

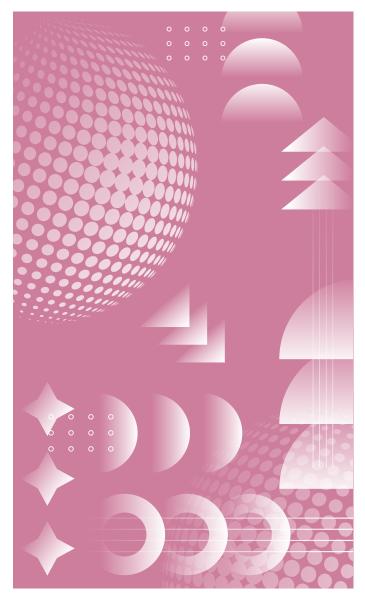
## Hong Leong Global Multi Strategies Fund

## **First-Quarter Report**

Financial Period Ended 28 February 2025

2024/2025

Unaudited



# HONG LEONG GLOBAL MULTI STRATEGIES FUND

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### **Manager's Review and Report**

### I. FUND INFORMATION

### **Fund Name**

Hong Leong Global Multi Strategies Fund ("HLGMSF" or "the Fund")

### **Fund Category**

Mixed Assets (Fund-of-Funds/Wholesale)

### **Fund Type**

Growth and Income

### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and regular income\* over the medium to long-term by investing primarily in a portfolio of collective investment schemes.

# Duration of the Fund and its termination date, where applicable

Not Applicable

### **Benchmark**

MSCI All Country World Index+Bloomberg Global Aggregate Total Return Index Hedged USD (50:50)

### **Distribution Policy**

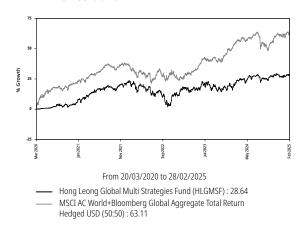
The Fund intends to provide regular income. As such, income distribution will be declared on a monthly basis, subject to availability of income. Income distributed will be reinvested into additional Units unless Unit holders opt for the distribution to be paid out.

#### Note:

f Income distributed (if any) will be reinvested into additional Units unless Unit holders opt for the distribution to be paid out.

#### II. FUND PERFORMANCE

Chart 1: Performance of the Fund versus the benchmark since launch



Source: Lipper, in Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLGMSF reinvested.

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

### **Performance Review**

This First-Quarter Report covers the three-month financial period from 1 December 2024 to 28 February 2025.

The Fund posted a return of 0.14% (based on NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from the Fund reinvested) in the past three months while its benchmark the MSCI All Country World Index+Bloomberg Global Aggregate Total Return Index Hedged USD (50:50) registered a return of 1.03% (in Malaysian Ringgit terms). During the financial period under review, the Fund had distributed gross income distributions of 0.2500 sen per unit (net income distribution of 0.2500 sen per unit) on 20 December 2024, 20 January 2025 and 20 February 2025. Prior to the income distributions, the cum-distributions Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of the Fund were RM1.1441, RM1.1493 and RM1.1520 while the ex-distributions NAV per unit were RM1.1416, RM1.1468 and RM1.1495.

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Since launch, the Fund has registered a return of 28.64% compared to the benchmark's return of 63.11% while distributing a total gross income of 12.1004 sen per unit (net income of 11.9294 sen per unit).

### **Key Risk Factors**

The potential risks associated with investing in the Fund are including but not limited to the followings:

- Market risk;
- Fund management risk;
- Inflation/Purchasing power risk;
- Loan financing risk;
- Non-compliance risk;
- Third party managers' risk;
- Collective Investment Scheme risk;
- Counterparty risk;
- Currency risk;
- Liquidity risk;
- Country risk;
- Hedging risk; and
- Concentration risk.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund for the following periods as at 28 February 2025 (Source: Lipper)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	Since Launch
HLGMSF Return (%)	0.14	2.81	4.39	8.65	28.64
Benchmark (%)	1.03	6.44	4.22	24.68	63.11

Table 2: Return of the Fund based on NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis for the period 30 November 2024 to 28 February 2025 (Source: Lipper)

	28-Feb-25	30-Nov-24	Return (%)
NAV Per Unit	RM1.1516	RM1.1575*	0.14#
Benchmark	163.11	161.45	1.03
vs Benchmark (%)	-	-	-0.89

Based on the NAV Per Unit on 29 November 2024 as the above-mentioned reporting date fell on a non-business day.

Table 3: Financial Highlights

The Net Asset Value attributable to Unit holders is represented by:

	28-Feb-25 (RM)	30-Nov-24 (RM)	Change (%)
Unit Holders' Capital	2,512,763	2,624,440	(4.26)
Accumulated Loss	(381,011)	(369,937)	(2.99)
Net Asset Value	2,131,752	2,254,503	(5.44)
Units in Circulation	1,851,150	1,947,834	(4.96)

Table 4: The Highest and Lowest NAV Per Unit, Total Return of the Fund and the breakdown into Capital Growth and Income Distribution for the financial period ended 28 February and financial years ended 30 November

	Financial Period Feb 2025	Financial Year 2024	Financial Year 2023	Financial Year 2022
Highest NAV Per Unit (RM)	1.1623	1.1725	1.1208	1.1611
Lowest NAV Per Unit (RM)	1.1325	1.0503	1.0091	0.9276
Capital Growth (%)	-0.51	7.86	4.86	-8.46
Income Distribution (%)	0.65	1.18	-	3.62
Total Return (%)	0.14	9.04	4.86	-4.84

Source: Lipper, in Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLGMSF reinvested.

Table 5: Average Total Return of the Fund for the financial period ended 28 February 2025

	1 Year	3 Years
Average Total Return (%)	4.39	2.88

Source: Lipper, in Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLGMSF reinvested.

Table 6: Annual Total Return of the Fund for the financial period and years ended 30 November

Financial Year/Period	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Annual Total Return (%)	9.04	4.86	-4.84	14.35	3.25*

<sup>\*</sup> The figure shown is for the period since Fund launch (20 March 2020 to 30 November 2020).

Source: Lipper, in Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLGMSF reinvested.

<sup>#</sup> Return is calculated after adjusting for income distributions during the financial period under review.

Table 7: Volatility of the Fund for the financial period ended 28 February 2025

	1 Year	3 Years
Annualised Standard Deviation (%)	4.39	9.91

Source: Lipper.

### III. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Chart 2: Asset Allocation – December 2024 to February 2025

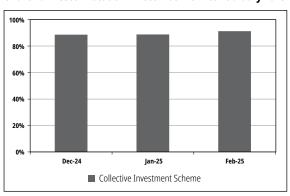
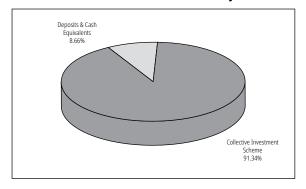


Chart 3: Sector Allocation as at 28 February 2025



## <u>Strategies employed by the Fund during the period</u> under review

During the financial period under review, the Fund maintained its position in JPMorgan Multi Income C (Mth)–USD.

# An explanation on the differences in portfolio composition

During the financial period under review, we maintained our position in JPMorgan Multi Income C (Mth)–USD as it provides higher distribution yield.

### **Operational review of the Fund**

For the financial period under review, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund or circumstances that would materially affect the interest of Unit holders up to the date of this Manager's report.

### IV. MARKET REVIEW

During the financial period under review, Tariff-related headlines buffeted United States (US) equity markets. Following the imposition of new tariffs on US imports from Mexico, Canada and China in February, March offered little let up. The US administration announced new tariffs on steel, aluminium and autos, while shifting expectations around the severity of pending tariff announcements due on 2 April 2025 drove swings in market sentiment. Investors are attentive to any signs that uncertainty is slowing US activity, such as the recent fall in Capital Expenditure (CapEx) intentions evidenced by small business surveys.

Given elevated uncertainty, it's unsurprising that the Federal Reserve (Fed) decided to take no action on interest rates over the quarter. Fed Chair Jerome Powell did, however, leave the door open to future rate cuts at the bank's March meeting, suggesting that the Fed was more concerned about the downside risks to growth than the upside risks to inflation. US 10Y Treasury yields ended the quarter at 4.2%, 36 basis points (bps) lower relative to the start of January.

The European Central Bank (ECB) was similarly positive about the prospect of further fiscal stimulus ahead, with ECB President Christine Lagarde explicitly praising the change in approach at the bank's March meeting. Eurozone interest rates were cut twice during the quarter, with a further 60 bps of cuts priced by markets by the end of 2025.

Asian equity markets have seen high levels of dispersion in during the financial period under review. Chinese stocks outperformed, up 12% year-to-date (YTD), thanks to a combination of US tariffs so far proving less punitive than feared, improving sentiment towards Chinese technology companies following DeepSeek's Artificial Intelligence (AI) breakthrough in January and hints of a more supportive policy stance from Beijing.

Despite the threat that tariffs pose to the growth outlook, solid corporate fundamentals have helped to limit spread widening in US credit thus far. While the moves in local government bond markets weighed on European credit returns, European investment grade credit spreads actually came in over the quarter. A weaker US Dollar (USD) proved supportive of emerging market debt, while a sharp fall in US real yields led inflation-linked bonds to outperform nominals.

### V. FUTURE PROSPECTS AND PROPOSED STRATEGIES

The start of 2025 has certainly been a bumpy ride, and at this stage it appears unlikely that the coming quarters will be any less volatile, as markets recalibrate to frequent shifts in government policy. The positive news for investors, however, is that a diversified approach is working well, unlike the extremely concentrated markets that made it more challenging for diversified portfolios to outperform in 2024. This was true in the first quarter for stocks and bonds, with falling yields in the US offsetting equity losses. On the strategy front, we maintained our position in JPMorgan Multi Income C (Mth)–USD as it provides higher distribution yield and higher diversification in the bonds allocation to defend against the heightened market volatility.

### VI. SOFT COMMISSIONS

The Manager may receive soft commissions from brokers/ dealers in the form of goods and services such as research materials, data and quotation services incidental to investment management of the Fund and investment related publications. Such soft commissions received are utilised in the investment management of the Fund and are of demonstrable benefit to the Fund and Unit holders and there was no churning of trades.

During the financial period under review, the Fund has not received goods or services by way of soft commissions.

### VII. SECURITIES LENDING OR REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

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

#### VIII. CROSS TRADE TRANSACTIONS

No cross trade transactions have been carried out during the financial period under review.

Note: Y = Year

# **CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME** (Unaudited)

# FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2024 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	01.12.2024 to 28.02.2025 RM	01.12.2023 to 29.02.2024 RM
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest income from financial assets measured		
at amortised cost	179	3,253
Dividend income	33,030	44,922
Net loss on derivative	(8,179)	(54,697)
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	(4,794)	300,206
Net foreign currency exchange gain	93	5,394
_	20,329	299,078
EXPENDITURE -		
Management fee	(9,675)	(24,609)
Trustee's fee	(215)	(547)
Auditors' remuneration	(2,516)	(2,536)
Tax agent's fee	(1,110)	(1,119)
Other expenses	(3,747)	(3,496)
· -	(17,263)	(32,307)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	3,066	266,771
Taxation	-	(13,435)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE	-	
FINANCIAL PERIOD	3,066	253,336
Profit after taxation is made up as follows:		
Realised amount	609	33,745
Unrealised amount	2,457	219,591
_	3,066	253,336
Distributions for the financial period:		
Net distributions	14,140	-
Net distributions per unit (sen)	0.7500	-
Gross distributions per unit (sen)	0.7500	
= =	0.7500	

# **CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** (Unaudited)

### **AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

	28.02.2025 RM	30.11.2024 RM
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ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	98,472	29,395
Amount due from the Manager of collective investment schemes		
-management fee rebates	1,887	2,898
Derivative	1,575	-
Dividends receivable	11,068	12,144
Financial assets at FVTPL	1,947,205	2,157,256
Tax recoverable	83,075	83,075
TOTAL ASSETS	2,143,282	2,284,768
LIABILITIES		
Amount due to the Manager		
-management fee	2,979	3,345
Amount due to the Trustee	66	10,384
Derivative	-	660
Other payables and accruals	8,485	15,876
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,530	30,265
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	2,131,752	2,254,503
EQUITY		
Unit holders' capital	2,512,763	2,624,440
Accumulated loss	(381,011)	(369,937)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS	2,131,752	2,254,503
UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)	1,851,150	1,947,834
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)	1.1516	1.1574

# **CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY** (Unaudited)

# FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2024 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Unit holders' capital RM	Accumulated loss RM	Total RM
Balance as at 1 December 2024 Movement in net asset value:	2,624,440	(369,937)	2,254,503
Creation of units from distributions	4,929	-	4,929
Cancellation of units	(116,606)	-	(116,606)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period Distributions for the financial period Balance as at 28 February 2025	- - 2,512,763	3,066 (14,140) (381,011)	3,066 (14,140) 2,131,752
Balance as at 1 December 2023 Movement in net asset value:	6,683,730	(751,433)	5,932,297
Creation of units from applications	9,709	-	9,709
Cancellation of units	(876,567)	-	(876,567)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	253,336	253,336
Balance as at 29 February 2024	5,816,872	(498,097)	5,318,775

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

# FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2024 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	01.12.2024 to 28.02.2025 RM	01.12.2023 to 29.02.2024 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sales of financial assets at FVTPL	202,125	3,625,333
Realised loss on derivative	(10,414)	(79,333)
Realised foreign exchange differences arising from		
operating activities	(521)	2,247
Interest income received from financial assets		
measured at amortised cost	179	3,253
Dividend income received	34,106	57,333
Management fee rebates received	4,143	11,129
Management fee paid	(10,041)	(25,867)
Trustee's fee paid	(10,533)	(8,566)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(14,764)	(3,496)
Tax paid		(24,268)
Net cash generated from operating activities	194,280	3,557,765
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from creation of units	-	9,709
Payments for cancellation of units	(116,606)	(876,567)
Payments for distributions	(9,211)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(125,817)	(866,858)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	68,463	2,690,907
EFFECTS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES	614	3,147
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	29,395	177,114
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	98,472	2,871,168

### **Performance Data**

# for the Financial Period Ended 28 February and Financial Years Ended 30 November

			Financial Period Feb 2024 %	Financial Year 2024 %	Financial Year 2023 %	Financial Year 2022 %
A. (i)	Portfolio Compositions:					
	Collective Investment Scheme  Deposits & Cash Equivalents		91.34 8.66	95.69 4.31	97.04 2.96	92.83 7.17
	Total Net Asset Value	(ex-distribution)	RM2,131,752	RM2,254,503	RM5,932,297	RM16,411,155
(iii)	Net Asset Value Per Unit Units in Circulation	(ex-distribution) (ex-distribution)	RM1.1516 1,851,150	RM1.1575 1,947,834	RM1.0732 5,527,490	RM1.0235 16,035,019
(iv)	Highest/Lowest NAV Per Unit (ex-distribution)	Highest NAV Per Unit Lowest NAV Per Unit	RM1.1623 RM1.1325	RM1.1725 RM1.0503	RM1.1208 RM1.0091	RM1.1611 RM0.9276
(v)	Total Return of the Fund* - Capital Growth - Income Distribution		0.14% -0.51% 0.65%	9.04% 7.86% 1.18%	4.86% 4.86%	-4.849 -8.469 3.629
(vi)	The distribution (gross) is made out of:  - The Fund's Capital  - The Fund's Income  - Total Distribution Amount  - The Fund's Capital (% of Total Distribution Amount)  - The Fund's Income (% of Total Distribution Amount)		0.5900 sen/unit 0.1600 sen/unit 0.7500 sen/unit 79% 21%	0.0000 sen/unit 1.2500 sen/unit 1.2500 sen/unit 0% 100%	- - - -	4.2400 sen/uni 0.0000 sen/uni 4.2400 sen/uni 1009 09
(vii)	Cum	Additional Units Distribution (Gross) Distribution (Net) Distribution Date -Distribution NAV/Unit -Distribution NAV/Unit	0.2500 sen/unit 0.2500 sen/unit 20/12/2024 RM1.1441 RM1.1416	- 0.2500 sen/unit 0.2500 sen/unit 22/07/2024 RM1.1672 RM1.1647	- - - - -	0.8000 sen/uni 0.7986 sen/uni 20/12/202 <sup>-</sup> RM1.135: RM1.127:
		Additional Units Distribution (Gross) Distribution (Net) Distribution Date -Distribution NAV/Unit -Distribution NAV/Unit	- 0.2500 sen/unit 0.2500 sen/unit 20/01/2025 RM1.1493 RM1.1468	0.2500 sen/unit 0.2500 sen/unit 20/08/2024 RM1.1401 RM1.1376	- - - - -	0.4300 sen/uni 0.4300 sen/uni 20/01/2022 RM1.1522 RM1.1479
		Additional Units Distribution (Gross) Distribution (Net) Distribution Date -Distribution NAV/Unit -Distribution NAV/Unit	- 0.2500 sen/unit 0.2500 sen/unit 20/02/2025 RM1.1520 RM1.1495	0.2500 sen/unit 0.2500 sen/unit 20/09/2024 RM1.1288 RM1.1263	- - - - -	0.4300 sen/uni 0.4300 sen/uni 21/02/2022 RM1.1331 RM1.1288
		Additional Units Distribution (Gross) Distribution (Net) Distribution Date -Distribution NAV/Unit -Distribution NAV/Unit	- - - - -	0.2500 sen/unit 0.2500 sen/unit 21/10/2024 RM1.1522 RM1.1497	- - - - -	0.4300 sen/uni 0.4300 sen/uni 21/03/2022 RM1.1086 RM1.1043

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### **Performance Data**

# for the Financial Period Ended 28 February and Financial Years Ended 30 November

Financial Year Financial Year Fin 2024 2023 % %	2024	Financial Period Feb 2024 %	
	-	-	Additional Units
0.2500 sen/unit – 0.4		-	Distribution (Gross)
0.2500 sen/unit – 0.4		-	Distribution (Net)
20/11/2024 – RM1.1540 –		-	Distribution Date Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit
		-	
RM1.1515 –	KW1.1515	-	Ex-Distribution NAV/Unit
	=	-	Additional Units
0.43	-	_	Distribution (Gross)
0.42	-	_	Distribution (Net)
= =	-	_	Distribution Date
= =	-	_	Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit
	-	-	Ex-Distribution NAV/Unit
	_	_	Additional Units
0.4	-	_	Distribution (Gross)
0.42	-	_	Distribution (Net)
= =	-	_	Distribution Date
	-	_	Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit
	=	-	Ex-Distribution NAV/Unit
	=	_	Additional Units
0.4:	_	_	Distribution (Gross)
0.33	_	_	Distribution (Net)
	_	_	Distribution Date
	_	_	Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit
	=	-	Ex-Distribution NAV/Unit
	_	_	Additional Units
0.4			Distribution (Gross)
0.4	_	_	Distribution (Net)
	_	_	Distribution (Net)
	_	_	Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit
	_	_	Ex-Distribution NAV/Unit

## B. Average Total Return, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis (as at 28/02/2025)\*

(i)	One year	4.39%
(ii)	Three years	2.88%

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Lipper (Returns are calculated after adjusting for distributions and/or additional units, if any)

## **Corporate Information**

### Manager

Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd [199401033034 (318717-M)]

### **Registered Office**

Level 30, Menara Hong Leong No. 6, Jalan Damanlela Bukit Damansara 50490 Kuala Lumpur

### **Business Office**

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### **Board of Directors**

Ms. Lee Jim Leng Mr. Chue Kwok Yan YBhg Dato' Abdul Majit bin Ahmad Khan YM Tunku Dato' Mahmood Fawzy bin Tunku Muhiyiddin

### **Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer**

Mr Chue Kwok Yan

### **Trustee**

Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

#### **Auditor**

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#### Distributor

Hong Leong Bank Berhad

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