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# TradePlus **DWA Malaysia Momentum Tracker**

MANAGER
AHAM Asset Management Berhad
(Formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset
Management Berhad)
199701014290 (429786-T)

TRUSTEE
TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad
(200301008392 [610812-W])

# **Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements For the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **MANAGER**

AHAM Asset Management Berhad
(Formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset
Management Berhad)
199701014290 (429786-T)
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69 Jalan Raja Chulan
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#### **MANAGER'S DELEGATE**

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#### **TRUSTEE**

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#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

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#### REGISTRAR

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# **FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Name	TradePlus DWA Malaysia Momentum Tracker	
Fund Type	Index tracking fund	
Fund Category	Equity exchange-traded fund	
Investment Objective	The Fund aims to provide investment results that closely correspond to the performance of the Benchmark	
Benchmark	Dorsey Wright Technical Leaders Malaysia Index	
Distribution Policy	The Fund will distribute income at least once a year (subject to income availability), after the end of its first financial year.	

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE DATA**

Category	As at 31 Mar 2023 (%)	As at 31 Mar 2022 (%)	As at 31 Mar 2021 (%)
Portfolio composition			
Quoted equities – local			
- Construction	5.32	-	-
<ul> <li>Consumer products &amp; services</li> </ul>	25.06	5.26	4.48
- Energy	10.96	16.31	9.60
<ul> <li>Financials services</li> </ul>	33.76	11.79	13.84
<ul> <li>Health Care</li> </ul>	-	4.47	-
<ul> <li>Industrial products &amp; services</li> </ul>	3.82	10.02	29.20
- Plantation	4.82	6.11	8.73
- Technology	5.34	31.41	21.97
<ul> <li>Telecommunications &amp; media</li> </ul>	4.73	4.72	5.20
<ul> <li>Transportation &amp; logistic</li> </ul>	5.21	5.54	4.48
Total quoted equities – local	99.02	95.63	97.50
Cash and cash equivalent	0.98	4.37	2.50
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total NAV (MYR 'million)	0.925	1.188	0.907
NAV per Unit (MYR)	0.9246	0.9903	1.1339
Unit in Circulation (million)	1.000	1.200	0.800
Highest NAV per unit	1.0040	1.1487	1.1575
Lowest NAV per unit	0.859	0.9228	0.9373
Return of the Fund (%)	-6.63	-12.66	13.39
- Capital Growth (%)	-6.63	-12.66	13.39
- Income Distribution (%)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gross Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Net Distribution per Unit (sen)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Expense Ratio (%)1	1.98	1.64	1.26
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (times) <sup>2</sup>	2.01	1.67	2.38
Tracking Error	2.14	1.40	4.16

#### Basis of calculation and assumption made in calculating the returns:-

The performance figures are a comparison of the growth/decline in Net Asset Value ("NAV") for the stipulated period taking into account all the distribution payable (if any) during the stipulated period.

An illustration of the above would be as follow:-

Capital return = NAV per Unit end / NAV per Unit begin – 1

Income return = Income distribution per Unit / NAV per Unit ex-date

Total return = (1+Capital return) x (1+Income return) – 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The TER of the Fund was higher than previous year due to a lower average NAV of the Fund during the financial year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Fund recorded a higher PTR than previous year due to a trading activities of the Fund during the financial year.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Income Distribution / Unit Split**

No income distribution or unit splits were declared for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Performance Review**

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, the Fund registered a -6.63% return compared to the benchmark return of -5.81%. The Fund thus underperformed the Benchmark by 0.82%. The Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Fund as at 31 March 2023 was RM924,645.43 (RM0.9246 per unit) while the NAV as at 31 March 2022 was RM1,188,406.16 (RM0.9903 per unit).

Since commencement, the Fund has registered a return of -7.54% compared to the benchmark return of -2.05%, underperforming by 5.49%.

Table 1: Performance of the Fund

	1 Year (1/4/22 - 31/3/23)	Since Commencement (13/7/20 - 31/3/23)
Fund	(6.63%)	(7.54%)
Benchmark	(5.81%)	(2.05%)
Outperformance	(0.82%)	(5.49%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 2: Average Total Return

	1 Year	Since Commencement
	(1/4/22 - 31/3/23)	(13/7/20 - 31/3/23)
Fund	(6.63%)	(2.84%)
Benchmark	(5.81%)	(0.76%)
Outperformance	(0.82%)	(2.08%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

Table 3: Annual Total Return

	FYE 2023	FYE 2022	FYE 2021
	(1/4/22 - 31/3/23)	(1/4/21 - 31/3/22)	(13/7/20 - 31/3/21)
Fund	(6.63%)	(12.66%)	13.39%
Benchmark	(5.81%)	(12.02%)	18.20%
Outperformance	(0.82%)	(0.64%)	(4.81%)

Source of Benchmark: Bloomberg

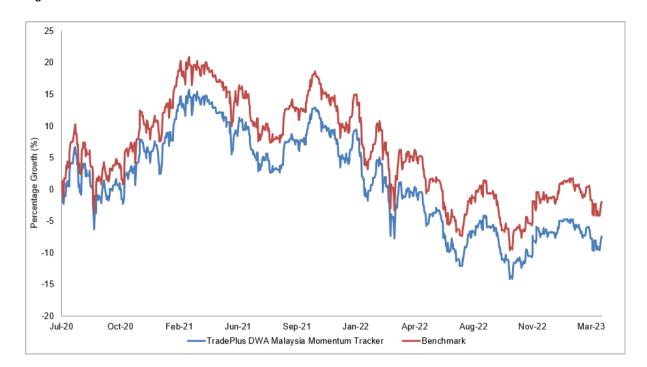


Figure 1: Movement of the Fund versus the Benchmark since commencement.

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Benchmark: Dorsey Wright Technical Leaders Malaysia Index

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

#### **Asset Allocation**

As at 31 March 2022, the Exchange-traded Fund's ("ETF's") asset allocation stood at 99.02% into listed securities, while the remaining was held in cash and cash equivalent. This provided the ETF the exposure it required to track the performance of the Dorsey Wright Technical Leaders Malaysia Index.

#### **Strategies Employed**

The Manager continues to adopt the full replication strategy. The Manager invested into domestic equities to provide investment results that closely correspond to the performance of the Benchmark. As at 31 March 2023, the Fund's asset under management("AUM") stood at RM0.925 million, with listed equities amounting to 99.02% of the Fund's NAV.

#### **Market Review**

Over the financial year ended 31 March 2023, markets experienced some volatility as macro events and continued policy rates increases globally affected stock and bond markets. The MSCI AC World index was down -7.4%, the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index was down -11.0%, while the Financial Times Stock Exchange ("FTSE") Bursa Malaysia Top 100 Index was down -8.6% over the period. Bond markets were similarly impacted with the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index down -3.9%, while local bond markets saw edge higher with the benchmark 10-year Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield closing at 3.91%, 6 basis points ("bps") higher compared to the previous year.

Central banks globally continued to raise policy rates from their pandemic era lows, as high inflation continues to be a concern globally. The US Federal Reserve continued to raise their policy rates by 75bps in each consecutive monetary policy committee meetings, before starting to moderate their pace as the year progressed. The sharp pace of policy tightening raised concerns in the financial markets of an overtightening that could lead to a growth slowdown, or even trigger a potential recession. Further signs of stress in the economy was also seen in March as the fallout of Silicon Valley Bank and the emergency rescue of Credit Suisse triggering concerns of contagion to other vulnerable banks.

In China, sentiments continued to dampen for much of the financial year as Covid lockdowns continued to be in place, alongside the downturn in the country's property sector which continued to be a concern for growth. By December 2022 however, lockdowns measures had been eased lending some positivity to markets for a recovery in growth, though at the expense of further contributing to sticky inflation seen globally. The Chinese government was also seen providing policy support to the property sector which aims to facilitate project completion and ease liquidity conditions. China's National People's Congress ("NPC") took place in February 2023 where a gross domestic product ("GDP") target of around 5% for 2023 was set. Trade tensions with the US also continues to simmer, with the US seen putting in place measures to prevent exports of advanced technology to China.

Major macro events over the financial year under review had a notable effect on the local market. While Bank Negara similarly raised policy rates to tame domestic inflation, the pace of increase was more measured compared to other major central banks. This led to a strengthening of the US Dollar against the Malaysian Ringgit, causing sustained foreign fund outflows. This is despite fundamentals (earnings growth, growing foreign direct investment ("FDI")) remaining strong domestically, as well as the removal of political and policy uncertainties following the general elections in November 2022 which saw Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim taking the helm as Prime Minister as well as the position of Finance Minister. Budget 2023 which was tabled in February, was also seen as pragmatic where increased expenditure to drive economic growth were balanced with new tax measures to bolster government revenue.

#### **Investment Outlook**

In the broader market, global equities still remain susceptible to shifting sentiment towards geopolitical tensions, inflation, economic growth and ultimately corporate earnings. Valuations have already significantly adjusted to reflect a change in the market environment, and we believe reflect realistic expectations for inflation, rates and risk premia. Consequently, the source of risk has now shifted from valuation to earnings in light of the softer growth and prospects for a recession, which appears increasingly likely.

In contrast to the expected slowdown in the developed market economy, Malaysia's economic fundamentals continues to remain strong. Within the financial period under review, the government unveiled its revised budget, focusing on sustainable economic growth, institutional reforms and reducing social inequality. The benchmark KLCI edged 2.11% lower as market reaction to Budget 2023 was neutral. Our view is that newly tabled budget is a pragmatic one that should restore confidence and shore up support in the long run. The absence of any prosperity tax is a huge relief to the market that should augur well for corporate earnings. Notwithstanding macro noises, Malaysia economy is primarily domestic driven and therefore more insulated against external shocks.

#### State of Affairs of the Fund

There is neither any significant change to the state of affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the unit holders during the period under review.

#### Soft Commissions received from Brokers

Soft commissions received from brokers/dealers may be retained by the management company only if the -

- (i) goods and services provided are of demonstrable benefit to unit holders of the Fund; and
- (ii) goods and services are in the form of research and advisory services that assists in the decision making process.

During the financial period under review, no soft commission was received by the Manager on behalf of the Fund.

#### **Cross Trade**

No cross trade transactions have been carried out during the reported period.

## **Securities Financing Transactions**

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions during the financial year under review.

#### **Changes Made to the Fund's Prospectus**

There were no changes made to the Fund's prospectus during the financial year under review.

# **THE MANAGER**

# **Board of Directors**

Name	Dato' Teng Chee Wai
Designation	Managing Director
Age	56
Gender	Male
Nationality	Malaysian
Qualification	<ul> <li>Bachelor of Science, National University of Singapore</li> <li>Post-Graduate Diploma in Actuarial Studies, City University in London.</li> </ul>
Working Experience and Occupation	Current
	Founder & Managing Director of AHAM
	Past
	<ul> <li>Assistant General Manager (Investment), Overseas Assurance Corporation</li> </ul>
	Investment Manager, NTUC Income, Singapore
Date appointed to the Board	23 December 2004
Details of membership of any Board Committee in AHAM	None
Details of other Directorship in public companies and listed issuers	Director of Bintang Capital Partners Berhad
Conflict of interests with the Fund	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 5	None
years and particulars of any public sanction or	
penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies	
other than traffic offences	
Number of board meetings attended in the	5/5
financial year	

Name	General Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri (Dr.) Mohd Zahidi bin
	Hj Zainuddin (R)
Designation	Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director
Age	75
Gender	Male
Nationality	Malaysian
Qualification	General Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri (Dr.) Mohd Zahidi (R) holds a Master of Science Degree in Defence and Strategic Studies from the Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan and had attended the Senior Executive Programme in Harvard University, United States of America, Command and General Staff College Philippines, Joint Services Staff College Australia and National Defence College Pakistan.
Working Experience and Occupation	General Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri (Dr.) Mohd Zahidi (R) ("Tan Sri Zahidi") had a distinguished career in the Malaysian Armed Forces for 38 years 11 months, before retiring from the Force on 30 April 2005. During the period as a professional military officer, he served 6 years 4 months as the Malaysian Chief of Defence Forces from 1 January 1999 and as the Chief of the Malaysian Army for one year from 1 January 1998.  Tan Sri Zahidi is presently the Group Chairman of Cahya Mata Sarawak Berhad and the Chairman of Genting Plantations Berhad. He is also a Director of Genting Malaysia Berhad and Only World Group Berhad. He also sits on the Board of several Private Limited Companies in Malaysia.  Tan Sri Zahidi was made a Member of Dewan Negara Perak by DYMM Paduka Seri Sultan Perak on 25 November 2006 and is a Director / Trustee for Board of Trustee of Yayasan Sultan Azlan Shah. On 23 April 2013, Tan Sri Zahidi was appointed as Orang Kaya Bendahara Seri Maharaja Perak Darul Ridzuan by DYMM Paduka Seri Sultan Perak and the Dewan Negara Perak Darul Ridzuan.
Data appointed to the Doord	20 July 2022
Date appointed to the Board  Details of membership of any Board Committee in AHAM	29 July 2022   None
Details of other Directorship in public companies and listed issuers	<ul> <li>Group Chairman of Cahya Mata Sarawak Berhad</li> <li>Chairman of Genting Plantations Berhad</li> <li>Director, Genting Malaysia Berhad</li> <li>Director, Only World Group Holdings Berhad</li> </ul>
Conflict of interests with the Fund	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 5 years and particulars of any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies other than traffic offences	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year	4/4

Name	Eleanor Seet Oon Hui	
Designation	(Xue Enhui Eleanor)	
Designation	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director	
Age	48	
Gender	Female	
Nationality	Singaporean	
Qualification	Bachelor of Economics, University of New South Wales, Sydney	
Working Experience and Occupation	Present:  Representative Director  President and Director of Nikko Asset Management Asia Limited  Head of Asia ex-Japan of Nikko Asset Management (Nikko AM)  Past:	
	<ul> <li>Director, AxJ Intermediaries, BlackRock/ BGI</li> <li>Director, SE Asia, AllianceBernstein</li> <li>Other Appointments:</li> <li>Serves as Vice-Chairman on the Executive</li> </ul>	
	Committee of the Investment Management Association of Singapore (IMAS)	
Date appointed to the Board	30 March 2018	
Details of membership of any Board Committee in AHAM	<ul> <li>Member of Board Audit Committee</li> <li>Member of Board Compliance and Risk Management Committee</li> </ul>	
Details of other Directorship in public companies and listed issuers	None	
Conflict of interests with the Fund	None	
List of convictions for offences within the past 5 years and particulars of any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies other than traffic offences	None	
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year	5/5	

Name	Faridah Binti Iskandar
Designation	Independent Non-Executive Director
Age	43
Gender	Female
Nationality	Malaysian
Qualification	Ms Faridah Binti Iskandar ("Ms Iskandar") has a BA(Hons) and MA in Natural Sciences from University of Cambridge, and an MSc in Forensic Science from University of Strathclyde.
Working Experience and Occupation	Ms. Iskandar spent six years as a scientist before transitioning to analytical postings in the UK government's Ministry of Justice. During this time, she gained invaluable exposure to processes around policy proposals and reviews, cross-ministerial/ departmental relationship building and stakeholder management. She then entered management consulting with Capgemini Consulting in London (now Capgemini Invent), primarily working on analytics and organisational focused projects, before returning to Malaysia.
	In Malaysia, Ms. Iskandar joined Boston Consulting Group in Kuala Lumpur. During her time there she led and delivered multiple strategy and implementation engagements for clients in Southeast Asia, across public sector, GLCs, energy and real estate. She managed diverse teams to develop and deliver tangible insights and outcomes, leading client engagements and advising senior management and Board of Directors.
	In her current role as Head of Southeast Asia for Copperleaf Technologies, a global software company that specialises in decision analytics, Ms Iskandar leads all regional business development and growth activities and oversees cross-functional teams. As a member of the senior leadership team within the rapidly growing Asia Pacific & Japan business of Copperleaf, Ms Iskandar is involved in all business-critical activities from strategy and operating model evolution, recruitment and people development, product enhancement, business growth strategies to brand awareness and marketing.
Date appointed to the Board	29 July 2022
Details of membership of any Board Committee in AHAM	Member of Board Audit Committee     Chairman of Board Compliance and Risk     Management Committee
Details of other Directorship in public companies and listed issuers	None
Conflict of interests with the Fund	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 5 years and particulars of any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies other than traffic offences	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year	4/4

Name	Alvin Lim Chiaw Beng
Designation	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director
Age	52
Gender	Male
Nationality	Singapore
Qualification	Mr. Alvin Lim graduated with a BSc Economics degree from the London School of Economics specialising in Accounting and Finance and he is also a qualified Chartered Financial Analyst.
Working Experience and Occupation	Mr. Alvin Lim began his career with the Corporate Finance division of Coopers and Lybrand before joining the Asian M&A team at Schroders International Merchant Bankers ("Schroders") in Singapore. He subsequently moved to London, UK with Schroders and became part of the Citigroup Investment Banking team when it acquired Schroders in 2000.
	In the UK, Mr. Alvin Lim worked on a variety of European cross border transactions before returning to Singapore in 2004 to join Ascott Singapore for a brief stint as Vice President of Business Development. He then joined the Investment Banking division of HSBC where he headed the Southeast Asian team before he left in 2016. At HSBC, he was also part of the Singapore Executive Committee and looked after the entire Southeast Asian operations ranging from regulatory, risk and strategy functions.
	In his current role at CVC, Mr. Alvin Lim is responsible for all activities within Singapore and Malaysia. He led the investment into Munchy's in 2018 and successfully exited with the sale to URC in 2021. He was a member of the Board of Directors at Munchy's driving value creation at the company.
Date appointed to the Board	29 July 2022
Details of membership of any Board Committee in AHAM	Chairman of Board Audit Committee     Member of Board Compliance and Risk     Management Committee     Member of Group Board Nomination and     Remuneration Committee
Details of other Directorship in public companies and listed issuers	None
Conflict of interests with the Fund	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 5 years and particulars of any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies other than traffic offences	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year	3/4

Name	Xuan Wang
Designation	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director
Age	36
Gender	Male
Nationality	Chinese
Qualification	Mr. Xuan Wang holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Economy from Georgetown University, USA.
Working Experience and Occupation	Mr. Xuan Wang started his career with UBS AG's investment banking department in Hong Kong in 2009, focusing on helping leading banks and insurance companies in the region to raise capital and pursue mergers and acquisition transactions.  Mr. Xuan Wang joined CVC Asia Pacific Limited in 2012, based in Hong Kong and Singapore. He focuses on private equity investment across Southeast Asia. He was a director on the board of SPi Global, a leading outsourced digital services company headquartered in the Philippines, from 2015 to 2017 and a director on the board of Ngern Tid Lor, a leading non-bank lender and insurance broker in Thailand, from 2019 to 2020.
Date appointed to the Board	29 July 2022
Details of membership of any Board Committee	Member of Board Audit Committee
in AHAM	<ul> <li>Member of Board Compliance and Risk Management Committee</li> </ul>
Details of other Directorship in public companies and listed issuers	None
Conflict of interests with the Fund	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 5 years and particulars of any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies other than traffic offences	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year	4/4

#### **Director's Training**

The Board acknowledges the importance of continuing education for its Directors. During the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023, the Board members had attended various training programmes, workshops, seminars, briefings and/or conferences on various subjects in accordance to the respective Director's own training needs. These trainings include:

#### **TENG CHEE WAI**

Organiser	Name of Programme
FMTCS Sdn Bhd	Helping Clients Stay the Course: Applying Portfolio Management Concepts and Overcoming Behavioral Biases
FMTCS Sdn Bhd	Investment Products for Decarbonization: Carbon Markets & Electric Vehicles
AHAM	Governance, Risks and Controls
Vision Business Solutions Sdn Bhd	AML/CFT & TFS : Compliance A Need To Protect Business

## GENERAL DATO' SERI DIRAJA TAN SRI (DR.) MOHD ZAHIDI BIN HJ ZAINUDDIN (R)

Organiser	Name of Programme			
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (AHAM)	Governance, Risks and Controls			
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (AHAM)	AML Program 2022 : Prevention, Detection & Collaboration in Fronting Compliance			
Bursa Malaysia via Genting Malaysia	Advocacy Sessions for Directors and Senior Management of Main Market Listed Issuers			
Cahya Mata Sarawak Berhad	ESG and Corporate Governance by Rita Benoy Bushon			
Genting Malaysia Berhad	Global Minimum Tax by Deloitte Malaysia			
Genting Malaysia Berhad	2022 Genting Malaysia Senior Managers' Conference: Customer Centricity For A More Resilient Organisation			
Bursa Malaysia	CG Advocacy Programme: Bursa Malaysia Immersive Experience: The Board "Agender"			
Genting Malaysia Berhad	<ul> <li>39th Management Conference of Genting Plantations Berhad:</li> <li>Managing Operational Challenges during Covid-19 Era</li> <li>Revolutionizing Plantation Operations</li> <li>Controlled Environment Agriculture</li> <li>Revolutionizing Farming through the Power of Data and AgTech</li> <li>Aligning Mindsets Towards Digital Transformation</li> </ul>			

Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC)	Capital Market Director Programme (CMDP)
Genting Berhad By Deloitte Tax Services Sdn Bhd	Genting Group Tax Seminar on Budget 2023

# SEET OON HUI ELEANOR (XUE ENHUI ELEANOR)

Organiser	Name of Programme			
IMAS	IMAS Digital Summit 2022: Digitalisation in Asset Management: How far have we come?			
Institute of Policy Studies	Singapore Perspectives 2022 Post-conference on Digital City			
Bloomberg	Bloomberg Women's Buy-Side Network (BWBN)			
IBF MAS	Singapore Financial Forum - Opportunities and Challenges Ahead			
IBF MAS	Singapore Financial Forum - The Rise of APAC Wealth (Keys to Unlock Growth Opportunities) Sustainable Finance Hub 2030 (A Greener Future for Finance)			
АНАМ	MACC Program : Governance, Risk & Control ('GRC') on 23 June 2022 (Session 2-PM)			
US Department of Energy	US-Southeast Asia clean Energy Roundtable			
IBF	Sustainable Finance Virtual Career Fair: WMI - ESG Investing - Realities Challenges and Opportunities			
IMAS	IMAS CORE SFA CPD - 6 modules			
АНАМ	2022 AML Program : Prevention, Detection & Collaboration			
Milken Asia Summit Singapore	ESG in the Asia-Pacific and Why it Matters			
Milken Asia Summit Singapore	How Technology Can Accelerate Sustainable Finance			
Milken Asia Summit Singapore	Asset Management - Are We at an Inflection Point?			
Milken Asia Summit Singapore	The Long and Short of Patient Capital			
Milken Asia Summit Singapore	Rethinking Hearlth Care in the Post-Pandemic Era			

Milken Asia Summit Singapore	Market Opportunities in Asia
SID	Listed Entity Director Programme - Stakeholder Engagement
BNPP	BNPP Sustainable Future Forum
PPI Institute	Asean Economics and Asia's Growth
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PPI Institute	Asean Economics and Asia's Growth
Elevandi	Capital Meets Policy DialogueTM (the CMP Dialogue
SID	Listed Entity Director Programme - Environmental, Social and Governance Essentials
FSTC	15th FSTC Meeting - Financial Sector Tripartite Committee
KWAP	CEO Mandate to External Fund Managers
Teneo	Teneo Insights Panel: Where is the World Headed in 2023?
Endowus	Endowus Leadership Forum 2023
IMAS Bloomberg	Power Breakfast
IMAS Bloomberg	IMAS Conference + Masterclass 2023
NUS Global Asia Institute	Wee Cho Yaw Business Forum - Building Connected and Sustainable Organisations and EcoSystems
French Embassy, Tikehau Capital & CMA CGM	Maritime Cybersecurity Seminar

# **FARIDAH BINTI ISKANDAR**

Organiser	Name of Programme
Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM)	Bursa Malaysia Mandatory Accreditation Programme (MAP)

AHAM Asset Management Berhad (AHAM)	AML Program 2022: Prevention, Detection & Collaboration in Fronting Compliance
Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC)	Capital Market Director Programme (CMDP)
SIDC	How to be an Effective NED in a Disruptive World

#### **ALVIN LIM CHIAW BENG**

Organiser	Name of Programme
Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM)	Bursa Malaysia Mandatory Accreditation Programme (MAP)
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (AHAM)	AML Program 2022: Prevention, Detection & Collaboration in Fronting Compliance
Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC)	Capital Market Director Programme (CMDP)

#### **XUAN WANG**

Organiser	Name of Programme		
Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM)	Bursa Malaysia Mandatory Accreditation Programme (MAP)		
Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad (AHAM)	AML Program 2022: Prevention, Detection & Collaboration in Fronting Compliance		
Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC)	Capital Market Director Programme (CMDP)		

During the financial year ended 2023, there were no public sanction or penalty that was imposed on the management company by the relevant regulatory bodies.

#### The Custodian (Trustee's Delegate)

The Trustee has appointed Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad ("SCBMB") as the custodian of the quoted and unquoted investments of the Fund. SCBMB was incorporated in Malaysia under the same name on 29 February 1984 under the Companies Act 1965 as a public limited company and is a subsidiary of Standard Chartered PLC (the holding company of a global banking group). SCBMB was granted a license on 1 July 1994 under the Financial Services Act 2013.

SCBMB is responsible for the Fund's assets settlement and custodising the Fund's asset. The assets are held in the name of the Fund through the custodian's wholly owned subsidiary and nominee company, Cartaban Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd. All investments are automatically registered into the name of the Fund. The custodian acts only in accordance with the instructions from the Trustee.

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

# TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF TRADEPLUS DWA MALAYSIA MOMENTUM TRACKER ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) has operated and managed the Fund during the year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:

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

For TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad (Company No.: (200301008392 [610812-W])

NORHAYATI BINTI AZIT DIRECTOR – FUND SERVICES

Kuala Lumpur 18 May 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM
INVESTMENT LOSS			
Dividend income		28,400	24,330
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10	(76,948)	(123,413)
		(48,548)	(99,083)
EXPENSES			
Management fee Trustee fee Tax agent's fee Transaction costs Custodian fee Other expenses	4 5 8	(5,118) (409) (7,000) (11,573) (4,665) (3,508)	(5,500) (440) (3,500) (8,566) (5,005) (3,827)
		(32,273)	(26,838)
NET LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		(80,821)	(125,921)
Taxation	9	<u>-</u>	
NET LOSS AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(80,821)	(125,921)
Net loss after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount Unrealised amount		(129,930) 49,109	2,519 (128,440)
		(80,821)	(125,921)

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Dividends receivable Financial assets at fair value through		12,469 1,539	55,528 1,359
profit or loss	10	915,510	1,136,508
TOTAL ASSETS		929,518	1,193,395
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals		391 32 3,500 950	499 40 3,500 950
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,873	4,989
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		924,645	1,188,406
EQUITY			
Unitholders' capital Accumulated losses		1,026,540 (101,895)	1,209,480 (21,074)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS		924,645	1,188,406
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION	11	1,000,000	1,200,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)		0.9246	0.9903

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unitholders' <u>capital</u> RM	Accumulated losses RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Balance as at 1 April 2022	1,209,480	(21,074)	1,188,406
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year	-	(80,821)	(80,821)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	179,480	-	179,480
Cancellation of units	(362,420)		(362,420)
Balance as at 31 March 2023	1,026,540	(101,895)	924,645
Balance as at 1 April 2021	802,300	104,847	907,147
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year	-	(125,921)	(125,921)
Movement in unitholders' capital:			
Creation of units arising from applications	631,740	-	631,740
Cancellation of units	(224,560)	-	(224,560)
Balance as at 31 March 2022	1,209,480	(21,074)	1,188,406

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	<u>2023</u> RM	2022 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Dividends received Management fee paid Trustee fee paid Custodian fee paid Payment for other fees and expenses		2,065,624 (1,921,574) 28,220 (5,226) (417) (4,665) (22,081)	1,653,998 (2,029,484) 23,348 (5,389) (431) (5,005) (11,443)
Net cash flows generated from/(used in) operating activities		139,881	(374,406)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from creation of units Payments for cancellation of units		179,480 (362,420)	631,740 (224,560)
Net cash flows (used in)/generated from financing activities		(182,940)	407,180
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(43,059)	32,774
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		55,528	22,754
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		12,469	55,528

Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022 comprise of bank balances.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

#### A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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 financial year. It also requires the Manager to exercise their judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgment are based on the Manager's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note J.

- (a) Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations that are effective:
  - Amendments to MFRS 3 'Reference to Conceptual Framework' (effective 1 January 2022) replace the reference to Framework for Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements with 2018 Conceptual Framework.
  - Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2018 2020 Cycle (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022).
  - Amendments to MFRS 137 'Onerous contracts cost of fulfilling a contract' (effective 1 January 2022) clarify that direct costs of fulfilling a contract include both the incremental cost of fulfilling the contract as well as an allocation of other costs directly related to fulfilling contracts.

The adoption of the above standards, amendments to standards or interpretations did not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

- (b) Standards and amendments that have been issued but not yet effective:
  - Amendments to MFRS 101 'Classification of liabilities as current or non-current' (effective 1 January 2024) clarify that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification is unaffected by the entity's expectations or events after the reporting date (e.g. the receipt of a waiver or a breach of covenant). In addition, the amendments clarify that when a liability could be settled by the transfer of an entity's own equity instruments (e.g. a conversion option in a convertible bond), conversion option meeting the definition of an equity instrument in MFRS 132 'Financial Instruments: Presentation' does not impact the current or non-current classification of the convertible instrument.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### A BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Standards and amendments that have been issued but not yet effective: (continued)

The amendments also specify that covenants of loan arrangements which an entity must comply with only after the reporting date would not affect classification of a liability as current or non-current at the reporting date. However, those covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or before the reporting date would affect classification of a liability as current or non-current, even if the covenant is only assessed after the reporting date.

The adoption of the above standards, amendments to standards or interpretations is not expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### **B** INCOME RECOGNITION

#### Dividend income

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 on the ex-dividend date, when the right to receive the dividend has been established.

#### Realised gains and losses on sale of investments

For quoted investments, realised gains and losses on sale of investments are accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

#### C TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs are costs in relation to any particular transaction or dealing, all stamp duty and other duties, taxes, government charges, brokerage fees, bank charges, transfer fees, registration fees, transaction levies, and other duties and charges whether in connection with the Fund's Assets or the creation, issue, transfer, cancellation or redemption of units or the acquisition or disposal of Fund's assets or otherwise which may have become or may be payable in respect of, and whether prior to, upon or after the occasion of, such transaction or dealing. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as expenses.

#### **D** TAXATION

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

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### E FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

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

#### F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

#### (i) Classification

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

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

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

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). 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 and derivatives not designated as hedging instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents and dividends receivable as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies amount due to Manager, amount due to Trustee, payables for tax agent's fee and other payables and accruals as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

#### (ii) Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

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

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### (ii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

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.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category is presented in the statement of comprehensive income within 'net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' in the period which they arise.

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.

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the 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 securities for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the 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.

#### (iii) Impairment

The Fund's financial assets measured at amortised cost are subject to expected credit losses. The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management considers the probability of default to be 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 expected credit losses 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 management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### F FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### (iii) Impairment (continued)

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

The Fund defines a financial instrument as default, which is fully aligned with the definition of credit-impaired, when it meets one or more of the following criteria:

#### Quantitative criteria:

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

#### Qualitative criteria:

The debtor meets unlikeliness to pay criteria, which indicates the debtor is in significant financial difficulty. The Fund considers the following instances:

- the debtor is in breach of financial covenants
- concessions have been made by the lender relating to the debtor's financial difficulty
- it is becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation
- the debtor is insolvent

Financial instruments that are credit-impaired are assessed on individual basis.

#### 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 bad debt recoveries. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial year.

#### G CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### H UNITHOLDERS' CAPITAL

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

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value ("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 unitholders exercise 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 unitholders with the total number of outstanding units.

#### I SEGMENT REPORTING

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting used by the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the strategic asset allocation committee of the Manager that makes strategic decisions.

# J CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, rarely equal the related actual results. To enhance the information contents on 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 judgments are continually evaluated by the Manager and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the Securities Commission's ("SC") Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds.

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

## K 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's Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 1 INFORMATION ON THE FUND

The Exchange-Traded Fund was constituted under the name TradePlus DWA Malaysia Momentum Tracker (the "Fund") pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 21 February 2020 entered into between AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) (the "Manager") and TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the "Trustee").

The Fund commenced operations on 13 July 2020 and will continue its operations until terminated by the Trustee as provided under Section 26 of the Deed.

The Fund may invest in the following permitted investments:

- (i) Authorised Securities;
- (ii) Derivatives;
- (iii) Units or shares in collective investment schemes;
- (iv) Money market instruments;
- (v) Deposits; and
- (vi) Any other investments permitted by the SC from time to time.

All investments will be subjected to the SC's Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds, the Deed and the objective of the Fund.

The Fund is listed on the main market of Bursa Malaysia and its objective is to provide investment results that closely correspond to the performance of the Dorsey Wright Technical Leaders Malaysia Index ("Benchmark Index") – a modified float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index which is designed to measure the performance of Malaysia domiciled companies in consumption and service-oriented industries.

The Manager is a company incorporated in Malaysia. The principal activities of the Manager are establishment and management of unit trust funds, exchange-traded funds and private retirement schemes as well as providing fund management services to private clients. On 10 November 2022, the Manager has changed its name from Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad to AHAM Asset Management Berhad.

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

## 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	<u>Note</u>	At amortised <u>cost</u> RM	At fair value through profit or loss RM	<u>Total</u> RM
2023				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Dividends receivable Quoted equities	10	12,469 1,539 -	- - 915,510	12,469 1,539 915,510
Total		14,008	915,510	929,518
Financial liabilities				
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals		391 32 3,500 950	- - -	391 32 3,500 950
Total		4,873	-	4,873
2022				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents Dividends receivable Quoted equities	10	55,528 1,359 -	- - 1,136,508	55,528 1,359 1,136,508
Total		56,887	1,136,508	1,193,395
Financial liabilities				
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals		499 40 3,500 950	- - - -	499 40 3,500 950
Total		4,989	-	4,989

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

# 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Market risk

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

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated by the SC's Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds.

#### (a) Price risk

Price risk arises mainly from the uncertainty about future prices of investments. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Fund is structured as an index tracking fund that tracks its benchmark index, the Dorsey Wright Technical Leaders Malaysia Index, which comprises of a diversified list of equity securities in its constituents. As such, the Manager believes that the Fund is able to minimise its price risk through the diversification that it has in its portfolio of underlying securities that replicates its benchmark index.

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

	<u>2023</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM
Quoted investments Quoted equities	915,510	1,136,508

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss, and NAV to movements in prices of its benchmark index. The analysis is based on the assumption that the benchmark index fluctuates by 7.04% (2022: 15.53%), which is the 1-year annualised standard deviation as at 31 March 2023. If all other variables are held constant, and that the fair value of the investments move in the same quantum with the fluctuation of the Benchmark Index, this would represent the Management's best estimates of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities.

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

% Change in benchmark index	<u>Market value</u> RM	Impact on loss after tax/NAV RM
2023		
-7.04% 0% +7.04%	851,026 915,510 979,994	(64,484) - 64,484

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Market risk (continued)

(a) Price risk (continued)

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

% Change in benchmark index	<u>Market value</u> RM	Impact on loss after tax/NAV RM
<u>2022</u>	Kivi	TXIVI
-15.53% 0% +15.53%	959,991 1,136,508 1,313,025	(176,517) - 176,517

### Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the ability of an issuer or counterparty to make timely payments of interest, principals and proceeds from realisation of investments. The Manager manages the credit risk by undertaking credit evaluation to minimise such risk.

Credit risk arising from cash and bank balances is managed by ensuring that they are held by parties with credit rating of AA or higher.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentrations of the Fund:

<u>2023</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Dividends <u>receivable</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial Services - AAA Consumer Products & Services - NR	12,469	- 1,539	12,469 1,539
	12,469	1,539	14,008

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Credit risk (continued)

The following table sets out the credit risk concentrations of the Fund: (continued)

<u>2022</u>	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Dividends receivable RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial Services - AAA Health Care	55,528	-	55,528
- NR	-	516	516
Industrials - NR	-	395	395
Technology - NR	-	448	448
	55,528	1,359	56,887

### 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 cash to meet anticipated payments for operating expenses and cancellation of units by unitholders.

The Fund's units can be redeemed either in-kind or in cash. For in-kind redemptions, an in-kind redemption basket comprising the authorised securities of the Fund, determined by the Manager on each dealing day will be delivered to the investor. For cash redemptions, a redemption basket of securities is liquidated and a cash sum equivalent to the redemption price multiplied by the number of units redeemed will be delivered to the investors. The Fund maintains a sufficient amount of cash and liquid securities to meet the ongoing operating expenses and liquidity requirements of the Fund.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Liquidity risk (continued)

The table below analyses the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date.

The amounts in the table below are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Within one month RM	Between one month to <u>one year</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u>			
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals	391 32 - - - 423	3,500 950 4,450	391 32 3,500 950 4,873
2022			
Amount due to Manager - management fee Amount due to Trustee Tax agent's fee Other payables and accruals	499 40 - - 539	3,500 950 4,450	499 40 3,500 950 4,989

### Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unitholders' capital net of accumulated losses. The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. 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.

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial year end date. The Fund utilises the current bid price for financial assets which falls within the bid-ask spread.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an 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 below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2)
- 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. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 3 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

### (i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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

	<u>Level 1</u> RM	<u>Level 2</u> RM	<u>Level 3</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
<u>2023</u>				
Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss: - quoted equities	915,510			915,510
2022				
Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss: - quoted equities	1,136,508			1,136,508

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and are therefore classified within Level 1, include active listed equities. The Fund does not adjust the quoted prices for these instruments.

(ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, dividends receivable and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of the fair values due to their short-term nature.

### 4 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a management fee at a rate up to 3.00% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023, management fee is recognised at a rate of 0.50% (2022: 0.50%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Prospectus.

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 5 TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to an annual fee, at a rate up to 0.10% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis (excluding foreign sub-custodian fees and charges).

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% (2022: 0.04%) per annum on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis as stated in the Fund's Prospectus.

There will be no further liability to the Trustee in respect of Trustee fee other than the amount recognised above.

### **6** INDEX LICENSE FEE

The index license fee is recognised at minimum of USD10,000 (2022: USD10,000) per annum or 0.12% (2022: 0.12%) of the average daily asset under management, whichever is higher.

The Index License Fee was borne by the Manager for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

### 7 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Auditors' remuneration of the Fund is recognised at RM20,000 (2022: RM20,000).

Auditors' remuneration were borne by the Manager for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

### 8 TAX AGENT'S FEE

Tax agent's fee of RM3,500 for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 9 TAXATION

	<u>2023</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM
Current taxation	-	-
The numerical reconciliation between net loss before taxation multipl tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is as follows:	ied by the Malay	ysian statutory
	<u>2023</u> RM	2022 RM
Net loss before taxation	(80,821)	(125,921)
Tax at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	(19,397)	(30,221)
Tax effects of: Investment loss not brought to tax Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Exchange-Traded Funds	11,651 6,517 1,228	23,780 5,121 1,320
Tax expense		

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	<u>2023</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - quoted equities – local	915,510	1,136,508
Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - realised (loss)/gain on sale of investments - unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in fair value	(126,057) 49,109	5,027 (128,440)
	(76,948)	(123,413)

### (a) Quoted equities - local

### (i) Quoted equities – local as at 31 March 2023 is as follows:

Name of counters	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
Construction Gamuda Bhd	12,200	47,511	49,166	5.32
Consumer Products & Services Bermaz Auto Bhd Genting Malaysia Bhd PPB Group Bhd QL Resources Bhd Sime Darby Bhd	22,500	47,475	51,750	5.60
	17,100	50,071	45,315	4.90
	2,700	48,394	44,712	4.84
	8,300	41,912	48,223	5.21
	19,500	42,405	41,730	4.51
	70,100	230,257	231,730	————————————————————————————————————
Energy	83,200	31,950	52,416	5.67
Bumi Armada Bhd	36,500	48,180	48,910	5.29
Dayang Enterprise Holdings Bhd	119,700	80,130	101,326	10.96

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

- (a) Quoted equities local (continued)
  - (i) Quoted equities local as at 31 March 2023 is as follows (continued):

Name of counters	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
Financial Services Alliance Bank Malaysia Bhd AMMB Holdings Bhd Hong Leong Bank Bhd Hong Leong Financial Group Malayan Banking Bhd Public Bank Bhd RHB Bank Bhd	13,000 11,400 2,200 2,600 5,400 10,700 8,091	46,670 42,517 41,230 47,740 47,970 44,696 46,398	44,200 42,750 44,396 46,748 46,278 42,693 45,148 312,213	4.78 4.62 4.80 5.06 5.00 4.62 4.88
Industrial Products & Services Petronas Chemical Group Bhd	5,000	42,303	35,350	3.82
Plantation IOI Corporation Bhd	11,700	44,388	44,577	4.82
Technology Greatech Technology Bhd	10,000	47,800	49,400	5.34
Telecommunication & Media Telekom Malaysia Bhd	8,900	47,322	43,610	4.73
<u>Transportation &amp; Logistics</u> Malaysia Airport Holdings Bhd	7,100	46,760	48,138	5.21
Total quoted equities – local	298,091	903,692	915,510	99.02
Accumulated unrealised gain on quoted equities – local		11,818		
Total quoted equities – local		915,510		

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

- (a) Quoted equities local (continued)
  - (ii) Quoted equities local as at 31 March 2022 is as follows:

Name of counters	<u>Quantity</u>	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
Consumer Products & Services PPB Group Bhd	3,700	67,589	62,530	5.26
Energy Bumi Armada Bhd Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd Yinson Holdings Bhd	135,800 77,600 10,500	51,976 59,765 61,020	54,999 88,464 50,400	4.63 7.44 4.24
	223,900	172,761	193,863	16.31
Financial Services Hong Leong Bank Bhd Public Bank Bhd	3,400 15,300 18,700	62,434 63,493 ————————————————————————————————————	68,680 71,451 140,131	5.78 6.01
Health Care IHH Healthcare Bhd	8,600	57,454	53,148	4.47
Industrial Products & Services Press Metal Aluminium Hldg Bhd SKP Resources Bhd	10,900 36,675 47,575	47,423 54,922 ———————————————————————————————————	67,362 51,712 119,074	5.67 4.35 10.02
Plantation Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	2,900	66,224	72,616	6.11

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 10 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

- (a) Quoted equities local (continued)
  - (ii) Quoted equities local as at 31 March 2022 is as follows (continued):

Name of counters	Quantity	Aggregate <u>cost</u> RM	Fair <u>value</u> RM	Percentage of NAV %
Technology				
D & O Green Technologies Bhd	10,800	51,733	48,600	4.09
Inari Amertron Bhd	16,000	57,793	49,120	4.13
Frontken Corp Bhd	15,800	56,589	47,400	3.99
Greatech Technology Bhd	9,400	62,173	44,556	3.75
Malaysian Pac Industries Bhd	1,100	49,255	40,040	3.37
MY E.G. Services Bhd	59,900	63,302	60,499	5.09
Pentamaster Corporation Bhd	11,400	58,252	42,750	3.60
UWC Bhd	10,300	60,080	40,273	3.39
	134,700	459,177	373,238	31.41
Telecommunication & Media Telekom Malaysia Bhd	11,600	59,040	56,028	4.72
Transportation & Logistics				
MISC Bhd	9,000	63,282	65,880	5.54
Total quotad aquitian I local	460,675	1 172 700	1 126 E00	95.63
Total quoted equities – local	460,675	1,173,799	1,136,508	95.65
Accumulated unrealised loss on		(0= 00 ()		
quoted equities – local		(37,291)		
Total quoted equities – local		1,136,508		

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 11 NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	2023 No. of units	2022 No. of units
At the beginning of the year	1,200,000	800,000
Creation of units arising from applications	200,000	600,000
Cancellation of units	(400,000)	(200,000)
At the end of the financial year	1,000,000	1,200,000

### 12 TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

(i) Details of transactions with the top brokers for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 are as follows:

Name of brokers	<u>Value of trade</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>trade</u> %	Brokerage <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage</u> %
CIMB Investment Bank Bhd	1,822,293	45.71	1,458	34.09
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd	1,370,887	34.39	1,097	25.65
CLSA Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	416,411	10.44	990	23.14
Macquarie Capital Securities				
(Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	276,846	6.94	292	6.83
Macquarie Capital Securities Ltd	100,309	2.52	440	10.29
	3,986,746	100.00	4,277	100.00

(ii) Details of transactions with the top brokers for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 are as follows:

Name of brokers	Value of trade RM	Percentage of total <u>trade</u> %	Brokerage <u>fees</u> RM	Percentage of total <u>brokerage</u> %
CLSA Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd Macquarie Capital Securities	1,655,269	44.94	1,569	45.98
(Malaysia) Sdn Bhd CIMB Investment Bank Bhd	1,107,702 920,510	30.07 24.99	1,106 737	32.42 21.60
	3,683,481	100.00	3,412	100.00

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

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

Related parties	Relationship
CVC Capital Partners Asia V L.P., ("CVC Asia V")	Ultimate holding company of the Manager
Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT")	Former ultimate holding corporate body of the Manager
Affin Bank Berhad ("ABB")	Former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad	Former holding company of the Manager
Starlight TopCo Limited	Penultimate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Universe Limited	Intermediate holding company of the Manager
Starlight Asset Sdn Bhd	Immediate holding company of the Manager
Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI")	Substantial shareholder of the Manager
AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)	The Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of CVC Asia V as disclosed in their financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the ultimate holding companies of the Manager
Subsidiaries and associated companies of ABB as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associated companies of the former penultimate holding company of the Manager
Directors of AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)	Directors of the Manager

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER (CONTINUED)

The units held by the Manager and the parties related to the Manager as at the end of the financial year are as follows:

		2023		2022
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
The Manager and the Parent of the Fund:				
AHAM Asset Management (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) (The units are held beneficially for seeding				
purposes)	400,000	369,840	400,000	396,120
Former holding company of the Manager:  Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad (The units are held beneficially)	402,300	371,967	194,300	192,415
TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")			<u>2023</u>	2022
			%	%
TER			1.98	1.64

TER is derived from the following calculation:

 $(A + B + C + D) \times 100$ 

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TER

E = Average NAV of Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis was RM1,023,522 (2022: RM1,099,873).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 15 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
PTR (times)	2.01	1.67

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

(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 = RM1,921,574 (2022: RM2,029,484) total disposal for the financial year = RM2,191,681 (2022: RM1,648,971)

### 16 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The strategic asset allocation committee of the Investment Manager makes the strategic resource allocations on behalf of the Fund. The Fund has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Manager that are used to make strategic decisions.

The committee is responsible for the Fund's entire portfolio and considers the business to have a single operating segment. The committee's asset allocation decisions are based on a single, integrated investment strategy and the Fund's performance is evaluated on an overall basis.

The reportable operating segments derive their income by seeking investments to achieve targeted returns consummate with an acceptable level of risk within each portfolio. These returns consist of dividends and gains on the appreciation in the value of investments and are derived from quoted equities in Malaysia.

The Fund has a diversified unitholders population. However, as at 31 March 2023, there were 1 (2022: 2) unitholders who held more than 10% of the Fund's NAV. The unitholders' holdings were 40.23% (2022: 33.33% and 16.19%) respectively.

There were no changes in the reportable segments during the financial year.

The internal reporting provided to the committee for the Fund's assets, liabilities and performance is prepared on a consistent basis with the measurement and recognition principles of MFRS and IFRS.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (CONTINUED)

### 17 SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Change in corporate shareholding of AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad)

On 28 January 2022, Affin Bank Berhad announced that funds advised by CVC Capital Partners, a leading global private equity and investment advisory firm with approximately US\$125 billion of assets under management, has agreed to acquire approximately 68% of the equity interest in AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad).

The Acquisition has been approved by Securities Commissions Malaysia on 1 July 2022, and upon completion of the Acquisition on 29 July 2022, AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) has ceased to be a subsidiary of Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad.

### 18 SUBSEQUENT EVENT TO THE FINANCIAL YEAR

On 19 April 2023, Nikko Asset Management International Limited ("NAMI") has divested all its equity interest of 27% in AHAM Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad) to Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd ("NAM") for 20% and remaining 7% of the equity interest to Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT") resulting in both NAM and LTAT becoming substantial shareholders of the Manager.

### STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER

I, Dato' Teng Chee Wai, for and on behalf of the board of directors of the Manager, **AHAM Asset Management Berhad** (formerly known as Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad), do hereby state that in the opinion of the Manager, the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 30 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deed and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager, **AHAM ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD**(FORMERLY KNOWN AS AFFIN HWANG ASSET MANAGEMENT BERHAD)

DATO' TENG CHEE WAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/MANAGING DIRECTOR

Kuala Lumpur 18 May 2023

### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of TradePlus DWA Malaysia Momentum Tracker ("the Fund") give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

### What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 1 to 30.

### 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 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 Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' 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 (CONTINUED)

### Our audit approach

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements of the Fund. In particular, we considered where the Manager has made subjective judgments; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters, consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Fund, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Fund operates.

### **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the Fund for the financial 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.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit
	matter
Valuation and existence of financial	We have tested the valuation of the quoted
assets at fair value through profit or	equities as at financial year end by independently
loss	agreeing the prices used in the valuation to the
	quoted prices published by the relevant stock
Refer to Note F, Note 3 and Note 10 to the	exchanges.
financial statements.	
	We have tested the existence of the investment
The investment portfolio at the period at the	portfolio by obtaining independent confirmation
financial year end comprised quoted equities	from the custodian of the investment portfolio
valued at RM915,510.	held as at 31 March 2023.
We focused on the valuation and existence of	
investments because they represent the most	
significant elements of the net assets	
recognised in the financial statements.	

### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Manager's Report, 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 for the financial statements

The Manager of the Fund is responsible for the preparation of the 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 controls 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 terminate the Fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 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 judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Fund, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

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.

We also provide the Manager with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Manager, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the Fund for the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### OTHER MATTERS

This report is made solely to the unitholders of the Fund, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

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