. Gamuda is a Shariah-compliant stock.

The FBM EMAS Shariah Index ("FBMS") closed the period under review lower by 2.89%. The FBM Small Cap Shariah Index closed the period under review down by 7.20%.

REBATES AND SOFT COMMISSIONS

During the period under review, the Manager and its delegates (if any) received soft commissions from brokers/dealers in the form of goods and services which directly assist the investment management of the Fund, including research and advisory services, market analyses, data and quotation services, and computer hardware and software used for and/or in support of the investment process of fund managers. Such soft commissions received are utilised in the investment management of the Fund and are of demonstratable benefit to the Fund and Unitholders. There were no churning of trades.

SECURITIES LENDING OR REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

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

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ISLAMIC SMALL-CAP FUND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

We, Yap Siok Hoon 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 13 to 55 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 November 2024 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

YAP SIOK HOON
Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

JOHN CAMPBELL TUPLING
Independent, Non-Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur
Date: 22 January 2025

TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ISLAMIC SMALL-CAP FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 30 November 2024 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: 22 January 2025

SHARIAH ADVISER'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ISLAMIC SMALL-CAP FUND ("FUND")

We hereby confirm the following:

1. To the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Eastspring Investments Berhad has operated and managed the Fund for the period covered by these financial statements namely, the semi-annual period ended 30 November 2024, in accordance with Shariah principles and requirements, and complied with the applicable guidelines, rulings or decisions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia pertaining to Shariah matters; and
2. The assets of the Fund comprise instruments that have been classified as Shariah-compliant except for the following:

No.	Securities	Reclassification Effective Date	Remarks
i.	Powerwell Holdings Berhad	29 November 2024	<p>These reclassified Shariah non-compliant securities are underwater (market price below investment cost).</p> <p>It shall be disposed of in accordance with the Fund's Shariah investment guidelines as provided in the Fund's Deed and disclosed in the Fund's prospectus.</p>

For and on behalf of the Shariah Adviser,
BIMB SECURITIES SDN BHD

MUHAMMAD SHAHIER SA'MIN
Designated Shariah Person

Kuala Lumpur
Date: 22 January 2025

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	Note	6-months financial period ended 30.11.2024	6-months financial period ended 30.11.2023
		RM	RM
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Gross dividend income		1,514,422	1,498,704
Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions		139,188	155,593
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	1,706,842	4,153,551
		<u>3,360,452</u>	<u>5,807,848</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	3	(750,147)	(686,520)
Trustee fee	4	(32,506)	(29,749)
Audit fee		(3,860)	(3,850)
Tax agent fee		(1,855)	(1,850)
Transaction costs		(129,835)	(84,218)
Other expenses		(22,028)	(19,384)
		<u>(940,231)</u>	<u>(825,571)</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		2,420,221	4,982,277
TAXATION	5	-	-
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>2,420,221</u>	<u>4,982,277</u>
Profit after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		2,421,325	(4,979,546)
Unrealised amount		(1,104)	9,961,823
		<u>2,420,221</u>	<u>4,982,277</u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information and notes to the unaudited financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		RM	RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	8,918,534	8,868,113
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	88,749,162	80,509,155
Amount due from Manager		125,850	53,668
Amount due from brokers		405,990	588,359
Dividends receivable		86,849	64,787
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>98,286,385</u>	<u>90,084,082</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accrued management fee		117,792	110,970
Amount due to Manager		217,457	80,579
Amount due to Trustee		5,104	4,809
Amount due to brokers		257,441	501,824
Other payables and accruals		12,706	20,052
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>610,500</u>	<u>718,234</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>97,675,885</u>	<u>89,365,848</u>
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		79,765,399	91,388,453
Retained earnings/(accumulated losses)		17,910,486	(2,022,605)
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		<u>97,675,885</u>	<u>89,365,848</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	9	<u>155,356,916</u>	<u>175,980,817</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.6287</u>	<u>0.5078</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	Unit holders' capital	Retained earnings/ (accumulated losses)	Total
	RM	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 June 2024	85,931,003	15,490,265	101,421,268
Movement in unit holders' contribution:			
Creation of units from applications	18,415,192	-	18,415,192
Cancellation of units	(24,580,796)	-	(24,580,796)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	2,420,221	2,420,221
Balance as at 30 November 2024	<u>79,765,399</u>	<u>17,910,486</u>	<u>97,675,885</u>
Balance as at 1 June 2023	100,698,067	(7,004,882)	93,693,185
Movement in unit holders' contribution:			
Creation of units from applications	2,190,977	-	2,190,977
Cancellation of units	(11,500,591)	-	(11,500,591)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	4,982,277	4,982,277
Balance as at 30 November 2023	<u>91,388,453</u>	<u>(2,022,605)</u>	<u>89,365,848</u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information 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 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	6-months financial period ended 30.11.2024	6-months financial period ended 30.11.2023
Note	RM	RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of Shariah-compliant investments	21,511,730	13,116,729
Purchase of Shariah-compliant investments	(18,822,984)	(10,864,495)
Dividends received	1,510,959	1,592,674
Profit income received from Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions	139,188	155,593
Management fee paid	(761,022)	(697,000)
Trustee fee paid	(32,979)	(30,203)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(20,399)	(110,876)
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>3,524,493</u>	<u>3,162,422</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash proceeds from units created	18,527,448	2,171,493
Payments for cancellation of units	(24,779,188)	(11,575,631)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(6,251,740)</u>	<u>(9,404,138)</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,727,247)	(6,241,716)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>11,645,781</u>	<u>15,109,829</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	7 <u>8,918,534</u>	<u>8,868,113</u>

The accompanying material accounting policy information and notes to the unaudited financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited financial statements.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

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 Islamic derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with the MFRS and IFRS which 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 J.

a. Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 January 2024:

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial period beginning on 1 June 2024 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

b. New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2024 and have not been early adopted:

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 June 2024 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

Profit income earned from short-term Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective profit rate method.

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

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date, when the right to receive the dividend has been established.

Realised gain or loss on disposal of Shariah-compliant securities is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of Shariah-compliant securities, which is determined on a weighted average cost basis.

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 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. 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 equity¹ securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager, amount due from brokers and dividends receivable 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.

¹ For the purposes of the investments made by the Fund, equity refers to Shariah-compliant equity instruments.

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. Shariah-compliant investments are initially recognised at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the Shariah-compliant 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 quoted 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.

Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as part of gross dividend income when the Fund’s right to receive payments is established.

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities in Malaysia are valued at the last done market price quoted on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”) at the date of the statement of financial position.

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

Financial assets and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective profit 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 obligor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to pay 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 Islamic 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.

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 Shariah-compliant securities sold and payables for Shariah-compliant 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 brokers 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 brokers, probability that the brokers 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, profit 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. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e. an exit price). The information presented herein represents the estimates of fair values as at the date of the statement of financial position.

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

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

1. INFORMATION ON THE FUND

Eastspring Investments Islamic Small-cap Fund (the "Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 28 March 2017 (the "Deed") entered into between Eastspring Investments Berhad (the "Manager") and Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee") followed by Supplemental Deed dated 20 May 2022 (collectively referred to as the "Deeds").

The Fund was launched on 25 May 2017 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee or the Manager as provided under Part 12 of the Deed.

The Fund invests in Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities, such as Shariah-compliant rights and Shariah-compliant warrants of small-cap companies listed in Malaysia with market capitalisation up to RM5 billion.

The Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing in small market capitalisation Shariah-compliant securities of companies with growth potential.

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

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 exposure to interest rate risk), stock/issuer risk, liquidity risk, fund management risk, non-compliance risk, Shariah status reclassification 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 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>2024</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7	8,918,534	-	8,918,534
Quoted Shariah-compliant securities	6	-	88,749,162	88,749,162
Amount due from Manager		125,850	-	125,850
Amount due from brokers		405,990	-	405,990
Dividends receivable		86,849	-	86,849
		<u>9,537,223</u>	<u>88,749,162</u>	<u>98,286,385</u>
<u>2023</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7	8,868,113	-	8,868,113
Quoted Shariah-compliant securities	6	-	80,509,155	80,509,155
Amount due from Manager		53,668	-	53,668
Amount due from brokers		588,359	-	588,359
Dividends receivable		64,787	-	64,787
		<u>9,574,927</u>	<u>80,509,155</u>	<u>90,084,082</u>

All liabilities 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 30 November which are exposed to price risk:

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Quoted Shariah-compliant securities	88,749,162	80,509,155

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit after tax and net asset value to movements in prices of quoted Shariah-compliant securities at the end of each financial reporting period. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price of the quoted Shariah-compliant 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 quoted Shariah-compliant securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price	Market value	Impact on profit after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM
<u>2024</u>		
+5%	93,186,620	4,437,458
-5%	84,311,704	(4,437,458)
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<u>2023</u>		
+5%	84,534,613	4,025,458
-5%	76,483,697	(4,025,458)
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ii. Exposure to interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and future cash flows.

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

The above interest rate is a general economic indicator that will have an impact on the management of the Fund regardless whether it is an Islamic unit trust fund or otherwise. It does not in any way suggest that the Fund will invest in conventional financial instruments. All investments carried out for the Fund including placements and deposits are in accordance with Shariah.

Stock/Issuer risk

The Fund is restricted to investment in Shariah-compliant securities issued by and Shariah-compliant securities relating to any issuer of not more than ten percent (10%) of its net asset value. Furthermore, the Fund is restricted to invest in Shariah-compliant securities issued by and Shariah-compliant securities relating to any group of companies of not more than twenty percent (20%) of its net asset value. Under such restrictions, the exposure risk to the Shariah-compliant securities of any single issuer or any one group of companies is minimised.

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 Islamic liquid assets, after consultation with the Trustee, to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of units by unit holders. Islamic liquid assets comprise bank balances, Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions and other Shariah-compliant 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
<u>2024</u>			
Accrued management fee	117,792	-	117,792
Amount due to Manager	217,457	-	217,457
Amount due to Trustee	5,104	-	5,104
Amount due to brokers	257,441	-	257,441
Other payables and accruals	-	12,706	12,706
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	<u>597,794</u>	<u>12,706</u>	<u>610,500</u>
<u>2023</u>			
Accrued management fee	110,970	-	110,970
Amount due to Manager	80,579	-	80,579
Amount due to Trustee	4,809	-	4,809
Amount due to brokers	501,824	-	501,824
Other payables and accruals	-	20,052	20,052
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	<u>698,182</u>	<u>20,052</u>	<u>718,234</u>

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.

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.

Shariah status reclassification risk

a. Shariah-compliant equity securities

The risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant equity securities in the Fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the securities by the Shariah Advisory Council ("SAC") of the Securities Commission ("SC"). If this occurs, the Manager will take the necessary steps to dispose of such securities.

Opportunity loss could occur due to the restriction on the Fund to retain the excess capital gains derived from the disposal of the reclassified Shariah non-compliant securities. In such an event, the Fund is required:

- i. to dispose of such securities with immediate effect or within one (1) calendar month if the value of the securities exceeds or is equal to the investment cost on the reclassification effective date by the SAC of the SC. The Fund is allowed to keep dividends received and capital gains from the disposal of the securities up to the reclassification effective date. However, any dividends received and excess capital gains from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant securities after the reclassification effective date should be channelled to baitulmal and/or charitable bodies as advised by the Shariah Adviser;
- ii. to hold such securities if the value of the said securities is below the investment cost on the reclassification effective date until the total subsequent dividends received (if any) and the market price of the securities is equal to the cost of investment at which time disposal has to take place within one (1) calendar month, excess capital gains (if any) from the disposal of the securities should be channelled to baitulmal and/or charitable bodies as advised by the Shariah Adviser; or

- iii. to dispose of such securities at a price lower than the investment cost which will result in a decrease in the Fund's value.

b. Islamic money market instruments or Islamic deposits

This risk refers to the risk of a possibility that the currently held Islamic money market instruments or Islamic deposits invested by the Fund may be declared as Shariah non-compliant by the relevant authority or the Shariah Adviser. If this occurs, the Manager will take the necessary steps to dispose of or withdraw such money market instruments or deposits.

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unit holders' capital of RM79,765,399 (2023: RM91,388,453) and retained earnings of RM17,910,486 (2023: accumulated losses of RM2,022,605). 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 Shariah-compliant 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 profit income, principals and proceeds from realisation of Shariah-compliant investments.

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 Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place Islamic deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions. For amount due from brokers, the settlement terms are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Malaysia"). 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 credit/default risk is minimal as all transactions in quoted Shariah-compliant securities are settled/paid upon delivery using approved brokers.

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

	Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Amount due from Manager	Amount due from brokers	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
2024					
Financial Services					
- AAA	8,918,534	-	-	-	8,918,534
Industrial Products and Services					
- NR	-	56,712	-	-	56,712
Islamic Real Estate Investment Trusts					
- NR	-	21,603	-	-	21,603
Plantation					
- NR	-	8,534	-	-	8,534
Other					
- NR	-	-	125,850	405,990	531,840
	8,918,534	86,849	125,850	405,990	9,537,223

	Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Amount due from Manager	Amount due from brokers	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>					
Financial Services					
- AAA	8,820,713	-	-	-	8,820,713
- AA1	47,400	-	-	-	47,400
Islamic Real Estate Investment Trusts					
- NR	-	54,777	-	-	54,777
Technology					
- NR	-	10,010	-	-	10,010
Other					
- NR	-	-	53,668	588,359	642,027
	<u>8,868,113</u>	<u>64,787</u>	<u>53,668</u>	<u>588,359</u>	<u>9,574,927</u>

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 trading Shariah-compliant 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 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
<u>2024</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Quoted Shariah-compliant securities	88,749,162	-	-	88,749,162
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Quoted Shariah-compliant securities	80,509,155	-	-	80,509,155

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include active quoted Shariah-compliant securities. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments. 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, amount due from brokers, dividends receivable 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 November 2024, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.50% (2023: 1.50%) 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 RM15,000 per annum.

For the financial period ended 30 November 2024, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.065% (2023: 0.065%) subject to a minimum fee of RM15,000 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 30.11.2024	6-months financial period ended 30.11.2023
	RM	RM

Tax charged for the financial period:

Current taxation

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

	6-months financial period ended 30.11.2024	6-months financial period ended 30.11.2023
	RM	RM
Profit before taxation	2,420,221	4,982,277
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	580,853	1,195,746
Tax effect of:		
Shariah-compliant investment income not subject to tax	(806,509)	(1,393,883)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	44,694	32,448
Restriction on the tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	180,962	165,689
Taxation	-	-

6. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Quoted Shariah-compliant securities	88,749,162	80,509,155
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Realised gain/(loss) on disposals	1,707,946	(5,808,272)
Change in unrealised fair value (loss)/gain	(1,104)	9,961,823
	<u>1,706,842</u>	<u>4,153,551</u>

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value	Percentage
			as at 30.11.2024	of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Construction</u>				
Kerjaya Prospek Group Berhad	1,568,200	2,574,325	3,622,542	3.71
Muhibbah Engineering (M) Berhad	1,086,900	877,558	874,955	0.90
Sunway Construction Group Berhad	451,400	928,971	1,941,020	1.99
UUE Holdings Berhad	1,308,000	986,246	1,007,160	1.03
WCT Holdings Berhad	951,700	874,085	789,911	0.81
	<u>5,366,200</u>	<u>6,241,185</u>	<u>8,235,588</u>	<u>8.44</u>

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.11.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Consumer Products & Services</u>				
AEON Co. (M) Berhad	1,725,000	2,562,236	2,587,500	2.65
Apollo Food Holdings Berhad	250,000	1,750,000	1,600,000	1.64
Farm Fresh Berhad	520,000	939,325	972,400	1.00
Guan Chong Berhad	419,300	1,652,762	1,404,655	1.44
Hong Leong Industries Berhad	378,400	3,885,148	5,759,248	5.90
Magni-Tech Industries Berhad	1,448,300	3,744,270	3,910,410	4.00
Malayan Flour Mills Berhad	1,487,000	1,012,633	795,545	0.81
MBM Resources Berhad	436,800	1,917,142	2,882,880	2.95
	<u>6,664,800</u>	<u>17,463,516</u>	<u>19,912,638</u>	<u>20.39</u>
<u>Energy</u>				
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Berhad	360,100	850,914	749,008	0.77
Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad	663,560	1,810,037	1,347,027	1.38
	<u>1,023,660</u>	<u>2,660,951</u>	<u>2,096,035</u>	<u>2.15</u>
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Keluarga Berhad	846,600	4,333,764	3,200,148	3.28
<u>Health Care</u>				
Duopharma Biotech Berhad	1,378,307	2,465,715	1,695,318	1.74
Kossan Rubber Industries Berhad	241,000	436,885	597,680	0.61
KPJ Healthcare Berhad	1,413,300	1,494,120	3,519,117	3.60
	<u>3,032,607</u>	<u>4,396,720</u>	<u>5,812,115</u>	<u>5.95</u>

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.11.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Ancom Nylex Berhad	1,487,987	1,631,836	1,517,747	1.55
Cahaya Mata Sarawak Berhad	1,782,000	2,482,295	2,138,400	2.19
Engtex Group Berhad	2,596,150	1,585,125	1,479,806	1.52
Kelington Group Berhad	945,000	3,293,832	3,298,050	3.38
Malayan Cement Berhad Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad	210,300	778,505	1,009,440	1.03
P.I.E. Industrial Berhad	333,600	1,005,928	757,272	0.78
Powerwell Holdings Berhad	569,600	1,818,261	3,332,160	3.41
[Note 8 2024 (a)(i)]	3,170,700	1,679,508	1,157,306	1.18
SKP Resources Berhad	1,733,500	1,603,998	1,698,830	1.74
Solarvest Holdings Berhad	967,500	1,123,685	1,538,325	1.57
Thong Guan Industries Berhad	951,800	1,676,747	1,446,736	1.48
Uchi Technologies Berhad	512,200	1,726,292	2,018,068	2.07
V.S. Industry Berhad	295,000	348,100	300,900	0.31
V.S. Industry Berhad (Warrant)	29,500	-	4,278	-
	<u>15,584,837</u>	<u>20,754,112</u>	<u>21,697,318</u>	<u>22.21</u>
<u>Islamic Real Estate Investment Trust</u>				
Al-'Aqar Healthcare REIT	750,000	900,000	1,050,000	1.07
AME Real Estate Investment Trust	1,273,000	1,484,566	1,769,470	1.81
Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	1,724,543	3,206,336	2,983,459	3.05
	<u>3,747,543</u>	<u>5,590,902</u>	<u>5,802,929</u>	<u>5.93</u>

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.11.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Plantation</u>				
Johor Plantations Group Berhad	682,700	636,042	942,126	0.96
Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad	568,900	1,863,906	1,974,083	2.02
	<u>1,251,600</u>	<u>2,499,948</u>	<u>2,916,209</u>	<u>2.98</u>
<u>Property</u>				
Mah Sing Group Berhad	595,200	751,367	999,936	1.02
Matrix Concepts Holdings Berhad	1,035,800	1,554,301	2,382,340	2.44
Sime Darby Property Berhad	1,095,900	730,106	1,567,137	1.60
	<u>2,726,900</u>	<u>3,035,774</u>	<u>4,949,413</u>	<u>5.06</u>
<u>Technology</u>				
Cnnergz Berhad	1,091,400	995,228	529,329	0.54
Frontken Corporation Berhad	278,700	870,594	1,114,800	1.14
Genetec Technology Berhad	493,300	1,296,889	591,960	0.61
ITMAX System Berhad	695,100	970,827	2,571,870	2.63
Pentamaster Corporation Berhad	279,600	1,353,703	936,660	0.96
SNS Network Technology Berhad	1,500,000	587,850	795,000	0.81
TT Vision Holdings Berhad	254,000	294,640	176,530	0.18
UWC Berhad	407,600	1,283,208	1,124,976	1.15
VSTECS Berhad	753,300	1,013,417	2,922,804	2.99
	<u>5,753,000</u>	<u>8,666,356</u>	<u>10,763,929</u>	<u>11.01</u>

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.11.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Transportation & Logistics</u>				
TASCO Berhad	265,000	218,131	188,150	0.19
<u>Utilities</u>				
Gas Malaysia Berhad	738,300	2,234,896	3,174,690	3.25
TOTAL QUOTED SHARIAH - COMPLIANT SECURITIES				
	<u>47,001,047</u>	78,096,255	<u>88,749,162</u>	90.84
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS				
		<u>10,652,907</u>		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS				
			<u>88,749,162</u>	

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at	Percentage of net
			30.11.2023	asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Construction</u>				
Kerjaya Prospek Group Berhad	3,385,000	5,556,747	4,840,550	5.42
Pintaras Jaya Berhad	290,800	1,145,213	450,740	0.50
Sunway Construction Group Berhad	2,000,000	4,115,953	3,760,000	4.21
	<u>5,675,800</u>	<u>10,817,913</u>	<u>9,051,290</u>	<u>10.13</u>
<u>Consumer Products & Services</u>				
AEON Co. (M) Berhad	1,253,000	1,849,371	1,390,830	1.56
Bermaz Auto Berhad	766,500	1,701,984	1,770,615	1.98
DXN Holdings Berhad	499,900	349,930	324,935	0.36
Focus Point Holdings Berhad	649,000	492,176	496,485	0.56
Hong Leong Industries Berhad	530,000	5,441,671	4,950,200	5.54
InNature Berhad	1,028,200	652,514	365,011	0.41
Kawan Food Berhad	224,600	508,351	422,248	0.47
Magni-Tech Industries Berhad	2,544,000	6,576,968	4,986,240	5.58
Malayan Flour Mills Berhad	1,870,000	1,282,090	1,243,550	1.39
MBM Resources Berhad	226,400	905,380	996,160	1.11
MST Golf Group Berhad	693,700	549,474	350,319	0.39
Padini Holdings Berhad	319,000	1,012,081	1,196,250	1.34
Power Root Berhad	420,100	887,214	819,195	0.92
UMW Holdings Berhad	224,000	691,015	1,097,600	1.23
	<u>11,248,400</u>	<u>22,900,219</u>	<u>20,409,638</u>	<u>22.84</u>

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.11.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Energy</u>				
Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad	1,001,560	2,746,422	2,523,931	2.82
Velesto Energy Berhad	2,807,000	430,011	617,540	0.69
	<u>3,808,560</u>	<u>3,176,433</u>	<u>3,141,471</u>	<u>3.51</u>
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Keluarga Berhad	1,357,000	6,946,512	5,088,750	5.69
<u>Health Care</u>				
Duopharma Biotech Berhad	1,165,707	2,197,839	1,410,505	1.58
KPJ Healthcare Berhad	1,783,300	1,885,279	2,389,622	2.67
	<u>2,949,007</u>	<u>4,083,118</u>	<u>3,800,127</u>	<u>4.25</u>
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Ancom Nylex Berhad	1,915,700	2,206,783	2,183,898	2.44
Chin Well Holdings Berhad	1,000,000	1,825,717	1,280,000	1.43
HSS Engineers Berhad	1,148,300	871,336	1,113,851	1.25
Malayan Cement Berhad	301,100	1,114,635	1,246,554	1.39
NationGate Holdings Berhad	793,500	1,000,445	1,031,550	1.15
P.I.E. Industrial Berhad	416,900	1,262,442	1,342,418	1.50
Solarvest Holdings Berhad	730,000	762,210	919,800	1.03
Thong Guan Industries Berhad	1,400,000	2,466,323	2,618,000	2.93
Uchi Technologies Berhad	300,000	901,584	1,101,000	1.23
	<u>8,005,500</u>	<u>12,411,475</u>	<u>12,837,071</u>	<u>14.35</u>

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
			30.11.2023	
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Islamic Real Estate</u>				
<u>Investment Trust</u>				
Al -'Aqar Healthcare REIT	750,000	900,000	930,000	1.04
AME Real Estate Investment Trust	1,273,000	1,484,566	1,629,440	1.82
Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	1,715,462	3,190,899	3,156,450	3.53
	<u>3,738,462</u>	<u>5,575,465</u>	<u>5,715,890</u>	<u>6.39</u>
<u>Plantation</u>				
Hap Seng Plantations Holdings Berhad				
	716,000	1,752,201	1,281,640	1.43
Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad	518,000	1,708,839	1,346,800	1.51
TSH Resources Berhad	1,563,000	1,926,930	1,531,740	1.71
	<u>2,797,000</u>	<u>5,387,970</u>	<u>4,160,180</u>	<u>4.65</u>
<u>Property</u>				
Eco World Development Group Berhad				
	691,700	587,818	726,285	0.81
Matrix Concepts Holdings Berhad	885,300	1,283,401	1,443,039	1.61
S P Setia Berhad (Islamic redeemable convertible preference shares)	353,760	134,429	130,891	0.15
S P Setia Berhad	1,057,800	1,104,812	788,061	0.88
Sime Darby Property Berhad	3,655,000	2,435,018	2,339,200	2.62
UEM Sunrise Berhad	540,000	448,524	383,400	0.43
	<u>7,183,560</u>	<u>5,994,002</u>	<u>5,810,876</u>	<u>6.50</u>

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.11.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Technology</u>				
Cnenergiz Berhad	1,091,400	995,228	638,469	0.71
CTOS Digital Berhad	1,564,000	2,654,220	2,267,800	2.54
D&O Green Technologies Berhad	81,000	348,835	283,500	0.32
Frontken Corporation Berhad	92,700	292,525	294,786	0.33
Genetec Technology Berhad	743,300	1,954,141	1,761,621	1.97
ITMAX System Berhad	608,100	650,667	1,070,256	1.20
Pentamaster Corporation Berhad	190,000	936,941	900,600	1.01
SNS Network Technology Berhad	1,129,200	277,438	254,070	0.28
VSTECS Berhad	823,300	1,107,588	1,103,222	1.23
	<u>6,323,000</u>	<u>9,217,583</u>	<u>8,574,324</u>	<u>9.59</u>

Quoted Shariah-compliant securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.11.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Utilities</u>				
Gas Malaysia Berhad	627,300	1,816,228	1,919,538	2.15
TOTAL QUOTED SHARIAH - COMPLIANT SECURITIES	<u>53,713,589</u>	88,326,918	<u>80,509,155</u>	90.05
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>(7,817,763)</u>		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS			<u>80,509,155</u>	

7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Bank balance with a licensed bank	317,144	47,400
Islamic deposits with licensed financial institution	8,601,390	8,820,713
	<u>8,918,534</u>	<u>8,868,113</u>

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

	2024	2023
	%	%
Islamic deposit with licensed financial institution	2.95	2.95

The Islamic deposits has an average maturity of 2 days (2023: 1 day).

8. SHARIAH INFORMATION OF THE FUND

2024

The Shariah Adviser confirmed that the investment portfolio of the Fund is Shariah-compliant, which comprises:

- a. Equity securities listed on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad which have been classified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia except for:

No.	Securities	Reclassification Effective Date	Remarks
i.	Powerwell Holdings Berhad	29 November 2024	<p>These reclassified Shariah non-compliant securities are underwater (market price below investment cost).</p> <p>It shall be disposed of in accordance with the Fund's Shariah investment guidelines as provided in the Fund's Deed and disclosed in the Fund's prospectus.</p>

- b. Collective investment schemes which have been verified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Adviser; and
- c. Cash placements and liquid assets in local market which are placed in Shariah-compliant instruments.

2023

The Shariah Adviser confirmed that the investment portfolio of the Fund is Shariah-compliant, which comprises:

- a. Equity securities listed on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad which have been classified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia;
- b. Collective investment schemes which have been verified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Adviser; and
- c. Cash placements and liquid assets in local market which are placed in Shariah-compliant instruments.

9. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	2024	2023
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period	165,965,725	194,781,833
Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	29,448,375	4,415,080
Cancellation of units during the financial period	(40,057,184)	(23,216,096)
At the end of the financial period	<u>155,356,916</u>	<u>175,980,817</u>

10. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

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

Name of brokers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
<u>2024</u>				
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	5,264,940	13.12	10,003	12.87
Kenanga Investment Sdn Bhd	4,621,983	11.52	8,782	11.30
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	3,844,281	9.58	7,304	9.40
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	3,628,749	9.05	8,335	10.73
CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd	3,158,736	7.87	6,002	7.73
UBS Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	3,117,281	7.77	5,923	7.62
J.P. Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	2,740,486	6.83	5,207	6.70
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	2,680,908	6.68	5,094	6.56
CGS International Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	2,583,564	6.44	4,909	6.32
AmlInvestment Bank Berhad	2,281,026	5.69	4,334	5.58
Others	6,200,385	15.45	11,804	15.19
	<u>40,122,339</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>77,697</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Name of brokers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
<u>2023</u>				
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	4,447,091	17.96	10,284	21.03
Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad	3,652,673	14.75	6,940	14.19
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	2,797,835	11.30	5,316	10.87
J.P. Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	2,261,425	9.13	4,297	8.79
AmlInvestment Bank Berhad	1,788,265	7.22	3,398	6.95
KAF Equities Sdn Bhd	1,683,612	6.79	3,199	6.54
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	1,577,070	6.37	2,996	6.13
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	1,540,839	6.22	2,927	5.99
UBS Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	1,279,863	5.17	2,432	4.97
Macquarie Capital Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	1,272,317	5.14	2,418	4.95
Others	2,466,637	9.95	4,687	9.59
	<u>24,767,627</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>48,894</u>	<u>100.00</u>

All brokers 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 and parties related to the Manager:

	2024		2023	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
Eastspring Investments Berhad	2,042	1,284	2,042	1,037
Director of Eastspring Investments Berhad	6,897	4,336	-	-

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 the 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”)

	2024	2023
	%	%
TER	0.80	0.80

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 (excluding sales and service tax on transaction cost and withholding tax)

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 RM99,836,686 (2023: RM91,535,650).

13. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	2024	2023
PTR (times)	0.20	0.14

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 = RM18,910,098 (2023: RM11,366,319)

total disposals for the financial period = RM21,212,240 (2023: RM13,705,088)

14. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 22 January 2025.

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