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INVESTORS' LETTER

Dear Valued Investor,

We have seen the reopening of schools and more families enjoying domestic vacations in Malaysia albeit with the necessary measures and standard operating procedures in place. These developments continue to provide positivity and confidence for us to overcome the setbacks experienced in recent times due to the pandemic. The Malaysian economy has been positive with the local unemployment rate starting to reduce as most sectors reopened during the Recovery Movement Control Order ("RMCO"). The FBMKLCI has seen a rebound from the March 2020 low by 21.18% to 1,603 levels as of 31 July 2020. In terms of participation, the retail investors recorded an increase of approximately 33% this year as of 30 June 2020.

Meanwhile, markets globally have shown positive effects of the massive policy support around the world coupled with the reopening of economies. In July 2020, markets rallied across the board with indices within Asia-Pacific bourses outperforming the developed markets. The MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index rose 3.96%, followed by Shanghai 12.09%, and Taiwan 8.64% compared with 5.29% for the S&P 500. The bond market remained positive with increases of 4% to 6%. Nevertheless, markets continue to remain cautious with the ongoing rhetoric between US-China and the US presidential elections in November 2020.

We believe each investor should maintain a diverse portfolio that matches risk tolerance preferences and helps achieve long-term financial goals. For our:

- Conservative investors, we recommend: Malaysia focus bond and balanced funds that are income focussed.
- **More aggressive investors, we recommend:** Growth-oriented funds that offer exposure to growth areas in China, Asia-Pacific, Global Technology, ASEAN and Malaysian aggressive funds.

Visit our website (www.principal.com.my) and Facebook account (@PrincipalAssetMY) for additional insights and investing articles.

Please be informed that effective 30 September 2019, the Fund has been renamed as Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 ETF following the issuance of the Replacement Prospectus Issue No. 2. We also wish to inform that we have appointed Ernst & Young PLT ("EY") as the auditor of the Fund in respect of the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 onwards. The change of Fund Auditor has been approved by the Trustee of the Fund, Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad, in accordance with the provisions of the Deed in relation to the Fund.

We appreciate your continuous support and the trust you place in us.

Yours faithfully,

for Principal Asset Management Berhad

Munirah Khairuddin

Chief Executive Officer

MANAGER'S REPORT

FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

What is the investment objective of the Fund?

The Fund aims to provide investment results that, before expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the Financial Times Stock Exchange ("FTSE")/Association of Southeast Asian Nations ("ASEAN") 40 Index (the "Underlying Index"), regardless of its performance.

Has the Fund achieved its objective?

For the financial year under review, the Fund has met its objective to closely correspond to the performance of its Underlying Fund and Underlying Index.

What are the Fund investment policy and its strategy?

To achieve its investment objective, the Fund will aim to invest at least 95% of its assets in the Singapore Fund.

The Singapore Fund is an Exchange-Traded Fund ("ETF") listed on the SGX-ST which aims at providing the Singapore Fund Unitholders investment results that, before expenses, closely corresponds to the performance of the FTSE/ASEAN 40 Index.

Unlike the majority of investment funds where their investment portfolio management includes considerable discretion and an active, ongoing selection of investments (based on economic, financial and market analysis), the role of the Manager of the Fund is essentially passive.

Fund category/type

Feeder ETF/Equity/Index Tracking

How long should you invest for?

Recommended medium to long term

When was the Fund launched?

9 July 2010*

What was the size of the Fund as at 30 June 2020?

RM4.18 million (2.70 million units)

What is the Fund's benchmark?

The Underlying Index, namely the FTSE/ASEAN 40 Index is designed to represent the performance of the largest companies in the ASEAN region's markets by measuring the eligible securities listed on the stock exchanges of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

What is the Fund distribution policy?

Annually, subject to the discretion of the Manager.

What was the net income distribution for the financial year ended 30 June 2020?

The Fund distributed a total net income of RM0.16 million to all unit holders for the financial year ended 30 June 2020. As a result, the NAV per unit dropped from RM1.6056 to RM1.5469 on 23 June 2020.

^{*} Listing date

PERFORMANCE DATA

Details of portfolio composition of the Fund for the last three financial years are as follows:

	30.06.2020	30.06.2019	30.06.2018
	%	%	%
Collective investment scheme	100.47	100.36	99.36
Cash and other net assets	(0.47)	(0.36)	0.64
	100.00	100.00	100.00

Performance details of the Fund for the last three financial years are as follows:

	30.06.2020	30.06.2019	30.06.2018
Total asset value (RM Million)	4.38	5.41	4.74
NAV (RM Million)	4.18	5.19	4.71
Units in circulation (Million)	2.70	2.70	2.70
NAV per unit (RM)	1.5498	1.9220	1.7447
Highest NAV per unit (RM)	1.9412	1.9767	2.1057
Lowest NAV per unit (RM)	1.2268	1.7259	1.7274
Market Price per unit (RM)	1.5750	1.9400	1.7400
Highest market price per unit (RM)	1.9400	1.9500	2.1330
Lowest market price per unit (RM)	1.3100	1.7350	1.7400
Total return (%) ^	(16.34)	14.11	(3.58)
- Capital growth (%)	(19.57)	10.40	(6.86)
- Income distribution (%)	3.79	3.59	3.52
Management Expense Ratio ("MER") (%) *	1.08	0.99	1.18
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #	0.02	-	0.26

[^] based on NAV per unit

During the financial year under review, the Fund's PTR stood at 0.02 times.

Date of distribution Gross/Net distribution	on oution per unit (sen))	23.06.2020 5.87	25.06.2019 6.85	12.06.2018 6.80
	30.06.2020 %	30.06.2019 %	30.06.2018 %	30.06.2017 %	30.06.2016 %
Annual total return	(16.34)	14.11	(3.58)	18.48	(1.87)

(Listing date: 9 July 2010)

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and that unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up. All performance figures for the financial year have been extracted from Lipper.

^{*} The Fund's MER increased from 0.99% to 1.08% due to an increase in expenses and also decreased in average NAV of the Fund during the financial year under review.

MARKET REVIEW (1 JULY 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020)

MSCI ASEAN Index declined by 1.18% in US Dollar ("USD") terms in July 2019. Outperformers were Vietnam (+3.69%), Indonesia (+1.26%) and Philippines (+0.67%) whilst Thailand (-2.53%), Malaysia (-1.90%) and Singapore (-1.44%) underperformed when compared to MSCI ASEAN. ASEAN markets were seeing rotation within countries and sectors as investors were looking for further guidance from the US Federal Reserve (the "Fed") in terms of interest rates direction. And true enough, the Fed chairman disappointed on the quantum of rate cuts but the direction remains for the rates to decline.

MSCI ASEAN Index declined by 4.53% in USD terms for the month of August 2019. Outperformers were Vietnam (-1.23%), Thailand (-3.15%), Indonesia (-3.60%), Philippines (-3.73%) and Malaysia (-4.51%) whilst Singapore (-7.01%) was the only underperformer. Trade tension escalated during the month and yield spread inverted for the second time. To arrest the economy growth slowdown due to external pressures, Bank Indonesia and Bank of Thailand along with other Central Bankers made the decision to cut 25 basis points ("bps") of their interest rates in August 2020.

MSCI ASEAN Index declined by 0.91% in USD terms in September 2019. Outperformers were Singapore (+1.25%) and Vietnam (+0.88%), whilst Indonesia (-2.85%), Philippines (-1.75%), Thailand (-1.06%) and Malaysia (-0.95%) underperformed. Trade tensions and political uncertainty continue to erode market and business sentiments, even though both US and China agreed to meet on 10 October 2019. Hence, emerging market ("EM") Central Banks have turned incrementally dovish year-to-date ("YTD") motivated by slowing growth expectations, continued disinflation and monetary policy easing in developed economies. Both Indonesia and Philippines Central Banks cut its key interest rate for third time in 2019.

MSCI ASEAN Index (USD terms) gained by 2.20% for the month of October 2019. Outperformers were Singapore (+5.35%), Philippines (+4.53%) and Indonesia (+2.26%), whilst Thailand (-1.69%), Vietnam (-0.31%) and Malaysia (-0.93%) underperformed. Certain countries leading indicators are showing sign of recovery largely led by China, Taiwan, India and Brazil, meanwhile, developed markets are still declining. As for ASEAN, the pace of deterioration is fading, and certain countries seem to benefit from the protest in Hong Kong and US-China trade tensions.

MSCI ASEAN declined by 1.8% in USD terms in November 2019. Outperformers were Thailand (-0.80%) and Singapore (-1.60%). Meanwhile, Malaysia (-2.20%), Vietnam (-2.80%), Philippines (-3.00%), and Indonesia (-3.70%) underperformed as compared to MSCI ASEAN Index.

MSCI ASEAN index rose by 3.18% in USD terms in December 2019. Outperformers were Indonesia (+6.84%) and Malaysia (+3.92%) whilst Singapore (+2.98%), Philippines (+1.26%), Thailand (+0.81%), and Vietnam (-2.87%) underperformed. Trade tensions eased off in December 2019 as US-China trade negotiation progressed with the previously scheduled new tariffs being cancelled. Markets await Phase 1 trade deal and potential roll back of existing tariffs. After a series of easing measures throughout the year, Central Banks in the region largely paused in December 2019.

MSCI ASEAN Index declined by 5.16% in USD terms in January 2020. Outperformers were Vietnam (-3.25%), Indonesia (-3.47%), Singapore (-3.59%) and Malaysia (-3.94%) whilst Thailand (-8.94%) and Philippines (-8.03%) underperformed. ASEAN was not spared from global sell-down due to COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, China. Compared to severe acute respiratory syndrome ("SARS") in 2003, there is a risk of a larger economic negative impact due to (1) China's economy is now far larger; (2) China's air connectivity more than quadrupled; and (3) growing importance of China outbound tourists.

MSCI ASEAN Index declined by 9.3% in USD terms for the month of February 2020. Outperformers were Philippines (-5.8%), Malaysia (-6.5%), Vietnam (-6.8%) and Singapore (-7.1%), whilst Thailand (-12.3%) and Indonesia (-12.1%) underperformed. COVID-19 spread outside of China caused shockwaves through markets whereby global equities fell sharply, bond yields fell to fresh lows and oil extended losses. Indonesian Rupiah ("IDR") took a turn from best performing currency in January 2020 to the worst in Asia depreciating 4.6% in February 2020 alone as supply of USD dried up due to disruption in shipments to China caused by COVID-19 outbreak. Bank Indonesia stepped in and announced measures to boost onshore USD supply.

MARKET REVIEW (1 JULY 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020) (CONTINUED)

MSCI ASEAN Index (USD terms) declined by 19.8% in March 2020. Outperformers were Malaysia (-11.37%) and Thailand (-17.73%), whilst Indonesia (-29.05%), Vietnam (-22.13%), Philippines (-21.99%) and Singapore (-20.00%) underperformed. COVID-19 outbreak moved from just a Greater China outbreak to pandemic. We are cognizant that poor countries like Indonesia and Philippines are badly positioned to manage health crisis. However, each ASEAN Government has taken positive steps and early including travel restrictions, human morbidity control and testing. As a result of the heightened volatility, series of monetary policies are being eased and we expect more rate cuts.

MSCI ASEAN Index gained by 9.85% in USD terms in April 2020. Outperformers were Vietnam (+14.74%), Thailand (+14.27%) and Indonesia (+9.87%), whilst Malaysia (+4.95%), Singapore (+8.19%) and Philippines (+8.79%) underperformed. On COVID-19, due to early measures, Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand managed to flatten the infection curve and started to ease on the lockdown gradually in the month of May 2020. Meanwhile, new infections remain elevated in Indonesia, Philippines and Singapore, hence, the lockdown are expected to last longer.

MSCI ASEAN Index gained by 1.31% in USD terms in May 2020. Outperformers were Vietnam (+13.50%), Thailand (+4.64%), Malaysia (+4.56%), Indonesia (+4.10%) and Philippines (+1.86%), whilst Singapore (-4.21%) underperformed. COVID-19 outbreak is improving especially in Vietnam, Malaysia followed by Thailand. Most have passed the peak of infection. Now, governments in the region are looking to ease on the lockdown. The worst is not over but at least it is improving.

MSCI ASEAN Index gained by 3.72% and 15.44% in USD terms for the month of June 2020 and the second quarter of 2020 respectively. Outperformers were Philippines (+7.88%) and Indonesia (+5.33%), whilst Vietnam (-4.66%), Thailand (+2.21%), Malaysia (+2.54%) and Singapore (+3.65%) underperformed. COVID-19 outbreak is improving even though infection is still rising in Indonesia and Philippines, but fatality is showing some stability. Hence, lockdown is gradually being lifted by phases. Meanwhile, ASEAN Purchasing Managers' Index ("PMI") are showing broad healing with some in expansion namely Malaysia and Vietnam.

FUND PERFORMANCE

	1 year to 30.06.2020 %	3 years to 30.06.2020 %	5 years to 30.06.2020 %	Since inception to 30.06.2020
Income Distribution	3.79	11.44	20.58	35.73
Capital Growth ^	(19.57)	(17.30)	(11.01)	7.17
Total Return ^	(16.34)	(7.96)	7.01	51.20
Average Total Return ^	(16.34)	(2.73)	1.36	4.23
Underlying Fund ^^	(24.25)	(13.10)	(9.07)	13.05
Benchmark (Underlying Index)	(22.65)	(16.77)	(3.23)	30.47
Changes in Market Price per Unit	(18.81)	(17.32)	(9.48)	8.25

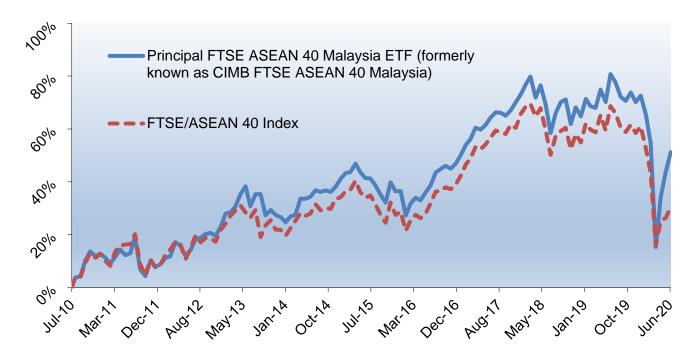
[^] Based on NAV per Unit

For the financial year under review, the Fund's total return posted a negative return of 16.34%, while the Underlying Fund total return recorded a negative return of 24.25%. Meanwhile, the Underlying Index fell by 22.65% in the same reporting year.

The last available published market price of the Fund quoted on Bursa Malaysia was RM1.575. This represents a negative change of 18.81% for the same reporting year.

[^] Based on Last Published Market Price

FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)



Changes in NAV

	30.06.2020	30.06.2019	Changes
			%
NAV (RM Million)	4.18	5.19	(19.46)
NAV per unit (RM)	1.5498	1.9220	(19.37)

For the financial year under review, total NAV declined by 19.46%, while the NAV per unit fell by 19.37%. The decline in the total NAV and NAV per unit were due to the investment performance of ASEAN markets over the 1-year period.

Performance data represents the combined income and capital return as a result of holding units in the fund for the specified length of time, based on NAV to NAV price. The performance data assumes that all earnings from the fund are reinvested and are net of management and trustee fees. Past performance is not reflective of future performance and income distributions are not guaranteed. Unit prices and income distributions, if any, may fall and rise. All performance figures for the financial year have been extracted from Lipper.

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

Asset allocation

(% of NAV)	30.06.2020	30.06.2019
Collective investment scheme	100.47	100.36
Cash and other net assets	(0.47)	(0.36)
TOTAL	100.00	100.00

The Fund remained fully invested in the Underlying Fund for the financial period under review. A minimal level of liquid assets was maintained primarily for liquidity purposes.

MARKET OUTLOOK*

Economic data in the coming months is expected to show recovery coming from the depressed level in between March to May 2020 period. Taking a cue from China, cyclical sectors tend to outperform during this period of recovery and ASEAN markets being cyclical-biased will benefit the most in Asia region. Coupled with the negative correlation to USD movement and abundant liquidity in the system, we believe that the ASEAN markets will continue to be supported barring any unforeseeable circumstances.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

As this is a feeder ETF, the Fund will continue to remain fully invested in the Underlying Fund with minimal cash kept for liquidity purposes.

UNIT HOLDINGS STATISTICS

Breakdown of unit holdings by size as at 30 June 2020 are as follows:

Size of unit holdings (units)	No. of unit holders	No. of units held (million)	% of units held
Less than 100	8	0.00	0.00
100 to 1,000	80	0.04	1.48
1,001 to 10,000	82	0.32	11.85
10,001 to 100,000	23	0.58	21.48
100,001 to less than 5% of approved fund size	1	0.29	10.74
5% and above the approved fund			
size	2	1.47	54.45
Total	196	2.70	100.00

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES

Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager"), and the Trustee will not retain any form of rebate or soft commission from, or otherwise share in any commission with, any broker in consideration for directing dealings in the investments of the Funds unless the soft commission received is retained in the form of goods and services such as financial wire services and stock quotations system incidental to investment management of the Funds. All dealings with brokers are executed on best available terms.

During the financial year under review, the Manager and the Trustee did not receive any rebates from the brokers or the dealers but the Manager has retained soft commission in the form of goods and services such as financial wire services and stock quotations system incidental to investment management of the Funds.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Key Personnel of the Manager

There are eleven (11) members sitting on the Board of Directors of Principal Malaysia including two (2) Alternate Directors and four (4) Independent Directors. The Board of Directors oversees the management and operations of Principal Malaysia and meets at least once every quarter.

Details of the Directors of the management company are set out as below:

Name: A.Huzaime Bin Dato' Abdul Hamid* (resigned w.e.f. from 1 August

2020)

Age: 55

Nationality: Malaysian

Designation: Independent Non-Executive Director of Principal Asset Management

Bhd.

Qualifications: Master of Science, Financial Economics, School of Oriental and African

> Studies (SOAS), University of London, United Kingdom, 2010; Advanced Diploma in Russian Language from the Russian Center of Science and Culture, Kuala Lumpur, and the Pushkin State Institute of Russian Language, Moscow, Russia 2009; Bachelor of Science, Economics, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge Louisiana, United States of

America, 1988.

Experience: Huzaime has spent 27 years in various aspects of finance, economics,

> and public policy advisory. 12 of those years was spent as a fund manager, where he was, among others, a Chief Investment Officer with Alliance Capital Asset Management and as a member of the Pacific Region Team and a Global Commodities Specialist with Hong Kong's Jardine Fleming Investment Management which is now part of JP Morgan, Chase and Co. He was an independent Investment Committee member for 6 years for Principal Asset Management as well as being the same for Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd and CIMB Wealth Advisors Bhd for several years. He also served as an independent Investment Committee member for CIMB Aviva Assurance

and CIMB Aviva Takaful for two years.

Huzaime is the Chairman & CEO of Ingenium Advisors, a financial economics advisory established in 2013. He was, prior to that, the Head of Strategic Operations at Malaysia's Employees Provident Fund, where he was deeply engaged in the reform of the Malaysian pension and social security system, which resulted in the private pension system, minimum wages, and minimum retirement age acts.

Huzaime also spent several years serving as a Senior Fellow at the then renowned Institute of Strategic and International Studies ("ISIS") Malaysia, reporting directly to its late Chairman, Tan Sri Noordin Sopiee. He was most active in economic, finance, and geostrategic issues. He was engaged heavily in OIC and East Asian matters, and was appointed the Deputy Secretary General for the Malaysian chapter of the Network of East Asian Think-tanks ("NEAT"). Huzaime speaks, thinks and writes

in 5 languages.

2 May 2013

Date appointed to Board:

Details of Membership of

any Board Committee: **Investment Committee Member**

Directorship of other public companies:

Family relationship with

any Director:

None

None

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: A.Huzaime Bin Dato' Abdul Hamid* (resigned w.e.f. from 1 August

2020) (continued)

Conflict of interest with

the Fund:

None

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than

traffic offences:

None

Number of board

meetings attended in the financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020): 4 of 7

Name: Hisham bin Zainal Mokhtar*

Age: 58

Nationality: Malaysian

Designation: Independent Non-Executive Director

Qualifications: Master in Business Administration, Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, under the Sloan Fellow Program at the MIT Sloan School of Management; Master of Science (MS) Mathematics, Illinois State University; Bachelor of Science (BS) Mathematics, Illinois State

University; Chartered Financial Analyst ("CFA") Charter Holder.

Experience: Hisham began his career in the insurance industry at Universal Life and

General Insurance in 1987. He joined William M Mercer Sdn Bhd in 1988 before becoming an investment analyst with Crosby Research (M) Sdn Bhd in 1991. He joined Barings Research (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd in 1994 and UBS Research (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd in 1996. He became a financial consultant at Sithe Pacific LLC in 1998, a regional independent power producer, and later ventured out to setup a boutique investment advisory

firm, KE Malaysia Capital Partners Sdn Bhd.

He served Tricubes Bhd as an Executive Director and Vice President of Corporate and Financing Planning from April 2001 to April 2005. He then joined Khazanah Nasional Bhd in May 2005 and later served as a Director in the Investment Division from April 2009 to June 2014. He was Chief Operating Officer with Astro Overseas Limited from July 2014 until June 2018 and after that a Director in the Group Managing Director's Office at Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Bhd from July 2018

until March 2019.

Date appointed to Board:

11 February 2015

Details of Membership of any Board Committee: Directorship of other

public companies:

Audit Committee Member of Principal Asset Management Bhd and Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd.

1) Telekom Malaysia Bhd

2) VADS Bhd

3) Media Prima Bhd

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: Hisham bin Zainal Mokhtar* (continued)

Family relationship with

any Director:

None

Conflict of interest with

the Fund:

None

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than

traffic offences:

None

Number of board

meetings attended in the financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020):

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Name: Juan Ignacio Eyzaguirre Baraona

Age: 63
Nationality: Chilean

Designation: Chief Executive Officer, ASEAN Region

Qualifications: Civil Engineering Degree from the Universidad de Chile

Degree in Philosophy from the Universidad de Los Andes.

Experience: Juan has 30 years of experience in various senior positions in asset

management, banking, insurance and fund management. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer, ASEAN for Principal Asset Management

Berhad.

In 2008, Juan founded Vistage Chile, a business coaching and management development consultancy headquartered in San Diego, California. Prior to this, Juan served as an executive of Principal Latin America where he drove regional business growth and strategy and led teams in Argentina, Chile and within Principal's joint venture in Brazil.

Date appointed to Board:

Details of Membership of

any Board Committee:

None

None

None

13 May 2019

Directorship of other

public companies: None

Family relationship with

any Director:

Conflict of interest with

the Fund:

List of convictions for

offences within the past 10 years other than

traffic offences: None

Number of board

meetings attended in the financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020): 7 of 7

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: Munirah binti Khairuddin

Age: 45

Nationality: Malavsian

Designation: Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

Qualifications: Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting & Financial Analysis, University

> of Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK; Chartered Financial Analyst Charterholder and Capital Markets Services Representative's License holder for fund

management.

Experience: Munirah joined Principal Asset Management Berhad in November 2006

> and was later appointed as Deputy CEO in November 2008. Then, Munirah was responsible for the development of institutional, corporate and international business opportunities and institutional sales. She previously worked as a G7 Economist and strategist for a Fortune 500 multinational oil and gas company. Prior to that, she was a fixed income portfolio manager for emerging markets at Rothschild Asset

Management in London.

CIMB Wealth Advisors Bhd

None

None

None

Munirah was appointed as CEO/Executive Director on 15 May 2013. She has been instrumental in helping the company to grow its Assets Under Management ("AUM"), deepening its retail leadership with new focus in private retirement space, and maintaining consistent risk management and investment performance. Munirah also played an integral part in growing the agency force business of Principal nationwide. Munirah also oversees both the retail and corporate businesses for Singapore.

She was also named as the CEO of the Year, Malaysia in the Asia Asset Management's 2015 Best of the Best Awards for the second year in a row. Munirah was also selected as one of the recipients for the "Top 25"

Women of Asset Management" award by AsianInvestor in 2014.

Date appointed to Board: 31 January 2012

Details of Membership of

any Board Committee: None

Directorship of other public companies:

Family relationship with

any Director:

Conflict of interest with

the Fund:

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:

Number of board

meetings attended in the financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020): 7 of 7

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Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: Paul Wong Chee Kin

Age: 5'

Nationality: Malaysian

Designation: Group Chief Operations Officer, CIMB Group

Qualifications: Bachelor of Business (Major in Banking & Finance), Monash University **Experience:** Paul Wong was appointed as Group Chief Operations Officer on 1

October 2018 with key focus in strategizing and overseeing the Operations function of CIMB Group. He previously held the position as Head of Consumer Business Strategic Support since May 2016 with key focus in driving sales and operational productivity, improving customer experience and strengthening compliance at branches. Other previous appointments include Head of Regional Projects in driving sales and operational efficiency in Group Consumer Banking, and Head of ASEAN Business Solutions to oversee cross-border acquisition for retail products

from July 2013 to April 2016.

Paul was also Head of Sales Management under Consumer Sales & Distribution from 2007 to 2013 where he led the team drive and manage initiatives on marketing, compliance and employee engagement to optimize productivity from sales channels. During the period, Paul was also appointed as the designated Head of Retail Banking for Bank of Commerce ("BOC") in Philippines to lead the re-engineering of overall retail banking strategies as CIMB was exploring the acquisition of BOC. Prior to joining CIMB Bank, Paul served in various capacities in several financial institution including Alliance Bank, Prudential Assurance, OCBC, UOB, and DBS in Malaysia and Singapore.

Date appointed to Board: 8 September 2016

Details of Membership of

any Board Committee: None

Directorship of other public companies: None Family relationship with

any Director: None

Conflict of interest with

the Fund: None

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than

traffic offences: None

Number of board

meetings attended in the financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020): 6 of 7

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: Pedro Esteban Borda

Age: 59

Nationality: Argentinean

Designation: Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Principal International **Qualifications:** Bachelor Degree in Business Administration and a Master Degree in

Finance, both from Universidad Argentina de la Empresa ("U.A.D.E"),

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Experience: Pedro was previously the President, Principal South Asia & India of

Principal International (South Asia) Sdn Bhd ("PISA") based in Malaysia. He is also a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of Principal Asset Management Bhd since 20 June 2013. Prior joining Principal International, he was Chief Executive Officer, ASEAN Region of Principal Asset Management Bhd. In addition, he was the Country Head - Mexico from 2004 to February 2013, Vice President of Principal Financial Group and previously a member of the Board of Directors of Principal Financial

Group, Chile.

None

Date appointed to Board: 20 June 2013

Details of Membership of

any Board Committee: None

Directorship of other

public companies: None

Family relationship with

any Director:

Conflict of interest with

the Fund: None

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than

traffic offences: None

Number of board

meetings attended in the financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020): 4 of 7

Name: Wong Joon Hian*

Age: 71

Nationality: Malaysian

Designation: Independent Non-Executive Director

Qualifications: Member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and a life member of

The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Institute

of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: Wong Joon Hian* (continued)

Experience: He has been an independent non-executive director of Principal Asset

Management Bhd since 22 August 2007.

He has accumulated over 40 years of working experience in the areas of audit, accountancy, financial services and corporate management. He commenced his career when he joined Price Waterhouse & Co. in England after qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1973. He returned to Malaysia in 1975 to work for Price Waterhouse (now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers PLT), Malaysia until 1985. He then served as the Technical Manager of The Malaysian Association of Certified Public Accountants from 1986 until he was appointed as the General Manager-Operations of Supreme Finance (Malaysia) Bhd in December 1987. After Mayban Finance Bhd had completed the acquisition of Supreme Finance (Malaysia) Bhd in 1991, he joined BDO Binder as an Audit Principal until 1994 when he joined Advance Synergy Bhd. He was appointed the managing director of United Merchant Group Bhd (now known as Advance Synergy Capital Sdn Bhd) in 1995 until 2020. During the period from 1995 until 2007 he was a director of Ban Hin Lee Bank Bhd, Southern Investment Bank Bhd and United Merchant Finance Bhd. Currently, he is a non-executive director in several dormant companies under the CIMB Group Holdings Bhd Group and serves as an independent non-executive director of Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd.

Date appointed to Board:

Details of Membership of any Board Committee: **Directorship of other**

public companies: Family relationship with

any Director:

Conflict of interest with

the Fund:

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:

Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020):

Qualifications:

22 August 2007

Chairman of Audit Committee of Principal Asset Management Bhd and Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd

1) SFB Auto Bhd

2) SIBB Bhd

None

None

None

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Effendy Shahul Hamid Name:

47 Age:

Nationality: Malaysian

Designation: Chief Executive Officer, Group Ventures & Partnerships, CIMB Group

Honours in Electronic Engineering with Optoelectronics, University College London, United Kingdom

Digital Business Leadership Programme, Columbia Business

School, Columbia University

CIMB Leadership Programme, INSEAD

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: Effendy Shahul Hamid (continued)

Experience: Effendy is responsible for the development of the Group's new and

disruptive revenue and value creation streams through a focus on creating and cultivating platform partnerships at scale, venturing through selective strategic investments in platform based businesses, steering CIMB's approach and practices in terms of financial technology treads, and managing the Group's operations in Vietnam and the Philippines. Also responsible for leading efforts and strategies in the virtual banking

space for the Group.

He is also responsible for the Group's asset management and investments business across both public and private markets, including the Group's regional asset management business, its private equity fund management business and the Group's equity investments portfolio in companies such as Principal Asset Management and Touch n Go.

Most recently, Effendy was CEO of Group Commercial Banking, managing the Group's regional banking businesses for the small and medium enterprise and mid-sized corporate segment, with a key lean on creating differentiated propositions and executing long term growth strategies. Prior to that, he was Group Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, managing the Group's entire marketing and communications initiatives and lead franchise-wide efforts to ensure a consistent and differentiated CIMB brand for all of the Group's businesses across the region. Before that, he served as a Director in the Group's Investment Banking Division, primarily focusing on corporate advisory and origination. Prior to joining the Group, career stints in several international companies in a corporate development capacity, mostly involved in private equity, merger and acquisition activities across Asia Pacific and general business expansion initiatives. Regional business experience having worked and lived in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Date appointed to Board:

Details of Membership of any Board Committee:

Directorship of other

public companies: Family relationship with

any Director:
Conflict of interest with

the Fund:

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:

Number of board meetings attended in the

financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020):

None

1) CIG Bhd

17 August 2015

None

None

None

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Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: Cheong Wee Yee, Thomas (Alternate Director) ^

Age: 52

Experience:

Nationality: Singaporean

Designation: Senior Vice President & President Asia

Qualifications: Masters in Business Administration degree from Olin Business School, Washington University in St. Louis (Beta Gamma Sigma

honors).

Bachelors Degree in Econometrics from the London School of

Economics, University of London (First Class honors).

Since joining Principal in 2015, he led the development of Principal's retail pension and asset management businesses in China and Hong Kong, and managed key partnerships in the region. Currently serves on the board of Principal's China joint venture and several of

Principal companies' in Hong Kong.

More than 20 years of operating and management experience in Asia, holding various senior management positions with P&L responsibilities. Has worked and lived in mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia, and has extensive experience in the asset management, pension, and life insurance

businesses.

Prior to joining Principal, served as Chief Executive Officer and executive director of Manulife Asset Management in Taiwan, Vice President at Manulife's Asset Management in China, Chief Executive Officer at Prudential UK's Funds Management in Malaysia, and acting Chief Executive Officer of Prudential UK's Fund

Management in China.

Date appointed to Board:

Details of Membership of any Board Committee:

Directorship of other public companies: Family relationship with

any Director: Conflict of interest with

the Fund:

List of convictions for

offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:

Number of board meetings attended in the

financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020): 5 of 7 (since appointment)

8 November 2019

Audit Committee Member of Principal Asset Management Bhd and

Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd.

None

None

None

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: Chong Chooi Wan (Alternate Director) ^

Age: 42

Nationality: Malaysian

Designation: Director, Group Ventures & Partnerships, CIMB Group

Qualifications: Bachelor Degree in Finance with Summa Cum Laude Honours from the

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, U.S.A.

Experience: More than 20 years of experience in strategic planning and investment,

corporate developments, mergers and acquisitions in various industries ranging from financial sector to energy sector. In 2020, she joined CIMB Group as the Director of Group Ventures and Partnerships where she is tasked to oversee business optimization projects as well as portfolio

management for the bank's investments.

Date appointed to Board: 30 April 2020.

Details of Membership of

any Board Committee: None

Directorship of other

public companies: None

Family relationship with

any Director:

Conflict of interest with

the Fund:

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than

traffic offences: None

Number of board

meetings attended in the financial year (1 July

2019 to 30 June 2020): 1 of 7 (since appointment)

Name: Liew Swee Lin*

Age: 50

Nationality: Malaysian

Designation: Independent Non-Executive Director

None

None

Qualifications: Master of International Marketing from the University of Strathclyde,

United Kingdom

Experience: Swee Lin is a senior board level executive with more than 28 years of

management experience in the ASEAN region creating shareholder value in media, financial services and e-commerce sectors. Since 2007, she served as Executive Director at financial services and media entities

in Malaysia.

Currently she is an External Advisor to Bain & Company, a global consulting firm and was most recently attached to Astro Malaysia Holdings Bhd, ASEAN's leading consumer media company as its Group Chief Operating Officer. She also served as an Executive Director of Astro Go Shop, a joint venture with GS Home Shopping Inc. Korea after she spearheaded Astro's vertical expansion into e-commerce which she set up as its pioneer management team in 2015.

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name: Liew Swee Lin* (continued)

Experience (continued)

Prior to joining Astro, Swee Lin was an Executive Vice President at Alliance Financial Group's Retail Bank in Malaysia and was also an Executive Director of Alliance Islamic Bank. She played an instrumental role in spearheading its retail banking transformation and successfully reshaped it business operating model which set it on a new growth trajectory. She has also held senior leadership positions at Standard Chartered Bank with responsibilities for its Wealth Management, Priority Banking, Credit Cards and Personal Loan portfolios. In the earlier years of her career, she gained multidisciplinary industry exposure in FMCG, insurance, food and beverage and pharmaceuticals when she headed up a regional business at Ogilvy One Worldwide, part of WPP PLC (a FTSE 100), which operated in Malaysia to serve its Asia Pacific clients.

A keen champion of entrepreneurship, she is part of Endeavor Global Inc.'s mentor network with presence in 40 countries, which is dedicated to global entrepreneurship by driving economic expansion via active mentorship.

A native of Malaysia, she graduated from University of Strathclyde (UK) with an MSc in International Marketing and completed her Stanford Executive Programme at Stanford Graduate School of Business in 2017. She had attended several senior leadership programmes conducted by Insead, University of Oxford's Business School as well as Global Leaders programmes run by Temasek as well as board related training programmes for Directors of listed entities. She is a member of Financial Planning Association of Malaysia (FPAM), Singapore Institute of Directors and Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia.

Date appointed to Board:

Details of Membership of any Board Committee:

Directorship of other public companies:

Family relationship with

any Director:

Conflict of interest with

the Fund:

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:
Number of board

meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020):

21 August 2020

None

None

None

None

None

N/A

^{*} Independent Director ^ Alternate Director

The Investment Committee

As required by the ETF Guidelines, the Manager is required to establish an Investment Committee for the Fund whose role is to ensure that the investment management of the Fund is consistent with:

- (a) the Fund's investment objective;
- (b) the Deed;
- (c) the Prospectus;
- (d) the ETF Guidelines and other applicable laws;
- (e) internal investment restrictions and policies; and
- (f) acceptable and efficacious investment management practices within the industry.

The powers and duties of the Investment Committee include formulating and monitoring the implementation by the Manager of appropriate investment management strategies for the Fund and the measurement and evaluation of the performance of the Manager. The Investment Committee generally meets once a month.

Accordingly, the Manager has appointed an Investment Committee for the Fund, comprising of six (6) members including four (4) independent members.

The following table sets out information on the members of the Investment Committee:

Name: Kim Teo Poh Jin*

Age: 62

Nationality: Singaporean

Designation: Chairman of the Investment Committee of Principal Asset

Management Bhd and Principal Islamic Asset Management Bhd. Executive Director and Group Chief Executive Officer, Boardroom

Limited.

Director, Livet Company Pte. Ltd.

Director, Marina Yacht Services Pte. Ltd.

Qualifications: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Economics from the Heriot-Watt

University of Edinburgh.

Experience: He has about 25 years of experience in the financial industry, having

worked in senior positions of major financial institutions.

Date appointed to

Investment Committee: 3 January 2008

Conflict of interest with the

Fund: None

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic

offences: None

Number of Investment Committee meetings

attended in the financial year

(1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020): 11 of 11

The Investment Committee (continued)

Name: Mohamad Safri bin Shahul Hamid

Age: 47

Nationality: Malaysian

Designation: Senior Managing Director, Senior Bankers Group, CIMB Investment

Bank Bhd

Qualifications: Master of Business Administration (Globalisation) from Maastricht

School of Management, The Netherlands; Bachelor of Accounting (Honours) from International Islamic University Malaysia; Chartered Accountant ("CA") with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants

("MIA").

July 2020 - Senior Managing Director, Senior Bankers

present Group, CIMB Investment Bank Bhd

Experience: February 2011 - Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Senior Managing

July 2020 Director (since April 2014) - CIMB Islamic Bank

Bhd

2009 - 2011 Deputy Chief Executive Officer - MIDF Amanah

Investment Bank, Kuala Lumpur

February 2008 - Director - Global Markets & Regional Head, December 2008 - Islamic Structuring (Asia) of Deutsche Bank

Dubai International Financial Centre (Dubai)

2003 - 2008 Director & Head - Debt Capital Markets, CIMB

Islamic Bank Bhd

2000 - 2003 Senior Analyst - Malaysian Rating Corporation

Bhd

Date appointed to Investment

Committee: 1 April 2014

Conflict of interest with the

Fund:

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic

offences: None

Number of Investment Committee meetings

attended in the financial year

(1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020): 8 of 11

None

The Investment Committee (continued)

Name: A.Huzaime Bin Dato' Abdul Hamid* (resigned w.e.f. from 1

August 2020)

Age: 55

Nationality: Malaysian

Designation: Independent Non-Executive Director of Principal Asset

Management Bhd.

Qualifications: Master of Science, Financial Economics, School of Oriental and

African Studies (SOAS), University of London, United Kingdom, 2010; Advanced Diploma in Russian Language from the Russian Center of Science and Culture, Kuala Lumpur, and the Pushkin State Institute of Russian Language, Moscow, Russia 2009; Bachelor of Science, Economics, Louisiana State University, Baton

Rouge Louisiana, United States of America, 1988.

Experience: Huzaime has spent 27 years in various aspects of finance,

economics, and public policy advisory. 12 of those years was spent as a fund manager, where he was, among others, a Chief Investment Officer with Alliance Capital Asset Management and as a member of the Pacific Region Team and a Global Commodities Specialist with Hong Kong's Jardine Fleming Investment Management which is now part of JP Morgan, Chase and Co. He was an independent Investment Committee member for 6 years for Principal Asset Management as well as being the same for Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd and CIMB Wealth Advisors Bhd for several years. He also served as an independent Investment Committee member for CIMB Aviva Assurance and CIMB Aviva

Takaful for two years.

Huzaime is the Chairman & CEO of Ingenium Advisors, a financial economics advisory established in 2013. He was, prior to that, the Head of Strategic Operations at Malaysia's Employees Provident Fund, where he was deeply engaged in the reform of the Malaysian pension and social security system, which resulted in the private pension system, minimum wages, and minimum retirement age acts.

Huzaime also spent several years serving as a Senior Fellow at the then renowned Institute of Strategic and International Studies ("ISIS") Malaysia, reporting directly to its late Chairman, Tan Sri Noordin Sopiee. He was most active in economic, finance, and geostrategic issues. He was engaged heavily in OIC and East Asian matters, and was appointed the Deputy Secretary General for the Malaysian chapter of the Network of East Asian Think-tanks ("NEAT"). Huzaime speaks, thinks and writes in 5 languages.

Date appointed to Investment Committee:

Conflict of interest with the

Fund:

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:

Number of Investment

Committee meetings attended in the financial year

(1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020): 1

3 September 2014

None

None

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The Investment Committee (continued)

Name: Alejandro Elias Echegorri Rodriguez

Age: 59
Nationality: Mexican

Designation: Chief Investment Officer, Principal Global Asset Management Asia,

Director of Principal Asset Management (S) Pte Ltd, Director, CIMB Wealth Advisors Bhd, Director, Principal Trustee Company Private

Limited, India.

Qualifications: Degree in Economics from the Universidad Mayor de la Republica,

Uruguay and a Master in Economics degree from Universidad

Centro de Estudios Macroeconomics de Argentina.

Experience: Mr. Echegorri is the Chief Investment Officer for Principal Global

Asset Management in Asia and as such he is responsible for the overall investment strategy and the investment process for the group and for overseeing the management of pension, mutual funds and general accounts in the Asia as well as for supporting the overall development of the asset management business in the region. Prior to that Mr. Echegorri was Chief Executive Officer, ASEAN Region of Principal Asset Management Bhd, with responsibilities over

Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore.

Previously he was the Chief Investment Officer for Principal International in Latin America. He joined Principal in 2003 as Head of Institutional Asset Management and Chief Investment Officer for Principal Financial Group in Mexico. Prior to that, he was the Senior Investment Officer for Citibank's Pension Fund Business in Latin America. He had also held different positions in the investment area in countries such as Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

Date appointed to Investment

Committee: 28 July 2015

Conflict of interest with the

Fund: None

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic

offences: None

Number of Investment Committee meetings

attended in the financial year

(1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020): 10 of 11

The Investment Committee (continued)

Name: Peter James Warnes*

Age: 53
Nationality: British

Designation: Investment Committee member, Principal Asset Management Bhd **Qualifications:** Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Economics from the Kingston University,

Surrey, United Kingdom (1989).

Experience: August 2014 - Senior Managing Director and Head of Portfolio

January 2018 Solutions Group, International

Manulife Asset Management (Hong Kong)

December 1994 J.P. Morgan Asset Management

- June 2014

July 1999 - June Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager 2014 (Hong for Global Multi Asset and Global Equity

Kong) Portfolios.

January 1999 - Portfolio Manager for Global Portfolios for UK

June 1999 and European clients.

(London)

December 1994 - Portfolio Manager for segregated Pacific ex December 1998 Japan mandates and Asian component of

(London) GEM portfolios.

December 1993 - Senior Analyst/Portfolio Manager for Pacific ex November 1994 - Japan portfolios - Invesco Asset Management

(London).

Date appointed to Investment

Committee: 4 December 2019

Conflict of interest with the

Fund: None

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic

offences: None

Number of Investment Committee meetings

attended in the financial year

(1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020): 5 of 11 (since appointment)

The Investment Committee (continued)

Name: Yoon Mun Thim*

Age: 56

Nationality: Singaporean

Designation: Investment Committee member, Principal Asset Management Bhd **Qualifications:** Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Cambridge University, Master of

Arts (Honours) from Cambridge University, Master of Business Administration (Distinction) from Warwick Business School,

University of Warwick and CFA Charter Holder.

Experience: 2009 - 2017 Group Chief Investment Officer - The Great

Eastern Life Assurance Co Ltd

2008 - 2009 Chief Investment Officer - Prudential Fund

Management Bhd

2003 - 2007 Chief Investment Officer - Prudential Assurance

Malaysia Bhd

Date appointed to Investment

Committee: 4 December 2019

Conflict of interest with the

Fund: None

List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic

offences: None

Number of Investment Committee meetings

attended in the financial year

(1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020): 6 of 11 (since appointment)

^{*}Independent member

STATEMENT BY MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF (formerly known as CIMB FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia)

We, being the Directors of Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager"), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying audited financial statements set out on pages 32 to 54 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with the provisions of the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

For and on behalf of the Manager

Principal Asset Management Berhad (Company No.: 199401018399 (304078-K))

MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

JUAN IGNACIO EYZAGUIRRE BARAONA
Director

Kuala Lumpur 26 August 2020

TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF

We have acted as the Trustee for Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia ETF (formerly known as CIMB FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia) (the "Fund") for the financial year ended 30 June 2020. To the best of our knowledge, for the financial year under review, Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") has operated and managed the Fund in accordance with the following:-

- (a) limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Manager under the Deed(s), the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds, the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 and other applicable laws;
- (b) valuation and pricing for the Fund has been carried out in accordance with the Deed(s) of the Fund and applicable regulatory requirements; and
- (c) creation and cancellation of units for the Fund have been carried out in accordance with the Deed(s) of the Fund and applicable regulatory requirements.

We are of the view that the distribution made during the financial year ended 30 June 2020 by the Manager is not inconsistent with the objective of the Fund.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

NG HON LEONG Head, Trustee Operations RICHARD LIM HOCK SENG Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur 26 August 2020

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia ETF (formerly known as CIMB FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia) (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, and statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows of the Fund for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 32 to 54.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2020, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors'* responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("By-Laws") and the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

Report on the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the Fund for the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements of the Fund as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

DescriptionOur responsesValuation and existence of investments

The risk: The valuation of the financial assets held in the investment portfolio is the key driver of the Fund's net asset value and investment return. Incorrect financial assets pricing or a failure to maintain proper legal title of the financial assets by the Fund could have a significant impact on portfolio valuation and, therefore, the return generated for unitholders.

We therefore identified the valuation and existence of the investment portfolio as risks that require particular audit attention.

The investment portfolio at the year-end comprised listed equity investment valued at RM4,202,211 and disclosures on investment portfolio are in Note 2(b), Note 3(e) and Note 9 to the financial statements.

Our response: Our audit work included, but was not restricted to, understanding the Manager of the Fund's process and controls for the valuation of investments in order to assess compliance with relevant accounting standards, performing walkthrough procedures and testing the operating effectiveness of relevant controls on a sample basis. We agreed the valuation of all investments as at the year-end to an independent source of market prices. We obtained confirmation of the existence and ownership of the investments as at the year-end directly from the Fund's independent custodian.

Report on the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

The Manager of the Fund (the "Manager") is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report of the Fund, but does not include the financial statements of the Fund and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements of the Fund does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Fund, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Fund or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Manager and Trustee for the financial statements

The Manager is responsible for the preparation of financial statements of the Fund that give a true and fair view in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards. The Manager is also responsible for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements of the Fund that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements of the Fund, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Trustee is responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process. The Trustee is also responsible for ensuring that the Manager maintains proper accounting and other records as are necessary to enable true and fair presentation of these financial statements.

Report on the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Fund as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Fund, whether
 due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
 evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting
 a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may
 involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal
 control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
 that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Fund or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Fund represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Other matters

This report is made solely to the unit holders of the Fund, as a body, in accordance with the Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

The financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2019, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on 20 August 2019.

Ernst & Young PLT 202006000003 (LLP0022760-LCA) & AF 0039 Chartered Accountants

Yeo Beng Yean No. 03013/10/2022 J Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 26 August 2020

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	NI. 4	2020	2019
(LOSS)/INCOME	Note	RM	RM
Dividend income		158,580	185,033
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value		130,300	100,000
through profit or loss	9	(955,027)	527,355
Net foreign exchange gain		408	631
		(796,039)	713,019
EXPENSES			
Trustee's fee	5	12,000	12,000
Auditors' fee		25,400	27,300
Tax agent's fee		4,400	4,600
Transaction costs		321	-
Other expenses	6	8,106	5,612
		50,227	49,512
(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		(846,266)	663,507
Taxation	7		
(LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE			
FINANCIAL YEAR	_	(846,266)	663,507
(Loss)/Profit after taxation is made up as follows:			
Realised amount		119,395	135,742
Unrealised amount		(965,661)	527,765
		(846,266)	663,507

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of the audited financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 RM	2019 RM
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss TOTAL ASSETS	10 9	177,102 4,202,211 4,379,313	200,052 5,207,981 5,408,033
LIABILITIES Amount due to Trustee Distribution payable Other payables and accruals TOTAL LIABILITIES	11	1,018 158,490 35,268 194,776	1,020 184,950 32,770 218,740
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND (EX-DISTRIBUTION) EQUITY Unit holders' capital Retained earnings NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		3,857,355 327,182 4,184,537	5,189,293 3,857,355 1,331,938 5,189,293
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND - before distribution - after distribution		4,343,027 4,184,537	5,374,243 5,189,293
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)	12	2,700,000	2,700,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM) - before distribution - after distribution		1.6085 1.5498	1.9905 1.9220

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of the audited financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	Unit holders' capital RM	Retained earnings RM	Total RM
Balance as at 1 July 2019 Total comprehensive loss for the		3,857,355	1,331,938	5,189,293
financial year		-	(846,266)	(846,266)
Distribution	8		(158,490)	(158,490)
Balance as at 30 June 2020	=	3,857,355	327,182	4,184,537
Balance as at 1 July 2018 Total comprehensive income for the		3,857,355	853,381	4,710,736
financial year		-	663,507	663,507
Distribution	8	<u>-</u>	(184,950)	(184,950)
Balance as at 30 June 2019	-	3,857,355	1,331,938	5,189,293

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of the audited financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 RM	2019 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of collective investment scheme		123,336	-
Purchase of collective investment scheme		(72,914)	-
Dividend income received		158,580	185,033
Trustee's fee paid		(12,002)	(12,000)
Payments for other fees and expenses		(35,408)	(35,600)
Net realised foreign exchange gain		408	221
Net cash generated from operating activities		162,000	137,654
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITY Distribution paid Net cash used in financing activity		(184,950) (184,950)	
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(22,950)	137,654
Effects of foreign exchange differences Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning		-	410
of the financial year		200,052	61,988
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	177,102	200,052
Cash and cash equivalents comprised of: Bank balances Cash and cash equivalents at the and of the financial		177,102	200,052
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	177,102	200,052

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of the audited financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia ETF (formerly known as CIMB FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia) (the "Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 19 April 2010, a First Supplemental Deed dated 2 August 2019 (collectively referred to as the "Deeds"), made between Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee").

To achieve its investment objective, the Fund will aim to invest at least 95% of its assets in the Singapore Fund.

The Singapore Fund is an ETF listed on the SGX-ST which aims at providing the Singapore Fund Unitholders investment results that, before expenses, closely corresponds to the performance of the FTSE/ASEAN 40 Index.

Unlike the majority of investment funds where their investment portfolio management includes considerable discretion and an active, ongoing selection of investments (based on economic, financial and market analysis), the role of the Manager of the Fund is essentially passive.

All investments are subjected to the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC") Guidelines on ETFs, SC requirements, the Deeds, except where exemptions or variations have been approved by the SC, internal policies and procedures and the Fund's objective.

The Fund has been renamed as Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia ETF Fund following the issuance of the Replacement Prospectus Issue No. 2 dated 30 September 2019.

The Manager, is a joint venture between Principal Financial Group®, a member of the FORTUNE 500® and a Nasdaq-listed global financial services and CIMB Group Holdings Berhad, one of Southeast Asia's leading universal banking groups. The principal activities of the Manager are the establishment and management of unit trust funds and fund management activities.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the MFRS as issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") and IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported year.

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the Manager's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 2(I).

<u>Standards</u>, amendments to published standards or interpretations that are effective and relevant:

The Fund has applied the following amendments to published standards for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2019:

Amendments to MFRS 112 Income Taxes (effective from 1 January 2019) clarify
that where income tax consequences of dividends on financial instruments
classified as equity is recognised (either in profit or loss, other comprehensive
income ("OCI") or equity) depends on where the past transactions that generated
distributable profits were recognised.

Accordingly, the tax consequences are recognised in profit or loss when an entity determines payments on such instruments are distribution of profits (that is, dividends). Tax on dividend should not be recognised in equity merely on the basis that it is related to a distribution to owners.

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial year beginning on 1 July 2019 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

There are no applicable standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial year beginning on/after 1 July 2020 to the financial statements of the Fund.

(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 through profit or loss, and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

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

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Classification (continued)

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest. 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 assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies amount due to Trustee, distribution payable 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. Investments are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

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

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

Financial liabilities are derecognised when 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 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 financial year which they arise.

Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as part of gross dividend income when the Fund's right to receive payments is established.

Collective investment scheme is valued based on the most recent published NAV per unit or share of such collective investment scheme or, if unavailable, on the average of the last published price of such unit or share (excluding any sales charge included in such selling price).

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Recognition and measurement (continued)

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the quoted securities, for example during abnormal market conditions or when no market price is available, including in the event of a suspension in the quotation of the quoted securities for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the quoted securities are valued as determined in good faith by the Manager, based on the methods or basis approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

Financial assets at amortised cost and other financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses ("ECL") using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. The Manager considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any ECL. The Manager considers the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month ECL as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by the Manager 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 debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial year.

(c) Income recognition

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date when the right to receive payment is established.

Realised gain or loss on disposal of quoted securities is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of quoted securities, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

(d) 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 MYR, 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 MYR primarily due to the following factors:

- i) Units of the Fund are denominated in MYR.
- ii) Significant portion of the Fund's expenses are denominated in MYR.

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 year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in statement of comprehensive income.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(f) Taxation

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

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

(g) Distribution

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

(h) Transactions costs

Transaction costs are costs incurred to acquire or dispose financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as expenses.

(i) Unit holders' contributions

The unit holders' contributions to the Fund meet the criteria to be classified as equity instruments under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation". Those criteria include:

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV;
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;
- there is no contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the Fund to repurchase; and
- the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based substantially on the profit or loss of the Fund.

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at each financial year if unit holder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at the Participating Dealer's option at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit at the time of creation or cancellation. The Fund's NAV per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unit holders with the total number of outstanding units.

(j) Realised and unrealised portions of profit or loss after tax

The analysis of realised and unrealised profit or loss after tax as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC Guidelines on ETFs.

(k) Segment information

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting used by the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments.

(I) Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies

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

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

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the SC Guidelines on ETFs.

However, the Manager is of the opinion that in applying these accounting policies, no significant judgement was required.

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	Financial assets at amortised cost RM	Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss RM	Total RM
2020			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 10)	177,102	-	177,102
Collective investment scheme (Note 9)		4,202,211	4,202,211
	177,102	4,202,211	4,379,313
2019			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 10)	200,052	-	200,052
Collective investment scheme (Note 9)		5,207,981	5,207,981
	200,052	5,207,981	5,408,033

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

The Fund aims to provide investment results that before expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the Underlying Index, regardless of its performance.

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk (inclusive of price risk and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control process adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the Deeds and SC Guidelines on ETFs.

(a) Market risk

(i) Price risk

This is the risk that the fair value of an investment in quoted securities will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk). The value of quoted securities may fluctuate according to the activities of individual companies, sector and overall political and economic conditions. Such fluctuation may cause the Fund's NAV and prices of units to fall as well as rise, and income produced by the Fund may also fluctuate.

The very nature of an ETF, however, helps mitigate this risk because a Fund would generally hold a well-diversified portfolio of securities from different market sectors so that the collapse of any one security or any one market sector would not impact too greatly on the value of the Fund.

(a) Market risk (continued)

(i) Price risk (continued)

The Fund's overall exposure to price risk was as follows:

	2020	2019
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment scheme	4,202,211	5,207,981

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and NAV to movements in prices of the Underlying Index. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the Underlying Index fluctuates by 24.75% (2019: 11.79%), which is the standard deviation of the daily fluctuation of the Benchmark Index, with all other variables held constant, and that the fair value of the investments moved in the same quantum with the fluctuation in the Benchmark Index. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in Underlying Index	Underlying Index	Market value RM	Impact on profit or Ioss/NAV RM
2020			
-24.75%	6,436	3,162,163	(1,040,048)
0%	8,553	4,202,211	-
24.75%	10,670	5,242,259	1,040,048
2019			
-11.79%	10,071	4,593,960	(614,021)
0%	11,417	5,207,981	-
11.79%	12,763	5,822,002	614,021

(ii) Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with investments that are quoted and/or priced in foreign currency denomination. Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of a foreign currency versus MYR based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest rate differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels, and technical chart considerations.

(a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk (continued)

The following table sets out the foreign currency risk concentrations arising from the denomination of the Fund's financial instruments in foreign currency:

Financial assets	Cash and cash equivalents RM	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss RM	Total RM
2020 USD	8,171	4,202,211	4,210,382
2019 USD	199,471	5,207,981	5,407,452

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and NAV to changes in foreign exchange movements for the Fund. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate fluctuates by 5.28% (2019: 3.05%), which is the standard deviation of the daily fluctuation of the exchange rate of USD against MYR, with all other variables remain constants. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative

	Change in foreign exchange rate %	Impact on profit or loss/ NAV RM
2020 USD	+/- 5.28	+/- 222,308
2019 USD	+/- 3.05	+/- 164,927

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligation resulting in financial loss to the Fund.

The credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions.

(b) Credit risk (continued)

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund at the end of each financial year:

	Cash and cash equivalents RM
2020 - AA1	177,102
2019 - AA1	200,052

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations.

The Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of the units by unit holders. Liquid assets comprise bank balances, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 business days. This is expected to reduce the risks for the entire portfolio without limiting the Fund's growth potentials.

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

	Less than 1 month RM	Between 1 month to 1 year RM	Total RM
2020			
Amount due to Trustee	1,018	-	1,018
Distribution payable	158,490	-	158,490
Other payables and accruals		37,368	37,368
Contractual undiscounted cash flows	159,508	37,368	196,876
2019			
Amount due to Trustee	1,020	-	1,020
Distribution payable	184,950	-	184,950
Other payables and accruals		32,770	32,770
Contractual undiscounted cash flows	185,970	32,770	218,740

(d) Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unit holders' capital of RM3,857,355 (2019: RM3,857,355) and retained earnings of RM327,182 (2019: RM1,331,938). The amount of capital can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns to unit holders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

(e) Fair value estimation

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

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

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

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

(i) Fair value hierarchy

The table in the following page 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)
- 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 require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement.

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be 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.

	Level 1 RM	Level 2 RM	Level 3 RM	Total RM
2020 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Collective investment scheme	4,202,211			4,202,211
2019 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Collective investment scheme	5,207,981			5,207,981

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include collective investment scheme. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets are stated in Note 2(b).

(ii) Financial instruments that are not carried at fair value

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short-term nature.

4. MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, there is no management fee charged at the Fund level.

5. TRUSTEE'S FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to a fee not exceeding a maximum of 0.20% per annum, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM18,000 per annum excluding foreign sub-custodian fees and charges.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2020, the Trustee's fee is recognised at a rate of 0.08% per annum (2019: 0.08% per annum) subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 per annum effective from 1 June 2012 based on the agreement between the Trustee and the Manager, excluding foreign sub-custodian fees and charges.

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

6. OTHER EXPENSES

		2020 RM	2019 RM
	Listing fee	2,000	2,000
	Custodian fee	1,142	1,075
	Others	4,964	2,537
		8,106	5,612
7.	TAXATION	0000	2040
		2020	2019
		RM	RM
	Tax charged for the financial year: - Current taxation	_ _	

A numerical reconciliation between (loss)/profit before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory income tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	2020 RM	2019 RM
(Loss)/Profit before taxation	(846,266)	663,507
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2019: 24%) Tax effects of: Loss not deductible for tax purpose/(Income not	(203,104)	159,242
subject to tax purpose)	191,049	(171,125)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	5,958	5,331
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for ETFs	6,097	6,552
Taxation		

8. DISTRIBUTION

Distribution to unit holders is derived from the following sources:

	2020 RM	2019 RM
Dividend income Net foreign exchange gain	158,580 11,043	185,033
Prior financial years' realised income Less:	39,094 208,717	49,329 234,362
Expenses Net distribution amount	(50,223) 158,494	(49,412) 184,950
Distribution on 23 June 2020 Gross/Net distribution per unit (sen)	5.87	
Distribution on 25 June 2019 Gross/Net distribution per unit (sen)	<u>-</u>	6.85

Gross distribution is derived using total income less total expenses. Net distribution above is sourced from current and prior financial years' realised income.

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

There are unrealized losses of RM965,661 arising for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 (2019: Nil).

9. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2020 RM	2019 RM
At fair value through profit or loss: - Collective investment scheme	4,202,211	5,207,981
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Realised fair value gain	10,634	-
- Unrealised fair value (loss)/gain	(965,661)	527,355
	(955,027)	527,355

9. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
2020 COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
SINGAPORE Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 (formerly known as CIMB FTSE ASEAN 40)	123,500	4,341,950	4,202,211	100.47
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	123,500	4,341,950	4,202,211	100.47
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		(139,739)		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		4,202,211		
2019 COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
SINGAPORE Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 (formerly known as CIMB FTSE ASEAN 40)	124,300	4,382,059	5,207,981	100.36
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	124,300	4,382,059	5,207,981	100.36
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		825,922		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		5,207,981		

10. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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		2020 RM	2019 RM
	Bank balances	177,102	200,052
11.	OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS		
		2020 RM	2019 RM
	Provision for auditors' fee Provision for tax agent's fee Other accruals	25,400 9,845 23 35,268	27,300 5,445 25 32,770
12.	NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION		
		2020 No of units	2019 No of units
	At the beginning/end of the financial year	2,700,000	2,700,000
13.	MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO ("MER")		
		2020 %	2019 %
	MER	1.08	0.99

MER is derived from the following calculation:

$$MER = \underbrace{(A + B + C + D) \times 100}_{E}$$

A = Trustee's fees
B = Auditors' fee
C = Tax agent's fee
D = Other expenses

E = Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis is RM4,620,097 (2019: RM4,994,581).

14. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

PTR (times) 0.02 -

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

disclosed in its financial statements

(Total acquisition for the financial year + total disposal for the financial year) \div 2 Average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis

where:

total acquisition for the financial year = RM72,704 (2019: Nil) total disposal for the financial year = RM123,447 (2019: Nil)

15. UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER, AND SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

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

Related parties Relationship Principal Asset Management Berhad The Manager Principal Financial Group, Inc. Ultimate holding company of shareholder of the Manager Principal International (Asia) Ltd Shareholder of the Manager Subsidiaries and associates of Principal Fellow subsidiary and associated companies Financial Group Inc., other than above, as of the ultimate holding company of disclosed in its financial statements. shareholder of the Manager Ultimate holding company of shareholder of CIMB Group Holdings Bhd the Manager CIMB Group Sdn Bhd Shareholder of the Manager Subsidiaries and associates of CIMB Group Fellow subsidiary and associated companies Holdings Bhd, other than above, as of the ultimate holding company of the

shareholder of the Manager

15. UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER, AND SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

Units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager

		2020		2019
Fellow related party to the Manager	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
CGS-CIMB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd	946,700	1,467,196	739,600	1,421,511
Fellow subsidiary and associated company of the ultimate holding company of the shareholder of the Manager CIMSEC Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd	19,700	30,531		

In the opinion of the Manager, the above units were transacted at the prevailing market price.

The units are held beneficially by the related parties disclosed above. Other than the above, there were no units held by the Directors or parties related to the Manager.

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

Significant related party transactions

There were no other significant related party transactions during each of the financial year.

Significant related party balances

	2020 RM	2019 RM
Investment in collective investment scheme: - Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 (formerly known as CIMB FTSE ASEAN 40)	4,202,211	5,207,981

16. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/DEALERS

Details of transactions with brokers/dealers for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 are as follows:

Brokers/Dealers	Value of trades RM	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage fees RM	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
CGS-CIMB Securities International Pte Ltd (formerly known as CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd) #	196,151	100.00	322	100.00

There is no transaction with brokers/dealers for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related company, CGS-CIMB Securities International Pte Ltd (formerly known as CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd), have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

17. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker for the Fund's assets, liabilities and performance is prepared on a consistent basis with the measurement and recognition principles of MFRS and IFRS. The chief operating decision-maker is responsible for the performance of the Fund and considers the business to have a single operating segment located in Malaysia. Asset allocation decisions are based on a single, integrated investment strategy and the Fund's performance is evaluated on an overall basis.

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide investment results that, before expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the FTSE/ASEAN 40 Index, regardless of its performance. The reportable operating segment derives its income by seeking investments to achieve targeted returns consummate with an acceptable level of risk within the portfolio. These returns consist of dividend income earned from investments and gains on the appreciation in the value of investments, which is derived from an ETF listed on the SGX-ST, Singapore.

There were no changes in reportable operating segment during the financial year.

18. SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE YEAR

The worsening of the macro-economic outlook as a result of COVID-19, both domestically and globally, has impacted the Fund's performance during the financial year.

The Manager continues monitoring the situation closely and will be managing the portfolio to achieve the Fund's objective.

19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 26 August 2020.

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