

CIMB-Principal Equity Aggressive Fund 3

Annual Report

For The Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

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DIRECTORY

INVESTORS' LETTER

Dear Valued Investor,

As we write this letter, we're watching the impact the Coronavirus is having on families, communities and markets around the world. Our thoughts are with those directly impacted by this illness and hope that together, as a global community we can find ways to prevent the further spread of this virus.

From an investment perspective, yes, the Coronavirus outbreak is disrupting markets – but it's important to remember this is an event, not a trend. And, just how interlinked our economies really are and how ripple effects are felt globally.

Ahead of the virus outbreak, we were seeing many positive trends in the market and were anticipating an upturn. We're still optimistic that the upturn will happen – it's just a matter of when. We still encourage our investors to focus on the fundamentals, seek portfolio diversification and to focus on the long-term.

As a fund house, we've never been better positioned to help our investors navigate the market volatility that is becoming the new norm. Our capabilities span from local to global markets with products, strategies and ideas to position your portfolio of investments based on your unique risk tolerance and financial goals.

We're committed to helping meet the varying needs of our customers and in the past few months, we've launched several new funds, including: Principal Global Real Estate, Principal Greater Bay and Principal Islamic ASEAN Equity Fund. Together these funds showcase our breadth and depth of expertise and offerings – helping set us apart as the fund house of choice. You can learn more about each of these funds and other solutions at: www.principal.com.my.

Thank you for your continuous support and allowing us to help you achieve your financial goals.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

for Principal Asset Management Berhad

(formerly known as CIMB-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 grow the value of investments over the long-term through investment in Malaysian shares.

Has the Fund achieved its objective?

The Fund has achieved its objective of providing long-term capital growth.

What are the Fund investment policy and principal investment strategy?

The Fund may invest between 70% to 98% (both inclusive) of the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV") in local equities and at least 2% of the Fund's NAV in liquid assets. The investment policy and strategy of the Fund will be to invest in stocks which are selected based on their future growth prospects. The Fund may opt to seek investment exposure via Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS") that is in line with the Fund's objective, subject to the requirement of the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC") Guidelines. In addition, liquid assets may also be strategically used if we feel that the market downside risk is high in the short term. The Fund may also invest at least 2% of the Fund's NAV in liquid assets.

The Fund will be managed with high tracking error. The investment strategy of the Fund will be predominantly based on bottom up stock selection instead of investing mainly in the stocks represented in the benchmark. Consequently, the Fund's individual stock and sector weightage will deviate significantly from the benchmark, thus leads to high tracking error. The strategy of the Fund includes utilizing liquid assets dynamically in the changing market conditions. For example, high level of cash holdings in the bearish market will result in higher tracking error as the cash positions helps minimize the degree of the decline in Fund's NAV as compared to the benchmark which have 100% exposure to the market downside.

Fund category/type

Equity/Growth

How long should you invest for?

Recommended five (5) years or more

When was the Fund launched?

12 March 1998

What was the size of the Fund as at 31 December 2019?

RM60.62 million (53.11 million units)

What is the Fund's benchmark?

Financial Times Stock Exchange ("FTSE") Bursa Malaysia ("FBM") Top 100 ("FBM100") Index

What is the Fund distribution policy?

No distribution is expected to be paid, however, distribution, if any, will be incidental and will vary from period to period depending on interest rates, market conditions and the performance of the Fund.

What was the net income distribution for the financial year ended 31 December 2019?

The Fund distributed a total net income of RM2.66 million to unit holders for the financial year ended 31 December 2019. As a result, the NAV per unit dropped from RM1.1559 to RM1.1059 on 23 August 2019.

PERFORMANCE DATA

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

31.12.2013		31.12.2017
%	%	%
0.70	2.79	9.81
-	-	2.88
8.64	16.07	-
16.84	6.70	-
-	-	15.23
29.98	18.25	-
1.48	6.07	-
-	-	15.29
3.86	8.26	-
-	-	1.40
11.38	-	3.97
3.06	-	4.73
1.76	-	-
7.86	10.71	6.73
6.35	2.02	-
-	-	37.07
0.64	3.18	-
5.28	6.48	-
2.17	19.47	2.89
100.00	100.00	100.00
_	% 0.70 - 8.64 16.84 - 29.98 1.48 - 3.86 - 11.38 3.06 1.76 7.86 6.35 - 0.64 5.28 2.17	0.70 2.79 - - 8.64 16.07 16.84 6.70 - - 29.98 18.25 1.48 6.07 - - 3.86 8.26 - - 11.38 - 3.06 - 1.76 - 7.86 10.71 6.35 2.02 - - 0.64 3.18 5.28 6.48 2.17 19.47

Note: Effective 24 September 2018, Bursa Malaysia has changed its sectoral index and classification.

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

	31.12.2019	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
NAV (RM Million)	60.62	61.56	73.38
Units in circulation (Million)	53.11	56.40	57.29
NAV per unit (RM)	1.1414	1.0914	1.2807
Highest NAV per unit (RM)	1.2026	1.3546	1.2818
Lowest NAV per unit (RM)	1.0760	1.0659	1.0591
Total return (%)	9.31	(14.78)	21.02
- Capital growth (%)	4.58	(14.78)	21.02
- Income distribution (%)	4.52	-	-
Management Expense Ratio ("MER") (%) ^	1.99	2.03	2.12
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #	1.37	1.30	2.02

[^] The Fund's MER decreased from 2.03% to 1.99% due to decrease in expenses during the financial year under review.

[#] The Fund's PTR increased slightly from 1.30 times to 1.37 times to capitalize on market opportunity.

PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Date of distribution	23.08.2019	-	-
Gross distribution per unit (sen)	5.00	-	-

	31.12.2019	31.12.2018	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	31.12.2015
	%	%	%	%	%
Annual total return	9.31	(14.78)	21.02	(2.36)	0.67

(Launch date: 12 March 1998)

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.

MARKET REVIEW (1 JANUARY 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019)

For the financial year under review, the FBM100 Index declined by 2.88% from 11,443.61 points to 11,114.55 points.

FBM100 Index commenced 2019 with a rally and Ringgit Malaysia ("RM") strengthened to RM4.09 per United States Dollar ("USD") from RM4.13 in the previous month. Brent crude oil rose to USD61.89 per barrel, up by 15.03% month-on-month ("m-o-m"). On the external front, investors will continue to follow closely the latest developments on the ongoing US-China trade tensions, ongoing development of Brexit and negotiations on the US Federal Reserved (the "Fed") Government budget as the temporary bill to fund US Government spending will expire on 15 February 2019. Policy uncertainty continues to be the order of the day as the East Coast Railway Line ("ECRL") on-again, off-again saga plays out. As of now, there is still no conclusive decision on the said mega project and a gag order has been issued to avoid any further confusion and escalation of rift with the Chinese government. But the damage seems to have been done already. Business and consumer sentiment continued slipping for the second consecutive fourth quarter of 2018 ("4Q18").

FBM100 Index continued its rally along with FBM100 Index ended higher in February 2019 driven by higher Brent Crude Oil, which traded up 6.7% m-o-m to USD66.82 per barrel on supply constraints. In addition, sentiment in the local bourse was further lifted by announcement made the Communications and Multimedia Minister, which indicated there will not be further reductions in high speed broadband prices in 2019 and Fitch re-affirmed Malaysia's sovereign rating.

Positive news flow continues to buoy the construction sector as the revival of Bandar Malaysia project has lifted sentiment and expectation that the shelved High-Speed-Rail ("HSR") and Mass Rapid Transit Line 3 ("MRT3") projects may be revived soon. Sustained rebound in crude oil prices have also seen the revival of job flows to oil & gas service providers. Additionally, news that China had also recently agreed to purchase a minimum of 1.9 million metric tonnes of crude palm oil ("CPO") over 5 years' worth RM4.5 billion in addition to the earlier purchase contracts signed for 1.62 million metric tonnes for RM3.64 billion, provides additional boost to confidence that relationship with China has improved. Meanwhile on regulatory uncertainty, we believe risk is receding for telecommunication, airport and utilities sectors as much of the negatives have been priced in while the formalization of regulatory changes in the months to come would lift investors' sentiment.

However, FBM100 Index along with regional markets took a turn and was sold down after a statement by US President Donald Trump that there would not be a deal after all for US-China trade negotiation. The fall-out has resulted in global manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index ("PMI") falling into contraction for the first time since 2012. In addition to external factors, RM faced additional selling pressure as Malaysia may be dropped from the FTSE World Government Bond Index during September 2019 review.

MARKET REVIEW (1 JANUARY 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019) (CONTINUED)

After the sell-down in the month of May 2019, Malaysian equities benefitted from relief rally in June 2019 stemming from expectation of the Fed rate cuts and de-escalation of US-China trade war. Domestic factors which also helped to boost the market include dissipating concern over regulatory risk particularly for airport operator Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd ("MAHB") following the release of the latest consultation paper on the implementation of Regulatory Asset Base ("RAB") framework. We also observed improving investors' risk appetite for small and mid-cap stocks judging by FBM Small Cap ("FBMSCAP") Index's gain of 3.6% in June 2019.

However, the rally did not last whereby FBM100 Index shed 1.07% in July 2019 largely due to weak petrochemical and CPO prices as reflected by a weak second quarter of 2019 ("2Q19") earnings season. The breakdown in Axiata Group Bhd and Norway's Telenor SA ("Axiata-Telenor") merger talks added to the selling pressure in the month of September 2019. However, risk appetite returned on the back of easing US-China trade war concern, and the Fed further monetary easing. In addition, financial results from companies related to 5G, Internet-of-Things and oil and gas are showing signs of recoveries, hence, the outperformance of FBMSCAP Index as compared to FBM100 Index. The latter's underperformance was due to the facts that financials, telecommunications and petrochemical companies were still showing margin compressions.

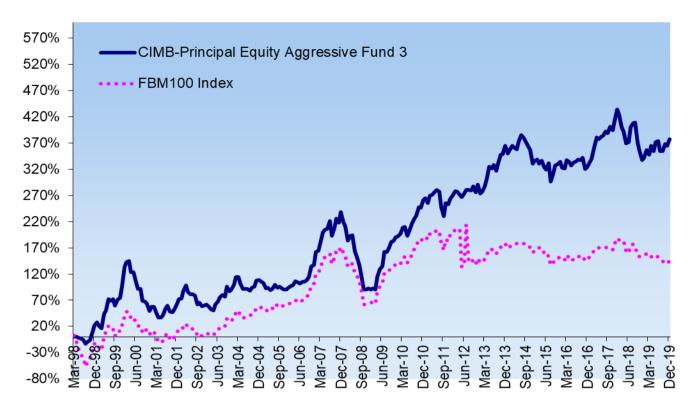
However, the rally was dented towards the end of November 2019 due to persisting concerns on US-China trade deal and ongoing civil unrest in Hong Kong. Furthermore, Malaysia along with other ASEAN markets were facing fund outflows in November 2019 due to Morgan Stanley Capital Index ("MSCI") rebalancing as the weightage for ASEAN was reduced to accommodate higher weighting for China and Saudi Arabia. In December 2019, FBM100 Index found a footing and gained 1.88% as the continued surge in CPO prices led to a 9.4% surge in the plantation index. Besides this, market sentiment was also buoyed by the Phase 1 trade deal between US and China.

FUND PERFORMANCE

	1 year to 31.12.2019	3 years to 31.12.2019	5 years to 31.12.2019	Since inception to 31.12.2019
	%	%	%	%
Income	4.52	4.52	4.52	4.52
Capital	4.58	7.84	6.00	356.98
Total Return	9.31	12.72	10.80	377.58
Benchmark	(2.88)	(0.67)	(5.91)	145.37
Average Total Return	9.31	4.07	2.07	7.43

For the financial year under review, the Fund's increased by 9.31%, while the benchmark declined by 2.88%. As such, the Fund outperformed its benchmark by 12.19%.

FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)



Changes in NAV

	31.12.2019	31.12.2018	Changes
			%
NAV (RM Million)	60.62	61.56	(1.53)
NAV/Unit (RM)	1.1414	1.0914	4.58

The NAV declined by 1.53% due to redemption, meanwhile NAV per unit gained 4.58% due to positive investment performance during the financial year under review.

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)	31.12.2019	31.12.2018
Quoted securities	97.83	80.53
Cash and other net assets	2.17	19.47
TOTAL	100.00	100.00

Asset allocation increased from 80.53% as at 31 December 2018 to 97.83% as at 31 December 2019 to capitalize on market opportunity during the financial year under review.

MARKET OUTLOOK*

Despite on-going trade tension, we expect growth to be sustained at a moderate rate going into 2020. This will be underpinned by more growth-oriented Budget 2020 such as higher fiscal deficit, resumption of mega infrastructure projects, and accommodative monetary policy. Externally, the rebound in PMI to 50 in December 2019 after hitting a low of 46.8 in December 2018 bodes well for exports outlook particularly in the electronics and electrical segment. Furthermore, the plantation sector will also be boosted by improving supply and demand dynamics which have led to CPO prices surging past RM3,000 per metric ton. Given a modest consensus earnings growth expectation of 7.3% in 2020, we believe earnings upside risks outweigh downside risks. While political and regulatory risks remain elevated, we do not believe that this will deteriorate further. Recent by election loss of the ruling government will potentially be the catalyst for more market friendly policies going forward.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

We believe earnings downside risk has narrowed significantly following recent cuts which is further supported by undemanding valuation now. As such, we take a barbell approach on high yield sectors like REITs and utilities and increasing on cyclical growth sectors like banks, plantation, oil and gas, and the technology sectors.

UNIT HOLDINGS STATISTICS

Breakdown of unit holdings by size as at 31 December 2019 are as follows:

Size of unit holdings (units)	No. of unit holders	No. of units held (million)	% of units held
5,000 and below	1,724	5.32	10.02
5,001 - 10,000	850	6.05	11.39
10,001 - 50,000	835	16.02	30.14
50,001 - 500,000	145	15.75	29.66
500,001 and above	4	9.97	18.79
Total	3,558	53.11	100.00

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES

Principal Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as CIMB-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 Trustee did not receive any rebates from the brokers or 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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STATEMENT BY MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF CIMB-PRINCIPAL EQUITY AGGRESSIVE FUND 3

We, being the Directors of Principal Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as CIMB-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 14 to 43 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 31 December 2019 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 ("IFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

For and on behalf of the Manager

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

(formerly known as CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad)

MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

JUAN IGNACIO EYZAGUIRRE BARAONA
Director

Kuala Lumpur 13 February 2020

TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF CIMB-PRINCIPAL EQUITY AGGRESSIVE FUND 3

We have acted as Trustee of CIMB-PRINCIPAL EQUITY AGGRESSIVE 3 ("the Fund") for the financial year ended 31 December 2019. To the best of our knowledge, Principal Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad) (the "Manager") has managed the Fund in the financial year under review in accordance with the following:

- 1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Manager under the deeds, securities laws and Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds;
- 2. The valuation or pricing of the Fund is carried out in accordance with the Deeds and relevant regulatory requirement; and
- 3. The creation and cancellation of units of the Fund are carried out in accordance with the Deeds and relevant regulatory requirement.

A total distribution of 5.00 sen per unit was declared to the unitholders of the Fund for the financial year under review.

We are of the view that the distribution is consistent with the objective and distribution policy of the Fund.

For Maybank Trustees Berhad

(Co. No.: 196301000109 (5004-P))

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Head, Operations

Kuala Lumpur 13 February 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF CIMB-PRINCIPAL EQUITY AGGRESSIVE FUND 3

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of CIMB-Principal Equity Aggressive Fund 3 (the "Fund") give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2019, 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 December 2019, 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 14 to 43.

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.

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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' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF CIMB-PRINCIPAL EQUITY AGGRESSIVE FUND 3 (CONTINUED)

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 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 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 has no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF CIMB-PRINCIPAL EQUITY AGGRESSIVE FUND 3 (CONTINUED)

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 judgement 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF CIMB-PRINCIPAL EQUITY AGGRESSIVE FUND 3 (CONTINUED)

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.

OTHER MATTERS

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

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS PLT LLP0014401-LCA & AF 1146 Chartered Accountants

Kuala Lumpur 13 February 2020

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 RM	2018 RM
INCOME/(LOSS)			
Dividend income		1,707,526	1,917,146
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions at amortised cost Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value		154,018	189,483
through profit or loss	8 _	5,350,912	(11,191,150)
		7,212,456	(9,084,521)
EXPENSES			
EXPENSES Management fee	4	1,140,970	1,320,611
Trustee's fee	5	51,970	57,108
Audit fee	J	13,600	13,400
Tax agent's fee		2,200	2,100
Transaction costs		481,505	576,402
Other expenses		21,884	72,009
	_	1,712,129	2,041,630
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		5,500,327	(11,126,151)
Taxation	7 _	<u>-</u>	146
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE			
FINANCIAL YEAR		5,500,327	(11,126,005)
Profit/(Loss) after taxation is made up as follows: Realised amount		1,822,564	(2,856,080)
Unrealised amount		3,677,763	(8,269,925)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 RM	2018 RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	1,783,637	9,947,744
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	59,309,698	49,569,912
Amount due from stockbrokers		8,777	2,329,134
Dividends receivable		34,768	82,894
TOTAL ASSETS	_ _	61,136,880	61,929,684
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to stockbrokers		229,083	247,039
Amount due to Manager		169,361	2,879
Accrued management fee		94,747	97,995
Amount due to Trustee		4,097	4,238
Other payables and accruals		17,200	19,862
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	514,488	372,013
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND	=	60,622,392	61,557,671
EQUITY			
Unit holders' capital		3,637,225	3,730,783
Retained earnings		56,985,167	57,826,888
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS	=	60,622,392	61,557,671
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)	10 _	53,108,132	56,398,186
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT	<u>-</u>	1.1414	1.0914

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		Unit holders' capital	Retained earnings	Total
	Note	RM	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 January 2019 Movement in unit holders' contributions:		3,730,783	57,826,888	61,557,671
- Creation of units from applications		1,149,141	-	1,149,141
- Creation of units from distribution		2,253,527	-	2,253,527
- Cancellation of units Total comprehensive income for the		(3,496,226)	(3,682,617)	(7,178,843)
financial year		-	5,500,327	5,500,327
Distribution	6	-	(2,659,431)	(2,659,431)
Balance as at 31 December 2019		3,637,225	56,985,167	60,622,392
Balance as at 1 January 2018 Movement in unit holders' contributions:		4,422,135	68,952,893	73,375,028
- Creation of units from applications		14,126,040	-	14,126,040
- Cancellation of units Total comprehensive loss for the		(14,817,392)	-	(14,817,392)
financial year		-	(11,126,005)	(11,126,005)
Balance as at 31 December 2018		3,730,783	57,826,888	61,557,671

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 RM	2018 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of quoted securities		84,381,636	96,795,416
Purchase of quoted securities		(86,949,614)	(89,109,815)
Dividend income received Interest income received from deposits with licensed		1,751,800	1,910,705
financial institutions		154,018	189,483
Management fee paid		(1,144,218)	(1,335,430)
Trustee's fee paid		(52,111)	(57,748)
Payments for other fees and expenses	-	(36,494)	(80,418)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	_	(1,894,983)	8,312,193
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash proceeds from units created		1,149,141	14,138,076
Payments for cancellation of units		(7,012,361)	(14,890,735)
Distribution paid	_	(405,904)	
Net cash used in financing activities	_	(6,269,124)	(752,659)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the		(8,164,107)	7,559,534
financial year	_	9,947,744	2,388,210
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	9 _	1,783,637	9,947,744
Cash and cash equivalents comprised of:			
Deposits with licensed financial institutions		1,665,513	9,843,870
Bank balance	_	118,124	103,874
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	9	1,783,637	9,947,744
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

CIMB-Principal Equity Aggressive Fund 3 (the "Fund") is governed by a Principal Master Deed dated 15 May 2008, a Fourth Supplemental Master Deed dated 18 March 2009, a Thirteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 26 June 2012 and an Eighteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 25 March 2015 (collectively referred to as the "Deeds") entered into between Principal Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad) (the "Manager") and Maybank Trustees Berhad (the "Trustee").

The Fund may invest between 70% to 98% (both inclusive) of the Fund's NAV in local equities and at least 2% of the Fund's NAV in liquid assets. The investment policy and strategy of the Fund will be to invest in stocks which are selected based on their future growth prospects. The investment strategy of the Fund will be predominantly based on bottom up stock selection instead of investing mainly in the stocks represented in the benchmark. In addition, liquid assets may also be strategically used if we feel that the market downside risk is high in the short term. The Fund may also invest at least 2% of the Fund's NAV in liquid assets.

The Fund will be managed with high tracking error. The investment strategy of the Fund will be predominantly based on bottom up stock selection instead of investing mainly in the stocks represented in the benchmark. Consequently, the Fund's individual stock and sector weightage will deviate significantly from the benchmark, thus leads to high tracking error. The strategy of the Fund includes utilizing liquid assets dynamically in the changing market conditions. For example, high level of cash holdings in the bearish market will result in higher tracking error as the cash positions helps minimize the degree of the decline in Fund's NAV as compared to the benchmark which have 100% exposure to the market downside.

All investments are subjected to the SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, 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 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 and IFRS.

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 assumptions 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 estimates and assumptions are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 2(j).

Standards, amendments to published standards or interpretations that are effective and relevant:

The Fund has applied the following amendments to published standard for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 January 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 annual periods beginning on 1 January 2019 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

There are no applicable standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that re effective for annual periods beginning on/after 1 January 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 Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from stockbrokers, and dividends receivable 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 stockbrokers, amount due to Manager, accrued management fee, amount due to Trustee, and other payables and accruals as other financial liabilities as financial liabilities subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on 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.

Quoted securities in Malaysia are valued at the last traded market price quoted on Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd ("Bursa Securities") at the date of the statement of financial position.

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 bases approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

Deposits with licensed financial institutions are stated at cost plus accrued interest calculated on the effective interest method over the period from the date of placement to the date of maturity of the respective deposits.

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

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. The Manager consider both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. The Manager consider 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 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.

Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions is recognised on a time proportionate basis using effective interest rate method on an accrual basis.

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Realised gain or loss on disposal of 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) 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 RM, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flow, cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and deposits held in highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amount of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(f) Taxation

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

(g) Amount due from/to stockbrokers

Amounts due from and to stockbrokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively. The due from stockbrokers balance is held for collection.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund measures the loss allowance on amounts due from stockbrokers at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses ("ECL") if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

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

(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, advisors, stockbrokers 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 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) 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 Unit Trust Funds.

However, the Manager is of the opinion that in applying these accounting policies, significant judgement was required.

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	Financial assets at fair value through	Financial assets at amortised	
	profit or loss	cost	Total
	RM	RM	RM
2019			
Cash and cash equivalents			
(Note 9)	-	1,783,637	1,783,637
Quoted securities (Note 8)	59,309,698	-	59,309,698
Amount due from stockbrokers	-	8,777	8,777
Dividends receivable	<u>-</u>	34,768	34,768
	59,309,698	1,827,182	61,136,880
2018			
Cash and cash equivalents			
(Note 9)	-	9,947,744	9,947,744
Quoted securities (Note 8)	49,569,912	-	49,569,912
Amount due from stockbrokers	-	2,329,134	2,329,134
Dividends receivable	-	82,894	82,894
	49,569,912	12,359,772	61,929,684

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

The investment objective of the Fund is to grow the value of investments over the long-term through investment in Malaysian shares.

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks which include market risk (inclusive of price risk and interest rate 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 Unit Trust Funds.

(a) Market risk

(i) Price risk

Price risk 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 interest rate 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 price risk is managed through diversification and selection of quoted securities and other financial instruments within specified limits according to the Deeds.

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

	2019	2018
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Quoted securities	59,309,698	49,569,912

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and NAV to movements in prices of quoted securities at the end of each reporting year. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the price of the quoted securities fluctuated by 5% with all other variables held constant. 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 price of quoted securities	Market value RM	Impact on profit or loss and NAV RM
2019		
-5%	56,344,213	(2,965,485)
0%	59,309,698	-
+5%	62,275,183	2,965,485
2018		
-5%	47,091,416	(2,478,496)
0%	49,569,912	-
+5%	52.048.408	2.478.496

(a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate is a general economic indicator that will have an impact on the management of the Fund.

Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Fund's exposure to fair value interest rate risk arises from investment in money market instruments. The interest rate risk is expected to be minimal as the Fund's investments comprise mainly short term deposits with approved licensed financial institutions.

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Fund is not exposed to cash flow interest rate risk as the Fund does not hold any financial instruments at variable interest rate.

The weighted average effective interest rate per annum is as follows:

	2019	2018
	%	%
Deposits with licensed financial		
institutions	3.30	3.61

As at the end of each financial year, the Fund is not exposed to a material level of interest rate risk.

(b) Credit risk

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

The credit risk arising from bank balance and placements of deposits in licensed financial institutions is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only place deposits in reputable licensed financial institutions.

For amount due from stockbrokers, the settlement terms are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by respective stock exchanges. The credit risk is minimal as all transactions in quoted securities are settled/paid upon delivery using approved stockbrokers.

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

0040	Cash and cash equivalents RM	Amount due from stockbrokers RM	Dividends receivable RM	Total RM
2019				
- AAA	1,003,284	-	-	1,003,284
- AA2	780,353	-	-	780,353
 Not Rated 		8,777	34,768	43,545
	1,783,637	8,777	34,768	1,827,182
	RM	RM	RM	RM
2018				
- AAA	9,947,744	-	-	9,947,744
- Not Rated		2,329,134	82,894	2,412,028
	9,947,744	2,329,134	82,894	12,359,772

Deposits with licensed financial institutions of the Fund have an average maturity of 2 days (2018: 3 days).

(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 and deposits with licensed financial institutions, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 business days. Generally, all investments are subject to a certain degree of liquidity risk depending on the nature of the investment instruments, market, sector and other factors. For the purpose of the Fund, the Manager will attempt to balance the entire portfolio by investing in a mix of assets with satisfactory trading volume and those that occasionally could encounter poor liquidity. 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.

		Between	
	Less than 1	1 month to	
	month	1 year	Total
	RM	RM	RM
2019			
Amount due to stockbrokers	229,083	-	229,083
Amount due to Manager	169,361	-	169,361
Accrued management fee	94,747	-	94,747
Amount due to Trustee	4,097	-	4,097
Other payables and accruals		17,200	17,200
Contractual undiscounted			
cash flows	497,288	17,200	514,488
2018			
Amount due to stockbrokers	247,039	-	247,039
Amount due to Manager	2,879	-	2,879
Accrued management fee	97,995	-	97,995
Amount due to Trustee	4,238	-	4,238
Other payables and accruals		19,862	19,862
Contractual undiscounted			
cash flows	352,151	19,862	372,013

(d) Capital risk management

The capital of the fund is represented by equity consisting of unit holders' capital of RM3,637,225 (2018: RM3,730,783) and retained earnings of RM56,985,167 (2018: RM57,826,888). 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 market 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 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.

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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 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
2019				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted securities	59,309,698			59,309,698
2018				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
 Quoted securities 	49,569,912			49,569,912

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. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets are stated in Note 2(b).

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

4. MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with Deeds, the Manager is entitled to a maximum management fee of 2.00% per annum, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2019, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.85% per annum (2018: 1.85% per annum).

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

5. TRUSTEE'S FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to a maximum management fee of 0.08% per annum, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund. The Trustee's fee includes the local custodian fee but excludes the foreign sub-custodian fee (if any).

For the financial year ended 31 December 2019, the Trustee's fee is recognised at the rate of 0.08% per annum (2018: 0.08% per annum).

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

6. DISTRIBUTION

Distributions to unit holders are derived from the following sources:

	2019 RM	2018 RM
Dividend income Interest income from deposits with licensed financial	38,022	-
Institutions	4,109	-
Net realised loss on sale of investments	(23,270)	-
Prior financial years' realised income	2,681,649	-
·	2,700,510	-
Less:		
Expenses	(41,079)	-
Net distribution amount	2,659,431	-
Distribution on 23 August 2019 Gross/Net distribution per unit (sen)	5.00	
Gross/Net distribution per unit (sen)	5.00	

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 expenses, 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 unrealised losses of RM8,269,925 arising for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

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7. TAXATION

Taxation

	2019 RM	2018 RM
Tax charged for the financial year: - Overprovision of prior tax		(146)
A numerical reconciliation between the profit/(loss) before statutory income tax rate and tax expense of the Fund is		d by the Malaysian
	2019 RM	2018 RM
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	5,500,327	(11,126,151)
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2018: 24%) Tax effects of:	1,320,078	(2,670,276)
 (Income not subject to tax)/Loss not deductible for tax purposes 	(1,730,989)	2,180,284
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	130,526	159,902
 Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Fund 	280,385	330,090
- Overprovision of prior tax		(146)

8. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

			2019 RM	2018 RM
At fair value through profit or - Quoted securities	· loss:	5	59,309,698	49,569,912
Net gain/(loss) on financial a	assets at fair valu	ue through		
 Realised gain/(loss) on dis Unrealised fair value gain/ 			1,673,149 3,677,763 5,350,912	(2,921,225) (8,269,925) (11,191,150)
Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
2019 QUOTED SECURITIES				
Construction				
Gamuda Bhd	32,600	123,857	127,140	0.21
IJM Corporation Bhd	136,300	303,409	295,771	0.49
	168,900	427,266	422,911	0.70
Consumer Products & Services				
Bermaz Auto Bhd	629,300	1,424,717	1,321,530	2.18
DRB-Hicom Bhd	752,100	1,640,947	1,789,998	2.95
Genting Malaysia Bhd	646,100	2,650,552	2,125,669	3.51
	2,027,500	5,716,216	5,237,197	8.64
Energy Dayang Enterprise				
Holdings Bhd	854,600	1,923,861	2,145,046	3.54
Dialog Group Bhd	409,100	1,097,454	1,411,395	2.33
Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd	1,467,800	1,350,572	1,379,732	2.28
Sapura Energy Bhd Serba Dinamik Holdings Bhd	5,721,800 215,880	1,752,701 373,213	1,544,886 474,936	2.55 0.78
Wah Seong Corporation	210,000	070,210	474,000	0.70
Bhd	998,500	1,093,105	1,198,200	1.98
Yinson Holdings Bhd	316,600	1,628,521	2,051,568	3.38
	9,984,280	9,219,427	10,205,763	16.84
Financial Services				
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	1,091,208	6,003,255	5,619,721	9.27
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	135,300	2,232,776	2,340,690	3.86
Malayan Banking Bhd	592,213	5,454,357	5,116,720	8.44
Public Bank Bhd	216,100	4,418,037	4,200,984	6.93
RHB Bank Bhd	155,657	878,429	899,697	1.48
	2,190,478	18,986,854	18,177,812	29.98

Name of counter 2019 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
Health Care				
Duopharma Biotech Bhd	431,001	481,617	612,021	1.01
Top Glove Corporation Bhd	60,800	291,005	285,760	0.47
	491,801	772,622	897,781	1.48
Industrial Products & Services Chemical Company				
Malaysia Bhd Petronas Chemicals Group	325,233	685,438	400,037	0.66
Bhd Press Metal Aluminium	81,000	684,730	595,350	0.98
Holding Bhd	225,200	1,091,310	1,047,180	1.73
Uchi Technologies Bhd	107,400	310,807	298,572	0.49
	738,833	2,772,285	2,341,139	3.86
Plantation FGV Holdings Bhd	487,200	2,158,121	2,245,992	3.70
IOI Corporation Bhd	66,000	1,450,523	1,636,800	2.70
Sime Darby Plantation Bhd	554,000	2,873,892	3,019,300	4.98
•	1,107,200	6,482,536	6,902,092	11.38
Property Malaysian Resources	990,900	897,939	723,357	1.19
Corporation Bhd	·	·	·	
Sime Darby Property Bhd	537,600	422,035	491,904	0.81
SP Setia Bhd	402,500 1,931,000	562,011 1,881,985	<u>644,000</u> 1,859,261	1.06 3.06
REIT	1,931,000	1,001,905	1,009,201	3.00
Axis REIT	603,900	1,101,543	1,068,903	1.76
Technology D&O Green Technologies				
Bhd	1,620,000	1,217,093	1,377,000	2.27
Inari Amertron Bhd	156,500	324,393	266,050	0.44
I-STONE Group Bhd	594,547	100,068	145,664	0.24
JHM Consolidation Bhd Pentamaster Corporation	1,078,100	1,263,160	1,800,427	2.97
Bhd	258,602	404,520	1,174,053	1.94
	3,707,749	3,309,234	4,763,194	7.86

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
2019 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
Telecommunications & Media Astro Malaysia Holdings				
Bhd	1,107,200	1,737,950	1,406,144	2.32
Axiata Group Bhd	438,884	1,998,015	1,816,980	3.00
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	163,000	620,285	622,660	1.03
·	1,709,084	4,356,250	3,845,784	6.35
Transportation & Logistics Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd	51 200	201 126	290 990	0.64
БПС	51,300	391,136	389,880	0.64
Utilities				
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	241,175	3,330,327	3,197,981	5.28
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	24,953,200	58,747,681	59,309,698	97.83
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		562,017		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		59,309,698		

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Market value	Percentage of NAV
	Units	RM	RM	%
2018				
QUOTED SECURITIES				
Construction				
Econpile Holdings Bhd	909,300	576,571	350,080	0.57
Gabungan AQRS Bhd	180,900	277,640	154,670	0.25
Gamuda Bhd	150,800	516,889	352,872	0.57
Muhibbah Engineering				
(Malaysia) Bhd	197,800	564,900	551,862	0.90
Sunway Construction Group Bhd	194,000	444,825	258,020	0.42
Vizione Holdings Bhd	57,628	55,157	49,272	0.42
Vizione i loidings Brid	1,690,428	2,435,982	1,716,776	2.79
	1,090,420	2,435,962	1,710,770	2.19
Consumer Products & Services				
Aeon Co. (Malaysia) Bhd	367,900	714,292	540,813	0.88
AirAsia Group Bhd	210,800	596,787	626,076	1.02
Berjaya Food Bhd	97,600	169,183	136,640	0.22
Bermaz Auto Bhd	252,000	569,893	541,800	0.88
Bioalpha Holdings Bhd	617,300	139,755	129,633	0.21
British American				
Tobacco Bhd	38,200	1,200,028	1,378,256	2.24
DRB-Hicom Bhd	155,200	316,334	263,840	0.43
Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd	12 200	400 760	442 200	0.72
	13,200 69,800	428,760 585,549	442,200 425,780	0.72 0.69
Genting Bhd Genting Malaysia Bhd	584,500	2,665,817	1,765,190	2.87
Kawan Food Bhd	4,800	10,249	9,168	0.01
Magni-Tech Industries	4,000	10,249	9,100	0.01
Bhd	74,100	444,310	296,400	0.48
Mynews Holdings Bhd	135,400	199,939	203,100	0.33
Padini Holdings Bhd	95,300	428,929	334,503	0.54
Power Root Bhd	235,200	333,230	324,576	0.53
QL Resources Bhd	105,500	450,427	718,455	1.17
Sime Darby Bhd	531,800	1,395,880	1,276,320	2.07
UMW Holdings Bhd	87,400	425,961	478,078	0.78
_	3,676,000	11,075,323	9,890,828	16.07
Energy				
Dialog Group Bhd	611,700	1,431,764	1,902,387	3.09
Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd	680,700	680,722	571,788	0.93
Serba Dinamik Holdings Bhd	120,500	414,984	455,490	0.74
Uzma Bhd	512,400	578,806	294,630	0.48
Yinson Holdings Bhd	214,500	763,324	900,900	1.46
raison riolaings blia	2,139,800	3,869,600	4,125,195	6.70
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Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
2018 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
Financial Services				
Bursa Malaysia Bhd	45,500	359,159	311,220	0.50
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	436,963	2,571,031	2,495,059	4.05
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	31,500	651,971	642,600	1.04
Hong Leong Financial	00.400	4 404 040	4 474 400	4.00
Group Bhd	63,100	1,161,040	1,171,136	1.90
Malayan Banking Bhd	325,413	3,152,572	3,091,424	5.02
Public Bank Bhd	142,800	3,203,741	3,535,728	5.74
	1,045,276	11,099,514	11,247,167	18.25
Health Care				
CCM Duopharma Biotech Bhd	495,952	553,671	471,154	0.77
Hartalega Holdings Bhd	140,800	810,693	864,512	1.40
IHH Healthcare Bhd	110,200	560,795	593,978	0.96
Kossan Rubber Industries	110,200	000,700	000,070	0.00
Bhd	56,700	245,962	246,078	0.40
KPJ Healthcare Bhd	554,100	591,125	576,264	0.94
Top Glove Corporation				
Bhd	175,800	936,046	984,480	1.60
	1,533,552	3,698,292	3,736,466	6.07
Industrial Products & Services				
ATA IMS Bhd	305,300	464,810	503,745	0.82
Chemical Co. Malaysia	000,000	10 1,0 10	000,1 10	0.02
Bhd	353,333	744,659	632,466	1.03
EG Industries Bhd	288,500	151,727	141,365	0.23
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Preference Shares	347,162	164,902	164,902	0.27
HSS Engineers Bhd	50,000	45,170	43,000	0.07
Pecca Group Bhd Petronas Chemicals	302,300	262,007	222,191	0.36
Group Bhd	203,800	1,549,238	1,893,302	3.07
Rohas Tecnic Bhd	307,600	413,813	209,168	0.34
Success Transformer	307,000	410,010	200,100	0.04
Corporation Bhd	672,800	1,103,008	349,856	0.57
Sunway Bhd	127,900	206,092	188,013	0.30
Uchi Technologies Bhd	159,100	460,422	404,114	0.66
V.S. Industry Bhd	451,100	837,650	329,303	0.53
V.S. Industry Bhd -			_	
Warrant	953,375	447,110	4,767	0.01
	4,522,270	6,850,608	5,086,192	8.26

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
2018 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
Technology Frontken Corporation				
Bhd Globetronics Technology	1,744,300	734,082	1,229,731	2.00
Bhd	452,400	1,015,720	791,700	1.29
Inari Amertron Bhd Inari Amertron Bhd –	532,750	1,079,771	799,125	1.30
Warrant	35,800	49,848	34,726	0.06
JHM Consolidation Bhd MI Equipment Holding	619,600	663,622	526,660	0.86
Bhd	468,700	731,037	1,049,888	1.71
My E.G. Services Bhd Pentamaster Corporation	281,000	323,302	273,975	0.45
Bhd	451,168	1,003,554	1,240,712	2.02
Revenue Group Bhd	221,700	138,732	303,729	0.49
Unisem (Malaysia) Bhd	7,400	23,235	24,272	0.04
Vitrox Corporation Bhd	47,500	304,097	298,775	0.49
	4,862,318	6,067,000	6,573,293	10.71
Telecommunications & Media				
Axiata Group Bhd	316,443	1,348,108	1,243,621	2.02
Transportation & Logistics Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd	169,000	1,464,968	1,416,220	2.30
Malaysian Pacific Industries Bhd	9,000	97,508	89,550	0.15
Malaysian Resources				
Corporation Bhd	338,600	283,016	208,239	0.34
MISC Bhd	36,200	220,235	242,540	0.39
	552,800	2,065,727	1,956,549	3.18
Utilities Taliworks Corporation				
Bhd	471,500	355,740	372,485	0.60
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	266,275	3,819,764	3,621,340	5.88
	737,775	4,175,504	3,993,825	6.48

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggreg ate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
2018 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	21,076,662	52,685,658	49,569,912	80.53
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR				
VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		(3,115,746)		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		49,569,912		
CASH AND CASH EQUIV	/ALENTS			
			2019 RM	2018 RM
Deposits with licensed fina	ancial institutions	1,	,665,513	9,843,870
Bank balances			118,124	103,874
		1,	,783,637	9,947,744
NUMBER OF UNITS IN C	IRCULATION (UNI	TS)		
			2019	2018
		No.	of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the fina	ancial year	56,	398,186	57,292,431
Add: Creation of units from	• •		015,223	10,979,632
Add: Creation of units from			037,732	<u>-</u>
Less: Cancellation of units			343,009)	(11,873,877)
At the end of the financial	year	53,	108,132	56,398,186

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11. MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO ("MER")

	2019	2018
	%	%
MER	1.99	2.03
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MER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A = Management fee
B = Trustee's fee
C = Audit fee

D = Tax agent's fee

E = Other expenses excluding withholding tax on dividend F = 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 RM61,673,270 (2018: RM71,422,790).

12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	2019	2018	
PTR (times)	1.37	1.30	

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

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

where:

total acquisition for the financial year = RM86,688,964 (2018: RM87,463,813) total disposal for the financial year = RM82,300,090 (2018: RM97,960,309)

13. 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 (formerly known as CIMB-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 Financial Group Inc., other than above, as disclosed in its financial statements

Fellow subsidiary and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of

shareholder of the Manager

CIMB Group Holdings Bhd Ultimate holding company of shareholder of

the Manager

CIMB Group Sdn Bhd Shareholder of the Manager

Subsidiaries and associates of CIMB Group Holdings Bhd, other than above, as disclosed in its financial statements Fellow subsidiary and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of the

shareholder of the Manager

CIMB Bank Bhd Fellow related party to the Manager

CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd Fellow related party to the Manager

CIMB Investment Bank Bhd Fellow related party to the Manager

Units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager

	2019			2018	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM	
Principal Asset Management Berhad					
(formerly known as CIMB-Principal					
Asset Management Berhad)	434	495	191	208	

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

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

In addition to the 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.

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

	2019 RM	2018 RM
Significant related party transactions		
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions:		
- CIMB Bank Bhd	13,049	2,668
- CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	833	
Dividend income		
- CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	242,384	152,382
Cash placement with licensed financial institutions:		
- CIMB Bank Bhd	34,942,000	10,442,000
- CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	2,061,000	
Significant related party balance		
Bank balance:		
- CIMB Bank Bhd	118,124	103,874

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for financial year ended 31 December 2019 are as follows:

Brokers	Value of trades RM	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage fees RM	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd	23,388,219	13.86	50,078	14.74
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	22,209,342	13.16	50,146	14.76
Macquarie Capital Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	21,840,014	12.94	41,882	12.33
UBS Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	18,624,979	11.03	28,972	8.53
KAF Securities Sdn Bhd	16,604,191	9.84	37,512	11.04
CLSA Securities Malaysia Sdn Bhd	16,592,482	9.83	31,457	9.26
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd	15,033,089	8.91	33,932	9.99
JP Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn	14,504,718	8.59	22,668	6.67
Bhd #	8,114,208	4.81	17,386	5.12
Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd	4,343,987	2.57	9,979	2.94
Others	7,530,180	4.46	15,691	4.62
	168,785,409	100.00	339,703	100.00

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS (CONTINUED)

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for financial year ended 31 December 2018 are as follows:

Brokers	Value of trades	Percent age of total trades	Broker age fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
	RM	%	RM	%
CLSA Securities Malaysia				
Sdn Bhd	22,081,184	12.35	49,737	11.90
CIMB Investment Bank Bhd #	21,058,877	11.78	47,763	11.42
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	19,802,121	11.07	46,621	11.15
JP Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	18,411,530	10.30	41,841	10.01
Macquarie Capital Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	18,404,681	10.29	41,767	9.99
Credit Suisse Securities	, ,		,	
(Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	16,311,901	9.12	37,024	8.85
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd	15,862,927	8.87	49,323	11.80
Maybank Investment Bank	10,002,021	0.07	10,020	11.00
Bhd	15,346,302	8.58	36,115	8.64
KAF Securities Sdn Bhd	14,310,126	8.00	32,364	7.74
Hong Leong Investment Bank				
Bhd	9,666,989	5.41	17,332	4.15
Others	7,572,178	4.23	18,245	4.35
	178,828,816	100.00	418,132	100.00

[#] Included in the transactions are trades conducted with CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd and CIMB Investment Bank Bhd, fellow related parties to the Manager amounting to RM8,114,298 (2018: Nil) and Nil (2018: RM21,058,877) respectively. 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.

15. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 13 February 2020.

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