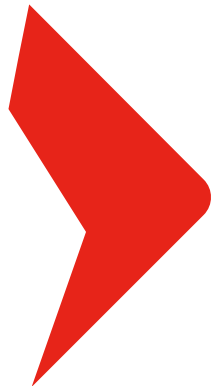


EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS GLOBAL BALANCED TARGET RETURN FUND

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD
ENDED 31 MARCH 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 31 March 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,

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Yap Siok Hoon

Non-Independent, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

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FUND INFORMATION

Name of Fund	Eastspring Investments Global Balanced Target Return Fund (the "Fund")
Fund Category/ Type	Fund-of-Funds (Balanced)/Growth and Income
Fund Objective	<p>The Fund seeks to provide investor with long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of local and/or foreign collective investments schemes ("CIS").</p> <p>ANY MATERIAL CHANGE TO THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE UNIT HOLDERS' APPROVAL.</p>
Performance Benchmark	<p>The performance benchmark of the Fund is 6% growth of NAV per annum over the 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 the targeted return of 6% growth of NAV per annum in any particular financial year but strives to achieve this return over the long-term.</p>
Fund Income Distribution Policy	Distribution of availability of income, distribution of income, if any, will be on annual basis, after deduction of taxation and expenses.

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA

FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED

Category	2024	2023	2022
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Collective investment schemes	97.90	86.05	84.90
Cash and other assets	2.10	13.95	15.10
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Net Asset Value (NAV) (RM'000)	51,415	55,881	63,499
Units In Circulation (Units '000)	87,452	107,362	117,750
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.5879	0.5205	0.5393
Highest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.5881	0.5289	0.5669
Lowest Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	0.5376	0.5058	0.5226
Total Return (%)			
- Capital Growth	8.56	1.86	(3.09)
- Income Distribution	-	-	-
Total Return (%)	8.56	1.86	(3.09)
Gross Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Net Distribution Per Unit (RM)	-	-	-
Total Expense Ratio (TER) (%) [*]	0.80	0.79	0.79
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times) [^]	0.28	0.31	0.23

* 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 1.4.2023 to 31.3.2024	3 years 1.4.2021 to 31.3.2024	Since commencement 8.6.2020 to 31.3.2024
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Average total return	15.11	3.55	4.85

Year ended	1.10.2022 to 30.9.2023	1.10.2021 to 30.9.2022	Since commencement 8.6.2020 to 30.9.2021
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Annual total return	8.01	(8.18)	11.30

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.

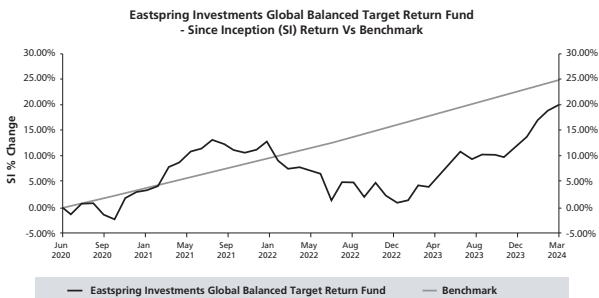
MANAGER'S REPORT

Fund Performance

Since inception, the Fund registered a return of 19.83%, underperforming the benchmark return of 24.78% by 4.95%.

For the period under review, the Fund registered a return of 8.56%, outperforming the benchmark return of 2.92% by 5.64%.

For the period under review, all the underlying strategies generated positive returns contributing to the Fund's outperformance.



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

Benchmark: 6% growth of NAV per annum over the long-term.

Source: Lipper for Investment Management, as at 31 March 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 31 March 2024:

Income Return	Capital Return*	Total Return	Total Return of Benchmark
(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
0.00	8.56	8.56	2.92

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

Distribution/ Unit Split

No distribution or unit split were declared for the financial period ended 31 March 2024.

Investment Strategy During the Period Under Review

During the period under review, the Fund's took the opportunity to increase overall investment exposure on expectation that major central banks have reached the end of their tightening cycles. We also took comfort on the stronger than expected global growth in 2023, bolstered by the especially resilient US economy.

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Asset Allocation

Asset Allocation	31-Mar 2024 (%)	30-Sep 2023 (%)	Changes (%)
Collective investment schemes	97.90	89.62	8.28
Cash and other assets	2.10	10.38	(8.28)

Asset Allocation as at 31 March 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.

We have issued the Fourth Supplementary Prospectus with the following changes:

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

State of Affairs of the Fund (continued)

- a. To include derivatives as the permitted investments of the Fund for hedging purposes;
- b. To enhance our disclosure in the fourth supplementary prospectus of the Fund to indicate that we will notify Unit Holders by way of letter at least fourteen days (14) prior to any increase in the minimum amounts and number of units to be held by a unit holder of the Fund;
- c. To lower minimum initial and/or additional investments amount, minimum redemption and minimum holding units via our digital platform as well as on our distributor's digital platform;
- d. To only allow income distribution payments via electronic bank transfer (e-payment);
- e. To implement auto-reinvestment of the income distributions in the absence of a registered bank account; and
- f. 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

Equity

Global equities rebounded in 4Q 2023 amid optimism that central banks have reached the end of their tightening cycles. Softer inflation data and more dovish messaging from the US Federal Reserve (“US Fed”), as well as its projections for rates cuts in 2024, further supported sentiment. All major markets posted positive absolute returns in USD terms, except for China which declined on continued weak economic data and lack of meaningful government support. Global equities represented by MSCI ACWI Index gained 11.15%, in USD terms.

Global equities continued to rise over the 1Q 2024 amid generally resilient economic data, bolstered by supporting sentiment, as well as the ongoing enthusiasm for Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) related stocks. Robust economic data and strong earnings from the cohort of select U.S. technology behemoths further buoyed markets, with the US market generating a 10.4% return over the quarter. Asia and Emerging Markets (“EM”) generally underperformed the developed markets over the quarter. Taiwan and Japan posted strong returns of 12.5% and 11.2%, respectively, with enthusiasm for technology and AI supporting the former and both depreciating yen and foreign investors supporting the latter. Although Chinese equities saw some improvement in sentiment over the quarter, both the onshore and investible markets posted a negative return amid continued growth concerns.

Fixed Income

In the fixed income markets, expectations of US interest rate cuts in 2024 led to a rally in the US government bond market in 4Q 2023. The US Treasury yield curve bull flattened with yields on the 2-year, 5-year and 10-year notes falling by 42 bps, 40 bps and 37 bps to 4.62%, 4.21% and 4.20%, respectively. Investment grade outperformed high yield credit in the US and EM.

In 1Q 2024, the inflation and interest rate outlook underwent significant change. Initially, the market expected the Fed to take quick action to reduce interest rates, but these expectations were later tempered. This led to higher US Treasury yields, with a broad-based increase across key tenors; yields for the 10-year, 20-year, and 30-year US Treasuries were up by 0.32%, 0.25%, and 0.31%, respectively, to close at 4.20%, 4.45% and 4.34%. The Barclays Global Aggregate Index saw a -2.1% return amid generally rising government bond yields, while the ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index outperformed investment grade bonds due to strong Q4 earnings and lower interest rate sensitivity. The JP Morgan Asia Credit Index (“JACI”), which proxies the Asia USD bond market, returned 1.4% on the back of strong performances from corporate and sovereign high yield issuers.

REBATES AND SOFT COMMISSIONS

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

SECURITIES LENDING OR REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

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

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EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS GLOBAL BALANCED TARGET RETURN FUND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 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 14 to 48 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 March 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: 24 May 2024

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

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 March 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: 24 May 2024

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	6-months financial period ended 31.3.2024	6-months financial period ended 31.3.2023
		RM	RM
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Gross dividend income		158,155	-
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions		64,058	38,298
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	4,880,645	1,745,921
Net foreign currency exchange gain/(loss)		8,410	(206,750)
		<u>5,111,268</u>	<u>1,577,469</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	3	(417,593)	(426,885)
Trustee fee	4	(15,312)	(15,652)
Audit fee		(3,250)	(3,241)
Tax agent fee		(2,500)	(1,696)
Other expenses		(42,237)	(4,377)
		<u>(480,892)</u>	<u>(451,851)</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		4,630,376	1,125,618
TAXATION	5	-	-
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>4,630,376</u>	<u>1,125,618</u>
Profit after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		921,431	(177,089)
Unrealised amount		3,708,945	1,302,707
		<u>4,630,376</u>	<u>1,125,618</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 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		RM	RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	1,096,824	8,272,521
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	50,328,925	48,090,482
Amount due from Manager		92,924	391
Management fee rebate receivable		5,813	-
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>51,524,486</u>	<u>56,363,394</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accrued management fee		64,890	71,962
Amount due to Manager		27,073	385,398
Amount due to Trustee		2,379	2,639
Other payables and accruals		15,037	22,002
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>109,379</u>	<u>482,001</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>51,415,107</u>	<u>55,881,393</u>
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		42,927,768	54,252,571
Retained earnings		8,487,339	1,628,822
NET ASSET ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		<u>51,415,107</u>	<u>55,881,393</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	8	<u>87,451,927</u>	<u>107,361,937</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		<u>0.5879</u>	<u>0.5205</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 CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unit holders' capital	Retained earnings	Total
	RM	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 October 2023	54,646,626	3,856,963	58,503,589
Movement in unit holders' contribution:			
Creation of units from applications	2,928,664	-	2,928,664
Cancellation of units	(14,647,522)	-	(14,647,522)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	4,630,376	4,630,376
Balance as at 31 March 2024	<u>42,927,768</u>	<u>8,487,339</u>	<u>51,415,107</u>
Balance as at 1 October 2022	57,945,028	503,204	58,448,232
Movement in unit holders' contribution:			
Creation of units from applications	4,357,493	-	4,357,493
Cancellation of units	(8,049,950)	-	(8,049,950)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	1,125,618	1,125,618
Balance as at 31 March 2023	<u>54,252,571</u>	<u>1,628,822</u>	<u>55,881,393</u>

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

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	6-months financial period ended 31.3.2024	6-months financial period ended 31.3.2023
Note	RM	RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments	19,284,194	20,308,390
Purchase of investments	(12,343,089)	(15,078,480)
Dividend received	123,527	-
Interest income received from deposits with licensed financial institutions	64,058	38,298
Management fee paid	(425,198)	(428,362)
Management fee rebate received	41,653	-
Trustee fee paid	(15,591)	(15,706)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(15,806)	(21,027)
Realised foreign exchange gain/(loss)	8,410	(206,750)
Net cash generated from operating activities	6,722,158	4,596,363
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash proceeds from units created	2,880,421	4,386,904
Payments for cancellation of units	(14,704,466)	(7,859,859)
Net cash used in financing activities	(11,824,045)	(3,472,955)
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(5,101,887)	1,123,408
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	6,198,711	7,149,113
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	7 1,096,824	8,272,521

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 31 MARCH 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 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 J.

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 October 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 October 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 institution is recognised on accrual basis using the effective interest 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 sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis for collective investment schemes.

C. TAXATION

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

D. FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

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

E. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

i. Classification

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

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

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager and management fee rebate 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 and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

ii. Recognition and measurement

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

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

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

Investment in collective investment scheme are valued based on the last published net asset value per unit or share of such collective investment scheme or, if unavailable, on the average of the last published buying price and the last published selling price of such unit or share (excluding any sales charge included in selling in such selling price).

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 consider both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management consider 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.

F. 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.

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. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Foreign currency transactions in the Fund are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transaction. 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.

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. 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 Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. INFORMATION ON THE FUND

Eastspring Investments Global Balanced Target Return Fund (the "Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 9 April 2019 (the "Deed") entered into between Eastspring Investments Berhad (the "Manager") and Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee") followed by First Supplemental Deed dated 6 April 2022 and second Supplemental Deed dated 15 February 2024 (collectively referred to as the "Deeds").

The Fund was launched on 18 May 2020 and will continue its operations until terminated as provided under Clause 12 of the Deed.

The main objective of the Fund seeks to provide investor with long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of local and/or foreign collective investment schemes ("CIS").

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a diversified portfolio of local and/or foreign CIS which has exposure to different asset classes including but not limited to equities and fixed income securities. The Fund will at all times invests into at least five (5) CIS as the Fund aims to provide investor a diversified portfolio that has access to different asset classes and geographical region for diversification purpose.

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), stock/issuer risk, fund management risk, liquidity risk, credit/default risk, country 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>2024</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7	1,096,824	-	1,096,824
Collective investment schemes	6	-	50,328,925	50,328,925
Amount due from Manager		92,924	-	92,924
Management fee rebate receivable		5,813	-	5,813
		<u>1,195,561</u>	<u>50,328,925</u>	<u>51,524,486</u>
<u>2023</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7	8,272,521	-	8,272,521
Collective investment schemes	6	-	48,090,482	48,090,482
Amount due from Manager		391	-	391
		<u>8,272,912</u>	<u>48,090,482</u>	<u>56,363,394</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 March which are exposed to price risk.

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Collective investment schemes	<u>50,328,925</u>	<u>48,090,482</u>

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit after tax and net asset value to movements in prices of collective investment schemes at the end of each reporting financial period. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the market price of the collective investment schemes increased and decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the collective investment schemes, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price	Market value	Impact on profit after tax and net asset value
	RM	RM
<u>2024</u>		
+5%	52,845,371	2,516,446
-5%	47,812,479	(2,516,446)
<u>2023</u>		
+5%	50,495,006	2,404,524
-5%	45,685,958	(2,404,524)

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 deposit with licensed financial institution 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	Total
	RM	RM	RM
<u>2024</u>			
USD	41,849,072	317,293	42,166,365
<u>2023</u>			
USD	48,090,482	903,406	48,993,888

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's financial assets 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 price	Impact on profit after tax	Impact on net asset value
	%	RM	RM
<u>2024</u>			
USD	5.51	2,323,367	2,323,367
<u>2023</u>			
USD	5.00	2,449,694	2,449,694

Stock/Issuer risk

The performance of equities and money market instruments held by the Underlying Fund is also dependent on company specific factors like the issuer's business situation. If the company-specific factors deteriorate, the price of the specific security may drop significantly and permanently, possibly even regardless of an otherwise generally positive stock market trend. Risks include but are not limited to competitive operating environments, changing industry conditions and poor management.

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 interest of unit holders.

Liquidity risk

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

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

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

	Less than 1 month	Between 1 month to 1 year	Total
	RM	RM	RM
2024			
Accrued management fee	64,890	-	64,890
Amount due to Manager	27,073	-	27,073
Amount due to Trustee	2,379	-	2,379
Other payables and accruals	-	15,037	15,037
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	94,342	15,037	109,379
2023			
Accrued management fee	71,962	-	71,962
Amount due to Manager	385,398	-	385,398
Amount due to Trustee	2,639	-	2,639
Other payables and accruals	-	22,002	22,002
Contractual undiscounted cash outflows	459,999	22,002	482,001

Credit/Default risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of an issuer or a counterparty 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 placement of deposit with licensed financial institution is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions. The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

The credit/default risk is minimal as all transactions in collective investment schemes are settled/paid upon delivery using approved brokers.

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

	Cash and cash equivalents	Amount due from Manager	Management fee rebate receivable	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2024				
Financial Services				
- AAA	730,189	-	-	730,189
- AA1	366,635	-	-	366,635
Other				
- NR	-	92,924	5,813	98,737
	<u>1,096,824</u>	<u>92,924</u>	<u>5,813</u>	<u>1,195,561</u>

2023

Financial Services

- AAA	7,327,034	-	-	7,327,034
- AA1	945,487	-	-	945,487
Other				
- NR	-	391	-	391
	<u>8,272,521</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,272,912</u>

None of these financial assets are past due or impaired.

Country risk

The stock prices may be affected by the political and economic conditions of the country in which the stocks are listed. A unit trust fund that invests in foreign securities may experience more rapid and extreme changes in value than a unit trust fund that invests exclusively in securities of Malaysian companies. Nationalisation, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, currency blockage, political changes or diplomatic developments could adversely affect a unit trust fund's investment in a foreign country. In the event of nationalisation, expropriation or other confiscation, a unit trust fund could lose its entire investment in foreign securities. Careful consideration shall be given to risk factors such as liquidity, political and economic environment before any investments are made in a foreign country.

Adverse conditions in a certain region can adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated.

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 RM42,927,768 (2023: RM54,252,571) and retained earnings of RM8,487,339 (2023: RM1,628,822). The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unit holders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

Fair value estimation

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

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

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

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

i. Fair value hierarchy

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

The different levels have been defined as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>2024</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Collective investment schemes	50,328,925	-	-	50,328,925
<u>2023</u>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Collective investment schemes	48,090,482	-	-	48,090,482

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include collective investment schemes. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets are stated in Note E to the financial statements.

- ii. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager, management fee rebate 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 and calculated on a daily basis.

For the financial period ended 31 March 2024, 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 a daily basis.

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

4. TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee, at a rate not exceeding 0.20% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM15,000 per annum (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges).

For the financial period ended 31 March 2024, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.055% (2023: 0.055%) per annum on the net asset value of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM18,000 per annum (excluding 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 31.3.2024	6-months financial period ended 31.3.2023
	RM	RM

Tax charged for the financial period:

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

	6-months financial period ended 31.3.2024	6-months financial period ended 31.3.2023
	RM	RM
Profit before taxation	4,630,376	1,125,618
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	1,111,290	270,148
Tax effects of:		
Investment income not subject to tax	(1,226,704)	(378,592)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	14,412	5,214
Restriction on the tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	101,002	103,230
Taxation	-	-

6. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Collective investment schemes	<u>50,328,925</u>	<u>48,090,482</u>
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Realised gain on disposals	1,131,367	443,214
Change in unrealised fair value gain	3,708,945	1,302,707
Management fee rebate [#]	40,333	-
	<u>4,880,645</u>	<u>1,745,921</u>

[#] In arriving at the fair value of collective investment schemes, the management fee initially paid to the Manager of the collective investment schemes has been considered as part of its net asset value. In order to prevent the double charging of management fee, management fee charged on the Fund's investments in collective investment schemes has been refunded to the Fund. Accordingly, any rebate of management fee received from the Manager of the collective investment schemes is reflected as an increase in the net asset value of the collective investment schemes. The rebate of management fee is from 0.25% to 1.50% per annum or RM40,333 (2023: RM Nil) calculated on net asset value of collective investment schemes on a daily basis.

Collective investment schemes

	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.3.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Eastspring Investments Equity Income Fund	3,727,928	2,700,000	2,996,881	5.83
Eastspring Investments Islamic Income Fund	8,698,057	4,683,445	4,730,003	9.20
Eastspring Investments MY Focus Fund	775,697	724,242	752,969	1.46
Eastspring Investments Asian Bond Fund - Class D	67,307	6,988,175	7,468,979	14.53
Eastspring Investments Asian Low Volatility Equity Fund - Class D	118,723	6,916,797	8,421,842	16.38
Eastspring Investments Global Low Volatility Equity Fund - Class D	67,477	5,140,854	6,337,177	12.33
Eastspring Investments Global Equity Navigator Fund - Class D	41,294	4,335,851	5,222,969	10.16
Eastspring Investments US High Yield Bond Fund - Class D	88,086	8,771,027	10,733,729	20.88

Collective investment schemes (continued)

	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.3.2024	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Eastspring Investments US Investments Grade Bond Fund - Class D	30,851	3,429,185	3,664,376	7.13
	<u>13,615,420</u>	<u>43,689,576</u>	<u>50,328,925</u>	<u>97.90</u>
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>6,639,349</u>		
TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS			<u>50,328,925</u>	

Collective investment schemes

	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Fair value as at 31.3.2023	Percentage of net asset value of the Fund
	Units	RM	RM	%
Eastspring Investments Asian Bond Fund - Class D	89,998	9,479,284	8,659,811	15.50
Eastspring Investments Asian Low Volatility Equity Fund - Class D	207,184	10,659,233	11,401,815	20.40
Eastspring Investments Global Low Volatility Equity Fund - Class D	85,536	6,019,572	6,594,822	11.80
Eastspring Investments Global Equity Navigator Fund - Class D	29,650	2,674,164	2,869,188	5.13
Eastspring Investments US High Yield Bond - Class D	102,035	9,956,388	10,289,136	18.41
Eastspring Investments US Investments Grade Bond Fund - Class D	78,861	8,492,164	8,275,710	14.81
	<u>593,264</u>	<u>47,280,805</u>	<u>48,090,482</u>	<u>86.05</u>

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

809,677

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

48,090,482

7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Bank balances with a licensed bank	366,635	945,487
Deposits with licensed financial institution	730,189	7,327,034
	<u>1,096,824</u>	<u>8,272,521</u>

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

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
USD	317,293	903,406
MYR	779,531	7,369,115
	<u>1,096,824</u>	<u>8,272,521</u>

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

	2024	2023
	%	%
Deposits with licensed financial institution	<u>3.15</u>	<u>3.24</u>

The deposits have an average maturity of 1 day (2023: 7 day).

8. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	2024	2023
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period	108,096,249	114,384,282
Creation of units arising from applications during the financial period	5,240,377	8,468,762
Cancellation of units during the financial period	<u>(25,884,700)</u>	<u>(15,491,107)</u>
At the end of the financial period	<u>87,451,927</u>	<u>107,361,937</u>

9. TRANSACTIONS WITH ISSUER

Details of transactions with the issuer are as follows:

Name of issuer	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades
	RM	%
<u>2024</u>		
Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited	18,103,756	57.24
Eastspring Investments Berhad	<u>13,523,527</u>	<u>42.76</u>
	<u>31,627,283</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>2023</u>		
Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited	<u>35,386,870</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Included in transactions by the Fund are trades conducted with related parties of the Manager which are Eastspring Investments Berhad RM13,523,527 (2023: RM Nil) and Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited RM18,103,756 (2023: RM35,386,870). The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related parties have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

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
Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited	Related company of the Manager
Eastspring Investments Equity Income Fund (MYR)	Collective investment scheme managed by Eastspring Investments Berhad
Eastspring Investments Islamic Income Fund (MYR)	Collective investment scheme managed by Eastspring Investments Berhad
Eastspring Investments MY Focus Fund (MYR)	Collective investment scheme managed by Eastspring Investments Berhad
Eastspring Investments US High Yield Bond - Class D (USD)	Collective investment scheme managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited
Eastspring Investments Global Equity Navigator Fund - Class D (USD)	Collective investment scheme managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited
Eastspring Investments Global Low Volatility Equity Fund - Class D (USD)	Collective investment scheme managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited
Eastspring Investments Asian Low Volatility Equity Fund - Class D (USD)	Collective investment scheme managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited
Eastspring Investments Asian Bond Fund - Class D (USD)	Collective investment scheme managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited
Eastspring Investments US Investments Grade Bond Fund - Class D (USD)	Collective investment scheme managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited
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	2,040	1,199	2,000	1,039

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.

Significant related parties transactions

	2024		2023	
	RM		RM	
Purchase of units in collective investment schemes managed by Eastspring Investments Berhad	623,527			-
Sales of units in collective investment schemes managed by Eastspring Investments Berhad	12,900,000			-
Purchase of units in collective investment schemes managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited	11,719,562		15,078,480	
Sales of units in collective investment schemes managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited	6,384,194		20,308,390	

All transactions with the related company have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related party.

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	0.80	0.79

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A = Management fee (excluding management fee rebate)

B = Trustee fee

C = Audit fee

D = Tax agent fee

E = Other expenses (excluding withholding tax)

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

The average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM55,621,616 (2023: RM57,044,817).

12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	2024	2023
PTR (times)	0.28	0.31

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 = RM12,343,089 (2023: RM15,078,480)

total disposals for the financial period = RM19,284,194 (2023: RM20,308,390)

13. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 24 May 2024.

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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF CHANGES FOR EASTSPRING INVESTMENTS GLOBAL BALANCED TARGET RETURN FUND

Unless otherwise stated, the following changes are affected via the Fourth Supplementary Prospectus dated 3 May 2024.

Section	Current disclosure in the First Prospectus dated 18 May 2020, the First Supplementary Prospectus dated 18 May 2020, the Second Supplementary Prospectus dated 15 August 2022 and the Third Supplementary Prospectus dated 15 May 2023	Revised disclosure in the Fourth Supplementary Prospectus
Definitions	<p>“Deed” means the deed dated 9 April 2019 as amended via the first supplemental deed dated 6 April 2022 entered into between the Manager and the Trustee in respect of the Fund as may be modified by a supplemental deed from time to time;</p>	<p>“Deed” means the deed dated 9 April 2019 as amended via the first supplemental deed dated 6 April 2022 <u>and the second supplemental deed dated 15 February 2024</u> entered into between the Manager and the Trustee in respect of the Fund as may be modified by a supplemental deed from time to time;</p>
Fund Information – Investment Strategy	<p><i>Not applicable</i></p>	<p><i>(added)</i></p> <p><u>6th paragraph:</u></p> <p><u>The Fund may enter into derivative instruments only for hedging purposes.</u></p>
Fund Information – Permitted Investments	<p>Unless otherwise prohibited by the relevant authorities or any relevant law and provided always that there are no inconsistencies with the objective of the Fund, the Fund is permitted under the Deed to invest in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIS; • Money market instruments; • Deposits with financial institutions; and • Any other form of investments as may be permitted by the relevant authorities from time to time. 	<p>Unless otherwise prohibited by the relevant authorities or any relevant law and provided always that there are no inconsistencies with the objective of the Fund, the Fund is permitted under the Deed to invest in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIS; • Money market instruments; • Deposits with financial institutions; • <u>Derivatives (for hedging purposes); and</u> • Any other form of investments as may be permitted by the relevant authorities from time to time.

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Fund Information – Investment Restrictions and Limits	<p><u>4th paragraph:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Fund must invest in at least five (5) CIS at all times; (b) The value of the Fund’s investment in units or shares of any CIS must not exceed 30% of the Fund’s NAV and complies with the following paragraphs under the investment restrictions and limits section of the Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) paragraph 2 (a); (ii) paragraph 2 (b); or (iii) paragraph 2 (c), excluding CIS that invests in real estate; (c) The Fund may invest up to 15% of its NAV in the following permitted investments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) money market instruments that are dealt in or under the rules of an eligible market and whose residual maturity does not exceed 12 months; and (ii) placement in short-term deposits; (d) The value of the Fund’s investment in money market instruments issued by any single issuer must not exceed 15% of the Fund’s NAV; 	<p><u>4th paragraph:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Fund must invest in at least five (5) CIS at all times; (b) The value of the Fund’s investment in units or shares of any CIS must not exceed 30% of the Fund’s NAV and complies with the following paragraphs under the investment restrictions and limits section of the Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) paragraph 2(a); (ii) paragraph 2(b); or (iii) paragraph 2(c), excluding CIS that invests in real estate; (c) The Fund may invest up to 15% of its NAV in the following permitted investments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) money market instruments that are dealt in or under the rules of an eligible market and whose residual maturity does not exceed 12 months; (ii) placement in short-term deposits; and (iii) <u>derivatives for the sole purpose of hedging arrangements;</u> (d) The value of the Fund’s investment in money market instruments issued by any single issuer must not exceed 15% of the Fund’s NAV;

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Fund Information – Investment Restrictions and Limits (continued)	<p>(e) The value of the Fund's placement in deposits with any single financial institution must not exceed 20% of the Fund's NAV. However, the single financial institution limit does not apply to placement of deposits arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) subscription monies received prior to the commencement of investment by the Fund; or (ii) liquidation of investments prior to the termination of the Fund, where the placement of deposits with various financial institutions would not be in the best interests of Unit Holders; or (iii) monies held for the settlement of redemption or other payment obligations, where the placement of deposits with various financial institutions would not be in the best interests of Unit Holders; <p>(f) The aggregate value of the Fund's investments in, or exposure to a single issuer through money market instruments and deposits must not exceed 25% of the Fund's NAV;</p> <p>(g) The value of the Fund's investments in money market instruments issued by any group of companies must not exceed 20% of the Fund's NAV;</p> <p>(h) The Fund's investment in CIS must not exceed 25% of the units or shares in the CIS;</p>	<p>(e) The value of the Fund's placement in deposits with any single financial institution must not exceed 20% of the Fund's NAV, However, the single financial institution limit does not apply to placement of deposits arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) subscription monies received prior to the commencement of investment by the Fund; or (ii) liquidation of investments prior to the termination of the Fund, where the placement of deposits with various financial institutions would not be in the best interests of Unit Holders; or (iii) monies held for the settlement of redemption or other payment obligations, where the placement of deposits with various financial institutions would not be in the best interests of Unit Holders; <p>(f) The aggregate value of the Fund's investments in, or exposure to a single issuer through money market instruments, deposits, <u>underlying assets of derivatives and counterparty exposure arising from the use of over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives</u> must not exceed 25% of the Fund's NAV;</p> <p>(g) The value of the Fund's investments in money market instruments issued by any group of companies must not exceed 20% of the Fund's NAV;</p> <p>(h) The Fund's investment in CIS must not exceed 25% of the units or shares in the CIS;</p>

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<p>Fund Information – Investment Restrictions and Limits (continued)</p>	<p>(i) The Fund’s investments in money market instruments must not exceed 10% of the instruments issued by any single issuer. This limit does not apply to money market instruments that do not have a pre-determined issue size; and</p> <p>(j) There should be no restriction or limit for instruments issued or guaranteed by the Malaysian government and BNM.</p>	<p>(i) The Fund’s investments in money market instruments must not exceed 10% if the instruments issued by any single issuer. This limit does not apply to money market instruments that do not have a pre-determined issue size;</p> <p>(j) <u>For investments in OTC derivatives the counterparty of an OTC derivative must be a financial institution that has a minimum long-term credit rating of investment grade (including gradation and subcategories). The maximum exposure of the Fund to the counterparty, calculated based on the method prescribed in the Guidelines must not exceed 10% of the Fund’s NAV;</u></p> <p>(k) <u>Commitment approach is used to calculate the Fund’s net market exposure to derivatives. It is calculated as the sum of the (a) absolute value of the exposure of each individual derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangements; (b) absolute value of the net exposure of each individual derivative after netting or hedging arrangements; and (c) the values of cash collateral received pursuant to the reduction of exposure to counterparties of OTC derivatives;</u></p> <p>(l) <u>The Fund’s global exposure from its derivatives position must not exceed the Fund’s NAV at all times; and</u></p> <p>(m) There should be no restriction or limit for instruments issued or guaranteed by the Malaysian government and BNM.</p>

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Fund Information - Deed	The deed dated 9 April 2019 and the first supplemental deed dated 6 April 2022.	The deed dated 9 April 2019, the first supplemental deed dated 6 April 2022 <u>and the second supplemental deed dated 15 February 2024.</u>
Risk Factors – Specific Risks when Investing in the Fund	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>(added)</i>
		<u>Derivatives risk</u>
		<p><u>The Manager may invest in derivatives for hedging purposes. Derivatives' market values may be subject to wide fluctuations and expose the Fund to potential gains and losses due to mark-to-market value. Some of the risks associated with derivatives are, but not limited to, market risk, management company risk, counterparty risk, and liquidity risk.</u></p>
		<p><u>The derivatives will be used to hedge the Fund's currency exposure in response to anticipated fluctuations in USD/MYR, in order to reduce the currency fluctuation risk of the Fund as the Fund's base currency is in MYR while the underlying funds are denominated in USD. The primary interest is to protect the value of the Fund.</u></p>
		<p><u>To the extent hedging transactions are imperfect, there is no guarantee that it will be possible to remove all currency, interest rate or credit exposures. In the event the hedging strategy does not meet its intended objective, this could have an adverse impact on the NAV of the Fund.</u></p>

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Risk Factors – Specific Risks when Investing in the Fund (continued)

We will monitor the credit ratings of the counterparties on an ongoing basis. This is to ensure that the counterparties of such derivatives are with minimum long-term credit rating of investment grade.

In the event that the counterparty of the financial derivative instrument is not able to fulfil its obligations, especially in the event of its bankruptcy, this may lead to a loss to the Fund. Counterparty risk may be mitigated by conducting credit evaluation on the counterparty to ascertain the creditworthiness of the counterparty. Should there be a downgrade in the credit rating of the counterparty, we will evaluate the situation and reassess the creditworthiness of the counterparty. We will take the necessary steps in the best interest of the Fund. This includes the unwinding of derivatives, if there is a need to terminate current position of the derivatives.

Bases of Valuation for the Fund

Not applicable

(added)

Derivatives

Derivative instruments are marked-to-market on a daily basis, where possible. Otherwise, the valuation will be based on fair value as determined in good faith by the Manager on methods or bases that have been verified by the auditor of the Fund and approved by the Trustee.

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Transaction Information – Transaction Details

5th paragraph:

The Manager reserves the right to change the minimum amounts and number of Units stipulated above from time to time. 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 prior to the effective date of such change.

5th paragraph:

The Manager reserves the right to change the minimum amounts and number of Units stipulated above from time to time. 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. Investments made via digital platforms may have a lower minimum initial investment, minimum additional investment amount, minimum redemption and/or minimum holdings of Units of the Fund, subject to the respective digital platforms' terms and conditions, which may be amended from time to time.

Transaction Information – Income Reinvestment Policy

2nd paragraph:

Should a Unit Holder elect the mode of distribution in the master account opening form or provide any written instruction to the Manager, the income distribution proceeds will either be paid by cheque or credited into the bank account located in Malaysia via telegraphic or online transfer at the cost and expense of the Unit Holder.

2nd paragraph:

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 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). Any fees or charges imposed by the bank will be borne by the Unit Holder.

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Transaction Information – Income Reinvestment Policy (continued)	<p><u>3rd paragraph:</u></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><u>3rd paragraph:</u></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>
Transaction Information – Auto Reinvestment Policy	<p><i>Not applicable</i></p>	<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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