

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BALANCED FUND

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD
ENDED 30 JUNE 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 Annual/Semi-annual/Quarterly Fund Reports of Eastspring Investments Berhad's fund(s) for the reporting period ended 30 June 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 'YSH', written in a cursive style.

YAP SIOK HOON

Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

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FUND INFORMATION

Name of Fund

Eastspring Investments Balanced Fund (the "Fund")

**Fund Category/
Type**

Balanced/growth and income

Fund Objective

The Fund seeks to provide investors with capital appreciation and a reasonable level of current income* by investing in a mixed portfolio of companies with good** dividend yield and low*** price volatility and a portfolio of investment grade fixed income securities.

Note: The Fund's focus is on growth.

**ANY MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE
WOULD REQUIRE UNIT HOLDERS' APPROVAL.**

- * Income distributed to a Unit Holder will be reinvested into additional Units unless Unit Holder opts for the distribution to be paid out.
- ** good generally refers to potentially higher dividend yield than the market average.
- *** low generally refers to potentially lower price volatility than the market average.

FUND INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Performance Benchmark

The performance benchmark of the Fund is 50% FTSE Bursa Malaysia 100 Index ("FBM100") + 50% Maybank 12-month fixed deposit rate.

The composite benchmark index is a reflection of the Fund's average asset allocation over the long-term of 50% of the Fund's NAV in equities and equity-related securities, and 50% of the Fund's NAV in fixed income securities and Deposits or liquid assets.

Source:

FTSE Bursa Malaysia 100 Index ("FBM100")
(www.bursamalaysia.com)

Maybank 12-month fixed deposit rate (www.maybank2u.com.my)

The performance of the Fund against the benchmark is published in the Manager's monthly factsheet and is available from the Manager's website at www.eastspring.com/my.

Note: The risk profile of the Fund is different from the risk profile of the performance benchmark.

Fund Income Distribution Policy

At least once a year, subject to the availability of income.

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED

Category	2024	2023	2022
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Quoted securities			
Construction	0.60	0.65	0.52
Consumer Products & Services	3.32	6.25	9.93
Energy	2.75	2.53	2.58
Financial Services	12.05	10.22	17.07
Health Care	1.06	0.93	2.84
Industrial Products & Services	8.86	4.99	4.70
Plantation	7.75	9.54	8.16
Property	4.00	1.12	1.70
Technology	1.74	1.31	3.02
Telecommunications & Media	6.20	7.69	4.52
Transportation & Logistics	2.02	1.53	1.16
Utilities	6.63	2.80	1.52
	56.98	49.56	57.72
Unquoted fixed income securities	37.55	38.48	33.94
Cash and other assets	5.47	11.96	8.34
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Category	2024	2023	2022
Net Asset Value (NAV) (RM'000)	59,073	53,251	55,091
Units In Circulation (Units '000)	59,325	58,455	59,339
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.9958	0.9110	0.9284
Highest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	1.0100	0.9431	0.9965
Lowest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.9227	0.9110	0.9229
Total Return (%)			
- Capital Growth	7.95	(1.30)	(4.96)
- Income Distribution	-	-	-
Total Return (%)	7.95	(1.30)	(4.96)
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%)*	0.82	0.81	0.81
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)^	0.41	0.23	0.31

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

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

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

	1 year 1.7.2023 to 30.6.2024	3 years 1.7.2021 to 30.6.2024	5 years 1.7.2019 to 30.6.2024
	(%)	(%)	(%)

Average total return	14.21	3.95	5.42
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Year ended	1.1.2023 to 31.12.2023	1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022	1.1.2021 to 31.12.2021	1.1.2020 to 31.12.2020	1.1.2019 to 31.12.2019
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)

Annual total return	4.43	(1.65)	(1.61)	20.40	0.59
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Source: The above total return of the Fund was sourced from Lipper for Investment Management.

Bases of calculation and assumptions made in calculating returns:

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

NAV_t = NAV at the end of the period

NAV_0 = NAV at the beginning of the period

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

Adjusted for unit split and distribution paid out for the period

n = Number of years

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

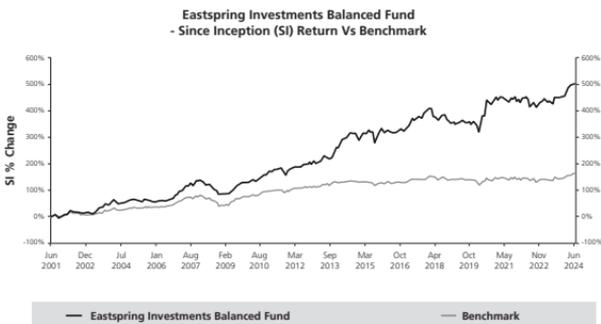
MANAGER'S REPORT

Fund Performance

Over the 5-year period, the Fund recorded a return of 30.21%, outperforming the benchmark return of 7.98% by 22.23%.

During the period under review, the Fund registered a return of 7.95%, outperforming the benchmark return of 6.86% by 1.09%.

The Fund outperformance was attributed to sector exposure and stock selection. Holdings in property, utilities, and technology sectors were positive contributors to the Fund while consumer staples, material, and financial sectors were detractors to the Fund performance. The Fund's fixed income holdings contributed to the Fund's performance during the review period.



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

Benchmark: 50% FBM100 + 50% Maybank 12-month fixed deposit rate

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

Income Return	Capital Return*	Total Return	Total Return of Benchmark
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
0.00	7.95	7.95	6.86

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

Distribution/ Unit Split

No distribution or unit split were declared for the financial period ended 30 June 2024.

Investment Strategy During the Period Under Review

Equity Strategy

The Fund remained invested in stocks that possess long term growth prospect, attractive valuation and strong in fundamental. We were positive and invested in selective export-related stocks that stand to benefit from Malaysia cost-competitive and global supply chain re-alignment i.e., manufacturing, commodities, industrial and technology. The Fund also invested in thematic names that stand to benefit from Johor-Singapore SEZ, data centre proliferation in Johor and Klang Valley, as well as government reform policy rollout. In the meantime, attractive price dividend stocks (REITs and banks) with sustainable business models and positive industry outlook continue to provide stability and defensiveness for the Fund.

Bond Strategy

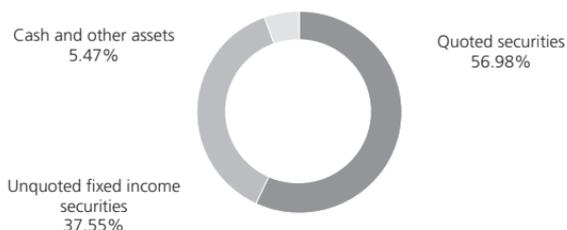
The Fund participated in selected quality bond issuances for yield pick-up, and traded on market volatility, subject to liquidity constraints.

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	30-Jun 2024	31-Dec 2023	Changes
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Quoted securities	56.98	57.28	(0.30)
Unquoted fixed income securities	37.55	36.57	0.98
Cash and other assets	5.47	6.15	(0.68)

Asset Allocation as at 30 June 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

Equity

Malaysian equities started 2024 well, outperforming regional markets as one of the best performing markets. During January, the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (“JS-SEZ”) MoU was signed between Malaysia and Singapore. The agreement with details to develop the economic zone will be signed at the Malaysia-Singapore Leader’s Retreat taking place end of 2024. The key initiatives mentioned as part of this SEZ include the formation of a one-stop business/investment services centre in Johor to facilitate the application process of various approvals and licenses necessary for Singapore businesses to set up in Johor; an adoption/ implementation of a passport-free QR code clearance system on both sides; adoption of digitized processed for cargo clearance at land checkpoints; and facilitate the cooperation for renewable energy. On the 31 January 2024, Malaysia saw the installation of a new King, the Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim, with Sultan Nazrin (the ruler of the state of Perak) was re-elected as deputy King.

The Malaysian equity markets continued its uptrend, reporting a gain for the second month in 2024, and has been reporting monthly gains for the last 5 consecutive months. The Lunar New Year holidays were in February, making a short month even shorter. February also saw corporate earnings reported which were a bit mixed, with weak earnings from plantations and petrochemicals companies. The changes to the MSCI indices as a result of their quarterly index rebalance saw YTL Corp and YTL Power added to the MSCI Asia Pacific Index, whilst Dialog was deleted. The Malaysian Ringgit hit a 26-year low versus the US dollar during the month, at levels last seen during the Asian Financial Crisis.

Taking a breather in March, the Malaysian equity markets, saw foreign investors become net sellers in March of RM2.8b, reversing 4 consecutive months net equity inflows. News flow in March was focused on infrastructure. The Cabinet approved the Penang LRT, and there was news that there were three concept proposals for the high-speed rail (“HSR”). The government finally inked a new operating agreement (“OA”) with Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad, which also saw the additional transit passenger charge approved, and changes to the passenger service charges for KLIA terminal 1, 2 and other airports across Malaysia.

The Malaysian equity markets continued its positive performance in the beginning of 2Q24, outperforming Emerging Markets and Asia Ex-Japan, amidst the turbulence in the Middle East, recently exacerbated by the Iran-Israel conflict, and the US Fed renewed rhetoric of “higher for longer”. On the 13 April 2024, Iran launched dozens of drones towards Israel, escalating tensions and setting the state for a direct military

confrontation between the two nations. Thankfully, on the intervention of their allies, this de-escalated quickly post the incident. Domestically, the news for the month was the launch of the Energy Exchange (“ENEGEM”) by the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, inviting interested parties to participate in the inaugural auction for purchasing green electricity from Malaysia’s supply system to be supplied to Singapore. The auction will begin with a 100MW pilot run, utilizing the existing interconnection between Singapore and Peninsular Malaysia. On 25 April, EPF announced the restructuring of contributors’ accounts, to introduce a new Account 3, which will allow for the flexibility of withdrawals for those members below age 55 years old starting 11 May.

By the middle of the 2Q2024, Malaysian equities continued to register positive performance. The continued uptrend could be due to decent 1Q2024 earnings season, and M&A activities proposed which provided some excitement to the market. May also saw an influx of data centre announcements from tech giants, as Microsoft CEO committed to USD2b in investments, and this was followed by Google’s USD2bn investments for data centres and cloud services. The technology sector saw significant gains in May, fuelled by net purchases from foreign investors, responding positively to the launch of Malaysia’s National Semiconductor Strategy on 28 May. EPF restructured their members contribution accounts to include an Account 3 (Flexible), for members to contribute 10% of their EPF savings (if they opt in) to Account 3, and future EPF contributions will automatically allocate 10% to Account 3. This together with the PM’s announcement of a revised salary scheme for civil servants which will see a hike of up to 13% may help consumer spending to remain resilient.

By the end of 2Q2024, the Malaysian equity markets saw some consolidation which could be related to profit taking activities, following the strong 1H24 performance thus far, where the KLCI outperformed most markets. In the month of June 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.

The FBM KLCI closed the period under review at 1,590.09 points, up 9.3%. The broader FBM Emas (“FBMEmas”) Index closed the period under review higher by 12.9%. The MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index rose by 7.2% in USD terms.¹

¹ Source: Bloomberg: World indices

Bond

The first half 2024 period saw investors aggressively dialing back expectations for central bank rate cuts, as the US overheating worries that had taken root towards the end of the first quarter meant strong April data was poorly received by the markets. But as the quarter progressed, the worst of these worries abated, and soft-landing hopes were revived. In Europe, economic momentum also remained positive as the effects of the cost-of-living shock continued to abate. During the period, the Federal Open Market Committee (“FOMC”) unanimously decided to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 5.25-5.50% in both the January, March and June meetings and that Chair Powell underscored the Fed’s decision on the direction of rates continues to be “meeting by meeting” with the “data leading the way” but noted ‘modest further’ inflation progress. The minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee (“FOMC”) meeting suggested that rates may stay elevated for longer until it has gained greater confidence that inflation is moving sustainably towards the 2% objective.

U.S. June 2024 data continued to point to the resilience of its economy. Both headline and core U.S. Personal Consumption Expenditure (“PCE”) price index were lower at 2.6% y-o-y in May 2024 (April: 2.7% and 2.8% respectively). The University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment index for June 2024 dropped to 68.2 (May: 69.1). The Non-Farm Payrolls data showed that the U.S. economy added 206,000 jobs in June 2024 (May: 218,000 jobs) although unemployment rate increased to 4.1% in June 2024 (May: 4.0%). The U.S. Composite Purchasing Managers’ Index (“PMI”) increased to 54.8 in June 2024 (May: 54.5), as both Services and Manufacturing PMI increased to 55.3 and 51.6 respectively (May: 54.8 and 51.3).

Elsewhere, European Central Bank (“ECB”) decided to cut its three key interest rates on the main refinancing operations, marginal lending facility and the deposit facility by 25bps to 4.25%, 4.50% and 3.75% respectively in June 2024. In June 2024, Eurozone’s Manufacturing PMI increased to 45.8 (May: 47.3) while the Services PMI declined to 52.8 (May: 53.2). Eurozone’s inflation rate fell to 2.5% (May: 2.6%) while core inflation rate held steady at 2.9% in June 2024. Bank of Japan (“BoJ”) kept its policy rate at 0.0 to +0.1%, while the Reserve Bank of Australia (“RBA”) decided to keep its cash rate unchanged at 4.35% in June 2024. In Asia, Bank of Thailand, and the central banks of Indonesia and the Philippines maintained their policy interest rates at 2.50%, 6.25% and 6.50% respectively in June. Meanwhile, the People’s Bank of China (“PBoC”) maintained its key lending rate, 1-year and 5-year loan prime rate (“LPR”) at 3.45% and 3.95% respectively in June 2024. Economic activity data from China showed some improvement, although its economic recovery is perceived to still be fragile. China’s imports and exports

in May 2024 rose by 8.4% and 7.6% respectively y-o-y in USD terms (April: 8.4%; 1.5%). Retail sales expanded by 3.7% y-o-y in May 2024 (April: 2.3%) and industrial production grew 5.6% y-o-y over the same period (April: 6.7%). China's fixed asset investments registered 4.0% y-o-y growth in May 2024 (April: 4.2%).

In Malaysia, recent economic data releases for Malaysia have been positive, pointing to a firm start for the economy in 2Q2024. Headline inflation for May 2024 ticked-up at 2.0% year-on-year ("y-o-y") above consensus expectations of 1.9% y-o-y (April 2024: 1.8% y-o-y), as core inflation sustained at 1.90% y-o-y for the second month in a row in May 2024 (March 2024: 1.70% y-o-y). Both measures are currently being driven by base-effect factors from the 2023 recovery year. Going forward, both inflation gauges are on track to fall within Bank Negara's estimates for 2024 of 2.0-3.5% for headline inflation and 2.0-3.0% for core inflation.

Industrial Production saw an expansion in April 2024 at 6.1% y-o-y (March 2024: 2.4% y-o-y) continuing the recovery in economic activity since the start of the year. Manufacturing remains the main driver of the recovery posting 10.0% y-o-y growth after pausing in March 2024 at 4.9% y-o-y (February 2024: 8.1% y-o-y) while mining also showed signs of improvement at 4.9% y-o-y (March 2024: 1.3% y-o-y). Wholesale & retail trade was resilient, with growth accelerating to 7.5% in April 2024 (1Q2024: 2.3%), consistent with the higher domestic-oriented production growth for the month. On the external sector, trade surprised on the upside in May 2024 with export growth at 7.3% y-o-y beating consensus expectation of 2.3% y-o-y (April 2024: 9.1% y-o-y revised) indicating current strong external demand. Meanwhile, imports also expanded strongly at 13.8% y-o-y, surprising consensus expectation of 8.4% y-o-y (April 2024: 15.6% y-o-y) pointing towards likely robust exports for the next few months.

Also, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") retained its Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") at 3.00% over third consecutive Monetary Policy Committee ("MPC") meetings (January, March and May) as the central bank continued to reiterate that the OPR remains supportive of the economy and is consistent with the current assessment of the inflation and growth prospects. Also, the MPC retains its data-dependent stance, noting the government's intention to review price controls and subsidies in 2024 will affect the outlook for inflation and demand conditions.

The month of June 2024 saw the announcement of diesel fuel subsidy rationalisation with an increase in diesel retail price from RM2.15/litre to RM3.35/litre on 10 Jun which ticks another box in Budget 2024 strategies. The blanket removal of diesel subsidy is expected to produce a savings of RM4bn. Noting the potential impact on certain part of the economy and household, the Government has concurrently announced targeted assistance via fleet card application under the Subsidised Diesel Control System (SKDS) alongside monthly Budi MADANI cash aid of RM200 to eligible recipients.

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.

The Manager and its delegates (if any) have not received any rebates or shared any commissions from any brokers during the same period under review.

SECURITIES LENDING OR REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

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

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EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BALANCED FUND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 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 18 to 67 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 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: 23 August 2024

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

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 30 June 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: 23 August 2024

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2024	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2023
		RM	RM
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)			
Gross dividend income		603,365	630,430
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions		78,513	90,806
Interest income from unquoted fixed income securities		417,820	390,777
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	3,978,661	(1,256,261)
		<u>5,078,359</u>	<u>(144,248)</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	3	(443,476)	(414,380)
Trustee fee	4	(23,652)	(22,100)
Audit fee		(3,680)	(3,669)
Tax agent fee		(1,840)	(1,687)
Other expenses		(11,935)	(10,185)
Transaction costs		(142,593)	(83,865)
		<u>(627,176)</u>	<u>(535,886)</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		4,451,183	(680,134)
TAXATION	5	-	-
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)		<u>4,451,183</u>	<u>(680,134)</u>
Profit/(loss) after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		3,236,249	739,479
Unrealised amount		1,214,934	(1,419,613)
		<u>4,451,183</u>	<u>(680,134)</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 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		RM	RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2,985,226	6,360,702
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	55,846,808	46,875,978
Amount due from Manager		77,260	89,366
Amount due from brokers		478,513	70,588
Dividends receivable		36,213	52,415
TOTAL ASSETS		59,424,020	53,449,049
LIABILITIES			
Accrued management fee		75,952	66,308
Amount due to Manager		74,067	112,885
Amount due to Trustee		4,051	3,536
Amount due to brokers		183,483	-
Other payables and accruals		13,146	15,117
TOTAL LIABILITIES		350,699	197,846
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		59,073,321	53,251,203
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		21,682,515	20,983,904
Retained earnings		37,390,806	32,267,299
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		59,073,321	53,251,203
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	8	59,325,125	58,454,670
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		0.9958	0.9110

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Unit holders' capital	Retained earnings	Total
	RM	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 January 2024	23,340,355	32,939,623	56,279,978
Movement in unit holders' contribution:			
Creation of units from applications	9,496,513	-	9,496,513
Cancellation of units	(11,154,353)	-	(11,154,353)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	4,451,183	4,451,183
Balance as at 30 June 2024	<u>21,682,515</u>	<u>37,390,806</u>	<u>59,073,321</u>
Balance as at 1 January 2023	24,665,159	32,947,433	57,612,592
Movement in unit holders' contribution:			
Creation of units from applications	694,651	-	694,651
Cancellation of units	(4,375,906)	-	(4,375,906)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period	-	(680,134)	(680,134)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	<u>20,983,904</u>	<u>32,267,299</u>	<u>53,251,203</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2024	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2023
Note	RM	RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments	24,466,973	16,183,310
Purchase of investments	(23,949,473)	(10,428,387)
Dividends received	610,100	604,467
Interest received from unquoted fixed income securities	415,916	475,828
Interest received from deposits with licensed financial institutions	78,513	90,806
Management fee paid	(439,141)	(421,069)
Trustee fee paid	(23,421)	(22,456)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(19,987)	(20,080)
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>1,139,480</u>	<u>6,462,419</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash proceeds from units created	9,514,659	631,585
Payments for cancellation of units	(11,203,615)	(4,273,355)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(1,688,956)</u>	<u>(3,641,770)</u>
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(549,476)	2,820,649
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>3,534,702</u>	<u>3,540,053</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	7 <u>2,985,226</u>	<u>6,360,702</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 JUNE 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 derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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 revenue 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 standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial periods beginning on 1 January 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 January 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

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).

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 quoted securities are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

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

C. TAXATION

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

D. FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

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

E. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

i. Classification

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

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

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

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, 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.

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 and transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

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

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

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

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the “financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within “net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” in the financial period in which they arise.

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

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. Where such quotations are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA for a specific unquoted fixed income securities differs from the market price by more than 20 basis points, the Manager may use the market price, provided that the Manager:

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

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

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

iii. Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

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

iv. Significant increase in credit risk

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

v. Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

vi. Write-off

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

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and deposits with licensed financial institutions 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 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 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, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

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

I. TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisors, brokers and dealers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as expenses.

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

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

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. INFORMATION ON THE FUND

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

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

The main objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investors with capital appreciation and a reasonable level of current income by investing in a mixed portfolio of companies with good dividend yield and low price volatility and a portfolio of investment-grade fixed income securities.

The Fund will invest in a balanced portfolio consisting of equities, equity-related securities and fixed income securities.

All 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 interest rate risk), stock/issuer risk, liquidity risk, non-compliance risk, fund management 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	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Total
		RM	RM	RM
<u>2024</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2,985,226	-	2,985,226
Quoted securities	6	-	33,667,537	33,667,537
Unquoted fixed income securities	6	-	22,179,271	22,179,271
Amount due from Manager		77,260	-	77,260
Amount due from brokers		478,513	-	478,513
Dividends receivable		36,213	-	36,213
		<u>3,577,212</u>	<u>55,846,808</u>	<u>59,424,020</u>
<u>2023</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7	6,360,702	-	6,360,702
Quoted securities	6	-	26,387,208	26,387,208
Unquoted fixed income securities	6	-	20,488,770	20,488,770
Amount due from Manager		89,366	-	89,366
Amount due from brokers		70,588	-	70,588
Dividends receivable		52,415	-	52,415
		<u>6,573,071</u>	<u>46,875,978</u>	<u>53,449,049</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 June which are exposed to price risk:

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Quoted securities	33,667,537	26,387,208
Unquoted fixed income securities*	22,179,271	20,488,770
	<u>55,846,808</u>	<u>46,875,978</u>

* Includes interest receivables of RM265,586 (2023: RM226,945).

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after tax and net asset value to movements in prices of quoted securities and 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 quoted securities and 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 quoted securities and unquoted fixed income securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price	Market value	Impact on profit/(loss) after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM
<u>2024</u>		
+5%	58,360,283	2,779,061
-5%	52,802,161	(2,779,061)
<u>2023</u>		
+5%	48,981,485	2,332,452
-5%	44,316,581	(2,332,452)

ii. Interest rate risk

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

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

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

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

This risk is crucial since unquoted fixed income securities portfolio management depends on forecasting interest rate movements. Prices of unquoted fixed income securities move inversely to interest rate movements, therefore as interest rates rise, the prices of unquoted fixed income securities decrease and vice versa. Furthermore, unquoted fixed income securities with longer maturity and lower yield coupon rates are more susceptible to interest rate movements. Such investments may be subject to unanticipated rise in interest rates which may impair the ability of the issuers to make payments of interest income and principal, especially if the issuers are highly leveraged. An increase in interest rates may therefore increase the potential for default by an issuer.

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) after tax and net asset value to movements in prices of unquoted fixed income securities held by the Fund as a result of movement in interest rate. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the interest rate changed by 1% (2023: 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.

	2024	2023
% Change in interest rate of unquoted fixed income securities	Impact on profit after tax and net asset value	Impact on loss after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM
+1% (2023: +1%)	(23,846)	(29,783)
- 1% (2023: - 1%)	23,898	29,861

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

Stock/Issuer risk

This risk refers to the individual risk of the respective companies issuing the securities. Specific risk includes but is not limited to changes in consumer tastes and demand, legal suits, competitive operating environments, changing industry conditions and management omissions and errors. However, this risk is minimised through investing in a wide range of companies in different sectors and thus function independently from one another.

Liquidity risk

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

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

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

	Less than 1 month	Between 1 month to 1 year	Total
	RM	RM	RM
<u>2024</u>			
Accrued management fee	75,952	-	75,952
Amount due to Manager	74,067	-	74,067
Amount due to Trustee	4,051	-	4,051
Amount due to brokers	183,483	-	183,483
Other payables and accruals	-	13,146	13,146
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	<u>337,553</u>	<u>13,146</u>	<u>350,699</u>
<u>2023</u>			
Accrued management fee	66,308	-	66,308
Amount due to Manager	112,885	-	112,885
Amount due to Trustee	3,536	-	3,536
Other payables and accruals	-	15,117	15,117
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	<u>182,729</u>	<u>15,117</u>	<u>197,846</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.

Fund management risk

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

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unit holders' capital of RM21,682,515 (2023: RM20,983,904) and retained earnings of RM37,390,806 (2023: RM32,267,299). 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 income, principals and proceeds from realisation of 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 deposits with licensed financial institutions is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place 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 securities are settled/paid upon delivery using approved brokers.

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 the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Amount due from brokers		Amount due from Manager		Total
	RM	RM			RM	RM	RM	RM	
2024									
Construction									
- NR	-	-	-	7,020	-	-	-	-	7,020
Energy									
- NR	-	-	-	4,600	-	-	-	-	4,600
Financial Services									
- AAA	-	2,910,801	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,910,801
- AA1	-	74,425	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,425
- AA2	-	-	-	8,549	-	-	-	-	8,549
Industrial Products & Services									
- NR	-	-	-	2,258	-	-	-	-	2,258
Plantation									
- NR	-	-	-	12,000	-	-	-	-	12,000
Technology									
- NR	-	-	-	1,786	-	-	-	-	1,786

	Financial	Cash and	Dividends	Amount	Amount	Total
	assets at fair	cash	receivable	due from	due from	
	value through	equivalents		brokers	Manager	RM
	profit or loss	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
2024 (continued)						
Unquoted Fixed						
Income Securities						
Consumer						
Discretionary						
- AA1 (S)	4,694,024	-	-	-	-	4,694,024
Consumer Staples						
- AA2	3,590,251	-	-	-	-	3,590,251
Energy & Utilities						
- AA1	4,056,170	-	-	-	-	4,056,170
Industrials						
- AAA IS	3,549,151	-	-	-	-	3,549,151
Public						
Administration						
- NR	6,289,675	-	-	-	-	6,289,675
Other						
- NR	-	-	-	478,513	77,260	555,773
	22,179,271	2,985,226	36,213	478,513	77,260	25,756,483

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		Cash and cash equivalents		Dividends receivable		Amount due from brokers		Amount due from Manager		Total	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
2023												
Construction												
- NR	-	-	-	-	14,040	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,040
Energy												
- NR	-	-	-	-	8,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,070
Financial Services												
- AAA	-	6,310,527	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,310,527
- AA1	-	50,175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,175
Health Care												
- NR	-	-	-	-	2,243	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,243
Plantation												
- NR	-	-	-	-	26,410	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,410
Technology												
- NR	-	-	-	-	1,652	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,652

	Financial	Cash and	Dividends	Amount	Amount	Total
	assets at fair	cash	receivable	due from	due from	
	value through	equivalents		brokers	Manager	RM
	profit or loss	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
2023 (continued)						
Unquoted Fixed						
Income Securities						
Consumer						
Discretionary						
- AA1 (S)	4,616,486	-	-	-	-	4,616,486
Energy & Utilities						
- AAA	1,952,268	-	-	-	-	1,952,268
- AA1	4,068,598	-	-	-	-	4,068,598
Industrials						
- AAA IS	3,561,751	-	-	-	-	3,561,751
Public						
Administration						
- NR	6,289,667	-	-	-	-	6,289,667
Other						
- NR	-	-	-	70,588	89,366	159,954
	20,488,770	6,360,702	52,415	70,588	89,366	27,061,841

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 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 securities	33,667,537	-	-	33,667,537
Unquoted fixed income securities	-	22,179,271	-	22,179,271
	33,667,537	22,179,221	-	55,846,808
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Quoted securities	26,387,208	-	-	26,387,208
Unquoted fixed income securities	-	20,488,770	-	20,488,770
	26,387,208	20,488,770	-	46,875,978

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, includes active quoted 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.

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. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets are stated in Note E to the financial statements.

- ii. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager, 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 3.00% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund accrued and calculated on daily basis.

For the financial period ended 30 June 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 RM35,000 per annum.

For the financial period ended 30 June 2024, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.08% (2023: 0.08%) subject to a minimum fee of RM35,000 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 30.6.2024	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2023
	RM	RM

Tax charged for the financial period:

Current taxation

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

	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2024	6-months financial period ended 30.6.2023
	RM	RM
Profit/(loss) before taxation	4,451,183	(680,134)
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	1,068,284	(163,232)
Tax effects of:		
(Investment income not subject to tax)/ investment loss not deductible for tax purposes	(1,218,806)	34,619
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	43,205	28,281
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	107,317	100,332
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 securities (Note 6 (i))	33,667,537	26,387,208
Unquoted fixed income securities (Note 6 (ii))	22,179,271	20,488,770
	<u>55,846,808</u>	<u>46,875,978</u>
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Realised gain on disposals	2,763,727	163,352
Change in unrealised fair value gain/(loss)	1,214,934	(1,419,613)
	<u>3,978,661</u>	<u>(1,256,261)</u>

i. Quoted securities

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Construction</u>				
IJM Corporation Berhad	117,000	340,412	356,850	0.60
<u>Consumer Products & Services</u>				
Genting Berhad	134,000	659,815	631,140	1.07
Genting Malaysia Berhad	230,000	637,600	586,500	0.99
Guan Chong Berhad	38,000	149,397	139,840	0.24
Mr D.I.Y. Group (M) Berhad	311,000	539,586	603,340	1.02
	713,000	1,986,398	1,960,820	3.32
<u>Energy</u>				
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Berhad	69,000	198,906	181,470	0.31
Dialog Group Berhad	263,000	705,069	628,570	1.06
Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad	230,000	578,465	535,900	0.91
Velesto Energy Berhad	1,058,000	315,707	280,370	0.47
	1,620,000	1,798,147	1,626,310	2.75

i. Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Financial Services</u>				
AMMB Holdings Berhad	51,500	211,150	220,935	0.37
CIMB Group Holdings Berhad	262,000	1,508,837	1,781,600	3.02
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	15,000	283,812	288,000	0.49
Malayan Banking Berhad	131,000	1,176,516	1,304,760	2.21
Public Bank Berhad	876,000	3,801,270	3,521,520	5.96
	<u>1,335,500</u>	<u>6,981,585</u>	<u>7,116,815</u>	<u>12.05</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
Hartalega Holdings Berhad	77,000	261,661	252,560	0.43
IHH Healthcare Berhad	59,000	355,433	371,700	0.63
	<u>136,000</u>	<u>617,094</u>	<u>624,260</u>	<u>1.06</u>

i. Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Cahaya Mata Sarawak Berhad	248,000	346,506	344,720	0.58
Engtex Group Berhad	301,000	308,516	319,060	0.54
Malayan Cement Berhad	106,900	538,362	532,362	0.90
Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad	97,000	317,918	248,320	0.42
PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad	216,000	1,767,760	1,362,960	2.31
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad	292,000	1,603,557	1,681,920	2.85
QES Group Berhad	594,000	362,904	412,830	0.70
Sunway Berhad	92,000	328,673	332,120	0.56
	<u>1,946,900</u>	<u>5,574,196</u>	<u>5,234,292</u>	<u>8.86</u>

i. Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Plantation</u>				
Hap Seng Plantations Holdings Berhad	336,000	816,292	591,360	1.00
IOI Corporation Berhad	188,000	855,507	695,600	1.18
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad	65,100	1,467,500	1,343,664	2.27
Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad	200,000	652,477	564,000	0.95
SD Guthrie Berhad	251,000	1,225,405	1,059,220	1.79
TSH Resources Berhad	287,000	397,491	330,050	0.56
	<u>1,327,100</u>	<u>5,414,672</u>	<u>4,583,894</u>	<u>7.75</u>
<u>Property</u>				
Eastern & Oriental Berhad	623,000	657,916	613,655	1.04
Mah Sing Group Berhad	304,000	439,167	525,920	0.89
S P Setia Berhad	442,000	669,851	609,960	1.03
UEM Sunrise Berhad	569,000	647,434	614,520	1.04
	<u>1,938,000</u>	<u>2,414,368</u>	<u>2,364,055</u>	<u>4.00</u>

i. Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Technology</u>				
Inari Amertron Berhad	151,000	507,778	558,700	0.95
Pentamaster Corporation Berhad	36,000	182,898	180,720	0.31
SNS Network Technology Berhad	372,000	184,976	280,860	0.48
	<u>559,000</u>	<u>875,652</u>	<u>1,020,280</u>	<u>1.74</u>
<u>Telecommunications & Media</u>				
Axiata Group Berhad	199,000	854,442	519,390	0.88
CelcomDigi Berhad	292,000	1,214,984	1,074,560	1.82
REDtone Digital Berhad	301,000	207,819	310,030	0.52
Telekom Malaysia Berhad	218,000	1,156,435	1,473,680	2.49
TIME dotCom Berhad	58,000	301,130	291,740	0.49
	<u>1,068,000</u>	<u>3,734,810</u>	<u>3,669,400</u>	<u>6.20</u>
<u>Transportation & Logistics</u>				
MISC Berhad	103,500	760,931	881,820	1.49
Tasco Berhad	338,000	321,232	312,650	0.53
	<u>441,500</u>	<u>1,082,163</u>	<u>1,194,470</u>	<u>2.02</u>

i. Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Utilities</u>				
Ranhill Utilities Berhad	405,015	484,118	571,071	0.97
Tenaga Nasional Berhad	166,000	1,834,163	2,287,480	3.87
YTL Corporation Berhad	178,000	490,889	614,100	1.04
YTL Power International Berhad	92,000	358,000	443,440	0.75
	<u>841,015</u>	<u>3,167,170</u>	<u>3,916,091</u>	<u>6.63</u>
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	<u>12,043,015</u>	<u>33,986,667</u>	<u>33,667,537</u>	<u>56.98</u>
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>(319,130)</u>		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>33,667,537</u>		

i. Quoted securities

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Construction</u>				
IJM Corporation Berhad	234,000	429,481	348,660	0.65
<u>Consumer Products & Services</u>				
Genting Berhad	132,000	676,269	535,920	1.01
Genting Malaysia Berhad	206,000	608,863	506,760	0.95
Mr D.I.Y. Group (M) Berhad	164,000	344,387	260,760	0.49
PETRONAS Dagangan Berhad	15,100	370,535	335,220	0.63
PPB Group Berhad	33,000	564,270	519,420	0.98
QL Resources Berhad	70,000	409,498	375,200	0.70
Sime Darby Berhad	388,000	921,779	795,400	1.49
	1,008,100	3,895,601	3,328,680	6.25
<u>Energy</u>				
Dialog Group Berhad	201,000	718,370	414,060	0.78
Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad	1,076,000	1,081,689	930,740	1.75
	1,277,000	1,800,059	1,344,800	2.53

i. Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	30.6.2023 RM	%
<u>Financial Services</u>				
AMMB Holdings Berhad	75,000	273,915	271,500	0.51
Bursa Malaysia Berhad	38,500	311,024	247,940	0.47
CIMB Group Holdings Berhad	297,000	1,620,255	1,502,820	2.82
Malayan Banking Berhad	63,000	569,803	543,690	1.02
Public Bank Berhad	678,000	2,972,951	2,610,300	4.90
RHB Bank Berhad	49,516	278,579	268,872	0.50
	<u>1,201,016</u>	<u>6,026,527</u>	<u>5,445,122</u>	<u>10.22</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
Duopharma Biotech Berhad	82,000	205,948	106,600	0.20
KPJ Healthcare Berhad	345,000	361,673	386,400	0.73
	<u>427,000</u>	<u>567,621</u>	<u>493,000</u>	<u>0.93</u>
<u>Industrial Products & Services</u>				
Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad	171,000	346,853	335,160	0.63
PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad	205,000	1,690,806	1,230,000	2.31
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad	232,000	1,285,565	1,090,400	2.05
	<u>608,000</u>	<u>3,323,224</u>	<u>2,655,560</u>	<u>4.99</u>

i. Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Plantation</u>				
Genting Plantations Berhad	56,200	549,240	331,580	0.62
Hap Seng Plantations Holdings Berhad	290,000	726,362	539,400	1.01
IOI Corporation Berhad	188,000	855,507	701,240	1.32
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad	65,600	1,477,394	1,440,576	2.71
Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad	216,000	704,675	529,200	0.99
Sime Darby Plantation Berhad	251,000	1,225,405	1,041,650	1.96
TSH Resources Berhad	538,000	745,123	494,960	0.93
	<u>1,604,800</u>	<u>6,283,706</u>	<u>5,078,606</u>	<u>9.54</u>
<u>Property</u>				
S P Setia Berhad	241,000	326,989	131,345	0.25
Sime Darby Property Berhad	523,000	406,751	243,195	0.46
UEM Sunrise Berhad	810,000	434,167	218,700	0.41
	<u>1,574,000</u>	<u>1,167,907</u>	<u>593,240</u>	<u>1.12</u>

i. Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
<u>Technology</u>				
CTOS Digital Berhad	195,000	378,644	271,050	0.51
Genetec Technology Berhad	44,000	109,450	102,080	0.19
Inari Amertron Berhad	118,000	412,128	323,320	0.61
	357,000	900,222	696,450	1.31
<u>Telecommunications & Media</u>				
Axiata Group Berhad	199,000	854,442	527,350	0.99
CelcomDigi Berhad	192,000	797,474	789,120	1.48
Maxis Berhad	136,000	614,442	557,600	1.05
REDtone Digital Berhad	700,000	363,295	497,000	0.93
Telekom Malaysia Berhad	223,000	1,070,402	1,094,930	2.06
TIME dotCom Berhad	121,000	520,476	629,200	1.18
	1,571,000	4,220,531	4,095,200	7.69
<u>Transportation & Logistics</u>				
MISC Berhad	114,000	838,127	816,240	1.53

i. Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	30.6.2023 RM	%
<u>Utilities</u>				
PETRONAS Gas Berhad	27,000	465,140	450,900	0.85
Tenaga Nasional Berhad	115,000	1,259,943	1,040,750	1.95
	<u>142,000</u>	<u>1,725,083</u>	<u>1,491,650</u>	<u>2.80</u>
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	<u>10,117,916</u>	31,178,089	<u>26,387,208</u>	49.56
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>(4,790,881)</u>		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS			<u>26,387,208</u>	

ii. Unquoted fixed income securities

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
4.47% Aman Sukuk Berhad 8.5.2025 (AAA IS)	3,500,000	3,540,816	3,549,151	6.01
4.20% Bumitama Agri Ltd 22.7.2026 (AA2)	3,500,000	3,589,761	3,590,251	6.08
4.53% Danainfra Nasional Berhad 1.4.2037 (NR)	1,000,000	1,013,700	1,064,284	1.80
5.07% GENM Capital Berhad 5.5.2028 (AA1 (S))	1,500,000	1,511,668	1,538,848	2.60
5.30% GENM Capital Berhad 11.7.2028 (AA1 (S))	3,000,000	3,265,111	3,155,176	5.34
4.504% Government of Malaysia 30.4.2029 (NR)	5,000,000	5,087,912	5,225,391	8.85
4.95% YTL Power International Berhad 11.10.2024 (AA1)	4,000,000	4,052,101	4,056,170	6.87
TOTAL UNQUOTED FIXED INCOME SECURITIES	<u>21,500,000</u>	22,061,069	<u>22,179,271</u>	37.55
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>118,202</u>		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS			<u>22,179,271</u>	

ii. Unquoted fixed income securities

Name of counter	Nominal value	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 30.6.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	RM	RM	RM	%
4.47% Aman Sukuk Berhad 8.5.2025 (AAA IS)	3,500,000	3,560,993	3,561,751	6.69
4.53% Danainfra Nasional Berhad 1.4.2037 (NR)	1,000,000	1,013,594	1,053,046	1.98
5.07% GENM Capital Berhad 5.5.2028 (AA1 (S))	1,500,000	1,511,876	1,513,106	2.84
5.30% GENM Capital Berhad 11.7.2028 (AA1 (S))	3,000,000	3,308,083	3,103,380	5.83
4.504% Malaysia Government 30.4.2029 (NR)	5,000,000	5,096,298	5,236,621	9.83
3.32% Pengurusan Air SPV Berhad 4.6.2027 (AAA)	2,000,000	1,995,191	1,952,268	3.67
4.65% YTL Power International Berhad 24.8.2023 (AA1)	4,000,000	4,069,176	4,068,598	7.64
TOTAL UNQUOTED FIXED INCOME SECURITIES	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>20,555,211</u>	<u>20,488,770</u>	<u>38.48</u>
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>(66,441)</u>		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>20,488,770</u>		

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

	2024	2023
	%	%
Unquoted fixed income securities	3.98	4.21

7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Bank balance with a licensed bank	74,425	50,175
Deposits with licensed financial institution	2,910,801	6,310,527
	2,985,226	6,360,702

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

	2024	2023
	%	%
Deposits with licensed financial institution	3.35	3.05

The deposits have an average maturity of 1 day (2023: 3 days).

8. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	2024	2023
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period	61,014,239	62,416,898
Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	9,577,194	750,369
Cancellation of units during the financial period	(11,266,308)	(4,712,597)
At the end of the financial period	59,325,125	58,454,670

9. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/DEALERS

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

Name of brokers/ dealers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
<u>2024</u>				
CGS International Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	8,557,540	17.45	16,408	19.07
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	8,414,801	17.16	9,320	10.84
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	6,324,983	12.90	12,072	14.03
UBS Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	4,329,916	8.83	8,227	9.56
Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad	4,287,308	8.74	8,163	9.50
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	4,145,722	8.45	7,899	9.18
UOB Kay Hian Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	3,656,086	7.45	6,962	8.09
J.P. Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	3,331,584	6.79	6,351	7.38
CIMB Bank Berhad	1,969,000	4.01	-	-
CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd	1,315,799	2.68	2,659	3.09
Others	2,720,056	5.54	7,959	9.26
	<u>49,052,795</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>86,020</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Name of brokers/ dealers	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
<u>2023</u>				
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	2,941,133	11.59	5,590	12.57
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	2,869,274	11.31	5,452	12.26
CGS – CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd	2,708,714	10.68	5,147	11.57
J.P. Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	2,316,052	9.13	4,401	9.89
Macquarie Capital Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	2,140,001	8.44	4,066	9.14
Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad	2,095,273	8.26	3,771	8.48
UOB Kay Hian Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	1,737,173	6.85	3,309	7.44
KAF Equities Sdn Bhd CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	1,569,728	6.19	2,983	6.71
Credit Suisse Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	1,552,168	6.12	3,728	8.38
Others	1,504,245	5.93	2,868	6.45
	<u>3,935,411</u>	<u>15.50</u>	<u>3,168</u>	<u>7.11</u>
	<u>25,369,172</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>44,483</u>	<u>100.00</u>

All brokers and dealers highlighted above are not related to the Manager.

10. 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:

	2024		2023	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
Eastspring Investments Berhad	1,732	1,725	1,657	1,510

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.

11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2024	2023
	%	%
TER	0.82	0.81

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 RM59,396,520 (2023: RM55,708,893).

12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	2024	2023
PTR (times)	0.41	0.23

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

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

where:

total acquisitions for the financial period = RM24,064,301 (2023: RM10,394,809)

total disposals for the financial period = RM25,019,424 (2023: RM14,981,315)

13. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 23 August 2024.

CORPORATE DIRECTORY

THE MANAGER

NAME

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