# MANAGER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2008 TO 31 DECEMBER 2008

(IN RINGGIT MALAYSIA)

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## **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

AmInvestment Management Sdn Bhd

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## PERFORMANCE DATA

Details of portfolio composition of ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund ("the Fund") for the last financial periods as at 31 December 2008 and 30 September 2008 and the last three financial years as at 31 December are as follows:

	As at 31-12-2008 %	As at 30-9-2008 %	As at 31-12-2008 %	As at 31-12-2007 %	As at 31-12-2006 %
Malaysian Government securities Quasi-Government bonds	88.3 10.7	88.3 10.8	88.3 10.7	91.9 4.9	97.4 2.0
Cash and others	1.0	0.9	1.0	3.2	0.6
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: The abovementioned percentages are based on total investment market value plus cash.

Performance details of the Fund for the last financial periods ended 31 December 2008 and 30 September 2008 and the last three financial years ended 31 December are as follows:

	3 months ended	3 months ended	1 year ended	1 year ended	1 year ended
	31-12-2008	30-9-2008	31-12-2008	31-12-2007	31-12-2006
Net asset value (RM million)	536.42	501.77	536.42	505.60	514.35
Units in circulation (million)	481.92	481.92	481.92	481.92	481.92
Net asset value per unit (RM)*	1.1131	1.0412	1.1131	1.0491	1.0673
Closing quoted price (RM/unit)*	1.098	1.070	1.098	1.058	1.067
Highest quoted price (RM/unit)*	1.098	1.070	1.098	1.096	1.067
Lowest quoted price (RM/unit)*	1.070	1.070	1.057	1.051	1.010
Annualised return (%) <sup>1</sup>	30.33	7.33	7.71	2.69	4.63
- Capital growth (%)	30.33	5.78	6.16	-1.96	1.53
- Income distribution (%)	-	1.55	1.55	4.65	3.10
Gross distribution per unit (sen)	-	1.55	1.55	4.65	3.10
Net distribution per unit (sen)	-	1.55	1.55	4.65	3.10
Management expense ratio $(\%)^2$	0.20	0.20	0.23	0.27	0.27
Portfolio turnover ratio (times) <sup>3</sup>	0.09	0.08	0.33	0.39	0.27

<sup>\*</sup> Above prices and net asset value per unit are shown as ex-distribution.

Note: (1) Annualised return is the actual return of the Fund for the respective financial periods/years, computed based on net asset value per unit and net of all fees, annualised over one year.

- (2) Management expense ratio is calculated based on the total fees and expenses incurred by the Fund divided by the average fund size calculated on a daily basis.
- (3) Portfolio turnover ratio ("PTR") is computed based on the average of the total acquisitions and total disposals of investment securities of the Fund divided by the average fund size calculated on a daily basis. The PTR increased by 0.01 times (12.5%) as compared to 0.08 times for the quarter ended 30 September 2008 mainly due to increase in investing activities.

## **Annualised Return (as at 31 December 2008)**

	<b>ABFMY1</b> <sup>(a)</sup> %	iBoxx Index <sup>(b)</sup>
One year	7.7	7.9
Three years	5.0	5.3
Since launch of fund (13 July 2005)	4.5	4.8

## **Annual Total Return**

Financial Year/Period End (31 December)	ABFMY1 <sup>(a)</sup> %	iBoxx® Index <sup>(b)</sup>
2008	7.7	7.9
2007	2.7	3.1
2006	4.6	4.9
2005 <sup>(c)</sup>	1.5	1.9

- (a) Independently verified by Perkasa Normandy Advisers Sdn Bhd
- (b) iBoxx ABF Malaysia Bond Index ("iBoxx Index") (Source: www.indexco.com)

The Fund's performance above is calculated based on net asset value per unit. Annualised return for ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund ("ABFMY1") for a period is computed on the absolute return for that period annualised over one year.

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

<sup>(</sup>c) Annualised returns for the financial period 13 July 2005 (date of commencement) to 31 December 2005

## Manager's Report For The Period 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008

#### Dear Unitholders

We are pleased to present you the Manager's Report and the unaudited quarterly accounts of ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund ("the Fund" or "ABFMY1") for the financial period 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008.

## **Investment Objectives**

ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund is a fixed income exchange traded fund ("ETF") which is a listed bond fund that is passively managed against the given benchmark, which is iBoxx® ABF Malaysia Bond Index ("the Benchmark Index" or "iBoxx® Index"). The returns of the Fund will be expected to correspond closely to the performance of the Benchmark Index.

iBoxx® ABF Malaysia Bond Index is a basket index that expresses relative changes in value compared to the beginning of the respective period. The Benchmark Index is based on consolidated bid quotes and rebalanced monthly on the last calendar day of each month. The Benchmark Index is a combination of Government, sovereign and sub-sovereign debt securities subject to per-determined credit rating requirements.

Details of the index component as at 31 December 2008 are as follows:

Code	Issuer	Coupon	Final Maturity	Notional Amount
QI05001N	Khazanah Nasional Berhad	0.000	18 January 2010	1,000,000,000
GG070001	Malaysia Investment Issue	3.570	15 March 2010	3,500,000,000
PH060023	Cagamas Berhad	4.220	30 March 2010	500,000,000
MH060003	Malaysian Government	3.869	13 April 2010	10,886,510,000
DI050204	International Bank For		_	
	Reconciliation And			
	Development	3.580	12 May 2010	760,000,000
PH060053	Cagamas Berhad	4.795	28 May 2010	500,000,000
VG070814	Cagamas Berhad	3.850	3 August 2010	650,000,000
MJ05001X	Malaysian Government	3.644	25 August 2010	6,991,200,000
GI050024	Malaysian Investment Issue	3.692	8 December 2010	2,000,000,000
VG071409	Cagamas Berhad	3.970	10 December 2010	740,000,000
(Forward)				

Code	Issuer	Coupon	Final Maturity	Notional Amount
VI060188	Rantau Abang Capital Berhad	4.390	15 March 2011	2,200,000,000
UI060069	Asia Development Bank		25 April 2011	500,000,000
MJ050004	Malaysian Government		28 April 2011	14,761,465,000
GG080012	Malaysia Investment Issue		30 June 2011	3,500,000,000
GI060008	Malaysia Investment Issue	4.635	14 July 2011	3,000,000,000
MN01001V	Malaysian Government	3.833	28 September 2011	15,218,000,000
UG080081	Cagamas Berhad		10 October 2011	540,000,000
PM03061S	Syarikat Prasarana Negara	1.050	10 000001 2011	210,000,000
	Berhad	3.800	30 November 2011	2,187,261,374
MJ060005	Malaysian Government	3.718	15 June 2012	12,563,197,000
GI070029	Malaysia Investment Issue	3.581	14 September 2012	3,500,000,000
MN03003V	Malaysian Government	3.702	25 February 2013	16,575,000,000
UI080008	Export-Import Bank Korea	4.080	12 March 2013	500,000,000
GI080001	Malaysia Investment Issue	3.604	29 March 2013	2,000,000,000
MJ070005	Malaysian Government	3.700	15 May 2013	3,000,000,000
MJ080001	Malaysian Government	3.461	31 July 2013	7,000,000,000
GJ080019	Malaysia Investment Issue	4.273	14 February 2014	3,500,000,000
MN04002W	Malaysian Government	5.094	30 April 2014	10,000,000,000
PK070017	Silterra Capital Berhad	3.900	6 June 2014	1,800,000,000
GN050001	Malaysia Investment Issue	4.419	16 March 2015	2,000,000,000
MO05002S	Malaysian Government	4.720	30 September 2015	6,975,000,000
PS00196F	Bank Pembangunan &			
	Infrastruktur Malaysia	7,000	20.0-4-12015	500,000,000
MO060001	Berhad	7.000	30 October 2015	500,000,000
GN060019	Malaysian Government	4.262	15 September 2016	8,700,000,000
PR03062E	Malaysia Investment Issue Syarikat Prasarana Negara	3.820	15 November 2016	3,000,000,000
1 K03002E	Berhad	4.270	30 November 2016	1,913,853,702
DN060825	Khazanah Nasional Berhad		8 December 2016	2,000,000,000
UN070014	Asia Development Bank		8 February 2017	500,000,000
MN070002	Malaysian Government		15 February 2017	9,500,000,000
GN070008	Malaysia Investment Issue	3.941	15 June 2017	3,000,000,000
MS03002H	Malaysian Government	4.240	7 February 2018	15,100,000,000
UN080007	Export-Import Bank Korea	4.500	12 March 2018	500,000,000
DN080403	Syarikat Prasarana Negara			,
	Berhad	4.400	30 May 2018	1,200,000,000
(Forward)				

Code	Issuer	Coupon	Final Maturity	Notional Amount
DN081079	Khazanah Nasional Berhad	0.000	9 July 2018	1,000,000,000
GN080031	Malaysia Investment Issue	4.295	31 October 2018	7,500,000,000
MS04003H	Malaysian Government	5.734	30 July 2019	4,000,000,000
DS080404	Syarikat Prasarana Negara			
	Berhad	4.650	30 May 2023	500,000,000
DS081080	Khazanah Nasional Berhad	0.000	14 August 2023	2,000,000,000
MY050003	Malaysian Government	4.837	15 July 2025	3,000,000,000
PZ00197S	Bank Pembangunan &		•	
	Infrastruktur Malaysia			
	Berhad	7.500	30 October 2025	500,000,000
MX060002	Malaysian Government	4.709	15 September 2026	3,000,000,000
MX070003	Malaysian Government	3.502	31 May 2027	6,000,000,000
MX080003	Malaysian Government	5.248	15 September 2028	4,000,000,000
Source: Intern	ational Index Company Limited (	"IIC")		

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The Fund has a passive strategy whereby the Manager aims, by way of representative sampling, to achieve a return on the Funds assets that closely tracks the return of the Benchmark Index.

ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund was established on 12 July 2005 and shall exist for as long as it appears to the Manager and the Trustee that it is in the interests of the unitholders for it to continue. In some circumstances, the unitholders can resolve at a meeting to terminate the Fund.

### **Fund Performance Review**

	As at	As at	Change
	<b>31 December 2008</b>	30 September 2008	(%)
iBoxx® ABF Malaysia Index	122.91	114.81	7.06
Net asset value (RM)	536,418,866	501,765,803	6.91
Units in circulation (units)	481,921,800	481,921,800	1
Net asset value per unit (RM)	1.1131	1.0412	6.91
Annualized returns (%)	30.33 <sup>(a)</sup>	7.33 <sup>(b)</sup>	23.00
Benchmark returns (%)	31.06 <sup>(a)</sup>	$6.99^{(b)}$	24.07
Closing price quoted at Bursa			
Malaysia (RM)	1.098	1.067	2.91

<sup>(</sup>a) Annualized returns for the financial period 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008.

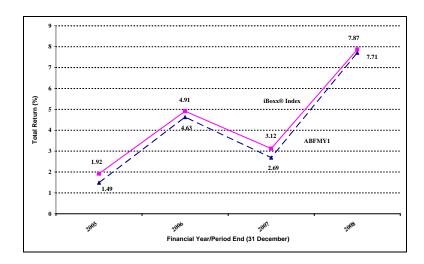
Note: Benchmark – iBoxx® ABF Malaysia Bond Index (source: www.indexco)

<sup>(</sup>b) Annualised returns for the financial period 1 July 2008 to 30 September 2008.

Comparison between the annual return of ABFMY1 and iBoxx® Index for each of the last financial years/period ended 31 December is as follows:

Financial Year/Period End	ABFMY1	iBoxx® Index	Changes
(31 December)	(%)	(%)	(%)
2008	7.71	7.87	-0.16
2007	2.69	3.12	-0.43
2006	4.63	4.91	-0.28
2005*	1.49	1.92	-0.43

<sup>\*</sup> Annualized returns for the financial period 13 July 2005 (date of commencement) to 31 December 2005.



For the period under review, (30 September 2008 - 31 December 2008), the Fund registered an annualized return of 30.33% which comprises of 30.33% of capital growth and nil income growth. The Fund's returns increased by 23.00%, underperforming its benchmark return of 24.07%. We believe that the Fund is line its objective during this financial period under review.

As of 31 December 2008, total Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund stood at RM 536,418,866, increase by 6.91% as compared to RM 501,765,803 on 30 September 2008. NAV per unit also increase by 6.91% from RM 1.0412 to RM 1.1131 for the same period under review while the units in circulation for the Fund remain unchanged at 481,921,800 units. As of 31 December 2008, closing price for the Fund was quoted at RM 1.098, increase by 2.91% compared to RM 1.067 as of 30 September 2008.

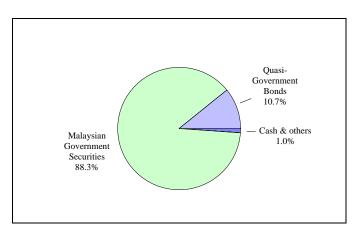
There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund, no unit split and no circumstances that materially affected the interest of the unitholders.

During the financial period under review, the Fund declared final income distribution of 2.00 sen per unit on 6 January 2009 as illustrated in the table below.

The Fund has declared income distribution of 2.00 sen per unit on 6 January 2009 as follows:

2.00 sen per unit final income distribution	Changes in the unit price prior and subsequent to the final income distribution	Before income distribution on 6 January 2009 (RM)	After income distribution on 6 January 2009 (RM)
	Net asset value per unit	1.1160	1.0960

## **Sectoral Composition as at 31 December 2008**



	31 December 2008 (%)	30 September 2008 (%)	Change (%)
Malaysian Government securities	88.3	88.3	-
Quasi-Government bonds	10.7	10.8	-0.1
Cash and others	1.0	0.9	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0	

The Fund's cash holdings increased slightly from 0.9% to 1.0% as at 31 December 2008 while holdings in Quasi-Government bonds decreased slightly to 10.7% from 10.8%. The Fund's holdings of Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") remained unchanged at 88.3% for the period under review.

Break down of unitholding by size

Size of holding	As at 31 December 2008 No of units held ('000)	As at 30 September 008 No of units held ('000)
Less than 100	-	0.1
100 – 1,000	6.2	6.1
1,001 – 10,000	28.3	35.8
10,001 – 100,000	63.0	63.0
100,001 to less than 5% of issue units	271.0	140.0
500,001 above of issue units	481,553.3	481,676.8

*Note:* 5% of issue units = 24,096,090 units

#### **Market Review**

The MGS market started the fourth quarterly of 2008 (4Q08) on a strong note on market expectation that Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) will make a pro-active move to cut the overnight policy rate (OPR) from 3.50% in order to cushion the local economy from the expected slowdown in global economy. The strength of the Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) market was further supported by the declining global fuel prices which declined to circa USD70/barrel in October 2008. The month of November 2008 saw the MGS market actively traded as investors positioned themselves for any interest rate cut by Bank Negara. The flow into MGS was also a reflection of flight to quality in light of the worsening economic environment evident from the deteriorating economic numbers announced during the month. As expected, Bank Negara cut its OPR by 25 basis points to 3.25% from 3.50% on November 24, 2008. Of interest was the acknowledgement by the Governor of Bank Negara that the full effects of the financial crisis that has triggered recessions from the U.S. to Japan may only be felt by Malaysia next year. These prompted expectations by economists that Bank Negara may further cut interest rate next year to cushion the economy from a full blown global recession. MGS market in the month of December 2008 was well supported with yields trending lower amid the more aggressive rate cuts by central banks worldwide, on the back of aplenty weak economic data released. Market players continued to build up holding of MGS for the eventual rate cut by BNM in January 2009. Dismal local economic data released lent further support to the already low levels of MGS yields. Trading volume, however, has shrunk due to year-end effects with shorter trading weeks in December 2008.

### **Market Outlook**

In 2009, MGS yields are expected to remain well-anchored at least in first quarter of 2009 (1Q09), and with downward bias as BNM playing catch-up game in its monetary policy easing stance. Inflation has now become a lesser devil, with Consumer Price Index (CPI) reading expected to continue to fall, and fall sharply on the back of recent more fuel prices cut by the government as well as the high base effect. This will give more room for BNM to reduce policy rate, as its primary focus now rests with curtailing the knock-on effects of global slowdown on local economy. As such, expectations of more rate cuts and the emergence of more poor news on the economy front shall keep the MGS yields at multi-years low levels. Going forward, we are of the view that the trend of the MGS yields will be very much dictated by the macroeconomic news flow both local and global. Our in-house view remains that the global inflationary cycle is yielding to a deflationary cycle in 2009.

Nevertheless, in the near term, with MGS yields trading at multi year low, investors who are currently long in MGS are expected to gradually reduce their exposure and shift to lower rated instruments on the expectation that these segments will follow the movement of MGS. The catalyst that could trigger this is the possible increase in Government Securities supply due to the government's second fiscal stimulus plan to pump prime the economy.

## **Investment Strategy**

The investment strategy of the fund is of a passive one, whereby the Manager aims, by way of representative sampling, to achieve a return on the Fund Assets that closely tracks the returns of the Benchmark Index. As such, the Fund will continue to invest selectively within its scope (i.e. RM denominated sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns and supranational debt securities) in more liquid issues in order to achieve a return that tracks the Benchmark Index i.e. the iBoxx ABF Malaysia Index while minimising transaction costs.

## Rebates and soft commissions

It is our policy to pay all rebates to the Fund. However, soft commissions received for goods and services such as fundamental database, financial wire services, technical analysis software and stock quotation system incidental to investment management of the Fund are retained by the Manager. For the period under review, the Manager has received soft-commissions.

Kuala Lumpur AmInvestment Services Berhad

30 January 2009

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (unaudited) AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

Note	31-12-2008 RM	31-12-2007 RM
4	536,672,190	513,448,554
	558	757
	536,672,748	513,449,311
	135,261	107,900
6	47,908	69,437
5	37,177	166,931
7	33,536	30,379
		7,469,788
	253,882	7,844,435
8	536,418,866	505,604,876
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9	111 sen	105 sen
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# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (unaudited) FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2008 TO 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Note	1-10-2008 to 31-12-2008 RM	1-10-2007 to 31-12-2007 RM
INVESTMENT INCOME Net unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in value of			
investments		29,670,089	(4,507,732)
Interest income		5,121,305	5,150,100
Net realised gain/(loss) on sale of investments		184,719	(365,557)
		34,976,113	276,811
Add: Accretion of discount		90,232	76,708
Less: Amortisation of premium		(158,017)	(327,527)
Gross Income		34,908,328	25,992
EXPENDITURE			
Manager's fee	6	130,156	211,312
Trustee's fee	7	91,109	92,449
Licence fee	5	21,406	28,109
Audit fee		1,257	1,278
Tax agent's fee		1,257	1,278
Other expenses		10,080	14,417
Total Expenditure		255,265	348,843
NET INCOME/(LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX LESS: INCOME TAX EXPENSE	10	34,653,063	(322,851)
NET INCOME/(LOSS) AFTER INCOME TAX		34,653,063	(322,851)
INCOME DISTRIBUTION	12		(7,469,788)
Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax comprises the following:			
Realised income		4,982,974	4,184,881
Unrealised gain/(loss)		29,670,089	(4,507,732)
		34,653,063	(322,851)
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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSET VALUE (unaudited) FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2008 TO 31 DECEMBER 2008

	1-10-2008 to 31-12-2008 RM	1-10-2007 to 31-12-2007 RM
Net asset value at beginning of period	501,765,803	513,397,515
Net income/(loss) for the period	34,653,063	(322,851)
Net income distribution		(7,469,788)
Net asset value at end of period	536,418,866	505,604,876

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT (unaudited) FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 2008 TO 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Note	1-10-2008 to 31-12-2008 RM	1-10-2007 to 31-12-2007 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments		42,849,264	35,136,914
Interest received		3,854,279	3,731,032
Payment for other fee expenses		(3,402)	(357)
Tax agent's fee		(5,000)	-
License fee paid		(76,352)	_
Trustee's fee paid		(88,060)	(90,630)
Manager's fee paid		(125,801)	(207,155)
Purchase of investments		(45,342,500)	(44,330,209)
Net Cash Generated/(Used In) From Operating And Investing Activities		1,062,428	(5,760,405)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities			
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND			
CASH EQUIVALENTS		1,062,428	(5,760,405)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT		4 267 100	22 124 004
BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD		4,367,109	22,124,904
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF			
PERIOD	13	5,429,537	16,364,499

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

ABF Malaysia Bond Index Fund ("the Fund") was established pursuant to a Deed dated 12 July 2005 as amended by Deeds Supplemental thereto ("the Deed"), between AmInvestment Services Berhad as the Manager, HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad as the Trustee and all unitholders.

The Fund was set up with the objective for investors who seek an "index-based" approach to investing in a portfolio of Ringgit Malaysia denominated Government and quasi-Government debt securities. As provided in the Deed, the "accrual period" or financial year shall end on 31 December and the units in the Fund were first offered for sale on 13 July 2005.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of investment in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards in Malaysia and the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Exchange Traded Funds.

The new and revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRSs") that were first effective for and first adopted by the Fund in the current financial year were either not relevant or did not give rise to any significant change to the accounting policies of the Fund. At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following new and revised FRSs and Interpretations were issued but not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Fund:

FRS	Effective for financial periods beginning on or after
FRS 7: Financial Instruments: Disclosures	1 January 2010
FRS 8: Operating Segments	1 July 2009
FRS 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and	
Measurement	1 January 2010
IC Interpretation 9: Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives	1 January 2010
IC Interpretation 10: Interim Financial Reporting and	
Impairment	1 January 2010

The Fund is exempted from disclosing the possible impact, if any, to the financial statements upon the initial application of FRS 7 and FRS 139 by virtue of exemptions provided under Paragraph 44AB and 103AB respectively of the standards.

#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at market value on a portfolio basis in accordance with the provisions of the Deed, market value is determined based on prices provided by the index provider, International Index Company Limited ("IIC"), plus accrued interest. The difference between the adjusted cost and market value is treated as unrealised gain or loss and is recognised in the statement of income and expenditure. Adjusted cost of investments relates to the purchase cost plus accrued interest, adjusted for amortisation of premium and accretion of discount, if any, calculated on the straight-line method over the period from the date of acquisition to the date of maturity of the respective securities as approved by the Manager and the Trustee. Unrealised gains or losses recognised in the statement of income and expenditure is not distributable in nature.

On disposal of investments, the net realised gain or loss on disposal is measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the investments. The net realised gain or loss is recognised in the statement of income and expenditure.

## **Income Recognition**

Interest on fixed income securities and short-term deposits is recognised on an accrual basis.

## **Income Tax Expense**

The tax effects of transactions are recognised, using the 'balance sheet' method and all taxable temporary differences are recognised. As at 31 December 2008, there were no significant temporary differences.

## **Functional and Presentation Currency**

Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions. This is Ringgit Malaysia which reflects the currency of the economy in which the Fund competes for funds and subscribes and redeems units. The Fund has also adopted Ringgit Malaysia as its presentation currency.

### **Cash Flow Statement**

The Fund adopts the direct method in the preparation of the cash flow statement.

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments with maturity of seven days or less from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to cash with insignificant risk of changes in value.

## **Payables**

The amounts are stated at cost which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid for services received.

### **Financial Assets And Liabilities**

Financial assets and financial liabilities carried on the statement of assets and liabilities include cash at banks, investments, including deposits and placements with licensed institutions, receivables and payables. The accounting policies on recognition and measurement of these items are disclosed in the respective accounting policies.

Financial instruments are classified as assets or liabilities in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement. The accounting policies on the recognition of interest, gains and losses relating to financial instruments classified as assets, are disclosed in the respective accounting policies.

## 4. **INVESTMENTS**

	31-12-2008 RM	31-12-2007 RM
At carrying value		
Short-term deposits with licensed banks under		
short-term money market deposits	5,428,979	16,363,742
Quasi-Government bonds	57,305,301	25,122,004
Malaysian Government securities	473,937,910	471,962,808
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	536,672,190	513,448,554
At nominal value		
Short-term deposits with licensed banks under		
short-term money market deposits	5,428,500	16,362,200
Quasi-Government bonds	55,000,000	25,000,000
Malaysian Government securities	447,620,000	465,000,000
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Details of investments as at 31 December 2008 are as follows:

Maturity date	Issuer/Stock no.	Nominal value RM	Carrying value RM	Purchase cost RM	Carrying value as a percentage of net asset value
	Short-term depo		sed banks und	er short-	
02.01.2009	OCBC Bank (M) Berhad	5,428,500	5,428,979	5,428,500	1.01
	Quasi-Governme	ent bonds			
12.03.2013	The Export -				
06.06.2014	Import Bank Of Korea	10,000,000	10,364,077	10,028,474	1.93
06.06.2014	Silterra Capital Berhad	15,000,000	15,397,274	15,233,014	2.87
30.11.2016	Syarikat Prasarana Negara				
12.03.2018	Berhad The Export -	10,000,000	10,457,775	9,823,474	1.95
12.03.2018	Import Bank	10 000 000	10 500 040	10.026.900	1.07
30.05.2018	Of Korea Syarikat Prasarana Negara	10,000,000	10,588,849	10,026,890	1.97
	Berhad	10,000,000	10,497,326	9,968,253	1.96
		55,000,000	57,305,301	55,080,105	10.68
	Malaysia Govern	nment securiti	es		
13.04.2010 25.08.2010 28.04.2011 28.09.2011 15.06.2012 25.02.2013 31.07.2013 16.03.2015 30.09.2015 (Forward)	MH060003 MJ05001X MJ050004 MN01001V MJ060005 MN03003V MJ080001 GN050001 MO05002S	50,000,000 15,000,000 35,000,000 35,000,000 50,000,000 35,000,000 10,000,000 15,000,000	50,990,164 15,349,107 35,857,750 36,192,065 51,361,821 51,918,856 36,162,973 10,828,617 16,461,890	50,986204 15,217,020 35,060,874 35,298,258 49,676,179 50,016,675 35,041,713 10,329,639 15,988,833	9.50 2.86 6.68 6.75 9.57 9.68 6.74 2.02 3.07
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Maturity date	Issuer/Stock no.	Nominal value RM	Carrying value RM	Purchase cost RM	Carrying value as a percentage of net asset value
	Malaysia Gove	rnment securit	ies		
15.09.2016	MO060001	25,000,000	26,803,637	25,504,160	5.00
15.02.2017	MN070002	30,000,000	31,428,848	30,569,550	5.86
15.06.2017	GN070008	5,000,000	5,145,703	5,151,990	0.96
07.02.2018	MS03002H	30,000,000	32,598,885	29,037,457	6.08
31.10.2018	GN080031	20,000,000	21,819,122	20,985,934	4.07
30.07.2019	MS04003H	10,000,000	12,472,514	11,144,772	2.33
15.07.2025	MY050003	10,000,000	11,679,448	10,366,331	2.18
15.09.2026	MX060002	10,000,000	11,398,718	10,305,114	2.12
15.09.2028	MX080003	12,620,000	15,467,792	12,780,090	2.88
		447,620,000	473,937,910	453,460,793	88.35
Total investr	nents	508,048,500	536,672,190	513,969,398	100.04

The weighted average interest rate and average remaining maturities of short-term deposits with licensed banks under short-term money market deposits are as follows:

	Weighted average interest rate		Remaining maturities	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	%	%	Days	Days
Short-term deposits with licensed banks under				
short-term money market deposits	3.22	3.44	2	2

The weighted average effective yields on unquoted securities are as follows:

	Effective yield*		
	2008	2007	
	%	%	
Quasi-Government bonds	3.66	4.07	
Malaysian Government securities	3.17	3.82	
* As provided by IIC			

Analyses of the remaining maturity of investments as at 31 December 2008 are as follows:

	1 to 2 years RM	2 to 5 years RM	More than 5 years RM
At nominal value			
Quasi-Government bonds	-	10,000,000	45,000,000
Malaysian Government securities	65,000,000	205,000,000	177,620,000

## 5. AMOUNT DUE TO INDEX PROVIDER

Included in the amount due to index provider is the license fee payable to International Index Company Limited, the provider of the benchmark index.

License fee is calculated on a daily basis at the following rate:

	2008 %	2007 %
Fund Size		
Up to 30 June 2008		
For amount equal to or less than Initial Funding For amount above Initial Funding, but equal to or less	0.023	0.023
than 275% of Initial Funding	0.01	0.01
For amount above 275% of Initial Funding	No charge	No charge
subject to a minimum annual fee of USD26,542 (approximate RM100,860)  From 1 July 2008 onwards		
For amount equal to or less than Initial Funding	0.0175	-
For amount above Initial Funding, but equal to or less	0.01	
than 275% of Initial Funding For amount above 275% of Initial Funding	No charge	-
For amount above 275% of Initial Funding	140 charge	-
subject to a minimum annual fee of USD21,234 (approximate RM80,689)		

<sup>\*</sup> Initial Funding for the Fund was USD115,400,000 (approximately RM438,520,000)

#### 6. **AMOUNT DUE TO MANAGER**

Amount due to Manager represents the manager's fee payable.

Manager's fee was charged at a rate of 0.10% (0.16% for the financial period 1 October 2007 to 31 December 2007) per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, calculated on daily basis, for the financial period 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008.

### 7. **AMOUNT DUE TO TRUSTEE**

Amount due to Trustee represents the trustee's fee payable.

Trustee's fee was charged at a rate of 0.07% (0.07% for the financial period 1 October 2007 to 31 December 2007) per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, calculated on daily basis, for the financial period 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008.

### 8. NET ASSET VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

Net asset value attributable to unitholders is represented by:

	Note	31-12-2008 RM	31-12-2007 RM
Unitholders' contribution Undistributed net income	(a) (b)	505,257,375 31,161,491	505,257,375 347,501
		536,418,866	505,604,876

## (a) UNITHOLDERS' CONTRIBUTION/UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	1-10-2008 to 31-12-2008		1-10-2007 to 31-12-2007	
	No. of units	$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{M}$	No. of units	$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{M}$
At beginning and end of period	481,921,800	505,257,375	481,921,800	505,257,375

As provided in the Prospectus dated 13 July 2005, the initial size of the Fund shall not exceed 1 billion units.

The Manager, AmInvestment Services Berhad, did not hold any units in the Fund as at 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007. Holdings by parties related to the Manager as at 31 December 2008 were 27,184,359 units valued at RM30,258,910. (43,224,693 units valued at RM45,731,725 as at 31 December 2007).

### (b) UNDISTRIBUTED NET INCOME

	Note	1-10-2008 to 31-12-2008 RM	1-10-2007 to 31-12-2007 RM
Undistributed net (loss)/income at			
beginning of period		(3,491,572)	8,140,140
Net income/(loss) for the period		34,653,063	(322,851)
Distribution for the period	12		(7,469,788)
Undistributed net income at end of period		31,161,491	347,501

## 9. **NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (EX DISTRIBUTION)**

The net asset value per unit (ex distribution) is calculated by dividing the net assets of RM536,418,866 (RM505,604,876 as at 31 December 2007) by the 481,921,800 (481,921,800 as at 31 December 2007) units in issue as at 31 December 2008.

### 10. **INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

Income tax payable is calculated on investment income less deduction for permitted expenses as provided for under Section 63B of the Income Tax Act, 1967.

Pursuant to Schedule 6 paragraph 35 of the Income Tax Act, 1967, interest income on short-term deposits with licensed financial institutions derived by the Fund is exempted from tax.

A reconciliation of income tax expense applicable to income before income tax at the statutory income tax rate to income tax expense at the effective income tax rate of the Fund is as follows:

	1-10-2008 to 31-12-2008 RM	1-10-2007 to 31-12-2007 RM
Net income/(loss) before income tax	34,653,063	(322,851)
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 26% (27% in 2007)	9,009,800	(87,200)
Tax effect of: Net income not subject to tax	(9,076,200)	(7,000)
Permitted expenses not deductible for tax purposes	17,500	46,700
Non-permitted expenses for tax purposes Permitted expenses not used not available for	31,000	42,300
future years	17,900	5,200
Tax expense for the financial period		

## 11. **DISTRIBUTION EQUALISATION**

Distribution equalisation represents the average amount of undistributed net income included in the creation or release price of units. This amount is either refunded to unitholders by way of distribution and/or adjusted accordingly when units are released back to Trustee.

## 12. **INCOME DISTRIBUTION**

Distribution to unitholders is from the following sources:

	1-10-2008 to 31-12-2008 RM	1-10-2007 to 31-12-2007 RM
Interest income	-	4,417,012
Undistributed net income brought forward - realised	-	3,663,357
Accretion of discount	-	65,789
Amortisation of premium		(327,527)
	-	7,818,631
Less: Expenses		(348,843)
Total amount of distribution		7,469,788

Included in the income distribution for the financial period 1 October 2007 to 31 December 2007 was an amount of RM3,663,357 distributed from previous financial period's realised income.

The income distribution for the financial period 1 October 2007 to 31 December 2007 has been proposed before taking into account net unrealised loss of RM4,507,732 and net unrealised gain brought forward of RM4,476,783, which were carried forward to the next financial period.

	1-10-2008 to 31-12-2008 Date of		1-10-2007 to 31-12-2007 Date of	
	distribution	RM	distribution	RM
GROSS AND NET				
Final distribution - Nil (1.55 in 2007)				
sen per unit	-		26 December 2007	7,469,788

## 13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents included in the cash flow statement comprise the following amounts:

	31-12-2008 RM	31-12-2007 RM
Short-term deposits with licensed banks under short-term money market deposits (Note 4) Cash at bank	5,428,979 558	16,363,742 757
	5,429,537	16,364,499

## 15. MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO AND PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO

The Fund's management expense ratio ("MER") is as follows:

	1-10-2008 to 31-12-2008	1-10-2007 to 31-12-2007
	%	%
Manager's fee	0.10	0.16
Trustee's fee	0.07	0.07
License fee	0.02	0.02
Trust expenses	0.01	0.01
	0.20	0.26

The portfolio turnover ratio, calculated by dividing the average of total acquisitions and total disposals of investment securities by the average net asset value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis, is 0.09 times for the financial period 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008 (0.08 times for the financial period 1 October 2007 to 31 December 2007).

### 16. **SEGMENTAL REPORTING**

In accordance with the objective of the Fund, substantially all of the Fund's investments are made in the form of fixed income securities in Malaysia. The Manager is of the opinion that the risk and rewards from these investments are not individually or segmentally distinct and hence the Fund does not have a separate identifiable business or geographical segments.

### 17. TRANSACTIONS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Details of transactions with financial institutions for the financial period 1 October 2008 to 31 December 2008 are as follows:

Financial institutions	Transactio	Transaction value	
	RM	%	
Citibank Berhad	88,597,405	100.00	

The above transaction values are in respect of Ringgit Malaysia denominated Government and quasi-Government debt securities. Transactions in these fixed income securities do not involve any commission or brokerage.

#### 18. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks that included market risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, single issuer risk, regulatory risk, management risk and stock risk.

Risk management is carried out by closely monitoring, measuring and mitigating the above said risk, careful selection of stocks for investment coupled with stringent compliance to investment restrictions as stipulated by the Securities Commission Act, Securities Commission's Guidelines on Exchange Traded Funds and the Deed as backbone of risk management of the Fund.

#### Market Risk

Market risk relates to investments in quoted/unquoted securities where movements of share prices can rise or fall for a number of reasons including industry trends, economic factors, changes in company's operations, management and financial performance as well as market perceptions on a particular company.

Market risk is managed through portfolio diversification and asset allocation whereby the securities exposure is monitored/reduced in the event of anticipated market weaknesses.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk will affect the value of the Fund's investments, given the interest rate movements, which are influenced by regional and local economic developments as well as political developments.

Interest rate moves in the opposite direction of bond prices. When interest rates rise, bond prices will fall and vice versa. When interest rate trend is anticipated to rise, the Fund Manager will reduce the exposure to fixed income securities.

Domestic interest rates on deposits and placements with licensed financial institutions are determined based on prevailing market rates. The Fund has a policy to ensure that the rates obtained are competitive.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk applies to debt instruments such as term deposits, bonds and debentures. The issuer of such instruments may not be able to fulfil the required interest payments or repay the principal invested. These risks may cause the Fund's investments to fluctuate.

The Fund Manager manages the risk by setting internal counterparty limits and undertaking internal credit evaluation to minimise such risk.

## **Liquidity Risk**

The Fund maintains sufficient level of liquid assets, after consultation with the Trustee, to meet anticipated payments and cancellation of units by unitholders. Liquid assets comprise cash deposits with licensed institutions and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash between 5 to 7 days. The Fund's policy is to always maintain a prudent level of liquid assets so as to reduce liquidity risk.

## **Single Issuer Risk**

Internal policy restricts the Fund from investing in securities issued by any issuer of not more than a certain percentage of its net asset value. Under such restriction, the risk exposure to the securities of any issuer is managed based on internal/external ratings.

## Regulatory Risk

Any changes in national policies and regulations may have an effect on the capital market.

## **Management Risk**

Poor management of a fund may cause considerable losses to the fund that in turn may affect the contribution by a unitholder.

### Stock Risk

Risk that is specific to a stock and is not correlated with the specific risks of other stocks.

### 19. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

All assets and liabilities of the Fund are carried at fair values. The accounting policies on recognition and measurement of the fair value for the Fund's investments are disclosed in their respective accounting policies.

The fair value for the amount due to the Manager, Trustee and index provider, cash at bank, sundry receivables, sundry payables and accruals approximate their respective carrying amounts as at the balance sheet date due to the relatively short-term maturity of these financial instruments.