

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ASIA PACIFIC EX-JAPAN TARGET RETURN FUND

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



Dear Valued Investor,

Greetings from Eastspring Investments Berhad!

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

**We are pleased to enclose a copy of the Annual/Semi-annual/
Quarterly Fund Reports of Eastspring Investments Berhad's fund(s)
for the reporting period ended 31 December 2023.**

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymond Tang Chee Kin', written in a cursive style.

Raymond Tang Chee Kin

Non-Independent, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

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FUND INFORMATION

Name of Fund	<p>Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific ex-Japan Target* Return Fund (the "Fund")</p> <p>* The Fund aims (i.e. Target) to achieve 8% growth of NAV per annum over the medium to long-term.</p>
Fund Category/ Type	<p>Equity/growth</p>
Fund Objective	<p>The Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing in securities in the Asia Pacific ex- Japan region.</p> <p>ANY MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE UNIT HOLDERS' APPROVAL.</p>
Performance Benchmark	<p>The performance benchmark of the Fund is 8% growth of NAV per annum over the medium to long-term.</p> <p>Note: This is not a guaranteed return and is only a measurement of the Fund's performance. The Fund may not achieve a targeted return of 8% growth of NAV per annum in any particular financial year but strives to achieve this return over the medium to long-term.</p>
Fund Income Distribution Policy	<p>At least once a year, subject to the availability of income.</p>

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED

Category	2023	2022	2021
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Quoted Securities			
Consumer Discretionary	10.64	14.18	18.99
Consumer Staple	7.04	6.00	2.36
Energy	-	1.57	3.73
Financial Services	12.10	9.10	4.20
Health Care	5.08	1.55	1.97
Industrial	13.31	14.34	8.54
Information Technology	18.25	30.14	29.60
Material	3.21	7.16	11.65
Real Estate	5.94	2.91	1.50
Technology	7.44	-	-
Telecommunication Services	5.02	-	3.00
Utilities	2.70	0.63	3.05
	90.73	87.58	88.59
Cash and other assets	9.27	12.42	11.41
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Category	2023	2022	2021
Net Asset Value (NAV) (RM'000)	329,786	306,891	81,337
Units In Circulation (Units '000)	632,057	559,285	130,417
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.5218	0.5487	0.6237
Highest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM) [#]	0.5234	0.5544	0.6240
Lowest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM) [#]	0.5149	0.5443	0.6142
Total Return (%)			
- Capital Growth	(6.84)	(6.78)	(13.70)
- Income Distribution	4.63	4.76	4.36
Total Return (%)	(2.52)	(2.35)	(9.93)
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	0.0240	0.0263	0.0268
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	0.0240	0.0263	0.0268
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%) [*]	0.97	0.99	1.00
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times) [^]	0.28	0.71	1.00

[#] Figures shown as ex-distribution.

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

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

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

	1 year 1.1.2023 to 31.12.2023	3 years 1.1.2021 to 31.12.2023	5 years 1.1.2019 to 31.12.2023
	(%)	(%)	(%)

Average total return	(0.50)	(2.12)	7.40
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Year ended	1.7.2022 to 30.6.2023	1.7.2021 to 30.6.2022	1.7.2020 to 30.6.2021	1.7.2019 to 30.6.2020	1.7.2018 to 30.6.2019
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)

Annual total return	(0.32)	(15.00)	37.72	11.43	1.46
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Source: The above total return of the Fund was sourced from Lipper for Investment Management.

Bases of calculation and assumptions made in calculating returns:

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

NAV_t = NAV at the end of the period

NAV_0 = NAV at the beginning of the period

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

Adjusted for unit split and distribution paid out for the period

n = Number of years

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

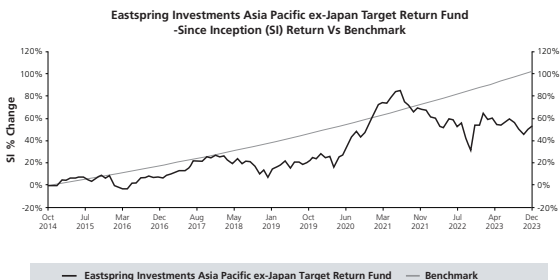
MANAGER'S REPORT

Fund Performance

Over the 5-year period, the Fund recorded a return of 42.90%, underperforming the benchmark return of 46.93% by 4.03%.

During the period under review, the Fund registered a return of -2.52%, underperforming the benchmark return of 3.91% by 6.43%.

The underperformance for the period under review was due to drag from the holdings in the Hong Kong/ China markets where sentiment was affected by the credit stress in the property sector and confidence crisis among the consumers. The drag was partially mitigated by recovery from holdings in Taiwan/ Korea markets, Reits and financials (Malaysia and Indonesia).



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

Benchmark: 8% growth of NAV per annum over the medium to long-term.

Source: Lipper for Investment Management as at 31 December 2023.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Analysis of Fund Performance

For the financial period ended 31 December 2023:

Income Return	Capital Return*	Total Return	Total Return of Benchmark
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
4.63	(6.84)	(2.52)	3.91

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

**Distribution/
Unit Split**

Ex-Date	15-Dec-23
Distribution Per Unit	(RM)
Gross	0.0240
Net	0.0240

Impact on NAV arising from distribution for the financial period ended 31 December 2023.

Ex-Date	15-Dec-23
	(RM per Unit)
Net Asset Value before distribution	0.5423
Less: distribution	(0.0240)
Net Asset Value after distribution	<u>0.5183</u>

No unit split were declared for the financial period ended 31 December 2023.

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Investment Strategy During the Period Under Review

The market had been volatile during the period under review due to geopolitical tensions, weakness in the Chinese economy and "higher-for-longer" inflation expectation in the US.

The fund adopted a tactical approach during the period with the cash level being maintained between 10-20%. The fund was initially positioned for a potential recovery in the Chinese economy but fallen short due to the lack of follow through in the stimulus measures. Towards the final quarter of the year, the fund was tweaked to position for a Fed pivot. Hence the fund added position into dividend yielding stocks and selected growth stocks such as technology.

Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	31-Dec 2023 (%)	30-Jun 2023 (%)	Changes (%)
Quoted securities	90.73	77.85	12.88
Cash and other assets	9.27	22.15	(12.88)

Asset Allocation as at 31 December 2023



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

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

State of Affairs of the Fund

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

We have issued the Eighth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2024 with the following changes:

- a. We, as the Manager reserves the right to change the minimum amounts and number of units in relation to investments into the Fund. We will notify unit holders by way letter should we decide to increase the minimum amounts and number of units;
- b. To lower minimum initial and/or additional investments amount, minimum redemption and minimum holding units for investments via our digital platform as well as on our distributor's digital platform;
- c. To only allow income distribution payments via electronic bank transfer (e-payment);
- d. To implement auto-reinvestment of the income distributions in the absence of a registered bank account; and
- e. To implement auto-reinvestment enhancement for income distributions paid to unit holders should there be unclaimed income distribution payment for the last three (3) consecutive distributions.

With above, unit holders may refer to **Appendix 1** for the detailed list of changes.

MARKET REVIEW

For the period under review, Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets continued to underperform its developed market counterparts. Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets as represented by the MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan index (“MXAPJ”) was only up by 2.9% (USD terms) vs. the MSCI World Index’s return of +6.82% (USD terms).

During the period, we saw the rise in the US 10-year bond yields by >100 bps, touching 5%, reflecting the “higher-for-longer” scenario. This tightness in financial conditions pressured both emerging markets equities and currencies. Sentiment in the emerging markets was further dampened by China’s growth and property sector contagion concerns in the absence of any major support measures by the Chinese policymakers. The AI trade which was outperforming during the earlier part of 2023 also took a breather on profit taking activities. However, sentiment improved towards the end of 2023 after Fed Chair Powell turned dovish in his remarks during the November FOMC meeting. This led to expectations that the Fed could be near the end of the rate hike cycle, and this was further reinforced in the December FOMC too. The dot plot at end 2023, indicated at least 3 rate cuts for 2024 with a median Fed funds rate at 4.625% (vs. 5.125% previously). China on the other hand continued to disappoint in terms of stimulus measures. During the year-end Politburo meeting, we saw policymakers called for more efforts and better coordination to revive the economy and confidence, but the discussions showed a clear absence of consumption stimulus. Sentiment was worsened towards end 2023, when there was a release of an unexpected game regulation which led investors to perceive a step-up of enforcement of online game regulation once again. This led to a steep correction of the gaming companies’ share prices. Commodity prices (especially oil) were volatile during the period due to geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. Oil prices peaked at close to US\$98/barrel before retracting to around US\$77/barrel at year end on the back of demand concerns.

Among the markets within the Asia Pacific ex-Japan index, the best performing markets were India (+13.3%), Indonesia (+9.2%), Taiwan (+6.0%), Malaysia (+5.7%), Australia (+5.4%) and Korea (+3.6%). Markets that were lagging the peers are Hong Kong (-9.9%), Shenzhen (-7.1%), Thailand (-5.8%) and Philippines (-0.3%). India continued to outperform given its positive structural dynamics as well as following the positive outcome of its state elections. Hong Kong and China markets continued to perform poorly due to persistent concerns over geopolitics, property/ LGFV risks and a lack of major stimulus.

The market will continue to be choppy in 2024 driven by macro conditions which include US inflation and labour outlook, China's ability to stabilize its economy and geopolitical developments (include the ongoing wars, trade tensions and US election rhetoric). We remain construction on Asia ex-Japan equities as the global slowdown in 2024 is largely concentrated within the developed economies. Our key investment themes going forward will include the beneficiaries of Fed pivot, wider adoption of AI, the bottoming out of tech cycle and trade divergence beneficiaries.

REBATES AND SOFT COMMISSIONS

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

SECURITIES LENDING OR REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

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

EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ASIA PACIFIC EX-JAPAN TARGET RETURN FUND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

We, Tang Chee Kin and John Campbell Tupling, being two of the Directors of Eastspring Investments Berhad, do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited financial statements set out on pages 14 to 72 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 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the six months financial period ended on that date in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager,
EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS BERHAD

TANG CHEE KIN
Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

JOHN CAMPBELL TUPLING
Independent, Non-Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur
Date: 23 February 2024

TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ASIA PACIFIC EX-JAPAN TARGET RETURN FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 December 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Eastspring Investments Berhad has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

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

We are of the opinion that the distribution of income by the Fund is appropriate and reflects the investment objective of the Fund.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

Ng Hon Leong
Head, Fund Operations

Sylvia Beh
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur
Date: 23 February 2024

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	6-months financial period ended 31.12.2023	6-months financial period ended 31.12.2022
		RM	RM
INVESTMENT (LOSS)/INCOME			
Gross dividend income		2,844,100	1,514,592
Interest income from deposits			
with licensed financial institutions		513,111	116,787
Net loss on foreign currency exchange		(773,571)	(908,959)
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets			
at fair value through profit or loss	7	(6,496,949)	1,310,935
		<u>(3,913,309)</u>	<u>2,033,355</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	3	(2,916,207)	(2,204,469)
Trustee fee	4	(129,609)	(97,976)
Audit fee		(4,122)	(4,134)
Tax agent fee		(26,160)	(12,141)
Transaction costs		(402,131)	(592,658)
Other expenses		(271,989)	(157,368)
		<u>(3,750,218)</u>	<u>(3,068,746)</u>
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		(7,663,527)	(1,035,391)
TAXATION	5	<u>(607,839)</u>	<u>(122,585)</u>
LOSS AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS		<u>(8,271,366)</u>	<u>(1,157,976)</u>
Loss after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		(6,389,703)	(939,729)
Unrealised amount		(1,881,663)	(218,247)
		<u>(8,271,366)</u>	<u>(1,157,976)</u>

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

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		RM	RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	29,146,653	37,476,055
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	299,306,879	268,798,893
Amount due from Manager		101,991	1,143,497
Amount due from broker		2,306,551	-
Dividends receivable		182,459	131,135
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>331,044,533</u>	<u>307,549,580</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accrued management fee		492,188	469,874
Amount due to Manager		108,224	90,617
Amount due to Trustee		21,875	20,883
Amount due to broker		517,585	-
Tax payable		103,852	61,001
Other payables and accruals		15,268	16,017
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,258,992</u>	<u>658,392</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>329,785,541</u>	<u>306,891,188</u>
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		324,249,576	298,224,245
Retained earnings		5,535,965	8,666,943
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		<u>329,785,541</u>	<u>306,891,188</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	9	<u>632,057,477</u>	<u>559,285,439</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (EX-DISTRIBUTION) (RM)		<u>0.5218</u>	<u>0.5487</u>

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unit holders' capital RM	Retained earnings RM	Total RM
Balance as at 1 July 2023		309,944,673	14,954,109	324,898,782
Movement in unit holders' contribution:				
Creation of units from applications		22,638,909	-	22,638,909
Creation of units from distribution		14,370,384	-	14,370,384
Cancellation of units		(9,346,109)	-	(9,346,109)
Distribution (Gross/Net: 2.40 sen)	6	(13,358,281)	(1,146,778)	(14,505,059)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period		-	(8,271,366)	(8,271,366)
Balance as at 31 December 2023		<u>324,249,576</u>	<u>5,535,965</u>	<u>329,785,541</u>
Balance as at 1 July 2022		66,318,794	12,537,468	78,856,262
Movement in unit holders' contribution:				
Creation of units from applications		235,031,003	-	235,031,003
Creation of units from distribution		13,890,692	-	13,890,692
Cancellation of units		(5,731,394)	-	(5,731,394)
Distribution (Gross/Net: 2.63 sen)	6	(11,284,850)	(2,712,549)	(13,997,399)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period		-	(1,157,976)	(1,157,976)
Balance as at 31 December 2022		<u>298,224,245</u>	<u>8,666,943</u>	<u>306,891,188</u>

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

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	6-months financial period ended	6-months financial period ended
Note	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	RM	RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments	59,905,336	74,909,796
Purchase of investments	(115,193,854)	(266,354,758)
Dividend received	3,680,309	1,846,192
Interest received	513,111	116,787
Management fee paid	(2,909,243)	(1,853,184)
Trustee fee paid	(129,300)	(82,363)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(92,330)	(85,955)
Tax paid	(686,728)	(80,432)
Net realised foreign currency exchange loss	(769,227)	(907,427)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(55,681,926)</u>	<u>(192,491,344)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash proceeds from units created	22,548,366	233,910,049
Payments for cancellation of units	(10,957,875)	(5,726,620)
Distribution paid	(134,675)	(106,707)
Net cash generated from financing activities	<u>11,455,816</u>	<u>228,076,722</u>
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(44,226,110)	35,585,378
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES	(4,344)	(1,532)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>73,377,107</u>	<u>1,892,209</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	8 <u>29,146,653</u>	<u>37,476,055</u>

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

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

A. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the MFRS and IFRS require 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 L.

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

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

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

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

B. INCOME RECOGNITION

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

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

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 is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, 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 during the financial year.

Tax on investment income from foreign quoted securities is based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invested in.

Withholding taxes on investment income from foreign quoted securities are based on tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in. Such withholding taxes are not "income tax" in nature and are recognised, measured based on the requirements of MFRS 137. They are presented within other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

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. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

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

F. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

i. Classification

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

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss, and
- those 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. 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 broker 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 broker and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

ii. Recognition and measurement

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

In accordance with the Deed, 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.

Quoted securities outside Malaysia are valued at the market last done prices quoted of the respective foreign stock exchanges at close of the business day.

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 quoted securities for a financial 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 there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period.

G. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

H. DISTRIBUTION

A distribution to the Fund's unit holders is accounted for a deduction from realised reserves. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved by the Trustee.

I. 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.

J. AMOUNT DUE FROM/(TO) BROKERS

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

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

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

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

K. 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.

L. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. INFORMATION ON THE FUND

Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific ex-Japan Target Return Fund (the “Fund”) was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 24 April 2014 as modified by a Supplemental Deed dated 21 July 2014, Second Supplemental Deed dated 2 January 2015 and Third Supplemental Deed dated 22 June 2022 entered into between Eastspring Investments Berhad (the “Manager”) and Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the “Trustee”) (collectively referred to as the “Deeds”).

The Fund was launched on 10 October 2014 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee or the Manager as provided under Part 12 of the Deed.

The Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing in securities in the Asia Pacific ex-Japan region.

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in equities and equity-related securities such as ADRs, rights issues and warrants, which are domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the Asia Pacific ex-Japan region. The Fund’s investments may also include liquid assets. The Fund will invest in markets where the regulatory authority is a member of International Organisation of Security Commissions (“IOSCO”). The markets where the Fund will invest in include but not limited to Australia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Singapore, Philippines and Thailand.

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

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

2. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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

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

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	Note	Financial assets at amortised cost	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Total
		RM	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	8	29,146,653	-	29,146,653
Quoted securities	7	-	299,306,879	299,306,879
Amount due from Manager		101,991	-	101,991
Amount due from broker		2,306,551	-	2,306,551
Dividends receivable		182,459	-	182,459
		<u>31,737,654</u>	<u>299,306,879</u>	<u>331,044,533</u>
<u>2022</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	8	37,476,055	-	37,476,055
Quoted securities	7	-	268,798,893	268,798,893
Amount due from Manager		1,143,497	-	1,143,497
Dividends receivable		131,135	-	131,135
		<u>38,750,687</u>	<u>268,798,893</u>	<u>307,549,580</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 31 December which are exposed to price risk:

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Quoted securities	<u>299,306,879</u>	<u>268,798,893</u>

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

% Change in price	Market value	Impact on loss after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>		
+5%	314,272,223	14,965,344
-5%	284,341,535	(14,965,344)
<u>2022</u>		
+5%	282,238,838	13,439,945
-5%	255,358,948	(13,439,945)

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.

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

iii. Foreign exchange/Currency risk

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

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

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Amount due from broker	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>					
AUD	15,089,930	-	-	-	15,089,930
CNY	9,421,415	-	-	-	9,421,415
HKD	59,036,070	51,343	130,515	2,104,532	61,322,460
IDR	11,290,190	-	-	-	11,290,190
INR	28,996,128	6,820	-	-	29,002,948
KRW	44,355,703	-	-	-	44,355,703
PHP	6,139,878	-	-	-	6,139,878
SGD	38,987,524	104	-	-	38,987,628
THB	19,824,937	-	22,493	-	19,847,430
TWD	34,456,555	586,568	29,451	-	35,072,574
USD	-	6,929,630	-	-	6,929,630
	<u>267,598,330</u>	<u>7,574,465</u>	<u>182,459</u>	<u>2,104,532</u>	<u>277,459,786</u>

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>2022</u>				
AUD	2,182,989	-	-	2,182,989
CNY	14,683,702	-	-	14,683,702
HKD	143,472,421	-	102,202	143,574,623
INR	19,559,573	5,312	-	19,564,885
KRW	45,423,596	-	-	45,423,596
SGD	13,854,495	98	-	13,854,593
THB	2,899,393	-	-	2,899,393
TWD	26,722,724	65,982	28,933	26,817,639
USD	-	29,268,457	-	29,268,457
	<u>268,798,893</u>	<u>29,339,849</u>	<u>131,135</u>	<u>298,269,877</u>

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

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

	Change in exchange rate	Impact on loss after tax	Impact on net asset value
	%	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>			
AUD	5.84	881,252	881,252
CNY	3.62	341,055	341,055
HKD	4.59	2,814,701	2,814,701
IDR	3.63	409,834	409,834
INR	4.43	1,284,831	1,284,831
KRW	5.48	2,430,693	2,430,693
PHP	4.06	249,279	249,279
SGD	2.87	1,118,945	1,118,945
THB	5.69	1,129,319	1,129,319
TWD	3.66	1,283,656	1,283,656
USD	4.59	318,070	318,070
<u>2022</u>			
AUD	5.00	109,149	109,149
CNY	5.00	734,185	734,185
HKD	5.00	7,178,731	7,178,731
INR	5.00	978,244	978,244
KRW	5.00	2,271,180	2,271,180
SGD	5.00	692,730	692,730
THB	5.00	144,970	144,970
TWD	5.00	1,340,882	1,340,882
USD	5.00	1,463,423	1,463,423

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 settlement terms of amount due from brokers are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by the respective stock exchanges.

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>2023</u>			
Accrued management fee	492,188	-	492,188
Amount due to Manager	108,224	-	108,224
Amount due to Trustee	21,875	-	21,875
Amount due to broker	517,585	-	517,585
Other payables and accruals	-	15,268	15,268
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	1,139,872	15,268	1,155,140
<u>2022</u>			
Accrued management fee	469,874	-	469,874
Amount due to Manager	90,617	-	90,617
Amount due to Trustee	20,883	-	20,883
Other payables and accruals	-	16,017	16,017
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	581,374	16,017	597,391

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 respective stock exchange. The credit/default risk is minimal as all transactions in quoted securities are settled/paid upon delivery using approved brokers.

The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

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

	Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Amount due from Manager	Amount due from broker	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>2023</u>					
Financial Services					
- AAA	21,495,741	-	-	-	21,495,741
- AA1	7,650,912	-	-	-	7,650,912
Industrials					
- NR	-	22,493	-	-	22,493
Technology					
- NR	-	93,798	-	-	93,798
Real Estate					
- NR	-	66,168	-	-	66,168
Other					
- NR	-	-	101,991	2,306,551	2,408,542
	<u>29,146,653</u>	<u>182,459</u>	<u>101,991</u>	<u>2,306,551</u>	<u>31,737,654</u>

	Cash and cash equivalents	Dividends receivable	Amount due from Manager	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2022				
Financial Services				
- AAA	8,091,286	-	-	8,091,286
- AA1	29,384,769	-	-	29,384,769
Information Technology				
- NR	-	28,933	-	28,933
Real Estate				
- NR	-	102,202	-	102,202
Other				
- NR	-	-	1,143,497	1,143,497
	<u>37,476,055</u>	<u>131,135</u>	<u>1,143,497</u>	<u>38,750,687</u>

None of these financial assets are past due or impaired.

Fund management risk

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

Non-compliance risk

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

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

Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unit holders' capital of RM 324,249,576 (2022: RM298,224,245) and retained earnings of RM5,535,965 (2022: RM8,666,943). The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unit holders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

Fair value estimation

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

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

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset 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>2023</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Quoted securities	299,306,879	-	-	299,306,879
<u>2022</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Quoted securities	268,798,893	-	-	268,798,893

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include 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 F to the financial statements.

- ii. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager, amount due from broker, 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 accrued on a daily basis.

For the financial period ended 31 December 2023, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.80% (2022: 1.80%) 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 a fee at a rate not exceeding 0.20% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, accrued on a daily basis for the financial period subject to a minimum fee of RM18,000 per annum excluding foreign custodian fees and charges.

For the financial period ended 31 December 2023, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.08% (2022: 0.08%) subject to a minimum fee of RM18,000 per annum on the net asset value of the Fund excluding of foreign custodian fees and charges, calculated on daily basis.

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

5. TAXATION

	6-months financial period ended 31.12.2023	6-months financial period ended 31.12.2022
	RM	RM
Tax charged for the financial period:		
Current taxation	607,839	122,585

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

	6-months financial period ended 31.12.2023	6-months financial period ended 31.12.2022
	RM	RM
Loss before taxation	(7,663,527)	(1,035,391)
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	(1,839,246)	(248,494)
Tax effects of:		
Investment loss not deductible for tax purposes/(investment income not subject to tax)	1,547,033	(365,420)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	199,173	206,434
Restriction on the tax-deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	700,879	530,065
Taxation	607,839	122,585

6. DISTRIBUTION

	6-months financial period ended 31.12.2023	6-months financial period ended 31.12.2022
	RM	RM
Distribution to unit holders is from the following sources:		
Current and previous financial year's realised income:		
Dividend income	1,454,421	971,691
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions	185,551	57,507
Net realised gain on sale of investments	2,641,511	3,405,959
Distribution equalisation	13,358,281	11,284,850
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Gross realised income	17,639,764	15,720,007
Less: Expenses	(3,134,705)	(1,722,608)
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	14,505,059	13,997,399
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Gross distribution per unit (sen)	2.40	2.63
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Net distribution per unit (sen)	2.40	2.63
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Ex-Date	15 December 2023	16 December 2022
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Gross distribution is derived using total income less total expenses. The distribution is made from current and previous financial period realised income.

Gross distribution is derived using total income less total expenses. Gross distribution per unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses divided by the number of units in circulation, while net distribution per unit is derived from gross realised income less expenses and taxation divided by the number of units in circulation.

Distribution equalisation represents the average amount of distributable income included in the creation and cancellation prices of units. It is computed as at each date of creation and cancellation of units. For the purposes of determining amount available for distribution, distribution equalisation is included in the computation of realised gain or income available for distribution.

During the financial period ended 31 December 2023, the Fund incurred unrealised losses of RM1,881,663 (2022: RM218,247).

7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Quoted securities	299,306,879	268,798,893
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Realised (loss)/gain on disposals	(4,619,630)	1,527,652
Change in unrealised fair value loss	(1,877,319)	(216,717)
	<u>(6,496,949)</u>	<u>1,310,935</u>

Quoted securities

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Local				
Malaysia Securities				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
Genting Malaysia Berhad	1,408,200	3,809,521	3,788,058	1.15
<u>Consumer Staple</u>				
Carlsberg Brewery Malaysia Berhad	156,700	3,157,475	3,021,176	0.92
IOI Corporation Berhad	43,500	169,650	170,955	0.05
	200,200	3,327,125	3,192,131	0.97
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Allianz Malaysia Berhad	143,400	2,061,602	2,644,296	0.80
CIMB Group Holdings Berhad	865,000	4,616,822	5,060,250	1.53
RHB Bank Berhad	577,000	3,288,438	3,144,650	0.95
Malayan Banking Berhad	500,000	4,300,000	4,445,000	1.35
	2,085,400	14,266,862	15,294,196	4.63
<u>Real Estate</u>				
IGB Real Estate Investment Trust	1,375,000	2,358,490	2,365,000	0.72
<u>Utilities</u>				
Tenaga Nasional Berhad	704,100	6,904,423	7,069,164	2.14
Total Malaysia Securities	5,772,900	30,666,421	31,708,549	9.61

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
			31.12.2023	
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign				
Australia Securities				
<u>Health Care</u>				
CSL Limited	11,000	9,874,753	9,875,035	2.99
<u>Material</u>				
BHP Group Limited	33,032	4,161,482	5,214,895	1.58
Total Australia Securities	44,032	14,036,235	15,089,930	4.57
China Securities				
<u>Industrial</u>				
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited Nari Technology Co., Limited	437,961	6,667,931	6,317,867	1.92
<u>Information Technology</u>				
Will Semiconductor Co., Limited	45,000	3,218,003	3,103,548	0.94
Total China Securities	482,961	9,885,934	9,421,415	2.86

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
			as at 31.12.2023	
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
BYD Company Limited	27,500	3,871,454	3,473,343	1.05
Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., Limited	180,000	3,580,814	4,029,455	1.22
Sands China Limited	485,000	7,616,450	6,528,571	1.98
Tongcheng Travel Holdings Limited	668,000	5,483,328	5,682,427	1.72
Trip.Com Group Limited	15,850	2,304,161	2,592,024	0.79
	1,376,350	22,856,207	22,305,820	6.76
<u>Consumer Staple</u>				
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	214,000	3,970,201	2,647,423	0.80
<u>Financial Services</u>				
AIA Group Limited	154,600	6,903,384	6,197,661	1.88
<u>Industrial</u>				
CIMC Enric Holdings Limited	1,120,000	5,016,083	4,658,144	1.41
Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric Co., Limited	151,500	2,860,933	1,990,250	0.60
	1,271,500	7,877,016	6,648,394	2.01

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities (continued)				
<u>Information Technology</u>				
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	124,500	6,300,879	5,544,742	1.68
Baidu, Inc.	44,500	2,895,597	3,043,564	0.92
Sunny Optical Technology (Group) Company Limited	36,000	1,600,976	1,502,563	0.46
Tencent Holdings Limited	30,200	5,333,788	5,223,399	1.58
	<u>235,200</u>	<u>16,131,240</u>	<u>15,314,268</u>	<u>4.64</u>
<u>Real Estate</u>				
Link Real Estate Investment Trust	67,000	1,592,499	1,730,751	0.52
Longfor Group Holdings Limited	319,000	3,315,931	2,349,043	0.71
	<u>386,000</u>	<u>4,908,430</u>	<u>4,079,794</u>	<u>1.23</u>
<u>Utilities</u>				
ENN Energy Holdings Limited	54,400	3,368,186	1,842,710	0.56
	<u>54,400</u>	<u>3,368,186</u>	<u>1,842,710</u>	<u>0.56</u>
Total Hong Kong Securities	<u>3,692,050</u>	<u>66,014,664</u>	<u>59,036,070</u>	<u>17.88</u>

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Indonesia Securities				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
PT Mitra Adiperkasa TBK	3,400,000	1,626,850	1,814,237	0.55
<u>Consumer Staple</u>				
PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur TBK	950,000	3,320,912	2,994,787	0.91
<u>Financial Services</u>				
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero) TBK	1,000,000	1,528,470	1,706,623	0.52
<u>Health Care</u>				
PT Kalbe Farma TBK	4,428,000	2,337,995	2,125,179	0.64
<u>Telecommunication Services</u>				
PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia (Persero) TBK	2,250,000	2,731,427	2,649,364	0.80
Total Indonesia Securities	12,028,000	11,545,654	11,290,190	3.42

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
			as at 31.12.2023	
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
India Securities				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
PVR Inox Limited	37,000	3,278,888	3,384,699	1.03
<u>Consumer Staple</u>				
Godrej Consumer Products Limited	56,000	3,207,729	3,492,901	1.06
Hindustan Unilever Limited	34,000	4,885,557	4,993,051	1.51
	90,000	8,093,286	8,485,952	2.57
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited	70,560	5,654,611	6,650,021	2.02
ICICI Bank Limited	122,000	5,822,888	6,704,086	2.03
	192,560	11,477,499	13,354,107	4.05
<u>Telecommunication Services</u>				
Havells India Limited	50,000	3,606,279	3,771,370	1.14
Total India Securities	369,560	26,455,952	28,996,128	8.79

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
			as at 31.12.2023	
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Philippines Security				
<u>Industrial</u>				
SM Investments Corporation	85,000	6,507,444	6,139,878	1.86
Total Philippines Security	85,000	6,507,444	6,139,878	1.86
Republic of Korea Securities				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
Kia Corporation	10,750	3,118,899	3,801,308	1.15
<u>Information Technology</u>				
Naver Corporation	4,750	4,113,698	3,762,410	1.14
Samsung Electronics Co., Limited	61,218	14,285,084	16,993,128	5.15
Samsung SDI Co., Limited	1,503	2,971,518	2,508,566	0.76
SK Hynix Inc.	23,800	8,895,723	11,908,524	3.61
	91,271	30,266,023	35,172,628	10.66
<u>Material</u>				
LG Chem Limited	3,050	6,260,104	5,381,767	1.63
Total Republic of Korea Securities	105,071	39,645,026	44,355,703	13.44

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Singapore Securities				
<u>Financial Services</u>				
DBS Group Holdings Limited	29,000	3,144,616	3,370,865	1.02
<u>Industrial</u>				
SATS Limited	1,185,170	10,601,684	11,339,144	3.44
Singapore Post Limited	480,000	799,096	793,235	0.24
Singapore Technologies Engineering Limited	382,000	4,656,048	5,169,873	1.57
	2,047,170	16,056,828	17,302,252	5.25
<u>Real Estate</u>				
CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust	987,000	6,330,964	7,073,776	2.14
Far East Hospitality Trust	1,291,600	2,715,925	2,988,248	0.91
Frasers Centrepoint Trust	393,800	2,851,234	3,096,357	0.94
	2,672,400	11,898,123	13,158,381	3.99
<u>Telecommunication Services</u>				
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	600,000	4,741,328	5,156,026	1.56
Total Singapore Securities	5,348,570	35,840,895	38,987,524	11.82

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
			as at 31.12.2023	
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Taiwan Securities				
<u>Industrial</u>				
Airtac International Group	22,000	3,393,329	3,326,690	1.01
<u>Information Technology</u>				
ASE Technology Holding Co., Limited	161,000	3,181,801	3,254,077	0.99
United Microelectronics Corp.	426,000	3,211,100	3,354,776	1.02
	587,000	6,392,901	6,608,853	2.01
<u>Technology</u>				
Delta Electronics, Inc.	71,000	3,852,700	3,332,454	1.01
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Limited	370,000	5,662,705	5,788,769	1.76
Mediatek Inc.	31,000	3,751,564	4,710,814	1.43
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Limited	83,000	6,210,840	7,368,872	2.23
Unimicron Technology Corp.	126,000	3,351,061	3,320,103	1.01
	681,000	22,828,870	24,521,012	7.44
Total Taiwan Securities	1,290,000	32,615,100	34,456,555	10.46

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Thailand Securities				
<u>Consumer Staple</u>				
CP All Public Company Limited	789,000	6,465,181	5,898,917	1.79
<u>Health Care</u>				
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services Public Company Limited	1,310,000	4,943,456	4,765,902	1.45
<u>Industrial</u>				
Airports of Thailand Public Company Limited	520,000	4,935,376	4,148,094	1.26

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Thailand Securities (continued)				
<u>Telecommunication Services</u>				
Advanced Info Service Public Company Limited	173,000	4,758,801	5,012,024	1.52
Total Thailand Securities	2,792,000	21,102,814	19,824,937	6.02
Total Foreign Securities	26,237,244	263,649,718	267,598,330	81.12
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	32,010,144	294,316,139	299,306,879	90.73
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		4,990,740		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		299,306,879		

Quoted securities

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign				
Australia Security				
<u>Material</u>				
BHP Group Limited	16,032	1,896,667	2,182,989	0.71
Total Australia Security	16,032	1,896,667	2,182,989	0.71

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
China Securities				
<u>Consumer Staple</u>				
China Tourism Group Duty Free Corporation Limited	18,000	2,563,124	2,479,644	0.81
<u>Industrial</u>				
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited	14,000	4,055,852	3,512,265	1.14
Nari Technology Co., Limited	312,681	5,745,392	4,865,126	1.59
	326,681	9,801,244	8,377,391	2.73
<u>Information Technology</u>				
Longi Green Energy Technology Co., Limited	142,000	5,302,337	3,826,667	1.25
Total China Securities	486,681	17,666,705	14,683,702	4.79

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Limited	330,000	1,243,151	-	-
BYD Company Limited	52,000	6,927,640	5,658,945	1.84
Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., Limited	163,200	3,271,395	3,020,002	0.98
Geely Automobile Holdings Limited	1,007,000	7,448,027	6,486,496	2.11
JD.com, Inc.	34,083	4,348,622	4,240,635	1.38
Li Ning Company Limited	188,500	6,250,431	7,215,999	2.35
Shenzhou International Group Holdings Limited	150,800	7,054,702	7,481,207	2.44
Tongcheng Travel Holdings Limited	668,000	5,483,328	7,088,394	2.31
Trip.Com Group Limited	4,850	511,620	749,780	0.24
	2,598,433	42,538,916	41,941,458	13.65
<u>Consumer Staple</u>				
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	190,000	3,613,235	3,800,429	1.24

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities (continued)				
<u>Financial Services</u>				
China Merchants Bank Co., Limited	50,000	1,126,698	1,233,190	0.40
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited	1,300,000	2,926,397	2,952,876	0.96
Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Limited	170,000	4,398,121	4,961,295	1.62
	<u>1,520,000</u>	<u>8,451,216</u>	<u>9,147,361</u>	<u>2.98</u>
<u>Health Care</u>				
Wuxi AppTec Co., Limited	102,000	4,701,744	4,751,893	1.55
<u>Industrial</u>				
CIMC Enric Holdings Limited	1,120,000	5,016,083	4,993,107	1.63
Wuxi Biologics (Cayman) Inc.	240,000	7,755,799	8,116,171	2.64
Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric Co., Limited	151,500	2,860,933	3,317,112	1.08
	<u>1,511,500</u>	<u>15,632,815</u>	<u>16,426,390</u>	<u>5.35</u>

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
			as at 31.12.2022	
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities (continued)				
<u>Information Technology</u>				
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	224,000	11,141,602	10,916,488	3.56
Baidu, Inc.	117,500	7,645,676	7,415,951	2.42
Hua Hong Semiconductor Limited	346,000	4,502,878	5,327,438	1.74
Meituan	110,700	10,188,710	10,927,387	3.56
Tencent Holdings Limited	65,300	11,791,090	12,323,539	4.02
Xiaomi Corporation	140,000	1,088,837	865,409	0.28
	<u>1,003,500</u>	<u>46,358,793</u>	<u>47,776,212</u>	<u>15.58</u>
<u>Material</u>				
Anhui Conch Cement Company Limited	125,000	2,129,067	1,928,184	0.63
China Resources Cement Holdings Limited	1,094,000	3,071,699	2,559,137	0.83
Ganfeng Lithium Group Co., Limited	130,000	5,285,014	4,282,405	1.40
	<u>1,349,000</u>	<u>10,485,780</u>	<u>8,769,726</u>	<u>2.86</u>

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Hong Kong Securities (continued)				
<u>Real Estate</u>				
China Resources Land Limited	100,000	1,779,669	2,020,002	0.66
Longfor Group Holdings Limited	502,129	5,647,579	6,894,414	2.25
	602,129	7,427,248	8,914,416	2.91
<u>Utilities</u>				
ENN Energy Holdings Limited	31,400	1,984,849	1,944,536	0.63
Total Hong Kong Securities	8,907,962	141,194,596	143,472,421	46.75

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Republic of Korea Securities				
<u>Consumer Staple</u>				
LG H&H Co., Limited	4,800	11,163,437	12,113,312	3.95
<u>Energy</u>				
SK Innovation Co., Limited	3,612	2,515,842	1,944,254	0.63
<u>Information Technology</u>				
Naver Corporation	3,750	3,388,830	2,326,559	0.76
Samsung Electronics Co., Limited	30,618	6,311,299	5,918,156	1.93
Samsung SDI Co., Limited	3,503	6,925,633	7,236,225	2.36
SK Hynix Inc.	18,500	5,733,005	4,849,729	1.58
	56,371	22,358,767	20,330,669	6.63
<u>Material</u>				
LG Chem Limited	3,050	6,260,104	6,396,399	2.08
POSCO Holdings Inc.	4,800	3,863,299	4,638,962	1.51
	7,850	10,123,403	11,035,361	3.59
Total Republic of Korea Securities	72,633	46,161,449	45,423,596	14.80

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Singapore Securities				
<u>Financial Services</u>				
DBS Group Holdings Limited	43,000	4,398,419	4,783,931	1.56
<u>Industrial</u>				
SATS Limited	660,000	6,272,145	6,147,845	2.00
Singapore Technologies Engineering Limited	266,000	3,234,688	2,922,719	0.95
	926,000	9,506,833	9,070,564	2.95
Total Singapore Securities	969,000	13,905,252	13,854,495	4.51
India Securities				
<u>Financial Services</u>				
Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited	83,000	11,174,588	11,637,173	3.79
ICICI Bank Limited	50,000	2,138,273	2,367,746	0.77
	133,000	13,312,861	14,004,919	4.56
<u>Industrial</u>				
Havells India Limited	95,000	6,851,929	5,554,654	1.81
Total India Securities	228,000	20,164,790	19,559,573	6.37

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.12.2022	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Taiwan Securities				
<u>Consumer Discretionary</u>				
Eclat Textile Co., Limited	23,000	1,461,886	1,631,990	0.53
<u>Industrial</u>				
Airtac International Group	34,510	4,185,435	4,600,878	1.50
<u>Information Technology</u>				
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Limited	370,000	5,662,705	5,293,139	1.72
Mediatek Inc.	28,000	3,605,174	2,506,018	0.82
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Limited	93,000	6,514,119	5,972,984	1.95
United Microelectronics Corp.	398,000	2,766,159	2,319,655	0.76
Win Semiconductors Corp.	225,000	5,648,063	4,398,060	1.43
	1,114,000	24,196,220	20,489,856	6.68
Total Taiwan Securities	1,171,510	29,843,541	26,722,724	8.71

Quoted securities (continued)

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
			as at 31.12.2022	
	Units	RM	RM	%
Foreign (continued)				
Thailand Security				
<u>Energy</u>				
PTT Public Company Limited	680,000	3,129,718	2,899,393	0.94
Total Thailand Security	680,000	3,129,718	2,899,393	0.94
Total Foreign Securities	12,531,818	273,962,718	268,798,893	87.58
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	12,531,818	273,962,718	268,798,893	87.58
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS			<u>(5,163,825)</u>	
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS			<u>268,798,893</u>	

8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Bank balances with a licensed bank	7,650,912	29,384,769
Deposits with licensed financial institution	21,495,741	8,091,286
	<u>29,146,653</u>	<u>37,476,055</u>

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

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
INR	6,820	5,312
HKD	51,343	-
SGD	104	98
MYR	21,572,188	8,136,206
TWD	586,568	65,982
USD	6,929,630	29,268,457
	<u>29,146,653</u>	<u>37,476,055</u>

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

	2023	2022
	%	%
Deposits with licensed financial institution	<u>3.25</u>	<u>2.90</u>

The deposits have an average maturity of 2 days (2022: 2 days).

9. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	2023	2022
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period	580,042,695	133,979,675
Creation of units during the financial period:		
Arising from applications	41,474,605	410,462,191
Arising from distribution	27,725,996	25,114,250
Cancellation of units during the financial period	<u>(17,185,819)</u>	<u>(10,270,677)</u>
At the end of the financial period	<u>632,057,477</u>	<u>559,285,439</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>2023</u>				
CLSA Limited	38,186,480	21.49	36,914	15.80
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	34,464,764	19.39	51,326	21.97
Morgan Stanley & Co Inc	31,564,216	17.76	25,597	10.95
UBS Securities Pte Ltd	14,606,077	8.22	12,647	5.41
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	13,323,412	7.50	25,315	10.83
Macquarie Securities Limited	11,506,900	6.48	22,248	9.52
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	8,250,337	4.64	19,128	8.19
Merrill Lynch International Limited	7,721,302	4.35	8,630	3.69
J.P. Morgan Securities	5,442,687	3.06	7,321	3.13
HSBC Holdings PLC	3,484,805	1.96	6,970	2.98
Others	9,151,300	5.15	17,577	7.53
	<u>177,702,280</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>233,673</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>2022</u>				
Morgan Stanley & Co Inc	153,069,594	44.99	88,156	33.40
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	33,911,974	9.97	23,826	9.03
Credit Suisse Limited	33,216,202	9.76	27,779	10.52
Merrill Lynch International Limited	28,278,861	8.31	17,822	6.75
CLSA Limited	27,486,930	8.08	25,955	9.83
UBS Securities Pte Ltd	18,631,912	5.48	20,500	7.77
J.P. Morgan Securities Macquarie Securities Limited	12,062,428	3.55	14,565	5.52
Goldman Sachs	10,524,751	3.09	16,255	6.16
Credit Lyonnais Sec. Asia Ltd (Taipei Branch)	10,312,505	3.03	10,872	4.12
Others	8,095,595	2.38	12,222	4.63
	4,652,025	1.36	5,994	2.27
	<u>340,242,777</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>263,946</u>	<u>100.00</u>

All brokers highlighted above are not related to the Manager.

11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2023	2022
	%	%
TER	0.97	0.99

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 RM322,052,375 (2022: RM241,466,345).

12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	2023	2022
PTR (times)	0.28	0.71

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 = RM115,324,903 (2022: RM265,410,280)

total disposals for the financial period = RM62,377,377 (2022: RM75,094,646)

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

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

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

Units held by Manager and parties related to the Manager:

	2023		2022	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
Eastspring Investments Berhad	2,932	1,530	2,802	1,543
Director of Eastspring Investments Berhad	452,111	235,911	61,877	33,952

The above units were transacted at the prevailing market price.

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

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

14. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF CHANGES FOR EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS ASIA PACIFIC EX-JAPAN TARGET RETURN FUND

Unless otherwise stated, the following changes are affected via the Eight Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2024.

Section	Current disclosure in the Master Prospectus dated 15 July 2017, the First Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2018, the Second Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 31 October 2018, the Third Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 January 2019, the Fourth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 1 August 2019, the Fifth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 1 October 2020, the Sixth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 15 December 2021 and the Seventh Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 30 December 2022	Revised disclosure in the Eighth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2024
Transaction Information – Transaction Details	<p>7th paragraph:</p> <p>The Manager reserves the right to change the minimum amounts and number of Units stipulated above from time to time.</p>	<p>7th paragraph:</p> <p>The Manager reserves the right to change the minimum amounts and number of Units stipulated above from time to time. <u>Should the Manager decide to increase the minimum amounts and number of units as stipulated under the transaction details section, the Manager shall notify the Unit Holders by way of a letter at least fourteen (14) days prior to the effective date of such change. Investment made via digital platforms may have a lower minimum initial investment, minimum additional investment amount, minimum redemption and/or minimum holding of Units of the Fund, subject to the respective digital platforms' terms and conditions, which may be amended from time to time.</u></p>

Section	Current disclosure in the Master Prospectus dated 15 July 2017, the First Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2018, the Second Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 31 October 2018, the Third Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 January 2019, the Fourth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 1 August 2019, the Fifth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 1 October 2020, the Sixth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 15 December 2021 and the Seventh Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 30 December 2022	Revised disclosure in the Eighth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2024
Transaction Information – Income Reinvestment Policy	<p>Income distributed to a Unit Holder will automatically be reinvested into additional Units in the Fund at the NAV per Unit at the end of the Business Day of the income distribution date at no cost if the Unit Holder did not elect the mode of distribution in the master account opening form or provide any written instruction to the Manager.</p> <p>Should a Unit Holder elect the mode of distribution in the master account opening form or provide any written instruction to the Manager for the income distribution to be paid out, the income distribution proceeds will either be paid by cheque or credited to a Malaysian domiciled bank account via telegraphic or online transfer. Any fees or charges imposed by the bank will be borne by the Unit Holder.</p> <p>The Manager reserves the right to reinvest income distribution without providing any reason if the instruction in the master account opening form or written instruction is incomplete.</p>	<p>Income distribution to a Unit Holder will automatically be reinvested into additional Units in the Fund at the NAV per Unit at the end of the Business Day of the income distribution date at no cost if the Unit Holder did not elect the mode of distribution in the master account opening form or provide any written instruction to the Manager.</p> <p>Should a Unit Holder elect the mode of distribution in the master account opening form or provide any written instruction to the Manager for the income distribution to be paid out, the income distribution proceeds <u>will be paid via e-payment ONLY (i.e. income distribution proceeds will be credited to a Malaysian domiciled bank account via telegraphic or online transfer)</u>. Any fees or charges imposed by the bank will be borne by the Unit Holder.</p> <p>The Manager reserves the right to reinvest income distribution without providing any reason if the instruction in the master account opening form or written instruction is incomplete. <u>In the absence of a registered bank account, the distribution (if any) will be reinvested.</u></p>

Section	Current disclosure in the Master Prospectus dated 15 July 2017, the First Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2018, the Second Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 31 October 2018, the Third Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 January 2019, the Fourth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 1 August 2019, the Fifth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 1 October 2020, the Sixth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 15 December 2021 and the Seventh Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 30 December 2022	Revised disclosure in the Eighth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2024
Transaction Information – Income Reinvestment Policy (continued)	<p><u>Applicable only to Eastspring Global Target Income Fund</u></p> <p>Distribution payment which is less than or equal to the amount of RM300* or such other amount which will be determined by the Manager will be reinvested into additional Units in the Fund at the NAV per Unit at the end of the Business Day of the income distribution date at no cost.</p> <p>* should this amount be increased in the future, Unit Holder will be informed via post mail or email at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the implementation of such increase.</p>	<p>Distribution payment which is less than or equal to the amount of RM300* or such other amount which will be determined by the Manager will be reinvested into additional Units in the Fund at the NAV per Unit at the end of the Business Day of the income distribution date at no cost.</p> <p>* should this amount be increased in the future, Unit Holder will be informed via post mail or email at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the implementation of such increase.</p>
Transaction Information – Auto Reinvestment Policy	Not applicable.	<p><i>(added)</i></p> <p><u>2nd Paragraph:</u></p> <p>The Manager reserves the right to change the income distribution instruction to “reinvestment” if the Unit Holder did not claim the income distribution payment for the last three (3) consecutive distributions.</p>

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