

# Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa'

**Semi-Annual Report**  
**Financial Period Ended 31 August 2023**

**2023**  
**Unaudited**





# Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa'

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

### **I. FUND INFORMATION**

#### **Fund Name**

Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa'

#### **Fund Category**

Fixed Income (Islamic)

#### **Fund Type**

Income

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide investors with a low risk investment portfolio offering a regular stream of income\* while adhering to Shariah requirements.

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

Not Applicable

#### **Benchmark**

Malayan Banking Berhad 12-Month Islamic Fixed Deposit-i

#### **Distribution Policy**

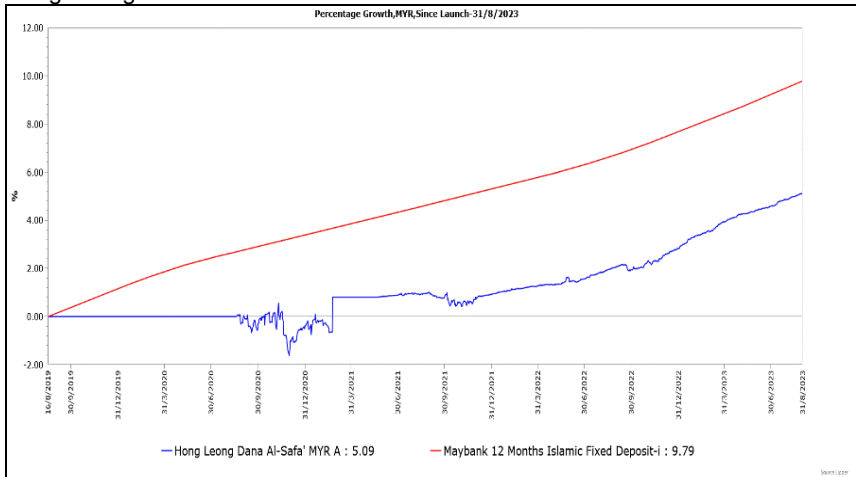
The Fund intends to provide Unit holders with regular income. As such, income distributions will be on a monthly basis, subject to availability of income and the amount of income available for distribution may fluctuate from time to time.

Note:

\* Income may be distributed in the form of cash and/or additional Units.

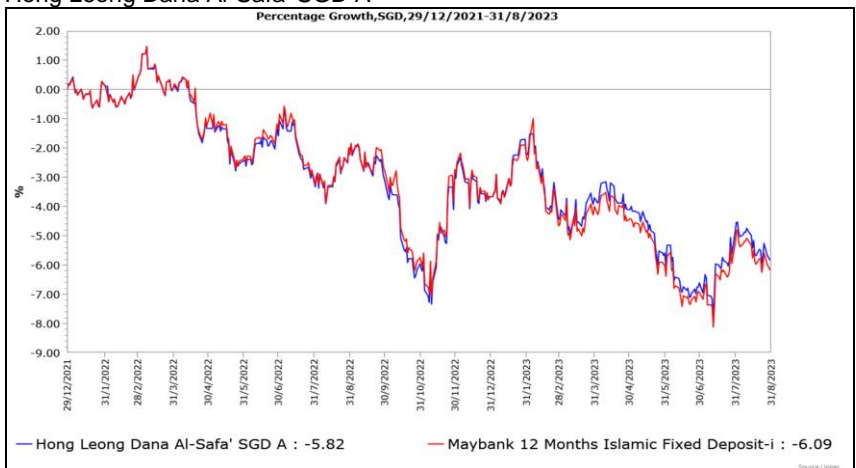
## II. FUND PERFORMANCE

**Chart 1: Performance of the Fund versus the benchmark**  
**Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' MYR A**



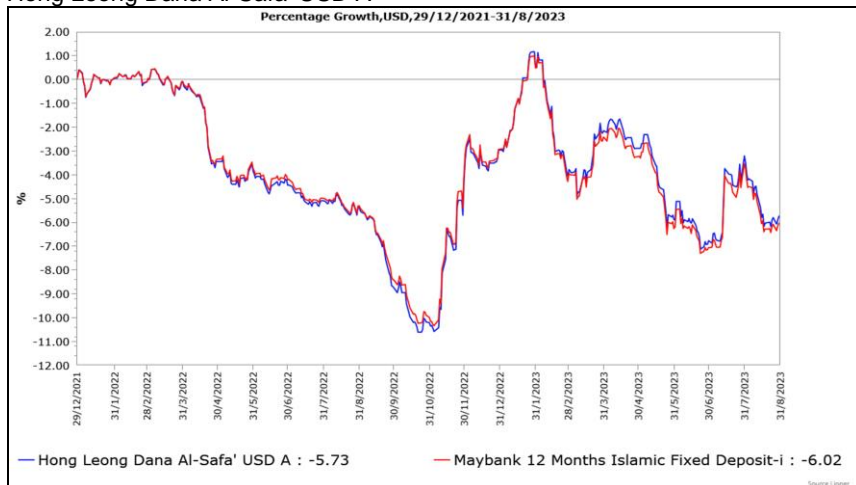
Source: Lipper for Investment Management, In Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLDASA MYR A reinvested.

**Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' SGD A**



Source: Lipper for Investment Management, In Singapore Dollar terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLDASA SGD A reinvested.

## Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' USD A



Source: Lipper for Investment Management, In US Dollar terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLDASA USD A 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 Semi-Annual Report covers the six-month financial period from 1 March 2023 to 31 August 2023.

For Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' MYR A, the Fund posted a return of 1.47% (in MYR terms) (based on NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from the Fund reinvested) in the past six months while its benchmark the Malayan Banking Berhad 12-Month Islamic Fixed Deposit-i registered a return of 1.52%. During the financial period under review, the Fund has distributed 6 times of income distributions to its unit holders. Unit holders should note that income distributions have the effect of reducing the Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of the Fund after distributions. For a full description of the income distributions, cum-distributions and ex-distributions NAV per unit of the Fund, kindly refer to section entitled 'Performance Data' at page 34-45. Since launch on 16 August 2019, the Fund has posted a return of 5.09% compared to the benchmark's return of 9.79% while distributing a total gross income of 5.3530 sen per unit (net income of 5.3530 sen per unit).

For Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' SGD A, the Fund posted a return of -1.46% (in SGD terms) (based on NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from the Fund reinvested) in the past six months while its benchmark the

Malayan Banking Berhad 12-Month Islamic Fixed Deposit-i registered a return of -1.50%. Since 29 December 2021, the Fund has registered a return of -5.82% compared to the benchmark's return of -6.09%.

For Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' USD A, the Fund posted a return of -1.75% (in USD terms) (based on NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from the Fund reinvested) in the past six months while its benchmark the Malayan Banking Berhad 12-Month Islamic Fixed Deposit-i registered a return of -1.82%. Since 29 December 2021, the Fund has registered a return of -5.73% compared to the benchmark's return of -6.02%.

**Table 1: Performance of the Fund for the following periods as at 31 August 2023 (Source: Lipper for Investment Management)**

	31/05/23– 31/08/23	28/02/23– 31/08/23	31/08/22– 31/08/23	31/08/20– 31/08/23	16/08/19– 31/08/23
	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	Since Launch
HLDASA MYR A (%)	0.65	1.47	2.98	5.37	5.09
Benchmark (%)	0.78	1.52	2.88	6.84	9.79
	31/05/23– 31/08/23	28/02/23– 31/08/23	31/08/22– 31/08/23	29/12/21– 31/08/23	
	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Since Launch	
HLDASA SGD A (%)	-0.24	-1.46	-3.87	-5.82	
Benchmark (%)	-0.07	-1.50	-3.94	-6.09	
	31/05/23– 31/08/23	28/02/23– 31/08/23	31/08/22– 31/08/23	29/12/21– 31/08/23	
	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Since Launch	
HLDASA USD A (%)	0.16	-1.75	-0.39	-5.73	
Benchmark (%)	0.25	-1.82	-0.77	-6.02	



**Table 2: Return of the Fund based on NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis for the period 28 February 2023 to 31 August 2023 (Source: Lipper for Investment Management)**

HLDASA MYR A	31-Aug-23	28-Feb-23	Return (%)
NAV Per Unit	RM0.9959*	RM0.9957	1.47#
Benchmark	3.10%	2.85%	1.52
<b>vs Benchmark (%)</b>	–	–	-0.05

HLDASA SGD A	31-Aug-23	28-Feb-23	Return (%)
NAV Per Unit	SGD0.9419*	SGD0.9559	-1.46
Benchmark	3.10%	2.85%	-1.50
<b>vs Benchmark (%)</b>	–	–	0.04

HLDASA USD A	31-Aug-23	28-Feb-23	Return (%)
NAV Per Unit	USD0.9428	USD0.9596	-1.75
Benchmark	3.10%	2.85%	-1.82
<b>vs Benchmark (%)</b>	–	–	0.07

\* Based on the NAV Per Unit on 30 August 2023 as the above-mentioned reporting date fell on a public holiday.

# Return is calculated after adjusting for income distributions during the period under review.

**Table 3: Financial Highlights**

The Fair Value of Outstanding Units are represented by:

	31-Aug-23 (RM)	28-Feb-23 (RM)	Change (%)
MYR Class A	<b>58,678,400</b>	70,608,957	(16.90)
SGD Class A	<b>3,236</b>	3,184	1.63
USD Class A	<b>4,371</b>	4,303	1.58

Units in Circulation:

MYR Class A	<b>58,912,238</b>	70,910,887	(16.92)
SGD Class A	<b>1,000</b>	1,000	-
USD Class A	<b>1,000</b>	1,000	-

**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 periods/years**

	Financial Period	Financial Year	Financial Year	Financial Year
HLDASA MYR A	28/02/23– 31/08/23	28/02/22– 28/02/23	28/02/21– 28/02/22	29/02/20– 28/02/21
Highest NAV Per Unit (RM)	0.9993	0.9984	1.0020	1.0021
Lowest NAV Per Unit (RM)	0.9952	0.9919	0.9957	0.9790
Capital Growth (%)	0.02	-	-0.43	-
Income Distribution (%)	1.45	2.38	0.78	0.80
<b>Total Return (%)</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>2.38</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.80</b>

Source: Lipper for Investment Management, In Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLDASA MYR A reinvested.

	Financial Period	Financial Year	Financial Period
HLDASA SGD A	28/02/23– 31/08/23	28/02/22– 28/02/23	29/12/21– 28/02/22
Highest NAV Per Unit (SGD)	0.9686	1.0148	1.0044
Lowest NAV Per Unit (SGD)	0.9217	0.9268	0.9938
Capital Growth (%)	-1.46	-4.75	0.35
Income Distribution (%)	-	-	-
<b>Total Return (%)</b>	<b>-1.46</b>	<b>-4.75</b>	<b>0.35</b>

Source: Lipper for Investment Management, In Singapore Dollar terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLDASA SGD A reinvested.

	Financial Period	Financial Year	Financial Period
HLDASA USD A	28/02/23– 31/08/23	28/02/22– 28/02/23	29/12/21– 28/02/22
Highest NAV Per Unit (USD)	0.9835	1.0119	1.0043
Lowest NAV Per Unit (USD)	0.9290	0.8941	0.9927
Capital Growth (%)	-1.75	-3.95	-0.10
Income Distribution (%)	-	-	-
<b>Total Return (%)</b>	<b>-1.75</b>	<b>-3.95</b>	<b>-0.10</b>

Source: Lipper for Investment Management, In US Dollar terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLDASA USD A reinvested.

**Table 5: Average Total Return of the Fund**

	31/08/22– 31/08/23	31/08/20– 31/08/23
	1 Year	3 Years
Average Total Return – HLDASA MYR A (%)	2.98	1.79
Average Total Return – HLDASA SGD A (%)	-3.87	-
Average Total Return – HLDASA USD A (%)	-0.39	-

Source: Lipper for Investment Management, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLDASA reinvested.

**Table 6: Annual Total Return of the Fund**

Financial Year	28/02/22– 28/02/23	28/02/21– 28/02/22	29/02/20– 28/02/21
Annual Total Return - HLDASA MYR A (%)	2.38	0.35	0.80

Source: Lipper for Investment Management, In Malaysian Ringgit terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLDASA MYR A reinvested.

Financial Year/Period	28/02/22– 28/02/23	29/12/21– 28/02/22
Annual Total Return - HLDASA SGD A (%)	-4.75	0.35

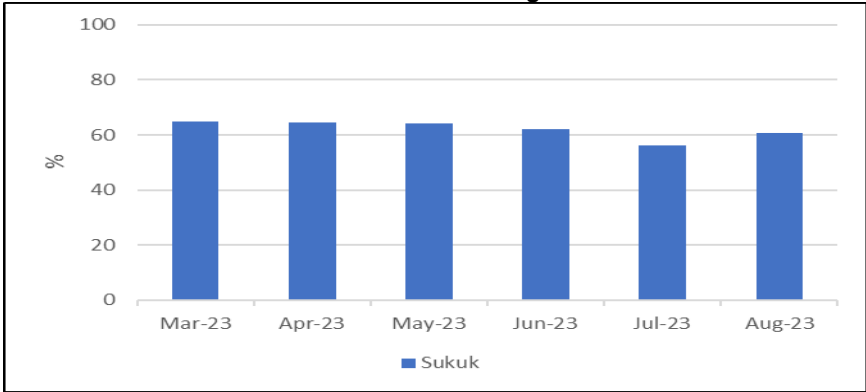
Source: Lipper for Investment Management, In Singapore Dollar terms, ex-distribution, NAV Per Unit-to-NAV Per Unit basis with gross income (if any) from HLDASA SGD A reinvested.

Financial Year/Period	28/02/22– 28/02/23	29/12/21– 28/02/22
Annual Total Return - HLDASA USD A (%)	-3.95	-0.10

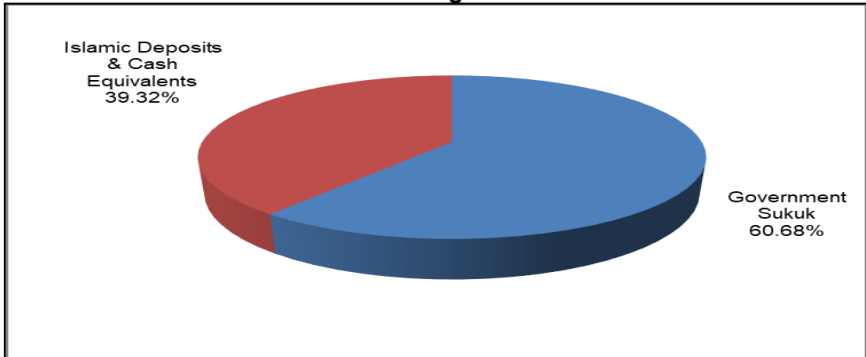
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### III. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

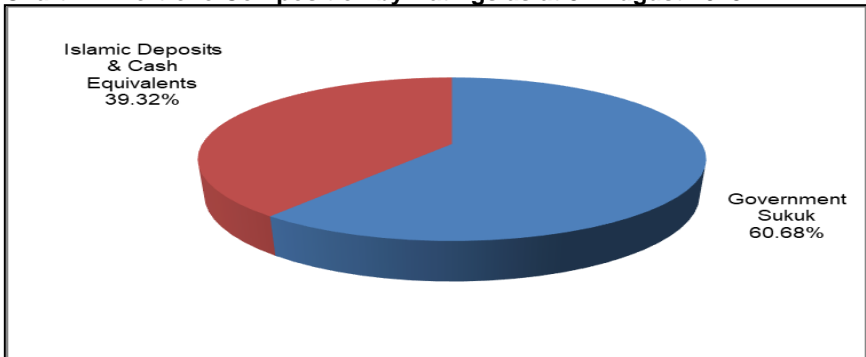
**Chart 2: Asset Allocation - March 2023 to August 2023**



**Chart 3: Sector Allocation as at 31 August 2023**



**Chart 4: Portfolio Composition by Ratings as at 31 August 2023**



### **Strategies employed by the Fund during the period under review**

The Fund maintained its exposure weight of at least 60% in short-term sukuk and government guaranteed securities to capitalize on near-end policy rate tightening cycle and wholesale deposit rate normalization as seasonality effect diminished. However, to further shelter the fund from potential rates variability arising from residual impact of remaining policy rate hike for the year, potential “higher for longer” monetary policy and the banking crisis spillover from Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Credit Suisse AG.

### **An explanation on the differences in portfolio composition**

The Fund’s composition continues to adhere to its investment policy and objective by investing a minimum of 50% of its NAV in sukuk issued or guaranteed by the Government of Malaysia and a maximum of 50% of its NAV in Islamic deposits and Islamic money market instruments.

### **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**

The United States (US) Federal Reserves (Fed) remained steadfast in its policy rate tightening momentum amid the collapsed of SVB, US Capitol debt ceiling crisis and regulator-coordinated takeover of Credit Suisse AG by UBS Group AG resulting in highly volatile rates environment as Fed President Jerome Powell committed to tackling elevated inflationary pressures and tight labour markets. The 10-Year US Treasuries (UST) benchmark yield trended higher from 3.92% to 4.11% during period under review underscoring policy rates likely to remain higher-for-longer as market priced out rate cuts further down to the second half of 2024. The shorter-dated 2-Year UST yield surged by +85.3 basis points (bps) (0.853%) to settle at 4.86% as of 31 August 2023 reflected wider yield curve inversion, increased negative Treasuries rolling returns and short-term cash preference relative to risky assets.

Locally, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) raised its Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) by another 25 bps (0.25%) to 3.00% in May, earlier than market expected, citing resilient growth amid elevated core inflation. Domestic demand continued to anchor Malaysia's growth, charting 4.2% year-on-year (YoY) Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth in the second half of 2023 despite contraction in trade by -11.3% in the second quarter of 2023. Headline inflation trended lower to 2.0% YoY in July 2023 (June: 2.4% YoY) while unemployment rate remained subdued at 3.5% YoY in the second quarter of 2023 reflecting pre-pandemic levels. Skills-related underemployment which comprised more than 1/3 of employees with tertiary education increased to 37.4% underscoring structural issues of skilled labour underutilization and loss of productivity to the economy.

The 10-Year Malaysia Government Securities (MGS) benchmark yield trended lower during the period under review from 3.91% to 3.84% whereas the short-end MGS 3 years on-the-run climbed marginally from 3.38% to 3.43% with short-term placement rates continued to be more competitive with 3-Month Kuala Lumpur Interbank Offered Rate (KLIBOR) yielding at 10 bps – 25 bps higher than MGS 3 years on-the-run securities. High grade credit spreads continued to tighten by 10 bps – 18 bps as foreign fund flows charted RM22.6 billion of inflows during the period under review and foreign holdings remained stable at 23% during the same period with increased in total issuances.

## **V. FUTURE PROSPECT AND PROPOSED STRATEGIES**

With BNM at its end of its OPR tightening cycle and policy rate expectations to remain at 3.00% throughout 2023, the local rates market movement is likely to be driven by the UST yield momentum. As we are expecting US Fed Funds Rate to trend higher with another 1 to 2 more policy rate hikes compounded by the Fed's resumption of quantitative tightening through reduction of its balance sheet, the UST rates will be likely to inch higher and remained at elevated levels for longer. With elevated current yields, the market is signalling that it may priced-out rate cuts further until 2025, thereby offering headroom for upside risk to UST yields which could potentially drive local MYR yields as interest differential widened. With uncertainty in global interest rate backdrop, the fund continues to adopt a defensive positioning focusing on short-maturity Government Investment Issue (GII) and government guaranteed Islamic papers to reduce the Fund's sensitivity towards heightened global rate volatility.

## **VI. SOFT COMMISSIONS**

The Manager has received 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.

## **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.

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## **STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER**

I, Hoo See Kheng, as the Director of Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd, do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited condensed financial statements set out on pages 15 to 33 are drawn up in accordance with the provision of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 August 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to unit holders and cash flows for the financial period ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

For and on behalf of the Manager,

**Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd (Company No.: 199401033034 (318717-M))**

**HOO SEE KHENG**

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur  
18 October 2023



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**TRUSTEE'S REPORT  
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF HONG LEONG DANA AL-SAFA' ("Fund")**

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 August 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, **Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd** has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:

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

We are of the opinion that the distributions of income by the Fund are appropriate and reflect the investment objective of the Fund.

For and on behalf of  
**CIMB Islamic Trustee Berhad**

**Datin Ezreen Eliza binti Zulkiplee**  
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
18 October 2023

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**SHARIAH ADVISER'S REPORT  
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF HONG LEONG DANA AL-SAFA' ("Fund")**

We hereby confirm the following:

1. To the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd has operated and managed the Fund for the period covered by these financial statements namely, the semi-annual period ended 31 August 2023, in accordance with Shariah principles and requirements, and complied with the applicable guidelines, rulings or decisions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia pertaining to Shariah matters; and
2. The assets of the Fund comprise instruments that have been classified as Shariah compliant.

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

**NURUL AQILAH SUFIYAH LOKMAN**  
Designated Shariah Officer

Kuala Lumpur  
18 October 2023

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Profit income from financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")		692,385	339,830
Profit income from financial assets measured at amortised cost		422,913	310,165
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	9	(12,932)	(12,598)
Net foreign currency exchange gain		253	392
		<u>1,102,619</u>	<u>637,789</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Management fee	4	(69,853)	(62,552)
Trustee's fee	5	(3,493)	(3,128)
Auditors' remuneration		(3,268)	(3,277)
Tax agent's fee		(1,509)	(1,310)
Other Expenses		(3,933)	(4,038)
		<u>(82,056)</u>	<u>(74,305)</u>
<b>NET PROFIT BEFORE FINANCE COST AND TAXATION</b>		1,020,563	563,484
Finance cost	6	(992,755)	(564,386)
<b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<u>27,808</u>	<u>(902)</u>
Taxation	7	-	-
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS</b>		<u>27,808</u>	<u>(902)</u>
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders consists of:			
Realised amount		36,418	11,303
Unrealised amount		(8,610)	(12,205)
		<u>27,808</u>	<u>(902)</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited condensed financial statements.

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited)**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	31.08.2023 RM	28.02.2023 RM
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	23,100,929	22,756,060
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	9	35,610,795	47,888,488
Prepayment		240	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>58,711,964</u>	<u>70,644,548</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amount due to the Manager			
- management fee		10,582	11,327
Amount due to the Trustee		529	5,875
Other payables and accruals		14,846	10,902
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)</b>		<u>25,957</u>	<u>28,104</u>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND</b>		<u>58,686,007</u>	<u>70,616,444</u>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS</b>		<u>58,686,007</u>	<u>70,616,444</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
<b>FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (RM)</b>			
- MYR Class A		58,678,400	70,608,957
- MYR Class B*		-	-
- MYR Class C*		-	-
- MYR Class D*		-	-
- MYR Class E*		-	-
- SGD Class A		3,236	3,184
- USD Class A		4,371	4,303
		<u>58,686,007</u>	<u>70,616,444</u>
<b>UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)</b>			
- MYR Class A		58,912,238	70,910,887
- MYR Class B*		-	-
- MYR Class C*		-	-
- MYR Class D*		-	-
- MYR Class E*		-	-
- SGD Class A		1,000	1,000
- USD Class A		1,000	1,000
	11	<u>58,914,238</u>	<u>70,912,887</u>

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	<b>31.08.2023</b>	<b>28.02.2023</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)</b>		
- MYR Class A	0.9960	0.9957
- MYR Class B*	-	-
- MYR Class C*	-	-
- MYR Class D*	-	-
- MYR Class E*	-	-
- SGD Class A	3.2356	3.1842
- USD Class A	<u>4.3715</u>	<u>4.3031</u>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES</b>		
- MYR Class A	RM0.9960	RM0.9957
- MYR Class B*	-	-
- MYR Class C*	-	-
- MYR Class D*	-	-
- MYR Class E*	-	-
- SGD Class A	SGD0.9427	SGD0.9559
- USD Class A	<u>USD0.9428</u>	<u>USD0.9596</u>

\*The Manager has terminated MYR Class B, MYR Class C, MYR Class D and MYR Class E as at 14 October 2022 as disclosed in note 2(h).

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**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (Unaudited)**

	<b>01.03.2023 to 31.08.2023 RM</b>	<b>01.03.2022 to 31.08.2022 RM</b>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	<u>70,616,444</u>	<u>45,149,407</u>
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period:		
Creation of units from applications	2,000,000	22,856,464
Creation of units from distributions	992,755	564,386
Cancellation of units	<u>(14,951,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(11,958,245)</u>	<u>23,420,850</u>
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	<u>27,808</u>	<u>(902)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	<u><u>58,686,007</u></u>	<u><u>68,569,355</u></u>

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**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from sales of financial assets at FVTPL	12,144,604	547,174
Proceeds from redemptions of financial assets at FVTPL	10,000,000	55,000,000
Purchase of financial assets at FVTPL	(10,128,686)	(66,671,118)
Profit income received from financial assets measured at FVTPL and amortised cost	1,364,140	950,618
Management fee paid	(70,598)	(58,085)
Trustee's fee paid	(8,839)	(13,745)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(5,006)	(1,307)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>13,295,615</u>	<u>(10,246,463)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from creation of units	2,000,000	22,856,464
Payments for cancellation of units	<u>(14,951,000)</u>	-
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	<u>(12,951,000)</u>	<u>22,856,464</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	344,615	12,610,001
<b>EFFECTS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES</b>	254	392
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	<u>22,756,060</u>	<u>21,210,595</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	<u><u>23,100,929</u></u>	<u><u>33,820,988</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these unaudited condensed financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)  
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

**1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa' ("the Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 11 June 2019, First Supplemental Deed dated 20 January 2021 and Second Supplemental Deed dated 16 January 2023 ("the Deeds"), between the Manager, Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd and the Trustee, CIMB Islamic Trustee Berhad for the unit holders of the Fund.

The Fund aims to provide investors with a low risk investment portfolio offering a regular stream of income while adhering to Shariah requirements.

The Fund intends to invest a minimum of 50% of its net asset value in sukuk issued or guaranteed by the Government of Malaysia and a maximum of 50% of its net asset value in Islamic money market instruments and Islamic deposits. To provide a regular income, the Fund will invest in a portfolio of sukuk, Islamic money market instruments, Islamic deposits and Investment Account. The Fund commenced operations on 16 August 2019 and will continue its operations until terminated as provided under Part 12 of the Deed.

The Manager of the Fund is Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd, a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activity of the Manager is the management of unit trust funds, private retirement schemes and private investment mandates. Its holding company is Hong Leong Capital Berhad, a company incorporated in Malaysia and listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

Hong Leong Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd (HLISAM) is the external fund manager appointed for Hong Leong Dana Al-Safa'. The effective date for the appointment is at 5 October 2020. HLISAM is a wholly own subsidiary of the Manager, in November 2019, HLISAM was issued with an Islamic fund management license by the Securities Commission Malaysia to undertake the regulated activity of Islamic fund management.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 18 October 2023.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements:

**(a) Basis of preparation**

The condensed financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

The condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Fund for the financial year ended 28 February 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

**(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities**

Classification

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

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income ('OCI') or through profit or loss), and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.



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The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flows 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<sup>1</sup> as fair value through other comprehensive income. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities<sup>2</sup> are solely principal and profit, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents as financial asset measured at amortised cost as this financial asset is held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies amount due to the Manager, amount due to the Trustee and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

#### Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Shariah-compliant investments are initially recognised at fair value.

Financial liabilities, within the scope of MFRS 9, are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

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

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

Unrealised 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 or loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the period which they arise.

Unquoted sukuk are revalued on a daily basis based on fair value prices quoted by a bond pricing agency ("BPA") registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia as per the Securities Commission Malaysia's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. Where such quotation are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA for a specific unquoted sukuk differs from the market price by more than 20 basis points, the Manager may use the market price, provided that the Manager:

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

Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions and Islamic money market instruments are stated at cost plus accrued profit calculated on the effective profit rate method over the period from the date of placement to the date of maturity of the respective Islamic deposits and Islamic money market instruments, which is a close estimate of their fair value due to the short term nature of the Islamic deposits and Islamic money market instruments. Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective profit rate method.

#### Impairment

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management considers the probability of default to be closed 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-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of the investments made by the Fund, equity securities refer to Shariah-compliant equity securities.

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of the investments made by the Fund, debt securities refer to sukuk.

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#### 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.

#### Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

#### 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 obligor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to pay the amount. The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period.

### **(c) Foreign currency**

#### 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.

Due to mixed factors in determining the functional currency of the Fund, the Manager has used its judgement to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions and have determined the functional currency to be in RM primarily due to the following factors:

- The Fund's investments are denominated in RM.
- The Fund's significant expenses are denominated in RM.

#### Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. 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 profit or loss, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

### **(d) Income recognition**

Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions, Islamic money market instruments and unquoted sukuk are recognised on the effective profit rate method on an accrual basis.

Profit income is calculated by applying the effective profit 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 profit rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

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

### **(e) Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and Islamic deposits held in highly liquid Shariah-compliant investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with an original maturity of three months or lesser which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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**(f) Amount due from/to brokers/dealers**

Amount due from/to brokers/dealers represents receivables/payables for Shariah-compliant investments sold/purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective profit rate method, less provision for impairment for amount due from brokers/dealers. A provision for impairment of amount due from a broker/dealer is established when there is objective evidence that the Fund will not be able to collect all amounts due from the relevant broker/dealer. Significant financial difficulties of the broker/dealer, probability that the broker/dealer will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are considered indicators that the amount due from brokers/dealers is impaired. Once a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, profit income is recognised using the rate of profit used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

**(g) Taxation**

Current tax expense is determined according to Malaysian tax laws at the prevailing tax rate based on the taxable profit earned during the financial period.

**(h) Unit holders' capital**

The unit holders' contributions to the Fund meet the definition of puttable instruments classified as financial liability under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation".

The Fund issues cancellable units, in three (28.02.2023: three) classes of units, known respectively as the MYR Class A, SGD Class A and USD Class A (28.02.2023: MYR Class A, SGD Class A and USD Class A) which are cancelled at the unit holder's option, and do not have identical features. The units are classified as financial liabilities. Cancellable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value of respective classes. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of the statement of financial position if the unit holders exercises the right to put back the unit to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at prices based on the Fund's net asset value per unit of respective classes at the time of creation and cancellation. The Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unit holders of respective classes with the total number of outstanding units of respective classes.

With effective on 14 October 2022, the Manager has terminated MYR Class B, MYR Class C, MYR Class D and MYR Class E.

**(i) Increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders**

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unit holders. Movements in net assets attributable to unit holders are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance cost.

**(j) Finance cost**

A distribution to the Fund's unit holders is accounted for as a deduction from realised reserve. As a result of the reclassification of units from equity to financial liability, the Fund's distributions are no longer classified as dividend paid in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to unit holders, but rather as finance cost in the statement of comprehensive income.

A proposed distribution is recognised as a financial liability in the period in which it is approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager.

### (k) Fair value of financial instruments

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. Fair value is 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. The information presented herein represents the estimates of fair values as at the date of the statement of financial position.

The Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities are measured on an ongoing basis at either fair value or at amortised cost based on the respective classification.

The following table analyses the financial assets and financial liabilities of the Fund in the statement of financial position as at the reporting date:

	Financial assets at FVTPL RM	Financial assets/ liabilities at amortised cost RM	Total RM
<b>31.08.2023</b>			
<u>Financial assets</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 8)	-	23,100,929	23,100,929
Financial assets at FVTPL (Note 9)	35,610,795	-	35,610,795
	<u>35,610,795</u>	<u>23,100,929</u>	<u>58,711,724</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>			
Amount due to the Manager			
-management fee	-	10,582	10,582
Amount due to the Trustee	-	529	529
Other payables and accruals	-	14,846	14,846
	<u>-</u>	<u>25,957</u>	<u>25,957</u>
<b>28.02.2023</b>			
<u>Financial assets</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 8)	-	22,756,060	22,756,060
Financial assets at FVTPL (Note 9)	47,888,488	-	47,888,488
	<u>47,888,488</u>	<u>22,756,060</u>	<u>70,644,548</u>
<u>Financial liabilities</u>			
Amount due to the Manager			
-management fee	-	11,327	11,327
Amount due to the Trustee	-	5,875	5,875
Other payables and accruals	-	10,902	10,902
	<u>-</u>	<u>28,104</u>	<u>28,104</u>

All liabilities are financial liabilities which are carried at amortised cost.

### (l) Critical accounting estimates and judgments 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 content of the estimates, certain key variables that are anticipated to have material impact to the Funds' results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

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

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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 Malaysia's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

However, the Manager is of the opinion that there are no accounting policies which require significant judgment to be exercised.

### 3. FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

The fair value of financial assets traded in active market (such as trading Shariah-compliant securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting 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 most representative of the fair value.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each period end date. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments such as Islamic options, currency swaps and other over-the-counter Islamic derivatives, include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

For instruments for which there is no active market, the Fund may use internally developed models, which are usually based on valuation methods and techniques generally recognised as standard within the industry. Valuation models are used primarily to value unlisted Shariah-compliant equity and sukuk instruments for which market were or have been inactive during the financial period. Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including model risk, liquidity risk and counter party risk.

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

#### (i) Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1);
- 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 2); and
- Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

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 requires 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 judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that 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 the Fund's financial assets (by class) measured at fair value:

	Level 1 RM	Level 2 RM	Level 3 RM	Total RM
<b>31.08.2023</b>				
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL:</u>				
- Unquoted sukuk	-	35,610,795	-	35,610,795
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<b>28.02.2023</b>				
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL:</u>				
- Islamic money market instrument		2,002,367		2,002,367
- Unquoted sukuk	-	45,886,121	-	45,886,121
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Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include Islamic money market instrument and unquoted sukuk. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets are stated in Note 2(b).

- (ii) The carrying values of financial assets (other than financial assets at FVTPL) and financial liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short term nature.

#### 4. MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with Division 13.1 of the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a management fee of up to 3.00% per annum calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund.

For the financial period ended 31 August 2023, the management fee is recognised at 0.20% (2022: 0.20%) per annum for MYR Class A. The fee was waived by the Manager for MYR Class B, MYR Class C, MYR Class D, MYR Class E, SGD Class A and USD Class A.

There is no further liability to the Manager in respect of management fee other than the amount recognised above.

#### 5. TRUSTEE'S FEE

In accordance with Division 13.2 of the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to a fee not exceeding 0.01% subject to a minimum of RM12,000 per annum and capped at a maximum of RM500,000 per annum calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund.

For the financial period ended 31 August 2023, the Trustee's fee is recognised at a rate of 0.01% (2022: 0.01%) per annum.

There is no further liability to the Trustee in respect of Trustee's fee other than the amount recognised above.

## 6. FINANCE COST

Distributions to unit holders are from the following sources:

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Prior financial year's realised income	5,340	85,907
Profit income from financial assets measured at FVTPL and amortised cost	1,056,765	519,421
Less: Expenses	<u>(69,350)</u>	<u>(40,942)</u>
Net distributions amount	<u>992,755</u>	<u>564,386</u>
Gross/net distribution amount - MYR Class A	<u>1.4360</u>	<u>0.8850</u>

### Date of Declaration

#### Distribution on 27/25 March

Gross/net distribution per unit (sen)

- MYR Class A

0.2370

0.1210

#### Distribution on 25 April

Gross/net distribution per unit (sen)

- MYR Class A

0.2340

0.1440

#### Distribution on 25 May

Gross/net distribution per unit (sen)

- MYR Class A

0.2450

0.1400

#### Distribution on 26/27 June

Gross/net distribution per unit (sen)

- MYR Class A

0.2600

0.1640

#### Distribution on 25 July

Gross/net distribution per unit (sen)

- MYR Class A

0.2290

0.1250

#### Distribution on 25 August

Gross/net distribution per unit (sen)

- MYR Class A

0.2310

0.1910

Net distributions above are sourced from prior year's and current financial period's realised income. Gross distributions are derived using total income less total expenses.

Gross distribution per unit is derived from net realised income less expenses divided by units in circulation, while net distribution per unit is derived from net realised income less expenses and taxation divided by units in circulation.

The above distributions have been proposed before taking into account the unrealised loss of RM8,610 (2022: RM12,205) which is carried forward to the next financial period.

## 7. TAXATION

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Tax charge for the financial period:		
Current taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Profit before finance cost and taxation	1,020,563	563,484
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	244,935	135,236
Tax effects of:		
Investment income not subject to tax	(264,629)	(153,069)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2,120	2,009
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for unit trust fund	17,574	15,824
Taxation	-	-

#### 8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<b>31.08.2023</b>	<b>28.02.2023</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions	23,072,262	22,727,602
Cash at bank	28,667	28,458
	<u>23,100,929</u>	<u>22,756,060</u>

The weighted average effective rate of return per annum are as follows:

	<b>31.08.2023</b>	<b>28.02.2023</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions	<u>2.97</u>	<u>3.83</u>

Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions have an average remaining maturity of 4 days for financial period ended 31 August 2023 (28.02.2023: 19 days).

#### 9. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS ("FVTPL")

	<b>31.08.2023</b>	<b>28.02.2023</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL:</u>		
Islamic money market instrument	-	2,002,367
Unquoted sukuk	35,610,795	45,886,121
	<u>35,610,795</u>	<u>47,888,488</u>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<u>Net loss on financial assets at FVTPL:</u>		
Realised loss on investments	(4,068)	-
Changes in unrealised fair values	(8,864)	(12,598)
	<u>(12,932)</u>	<u>(12,598)</u>



Financial assets at FVTPL as at 31 August 2023 are as detailed below:

	Nominal value RM	Aggregate cost RM	Fair value RM	Percentage of net asset value %
<b>UNQUOTED SUKUK</b>				
<u>Government Investment Issue</u>				
3.655% Government of Malaysia 15/10/2024	2,500,000	2,551,041	2,544,953	4.34
3.726% Government of Malaysia 31/03/2026	10,000,000	10,241,981	10,206,777	17.39
3.990% Government of Malaysia 15/10/2025	5,000,000	5,125,932	5,136,766	8.75
4.094% Government of Malaysia 30/11/2023	17,500,000	17,721,424	17,722,299	30.20
	<u>35,000,000</u>	<u>35,640,378</u>	<u>35,610,795</u>	<u>60.68</u>
<b>TOTAL UNQUOTED SUKUK</b>	<b><u>35,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>35,640,378</u></b>	<b><u>35,610,795</u></b>	<b><u>60.68</u></b>
<b>UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL</b>				
		<u>(29,583)</u>		
<b>TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL</b>				
		<u><u>35,610,795</u></u>		

Financial assets at FVTPL as at 28 February 2023 are as detailed below:

	Nominal value RM	Aggregate cost RM	Fair value RM	Percentage of net asset value %
<b>ISLAMIC MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENT</b>				
<u>Term Investment Account</u>				
3.600% Hong Leong Islamic Bank Bhd 16/03/2023	2,000,000	2,002,367	2,002,367	2.83
<b>TOTAL ISLAMIC MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENT</b>	<b><u>2,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>2,002,367</u></b>	<b><u>2,002,367</u></b>	<b><u>2.83</u></b>
<b>UNQUOTED SUKUK</b>				
<u>Government Investment Issue</u>				
3.655% Government of Malaysia 15/10/2024	2,500,000	2,557,920	2,547,841	3.61
3.726% Government of Malaysia 31/03/2026	5,000,000	5,158,474	5,109,696	7.23
3.990% Government of Malaysia 15/10/2025	10,000,000	10,273,330	10,287,173	14.57
4.094% Government of Malaysia 30/11/2023	17,500,000	17,801,746	17,829,438	25.25
4.390% Government of Malaysia 07/07/2023	10,000,000	10,115,370	10,111,973	14.32
<b>TOTAL UNQUOTED SUKUK</b>	<b><u>45,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>45,906,840</u></b>	<b><u>45,886,121</u></b>	<b><u>64.98</u></b>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT</b>	<b><u>47,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>47,909,207</u></b>	<b><u>47,888,488</u></b>	<b><u>67.81</u></b>
<b>UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL</b>				
		<u>(20,719)</u>		
<b>TOTAL FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTPL</b>				
		<u><u>47,888,488</u></u>		

## 10. SHARIAH INFORMATION OF THE FUND

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

- (i) Sukuk as per the list of sukuk available at Bond Info Hub, Fully Automated System for Issuing/Tendering of Bank Negara Malaysia and The Bond and Sukuk Information Exchange; and
- (ii) Liquid assets in local market, which are placed in Shariah-compliant investments and/or instruments.

## 11. UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	01.03.2023 to 31.08.2023 No. of units	01.03.2022 to 28.02.2023 No. of units
MYR Class A (i)	58,912,238	70,910,887
MYR Class B* (ii)	-	-
MYR Class C* (iii)	-	-
MYR Class D* (iv)	-	-
MYR Class E* (v)	-	-
SGD Class A (vi)	1,000	1,000
USD Class A (vii)	1,000	1,000
	<u>58,914,238</u>	<u>70,912,887</u>

### (i) MYR Class A

At the beginning of the financial period/year	70,910,887	45,334,513
Add: Creation of units during the financial period/year		
- Arising from applications	2,004,811	36,999,468
- Arising from distributions	996,540	1,612,998
Less: Cancellation of units during the financial period/year	(15,000,000)	(13,036,092)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>58,912,238</u>	<u>70,910,887</u>

### (ii) MYR Class B\*

At the beginning of the financial period/year	-	1,000
Less: Cancellation of units during the financial period/year		(1,000)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### (iii) MYR Class C\*

At the beginning of the financial period/year	-	1,000
Less: Cancellation of units during the financial period/year		(1,000)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### (iv) MYR Class D\*

At the beginning of the financial period/year	-	1,000
Less: Cancellation of units during the financial period/year		(1,000)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### (v) MYR Class E\*

At the beginning of the financial period/year	-	1,000
Less: Cancellation of units during the financial period/year		(1,000)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	<b>01.03.2023 to 31.08.2023 No. of units</b>	<b>01.03.2022 to 28.02.2023 No. of units</b>
(vi) SGD Class A		
At the beginning/end of the financial period/year	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
(vii) USD Class A		
At the beginning/end of the financial period/year	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

\*The manager has terminated MYR Class B, MYR Class C, MYR Class D and MYR Class E as at 14 October 2022 as disclosed in Note 2(h).

## 12. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	<b>2023 %</b>	<b>2022 %</b>
TER (annualised)	<u>0.23</u>	<u>0.24</u>

Total expense ratio includes management fee, Trustee's fee, auditors' remuneration, tax agent's fee and other expenses for the financial period divided by the Fund's average net asset value calculated on a daily basis and is calculated as follows:

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

Where;

- A = Management fee
- B = Trustee's fee
- C = Auditors' remuneration
- D = Tax agent's fee
- E = Other expenses
- F = Average net asset value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average net asset value of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM69,415,698 (2022: RM62,180,527).

## 13. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	<b>2023 Times</b>	<b>2022 Times</b>
PTR	<u>0.16</u>	<u>0.53</u>

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

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

Where;

- total acquisitions for the financial period = RM10,044,800 (2022:RM66,104,625)
- total disposals for the financial period = RM12,106,877 (2022: NIL)

#### 14. UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

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

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationships</u>
Hong Leong Asset Management Bhd	The Manager
Hong Leong Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd	Subsidiary of the Manager
Hong Leong Capital Berhad	Holding company of the Manager
Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad (“HLFG”)	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Subsidiaries and associates of HLFG as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associate companies of the ultimate holding company of the Manager

#### Units held by the Manager

	31.08.2023		28.02.2023	
	Units	RM	Units	RM
The Manager				
- SGD Class A	1,000	3,236	1,000	3,184
- USD Class A	1,000	4,371	1,000	4,303
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>7,607</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>7,487</u>

The above units were transacted at the prevailing market price.

No units were held by parties related to the Manager as at 31 August 2023 and 28 February 2023.

In addition to related party disclosures mentioned elsewhere in the financial statements, set out below are other related party transactions and balances. The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related companies have been entered into at agreed terms between the related parties.

	31.08.2023	28.02.2023
	RM	RM
<u>Related party balances</u>		
Cash at bank		
- Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad	28,667	28,458
Short term Islamic deposits with licensed financial institution:		
- Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad	10,107,073	-
Islamic money market instrument		
- Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad	-	2,002,367
	<u>10,135,740</u>	<u>2,030,825</u>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<u>Related party transactions</u>		
Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed financial institution:		
- Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad	77,263	48,197
Profit income from Islamic money market instrument:		
- Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad	8,920	-
	<u>86,183</u>	<u>48,197</u>
Purchase of unquoted sukuk:		
- Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad	-	17,830,438

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## 15. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/DEALERS

Detail of transactions with brokers/dealers are as follows:

	<b>Values of trade RM</b>	<b>Percentage of total trade %</b>
<b>2023</b>		
JP Morgan Chase Bank Berhad	16,296,088	100.00
<b>2022</b>		
CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad	28,504,836	42.76
JP Morgan Chase Bank Berhad	20,335,844	30.50
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad*	17,830,438	26.74
	<u>66,671,118</u>	<u>100.00</u>

\* Transactions with brokers/dealers related to the Manager.

The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related companies have been entered into at agreed terms between the related parties.

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### **A. (i) Portfolio Compositions:**

Government Sukuk

**Islamic Deposits & Cash Equivalents**

(ii)	Total Net Asset Values (ex-distribution)	MYR Class A SGD Class A USD Class A
(iii)	Net Asset Value Per Unit (ex-distribution)	MYR Class A SGD Class A USD Class A
	Units in Circulations (ex-distribution)	MYR Class A SGD Class A USD Class A
(iv)	Highest /Lowest NAV Per Unit (ex-distribution)	MYR Class A: Highest NAV Per Unit Lowest NAV Per Unit SGD Class A: Highest NAV Per Unit Lowest NAV Per Unit USD Class A: Highest NAV Per Unit Lowest NAV Per Unit
(v)	Total Return of the Fund* - Capital Growth - Income Distribution	MYR Class A MYR Class A MYR Class A
	Total Return of the Fund* - Capital Growth - Income Distribution	SGD Class A SGD Class A SGD Class A
	Total Return of the Fund* - Capital Growth - Income Distribution	USD Class A USD Class A USD Class A

<b>Financial Period</b> <b>28/02/23–</b> <b>31/08/23</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>28/02/22–</b> <b>28/02/23</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>28/02/21–</b> <b>28/02/22</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>29/02/20–</b> <b>28/02/21</b> <b>%</b>
<b>60.68</b>	64.98	53.08	–
<b>39.32</b>	35.02	46.92	100.00
<b>RM58,678,400</b>	RM70,608,957	RM45,138,099	RM1,000
<b>RM3,236</b>	RM3,184	RM3,103	–
<b>RM4,371</b>	RM4,303	RM4,193	–
<b>RM0.9959</b>	RM0.9957	RM0.9957	RM1.0000
<b>SGD0.9419</b>	SGD0.9559	SGD1.0036	–
<b>USD0.9428</b>	USD0.9596	USD0.9991	–
<b>58,912,238</b>	70,910,887	45,334,513	1,000
<b>1,000</b>	1,000	1,000	–
<b>1,000</b>	1,000	1,000	–
<b>RM0.9993</b>	RM0.9984	RM1.0020	RM1.0021
<b>RM0.9952</b>	RM0.9919	RM0.9957	RM0.9790
<b>SGD0.9686</b>	SGD1.0148	SGD1.0044	–
<b>SGD0.9217</b>	SGD0.9268	SGD0.9938	–
<b>USD0.9835</b>	USD1.0119	USD1.0043	–
<b>USD0.9290</b>	USD0.8941	USD0.9927	–
<b>1.47%</b>	2.38%	0.35%	0.80%
<b>0.02%</b>	–	-0.43%	–
<b>1.45%</b>	2.38%	0.78%	0.80%
<b>-1.46%</b>	-4.75%	0.35%	–
<b>-1.46%</b>	-4.75%	0.35%	–
<b>–</b>	–	–	–
<b>-1.75%</b>	-3.95%	-0.10%	–
<b>-1.75%</b>	-3.95%	-0.10%	–
<b>–</b>	–	–	–

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- (vi) The distribution (gross) is made out of (MYR Class A):-
- 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)
- The distribution (gross) is made out of (SGD Class A):-
- 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)
- The distribution (gross) is made out of (USD Class A):-
- 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)

- (vii) Distribution Per Unit MYR Class A

Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit



<b>Financial Period</b> <b>28/02/23–</b> <b>31/08/23</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>28/02/22–</b> <b>28/02/23</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>28/02/21–</b> <b>28/02/22</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>29/02/20–</b> <b>28/02/21</b> <b>%</b>
<b>0.0000 sen/unit</b>	0.0000 sen/unit	0.4300 sen/unit	0.0000 sen/unit
<b>1.4360 sen/unit</b>	2.3420 sen/unit	0.3520 sen/unit	0.7930 sen/unit
<b>1.4360 sen/unit</b>	2.3420 sen/unit	0.7820 sen/unit	0.7930 sen/unit
<b>0%</b>	0%	55%	0%
<b>100%</b>	100%	45%	100%
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–
<b>0.2370 sen/unit</b>	0.1210 sen/unit	0.2300 sen/unit	0.1850 sen/unit
<b>0.2370 sen/unit</b>	0.1210 sen/unit	0.2300 sen/unit	0.1850 sen/unit
<b>27/03/2023</b>	25/03/2022	25/11/2021	25/09/2020
<b>RM0.9990</b>	RM0.9966	RM0.9980	RM0.9963
<b>RM0.9966</b>	RM0.9954	RM0.9957	RM0.9945
–	–	–	–
<b>0.2340 sen/unit</b>	0.1440 sen/unit	0.2850 sen/unit	0.1520 sen/unit
<b>0.2340 sen/unit</b>	0.1440 sen/unit	0.2850 sen/unit	0.1520 sen/unit
<b>25/04/2023</b>	25/04/2022	24/12/2021	26/10/2020
<b>RM0.9993</b>	RM0.9962	RM0.9986	RM0.9959
<b>RM0.9969</b>	RM0.9948	RM0.9957	RM0.9945

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Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

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Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

<b>Financial Period</b> <b>28/02/23–</b> <b>31/08/23</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>28/02/22–</b> <b>28/02/23</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>28/02/21–</b> <b>28/02/22</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>29/02/20–</b> <b>28/02/21</b> <b>%</b>
–	–	–	–
<b>0.2450 sen/unit</b>	0.1400 sen/unit	0.1510 sen/unit	0.1520 sen/unit
<b>0.2450 sen/unit</b>	0.1400 sen/unit	0.1510 sen/unit	0.1520 sen/unit
<b>25/05/2023</b>	25/05/2022	25/01/2022	25/11/2020
<b>RM0.9984</b>	RM0.9961	RM0.9974	RM0.9870
<b>RM0.9960</b>	RM0.9947	RM0.9958	RM0.9855
–	–	–	–
<b>0.2600 sen/unit</b>	0.1640 sen/unit	0.1160 sen/unit	0.1630 sen/unit
<b>0.2600 sen/unit</b>	0.1640 sen/unit	0.1160 sen/unit	0.1630 sen/unit
<b>26/06/2023</b>	27/06/2022	25/02/2022	28/12/2020
<b>RM0.9978</b>	RM0.9955	RM0.9968	RM0.9907
<b>RM0.9952</b>	RM0.9938	RM0.9957	RM0.9891
–	–	–	–
<b>0.2290 sen/unit</b>	0.1250 sen/unit	–	0.1410 sen/unit
<b>0.2290 sen/unit</b>	0.1250 sen/unit	–	0.1410 sen/unit
<b>25/07/2023</b>	25/07/2022	–	25/01/2021
<b>RM0.9982</b>	RM0.9960	–	RM0.9919
<b>RM0.9959</b>	RM0.9947	–	RM0.9905
–	–	–	–
<b>0.2310 sen/unit</b>	0.1910 sen/unit	–	–
<b>0.2310 sen/unit</b>	0.1910 sen/unit	–	–
<b>25/08/2023</b>	25/08/2022	–	–
<b>RM0.9981</b>	RM0.9972	–	–
<b>RM0.9958</b>	RM0.9953	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	0.2190 sen/unit	–	–
–	0.2190 sen/unit	–	–
–	26/09/2022	–	–
–	RM0.9941	–	–
–	RM0.9919	–	–

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Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

Additional Units  
Distribution (Gross)  
Distribution (Net)  
Distribution Date  
Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit  
EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

<b>Financial Period</b> <b>28/02/23–</b> <b>31/08/23</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>28/02/22–</b> <b>28/02/23</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>28/02/21–</b> <b>28/02/22</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Financial Year</b> <b>29/02/20–</b> <b>28/02/21</b> <b>%</b>
–	–	–	–
–	0.2210 sen/unit	–	–
–	0.2210 sen/unit	–	–
–	25/10/2022	–	–
–	RM0.9940	–	–
–	RM0.9918	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	0.2450 sen/unit	–	–
–	0.2450 sen/unit	–	–
–	25/11/2022	–	–
–	RM0.9946	–	–
–	RM0.9921	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	0.2590 sen/unit	–	–
–	0.2590 sen/unit	–	–
–	27/12/2022	–	–
–	RM0.9959	–	–
–	RM0.9933	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	0.2410 sen/unit	–	–
–	0.2410 sen/unit	–	–
–	25/01/2023	–	–
–	RM0.9979	–	–
–	RM0.9955	–	–
–	–	–	–
–	0.2720 sen/unit	–	–
–	0.2720 sen/unit	–	–
–	27/02/2023	–	–
–	RM0.9984	–	–
–	RM0.9956	–	–

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Distribution Per Unit SGD Class A	Additional Units
	Distribution (Gross)
	Distribution (Net)
	Distribution Date
	Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit
	EX-Distribution NAV/Unit
Distribution Per Unit USD Class A	Additional Units
	Distribution (Gross)
	Distribution (Net)
	Distribution Date
	Cum-Distribution NAV/Unit
	EX-Distribution NAV/Unit

(viii) Total Expense Ratio (TER)

(ix) Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) (times)



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### **B. Average Total Return, NAV Per Unit-to NAV Per Unit basis (as at 31/08/2023)\***

MYR Class A:

- (i) One year
- (ii) Three years

SGD Class A:

- (i) One year
- (ii) Three years

USD Class A:

- (i) One year
- (ii) Three years

\* Source Lipper for Investment Management

(Returns are calculated after adjusting for distributions and/or additional units, if any)

# The PTR decreased by 0.46 times (74.19%) to 0.16 times for the financial period from 01 March 2023 to 31 August 2023 versus 0.62 times for the financial year ended 28 February 2023 and 0.37 times (69.81%) as compared to 0.53 times for the financial period from 01 March 2022 to 31 August 2022 mainly due to lower level of rebalancing activities undertaken by the Fund.



<b>Financial Period</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>
<b>28/02/23–</b>	<b>28/02/22–</b>	<b>28/02/21–</b>	<b>29/02/20–</b>
<b>31/08/23</b>	<b>28/02/23</b>	<b>28/02/22</b>	<b>28/02/21</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>

**2.98%**

**1.79%**

**-3.87%**

**-**

**-0.39%**

**-**

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

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### **Auditor**

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