PRINCIPAL CHINA NEW ENERGY INNOVATION FUND
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 26 AUGUST 2024 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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**DIRECTORY** 

### **INVESTORS' LETTER**

Dear Valued Investor,

Greetings from Principal Asset Management Berhad ("Principal Malaysia") and thank you for investing with us!

We are pleased to bring you a copy of the Annual Fund Report of the Principal China New Energy Innovation Fund for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025. You may also download this report from our website at <a href="https://www.principal.com.my">www.principal.com.my</a>.

We are proud of our 2025 achievements, made possible by your trust. These include being recognised as Asset Management Company of the Year (Malaysia) by The Asset Triple A Sustainable Investing Awards, receiving EPF's Best International Equity Fund Manager award for our MSCI EM Latin America performance, and sweeping various categories at the LSEG Lipper Fund Awards 2025.

Adding to this impressive roster, we were honoured to receive three prestigious awards at Alpha Southeast Asia's 16th Fund Management Awards 2025 and clinched seven awards at the FSMOne Recommended Unit Trusts Awards Ceremony 2025/26, further cementing our commitment to delivering exceptional investment solutions.

Building on our recent achievements, Principal Malaysia was the recipient of over 30 prestigious awards throughout 2024, spanning categories from fund performance and asset management excellence to ESG leadership and digital innovation. For the complete list of awards, please visit: <a href="https://www.principal.com.my/en/awards-recognition/my">https://www.principal.com.my/en/awards-recognition/my</a>

Digital innovation is central to our strategy, as we use data and technology to develop the right solutions for you. We will continue to advance our digital capabilities to provide easy access to your investment portfolio and enable you to carry out transactions seamlessly. Please continue to check out our website, like our Facebook page (@PrincipalMalaysia), follow us on our Instagram account (@principalmalaysia), and LinkedIn page (Principal Malaysia) for the latest updates, market insights and investment articles.

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

Yours faithfully,

for Principal Asset Management Berhad

### Munirah Khairuddin

Chief Executive Officer & Head of Principal Asset Management Berhad (Group of Companies), and Managing Director Strategic Distribution & Institutional Client Relations (Southeast Asia & Global Shariah)

Non-Independent Executive Director

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

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

## What is the investment objective of the Fund?

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income through investments in one collective investment scheme ("CIS") which invests primarily in listed companies related to the new energy industry.

## Has the Fund achieved its objective?

The Fund is in line to achieve its long-term objective to achieve capital appreciation as stated in the investment objective section.

## What are the Fund investment policy and principal investment strategy?

The Fund is a feeder fund that invests into a single CIS, i.e. CCB Principal China New Energy Innovation Fund ("Target Fund"). The Fund may also invest in liquid assets for liquidity purposes. Information on the Target Fund is detailed below.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- at least 96% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in CCB Principal China New Energy Innovation Fund; and
- up to 4% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purposes and derivatives for the sole purpose of hedging arrangement.

## Information on the Target Fund:

Management Company: Principal Global Investors (Ireland) Limited.

Manager: Principal Global Investors, LLC.

Regulatory Authority: Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong.

## **Base Currency**

US Dollar ("USD")

# Fund category/type

Feeder Fund / Growth & income

# When was the Fund launched?

Name of Class	Launch Date
Class AUD-Hedged ("AUD-H")	26 August 2024
Class D	26 August 2024
Class GBP-Hedged ("GBP-H")	26 August 2024
Class MYR	26 August 2024
Class MYR-Hedged ("MYR-H")	26 August 2024
Class RMB-Hedged ("RMB-H")	26 August 2024
Class SGD-Hedged ("SGD-H")	26 August 2024
Class USD	26 August 2024

## What was the size of the Fund as at 30 September 2025?

USD1.17 million (3.81 million units)

## What is the Fund's benchmark?

The Fund adheres to the benchmark of the Target Fund, i.e. CSI New Energy Index for performance comparison purpose only.

## What is the Fund distribution policy?

Given its investment objective, the Fund is not expected to pay any distribution.

# FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY (CONTINUED)

What was the net income distribution for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025?

There was no distribution made for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025.

# **PERFORMANCE DATA**

- Class MYR

Details of portfolio composition of the Fund for the first audited financial period were as follows:

Collective investment scheme Cash and other assets Liabilities	30.09.2025 % 77.37 45.98 (23.35) 100.00
Performance details of the Fund for the audited financial period were as follows:	
	30.09.2025
NAV (USD Million) - Class AUD-H - Class D - Class GBP-H - Class MYR - Class MYR-H - Class RMB-H - Class SGD-H - Class USD Units in circulation (Million)	0.00* 0.44 0.00* 0.56 0.16 0.00* 0.00*
<ul> <li>Class AUD-H</li> <li>Class D</li> <li>Class GBP-H</li> <li>Class MYR</li> <li>Class MYR-H</li> <li>Class RMB-H</li> <li>Class SGD-H</li> <li>Class USD</li> </ul>	0.00* 1.44 0.00* 1.85 0.51 0.00* 0.00*
NAV per unit (USD) - Class AUD-H - Class D - Class GBP-H - Class MYR - Class MYR-H - Class RMB-H - Class SGD-H - Class USD	0.8431 0.3041 1.7370 0.3043 0.3035 0.1760 0.9870 1.3087
Highest NAV per unit (USD)	26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025
<ul><li>Class AUD-H</li><li>Class D</li><li>Class GBP-H</li></ul>	0.8341 0.3041 1.7370

0.3043

# PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Performance details of the Fund for the audited financial period were as follows (continued):

	26.08.2024
	(date of launch) to 30.09.2025
Highest NAV per unit (USD) (continued)	10 00.00.2020
- Class MYR-H	0.3035
- Class RMB-H	0.1760
- Class SGD-H	0.9870
- Class USD	1.3087
Lowest NAV per unit (USD)	
- Class AUD-H	-
- Class D	-
- Class GBP-H	-
- Class MYR	0.1926
- Class MYR-H	-
- Class RMB-H	-
- Class SGD-H	-
- Class USD	-
Total return (%)	
- Class AUD-H	26.41
- Class D	30.30
- Class GBP-H	27.23
- Class MYR	30.20
- Class MYR-H	26.31
- Class RMB-H	23.30
- Class SGD-H	24.92
- Class USD	27.59
Capital growth (%)	
- Class AUD-H	26.41
- Class D	30.30
- Class GBP-H	27.23
- Class MYR	30.20
- Class MYR-H	26.31
- Class RMB-H	23.30
- Class SGD-H	24.92
- Class USD	27.59
Income distribution (%)	
- Class AUD-H	-
- Class D	-
- Class GBP-H	-
- Class MYR	-
- Class MYR-H	-
- Class RMB-H	-
- Class SGD-H	-
- Class USD	-

Note: 0.00\* denotes unit count less than 0.01 million.

## PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025

Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%)

2.03

Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #

1.94

# The PTR for the fund stood at 1.94 times during the period under review, the turnover reflects the investments and withdrawals in the target fund.

	Since inception to 30.09.2025 %
Annual total return	
- Class AUD-H	25.77
- Class D	26.70
- Class GBP-H	27.46
- Class MYR	26.45
- Class MYR-H	26.11
- Class RMB-H	24.15
- Class SGD-H	25.71
- Class USD	29.27

(Launch date: 26 August 2024)

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 period have been extracted from Lipper.

## MARKET REVIEW (26 AUGUST 2024 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025)

China's new energy sector experienced notable expansion, supported by rising deployment of renewable technologies and infrastructure upgrades. Solar and wind power continued to lead capacity additions, with increased integration into the national grid. Energy storage systems, particularly lithium-based solutions, saw wider adoption, helping to balance supply variability and improve grid reliability. The sector also benefited from advancements in power electronics and grid management, which enabled more efficient transmission and distribution of renewable energy.

Market activity was shaped by a combination of domestic policy measures and external economic conditions. While long-term structural support remained intact, short-term fluctuations were observed due to shifts in global commodity prices and changes in trade dynamics. Manufacturing and supply chain operations adapted to these pressures, with production volumes remaining stable across key components such as photovoltaic modules and battery materials. The sector also saw increased digitalisation, with smart grid technologies and data-driven energy management systems gaining prominence.

Technological innovation played a central role in driving performance across the sector. Developments in high-efficiency solar cells, offshore wind platforms, and next-generation storage solutions contributed to improved cost competitiveness and scalability. Environmental compliance and lifecycle sustainability became more prominent considerations, influencing design and deployment practices. The overall market reflected a transition toward integrated energy systems capable of supporting China's broader decarbonisation and electrification goals.

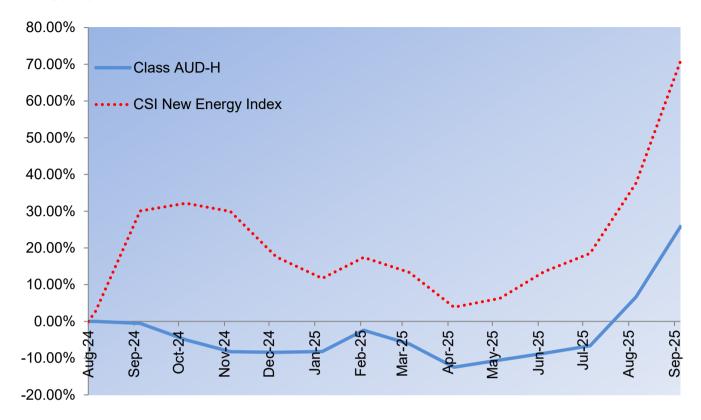
## **FUND PERFORMANCE**

	Since inception to 30.09.2025
Income Distribution	
- Class AUD-H	-
- Class D	-
- Class GBP-H - Class MYR	_
- Class MYR-H	
- Class RMB-H	_
- Class SGD-H	-
- Class USD	-
Capital Growth	0
- Class AUD-H	25.77
- Class D - Class GBP-H	26.70 27.46
- Class MYR	26.45
- Class MYR-H	26.11
- Class RMB-H	24.15
- Class SGD-H	25.71
- Class USD	29.27
Total Return	
- Class AUD-H	25.77
- Class D - Class GBP-H	26.70 27.46
- Class MYR	26.45
- Class MYR-H	26.11
- Class RMB-H	24.15
- Class SGD-H	25.71
- Class USD	29.27
Benchmark	70.70
- Class AUD-H	70.79
- Class D - Class GBP-H	65.33 70.79
- Class MYR	65.33
- Class MYR-H	70.79
- Class RMB-H	70.79
- Class SGD-H	70.79
- Class USD	70.79
Average Total Return	00.07
- Class AUD-H	23.27
- Class D - Class GBP-H	24.10 24.78
- Class MYR	23.88
- Class MYR-H	23.58
- Class RMB-H	21.82
- Class SGD-H	23.22
- Class USD	26.40

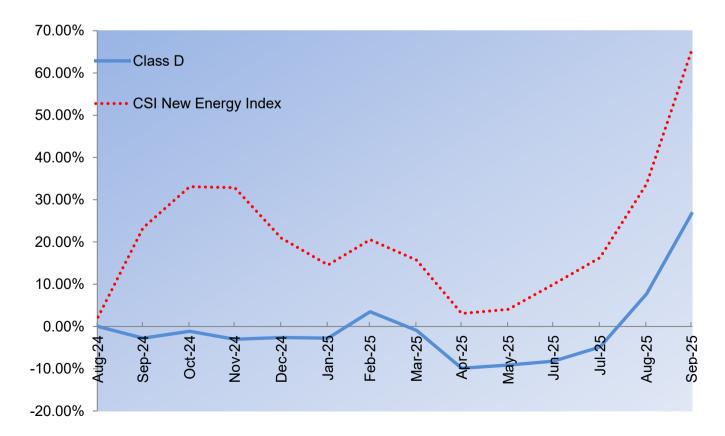
During the financial period under review, the fund returned positively for all share classes, Class AUD-H, Class D, Class GBP-H, Class MYR, Class MYR-H, Class RMB-H, Class SGD-H, and Class USD increased by 25.77%, 26.70%, 27.46%, 26.45%, 26.11%, 24.15%, 25.71%, and 29.27% respectively.

## **Since Inception**

# **CLASS AUD-H**

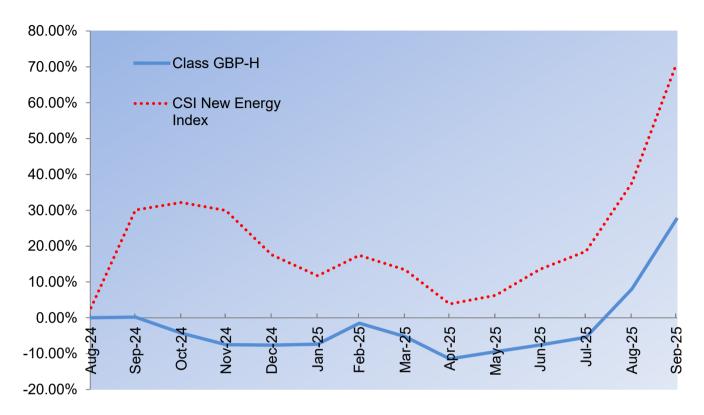


# **CLASS D**

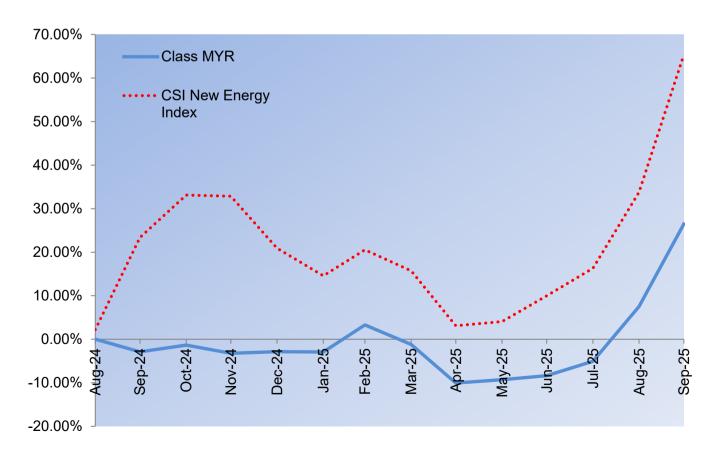


## Since Inception (continued)

# **CLASS GPB-H**

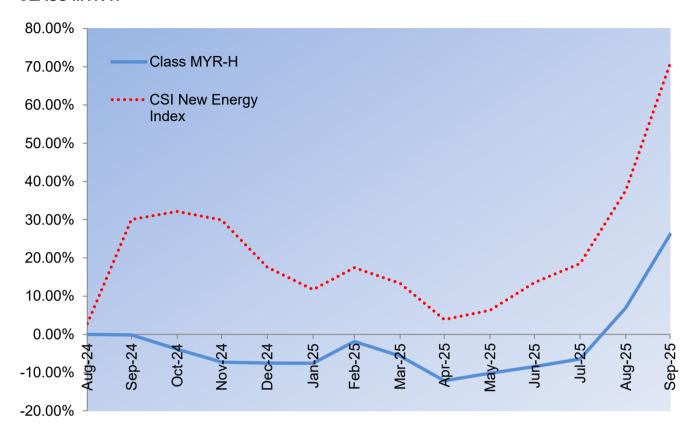


# **CLASS MYR**

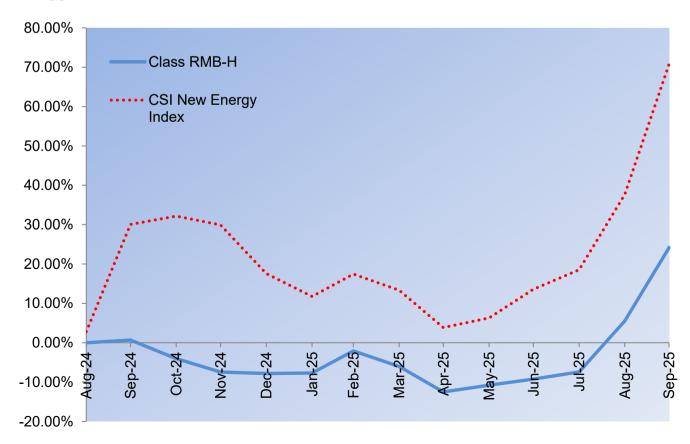


## Since Inception (continued)

# **CLASS MYR-H**

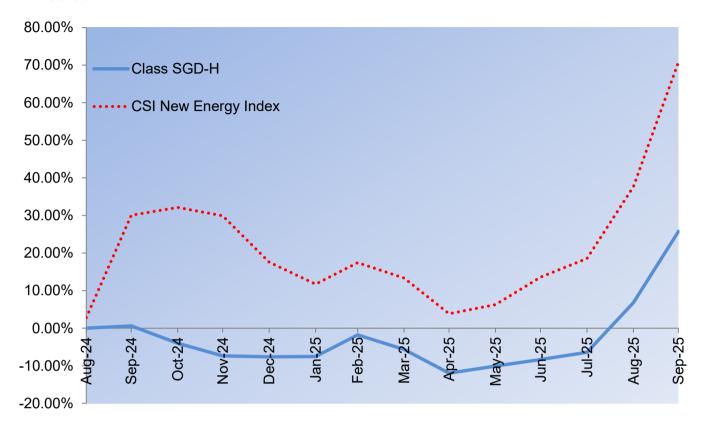


# **CLASS RMB-H**

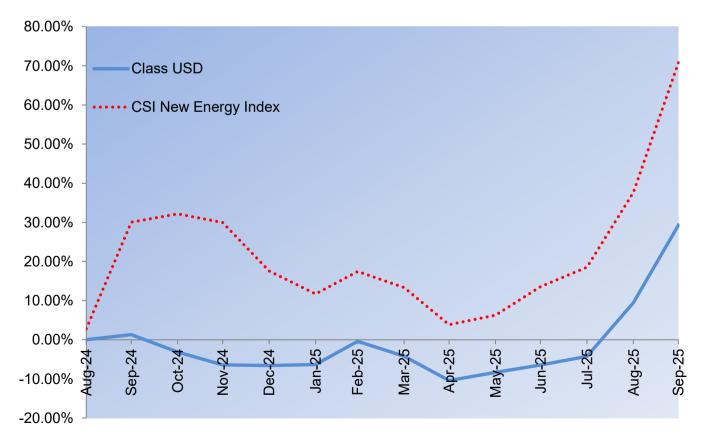


# Since Inception (continued)

# **CLASS SGD-H**



# **CLASS USD**



## **Changes in NAV**

	30.09.2025
CLASS AUD-H NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.00* 0.8431
CLASS D NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.44 0.3041
CLASS GBP-H NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.00* 1.7370
CLASS MYR NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.56 0.3043
CLASS MYR-H NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.16 0.3035
CLASS RMB-H NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.00* 0.1760
CLASS SGD-H NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.00* 0.9870
CLASS USD NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.01 1.3087

Note: 0.00\* denotes amount count less than USD0.01 million.

During the financial period under review, the fund's NAV for Class AUD-H, Class GBP-H, Class RMB-H, and Class SGD-H remain unchanged. The NAV for Class D, Class MYR, Class MYR-H, Class USD stood at USD0.44 million, USD0.56 million, USD0.16 million, and USD0.01 million, respectively.

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 period have been extracted from Lipper.

#### PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

### **Asset allocation**

(% of NAV)	30.09.2025
Collective investment scheme	77.37
Cash and other assets	45.98
Liabilities	(23.35)
TOTAL	100.00

The Fund was fully invested during the financial period under review. A minimal level of liquid assets was maintained primarily for redemption purposes.

Top 10 holdings of the Target Fund for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025:

Top 10 holdings *	% of NAV
	30.09.2025
Contemporary Amperex Technology	9.30
Sungrow Power Supply Co Ltd	7.30
Shenzhen Envicool Technology Co Ltd	5.30
Ningbo Orient Wires & Cables Co Ltd	5.20
Zhejiang Sanhua Intelligent Controls	4.50
Shijiazhuang Shangtai Technology	4.10
CMOC Group Limited	3.20
Guangzhou Tinci Materials Technology	3.20
Hunan Yuneng New Energy Battery Material	3.00
WUS Printed Circuit (Kunshan) Co Ltd	3.00

#### **MARKET OUTLOOK\***

The China new energy sector is expected to remain active, with continued emphasis on scaling renewable capacity and improving energy infrastructure. Expansion in solar and wind installations is likely to persist, supported by grid enhancements and broader electrification efforts. Energy storage technologies are anticipated to play a larger role, particularly in balancing supply-demand dynamics and enabling more flexible grid operations. The sector may also benefit from further integration of digital technologies, such as smart grid systems and Al-driven energy management, which could enhance operational efficiency and system responsiveness.

External factors, including global commodity trends and macroeconomic shifts, may introduce volatility, but domestic policy support is expected to provide a stabilising influence. Manufacturing activity across clean energy components is likely to remain robust, with ongoing innovation in materials and system design contributing to cost reductions and performance gains. Environmental standards and lifecycle sustainability considerations are expected to shape development priorities, reinforcing the sector's alignment with long-term decarbonisation goals.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Fund will continue to remain fully invested in the Target Fund with minimal cash kept for liquidity purpose.

#### SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES

Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and the Trustee will not retain any form of rebate or otherwise share in any commission with, any broker or dealer in consideration for directing dealings in the investments of the Principal Malaysia Funds ("Funds"). Accordingly, any rebates or shared commission will be directed to the account of the Fund. The Manager may retain goods and services (soft commission) provided by any broker or dealer if the following conditions are met:

- (a) the soft commission bring direct benefit or advantage to the management of the Fund and may include research and advisory related services;
- (b) any dealings with the broker or dealer is executed on terms which are the most favourable for the Funds; and
- (c) the availability of soft commissions is not the sole or primary purpose to perform or arrange transactions with such broker or dealer, and the Manager will not enter into unnecessary trades in order to achieve a sufficient volume of transactions to qualify for soft commissions.

During the financial period under review, the Manager and the 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. The Manager confirms that the goods and services received were for the benefit of the Fund, the trades were made on a best execution basis and there was no churning of trades.

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

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

#### STATE OF AFFAIR OF THE FUND

The Fund is governed by a Deed dated 5 January 2024 including any supplemental deed(s) as may be issued from time to time.

There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the period up to the date of Manager's report, not otherwise disclosed in the financial statements.

## CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MATERIALLY AFFECT ANY INTEREST OF UNIT HOLDERS

There were no circumstances that had materially affected the interest of the unit holders during the financial period under review.

## **CROSS TRADE**

No cross-trade transactions have been caried out during the financial period.

#### **UNIT SPLIT**

No unit split exercise has been carried out during the financial period.

# STATEMENT BY MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL CHINA NEW ENERGY INNOVATION FUND

I, being a Director of Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager"), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying audited financial statements set out on pages 7 to 31 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deed and give a true and fair view of the statement of financial position of the Fund as at 30 September 2025 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to unit holders and cash flows for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025 in accordance with MFRS Accounting Standards and IFRS Accounting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager

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

#### **MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN**

Chief Executive Officer & Head of Principal Asset Management Berhad (Group of Companies), and Managing Director Strategic Distribution & Institutional Client Relations (Southeast Asia & Global Shariah)

Non-Independent Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur 17 November 2025

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

# TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL CHINA NEW ENERGY INNOVATION FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Principal Asset Management Berhad has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:

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

For HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

Lee Cincee Senior Manager, Trustee and Fiduciary Services

Kuala Lumpur 17 November 2025

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL CHINA NEW ENERGY INNOVATION FUND

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Principal China New Energy Innovation Fund (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial position of the Fund as at 30 September 2025, and statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to unit holders and statement of cash flows of the Fund for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages 7 to 31.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 September 2025, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025 in accordance with MFRS Accounting Standards and IFRS Accounting Standards.

## Basis for opinion

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

## Independence and other ethical responsibilities

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL CHINA NEW ENERGY INNOVATION FUND (CONT'D.)

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

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

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the Manager and the Trustee for the financial statements

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

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

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL CHINA NEW ENERGY INNOVATION FUND (CONT'D.)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL CHINA NEW ENERGY INNOVATION FUND (CONT'D.)

## Other matters

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

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

Yeo Beng Yean No. 03013/10/2026 J Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 17 November 2025

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 26 AUGUST 2024 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025 USD
INCOME		
Dividend income Interest income from deposit placement with		237
licensed financial institutions		550
Net gain on financial assets at fair value	_	
through profit or loss Net gain on derivative at fair value	7	258,642
through profit or loss	8	1,741
Net foreign exchange loss		(6,612)
		254,558_
EXPENSES		
Management fee	4	6,504
Trustee fee	5	107
Audit fee	•	1,807
Tax agent fee		1,118
		9,536
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		245,022
Taxation	6	<del>_</del>
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		245,022
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Profit after taxation is made up as follows:		
Realised amount		233,610
Unrealised amount		11,412
		245,022

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	30.09.2025 USD
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	9	48,617
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	906,045
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	153
Amount due from Manager		445,142
Amount due from dealer		42,890
Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme		
- management fee rebate		1,637
TOTAL ASSETS		1,444,484
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LIABILITIES		
Amount due to dealer		42,938
Amount due to Manager		214,223
Accrued management fee		1,370
Amount due to Trustee		24
Amount due to Manager of collective investment scheme		
- purchase of collective investment scheme		12,000
Other payables and accruals		2,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS		
ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)		273,480
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		1,171,004
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		1,171,004
REPRESENTED BY:		
EAID VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (USD)		
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (USD) - Class AUD-H		843
- Class AOD-n - Class D		437,198
- Class GBP-H		1,737
- Class MYR		563,389
- Class MYR-H		155,184
- Class RMB-H		176
- Class SGD-H		987
- Class USD		11,490
		1,171,004

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	30.09.2025 USD
REPRESENTED BY:		
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)		
- Class AUD-H		1,000
- Class D		1,437,570
- Class GBP-H		1,000
- Class MYR		1,851,716
- Class MYR-H		511,233
- Class RMB-H		1,000
- Class SGD-H		1,000
- Class USD	40	8,780
	10	3,813,299
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)		
- Class AUD-H		0.8431
- Class D		0.3041
- Class GBP-H		1.7370
- Class MYR		0.3043
- Class MYR-H		0.3035
- Class RMB-H		0.1760
- Class SGD-H		0.9870
- Class USD		1.3087
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
- Class AUD-H		AUD0.5585
- Class D		MYR1.2789
- Class GBP-H		GBP2.3378
- Class MYR		MYR1.2794
- Class MYR-H		MYR1.2765
- Class RMB-H		CNH1.2536
- Class SGD-H		SGD1.2719
- Class USD		USD1.3087

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 26 AUGUST 2024 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT	26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025 USD
THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period:  Creation of units from applications	
- Class AUD-H	671
- Class D	1,823,734
- Class GBP-H	1,314
- Class MYR	504,142
- Class MYR-H	212,961
- Class RMB-H	141
- Class SGD-H	770
- Class USD	9,091
	2,552,824
Cancellation of units	
- Class D	(1,512,949)
- Class MYR	(26,195)
- Class MYR-H	(87,138)
- Class USD	(560)
	(1,626,842)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	245,022
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	1,171,004

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 26 AUGUST 2024 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025 USD
		332
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from disposal of collective investment scheme		315,000
Purchase of collective investment scheme		(953,237)
Dividend income		237
Interest income received from deposits with licensed financial institutions		550
Management fee paid		(5,134)
Management fee rebate received		1,196
Trustee fee paid		(83)
Net realised gain on forward foreign		1 627
currency contracts Payment on foreign exchange loss		1,637 (2,323)
Net cash used in operating activities		(642,157)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash proceeds from units created		2,107,682
Payments for cancellation of units  Net cash generated from financing activities		(1,412,619) 695,063
Net cash generated from illiancing activities		095,005
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		52,906
Effects of foreign exchange differences		(4,289)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period		
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the		
financial period	9	48,617
Cash and cash equivalents comprised:		10 617
Bank balances Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the		48,617
financial period	9	48,617

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 26 AUGUST 2024 (DATE OF LAUNCH) TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

# 1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Principal China New Energy Innovation Fund (the "Fund") is now governed by a Deed dated 5 January 2024 ("Deed"), made between Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad (the "Trustee").

The Fund is a feeder fund that invests into a single CIS, i.e. CCB Principal China New Energy Innovation Fund ("Target Fund"). The Fund may also invest in liquid assets for liquidity purposes. Information on the Target Fund is detailed below.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- at least 96% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in CCB Principal China New Energy Innovation Fund; and
- up to 4% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purposes and derivatives for the sole purpose of hedging arrangement.

## Information on the Target Fund:

Management Company: Principal Global Investors (Ireland) Limited.

Manager: Principal Global Investors, LLC.

Regulatory Authority: Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong.

All investments are subject to the Guidelines of Unit Trust Funds ("GUTF") issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC"), SC requirements, the Deed, 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. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

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 Accounting Standards as issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") and IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

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

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS Accounting Standards and IFRS Accounting Standards 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 period.

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

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial period beginning on 26 August 2024 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

Other than MFRS 18: Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements (which will first become applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027), none of the standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for the financial period beginning on or after 1 October 2025 are applicable to the financial statements of the Fund. The Fund is still currently in the process of assessing the impact, if any, of MFRS 18: Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements.

## (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 contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely payment 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 are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Investments in collective investment scheme have contractual cash flows that do not represent solely payment of principal and interest ("SPPI"), and therefore are classified as fair value through profit or loss.

Derivatives are financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss unless they are designated hedges (Note 2(j)).

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from dealer, amount due from Manager and amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme - management fee rebate as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

All of the Fund's financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

## (b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

## 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.

Financial instruments 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 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 period which they arise.

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

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.

## Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses ("ECL") using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. The Manager consider both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any ECL. 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 ECL as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

## Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined by the Manager as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

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

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

# (b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

## 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 period.

## (c) Income recognition

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 collective investment scheme is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

# (d) Foreign currency

## Functional and presentation currencies

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 United States Dollar ("USD"), which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

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

- i) The Fund's investments are denominated in USD; and
- ii) Significant portion of the Fund's expenses are denominated in USD.

## Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at financial period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in statement of comprehensive income.

## (e) Cash and cash equivalents

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

## (f) Taxation

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

Tax on income from foreign collective investment scheme is based on the tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in.

Withholding taxes on investment income from investment are based on tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in. They are presented within the other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

# (g) Amount due from/to Manager of collective investment scheme (disposal/purchase of collective investment scheme)

Amount due from and amount due to Manager of collective investment scheme represent receivables and payables for collective investment scheme purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

## (h) Management fee rebate

Management fee rebate is derived from the Manager and Manager of the collective investment scheme on an accrual basis to ensure no double charging of management fee. It is accrued daily based on the fair value of collective investment scheme held.

## (i) Unit holders' contributions

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

The Fund issues cancellable units, in eight classes of units, known respectively as the Class AUD-H, Class D, Class GBP-H, Class MYR, Class MYR-H, Class RMB-H, Class SGD-H and Class USD which are cancelled at the unit holder's option. The units are classified as financial liabilities. Cancellable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV of respective classes. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of the statement of financial position if the unit holder exercises the right to put back the unit to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at the unit holders' option at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit of respective classes at the close of business on the relevant dealing day.

The Fund's NAV per unit of respective classes is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unit holders of respective classes with the total number of outstanding units of respective classes.

## (j) Derivative financial instruments

A derivative financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset of one enterprise and a financial liability or equity instrument of another enterprise.

A financial asset is any asset that is cash, a contractual right to receive cash or another financial asset from another enterprise, a contractual right to exchange financial instruments with another enterprise under conditions that are potentially favourable, or an equity instrument of another enterprise.

A financial liability is any liability that is a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another enterprise, or to exchange financial instruments with another enterprise under conditions that are potentially unfavorable.

The Fund's derivative financial instruments comprise forward foreign exchange contracts. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value.

The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using forward exchange rates at the date of statements of financial position, with the resulting value discounted back to present value.

The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and the nature of the item being hedged. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are classified as held-for-trading and accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy set out in Note 2(b).

# (k) Realised and unrealised portions of profit or loss after taxation

The analysis of realised and unrealised portions of profit or loss after taxation as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with GUTF.

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

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

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

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss USD	Financial assets at amortised cost USD	Total USD
30.09.2025			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)		48,617	48,617
Collective investment scheme (Note 7)	906,045	-	906,045
Derivative assets at fair value through			
profit or loss (Note 8)	153	-	153
Amount due from Manager	-	445,142	445,142
Amount due from dealer	-	42,890	42,890
Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme:			
- management fee rebate		1,637	1,637
_	906,198	538,286	1,444,484

All liabilities are financial liabilities which are carried at amortised cost (except for derivatives).

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income through investments in one collective investment scheme ("CIS") which invests primarily in listed companies related to the new energy industry.

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

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control process adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the Deed and GUTF.

# (a) Market risk

## (i) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of the Fund's investment in collective investment scheme will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk and currency risk). The value of collective investment scheme 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 collective investment scheme and other financial instruments within specified limits according to the Deed.

## (a) Market risk (continued)

# (i) Price risk (continued)

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

30.09.2025 USD

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- Collective investment scheme

906,045

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and NAV to movements in prices of collective investment scheme at the end of the reporting period. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the price of the collective investment scheme fluctuates by 5% with all other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the collective investment scheme, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price of collective investment scheme	Market value USD	Impact on profit or loss/NAV USD
30.09.2025		
-5%	860,743	(45,302)
0%	906,045	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
5%	951,347	45,302

## (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 the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of the 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.

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

## (a) Market risk (continued)

# (iii) Currency risk

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

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

# **Financial assets**

	Cash and cash equivalents USD	Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss USD	Amount due from Manager USD	Amount due from dealer USD	Total USD
30.09.2025					
AUD	-	4	_	-	4
MYR	24,534	152	445,012	7,647	477,345
SGD		(3)			(3)
	24,534	153	445,012	7,647	477,346

## **Financial liabilities**

	Amount due to dealer USD	Amount due to Manager USD	Net assets attributable to unitholders USD	Total USD
30.09.2025				
AUD	-	-	843	843
CNH	-	-	176	176
GBP	-	-	1,737	1,737
MYR	35,321	213,663	1,155,771	1,404,755
SGD			987	987
	35,321	213,663	1,159,514	1,408,498

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and NAV to changes in foreign exchange movements at the end of each reporting period. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate fluctuates by 5%, with all other variables remain constants. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

# (a) Market risk (continued)

# (iii) Currency risk (continued)

	Change in foreign exchange rate	Impact on profit or loss/NAV
		30.09.2025
	%	USD
AUD	-/+5	-/+42
CNH	-/+5	-/+9
GBP	-/+5	-/+87
MYR	-/+5	-/+46,371
SGD	-/+5	-/+50
		-/+46,559

# (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 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 Manager, the settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units' receivable from the Manager are governed by the GUTF.

For amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme, the Fund will invest with an investment management company of the collective investment scheme which is authorised or approved by the relevant regulatory authority in its home jurisdiction.

	Cash and cash equivalents USD	Amount due from Manager USD	Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme - management fee rebate USD	Derivative assets at fair value through profit and loss USD	Amount due from dealer USD	Total USD
<b>30.09.2025</b> - AAA	48,617					48,617
- Not	40,017	-	-	-	-	40,017
Rated		445,142	1,637	153	42,890	489,822
	48,617	445,142	1,637	153	42,890	538,439

# (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, deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments, 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 fund 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 period as at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 month USD	Between 1 month to 1 year USD	Total USD
30.09.2025			
Amount due to dealer	42,938	-	42,938
Amount due to Manager	214,223	-	214,223
Accrued management fee	1,370	-	1,370
Amount due to Trustee	24	-	24
Amount due to Manager of collective investment scheme - purchase of collective			
investment scheme	12,000	-	12,000
Other payables and accruals  Net assets attributable to unit	-	2,925	2,925
holders*	1,171,004	-	1,171,004
Contractual undiscounted cash flows	1,441,559	2,925	1,444,484

<sup>\*</sup> Outstanding units are redeemed on demand at the holder's option. However, the Manager does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table above will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term.

## (d) Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to unit holders of USD1,171,004. 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 values 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 period end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

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

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

# (i) Fair value hierarchy

The table 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 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.

# (e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

30.09.2025 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Collective investment	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
scheme	906,045			906,045
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Forward foreign currency				
contracts		153		153

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

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include forward foreign currency contracts.

As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

(ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from Manager, amount due from dealer, amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme - management fee rebate and all liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short term nature.

# 4. MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Manager is entitled to a fee of up to 3.00% per annum calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the Fund.

For the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025, the management fee for the respective classes are recognised at the following rates:

| Class |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| AUD-H | D     | GBP-H | MYR   | MYR-H | RMB-H | SGD-H | USD   |
| 1.80% | 1.80% | 1.80% | 1.80% | 1.80% | 1.80% | 1.80% | 1.80% |

## 4. MANAGEMENT FEE (CONTINUED)

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

## 5. TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to a fee not exceeding 0.10% per annum calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund. The Trustee fee includes the local custodian fee but excludes the foreign sub-custodian fee (if any). The foreign sub-custodian fee is dependent on the country invested and is charged monthly in arrears.

For the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025, the Trustee fee is recognised at rate of 0.03% per annum for each class.

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

#### 6. TAXATION

**Funds** 

26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025 USD

Tax charged for the financial period:

- Current taxation -

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

26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025 USD

Profit before taxation 245,022

Taxation at Malaysian Statutory rate of 24% 58,805

Tax effects of:
- (Investment income not subject to tax) (61,094)
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes 728
- Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust

Taxation \_\_\_\_\_\_

## 7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

30.09.2025 USD

1.561

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- Collective investment scheme 906,045

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

26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025 USD

Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Realised gain on disposalsUnrealised fair value gain

19,541 236,268 2,833

- Management fee rebate #

258,642

# Management fee rebate is derived from the Fund's investment in collective investment scheme on an accruals basis to ensure no double charging of management fee. It is accrued daily based on the fair value of the collective investment scheme held.

For the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025, the rebate is recognised at a rate of 0.90% per annum calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the collective investment scheme.

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
30.09.2025 COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
IRELAND CCB Principal China New Energy Innovation Fund	70,674	669,777	906,045	77.37
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	70,674	669,777	906,045	77.37
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		236,268		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		906,045		

## 8. DERIVATIVE ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

30.09.2025

USD

Forward foreign currency contracts

153

# 8. DERIVATIVE ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025 USD

> 153 1,741

through profit or loss:Realised gain on forward foreign currency contracts

Net gain on derivative at fair value

Unrealised fair value gain on forward foreign currency contracts

As at 30 September 2025, there were 17 outstanding USD/Australian Dollar ("AUD"), USD/Great Britain Pound ("GBP"), USD/Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR"), USD/Renminbi ("RMB") and USD/Singapore Dollar ("SGD") forward foreign currency contracts respectively. The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to USD167,172.

The USD/AUD, USD/GBP, USD/MYR, USD/RMB and USD/SGD forward foreign currency contracts were entered into during the financial period to minimise the risk of foreign exchange exposure between the USD and the foreign currencies exposure of the Fund.

As the Fund has not adopted hedge accounting during the financial period, any changes in the fair value of the forward foreign currency contract is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period.

## 9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	30.09.2025 USD
Bank balances	48,617
10. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)	
	26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025
	No. of units
Class AUD-H (i)	1,000
Class D (ii)	1,437,570
Class GBP-H (iii)	1,000
Class MYR (iv)	1,851,716
Class MYR-H (v)	511,233
Class RMB-H (vi)	1,000
Class SGD-H (vii)	1,000
Class USD (viii)	8,780
	3,813,299
(i) Class AUD-H	
At the beginning of the financial period	-
Add: Creation of units from applications	1,000
At the end of the financial period	1,000

# 10. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS) (CONTINUED)

		26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025
(ii)	Class D	No. of units
	At the beginning of the financial period Add: Creation of units from applications Less: Cancellation of units At the end of the financial period	7,707,993 (6,270,423) 1,437,570
(iii)	Class GBP-H	
	At the beginning of the financial period Add: Creation of units from applications At the end of the financial period	1,000 1,000
(iv)	Class MYR	
	At the beginning of the financial period Add: Creation of units from applications Less: Cancellation of units At the end of the financial period	1,946,980 (95,264) 1,851,716
(v)	Class MYR-H	
	At the beginning of the financial period Add: Creation of units from applications Less: Cancellation of units At the end of the financial period	873,272 (362,039) 511,233
(vi)	Class RMB-H	
	At the beginning of the financial period Add: Creation of units from applications At the end of the financial period	1,000 1,000
(vii)	Class SGD-H	
	At the beginning of the financial period Add: Creation of units from applications At the end of the financial period	1,000 1,000
(viii)	Class USD	
	At the beginning of the financial period Add: Creation of units from applications Less: Cancellation of units At the end of the financial period	9,230 (450) 8,780

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

26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025

%

TER is derived based on the following calculation:

TER =  $(A + B + C + D + E) \times 100$ 

A = Management fee (exclude management fee rebate)

B = Trustee fee
C = Audit fee
D = Tax agent's

D = Tax agent's fee

E = Other expenses excluding withholding taxes

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

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on daily basis is USD329,713.

# 12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

26.08.2024 (date of launch) to 30.09.2025

PTR (times) 1.94

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

(Total acquisitions for the financial period + total disposals for the financial period) ÷ 2 Average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis

where:

total acquisitions for the financial period = USD965,237 total disposals for the financial period = USD315,000

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

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

Related parties Relationship

Principal Asset Management Berhad The Manager

Principal Financial Group, Inc.

Ultimate holding company of shareholder of

the Manager

Principal International (Asia) Ltd Shareholder of the Manager

Subsidiaries and associates of Principal Fellow subsidiary and associated

Financial Group Inc., other than above, companies of the ultimate holding company

as disclosed in its financial statements of shareholder of the Manager

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

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

Related parties	Relationship
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
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

Units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager

	30.09.2025		
	No. of units	USD	
Manager			
Principal Asset			
Management Berhad			
- Class AUD-H	1,000	843	
- Class GBP-H	1,000	1,737	
- Class MYR	71	22	
- Class MYR-H	1	0.00*	
- Class RMB-H	1,000	176	
- Class SGD-H	1,000	987	
- Class USD	1,000	1,309	

In the opinion of the Manager, the above units were transacted at the prevailing market price which is at arm's length basis.

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.

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there are no significant related party transactions and balances for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025.

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

Note: 0.00\* denotes amount less than USD1.

## 14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

Details of transactions with the brokers for the financial period from 26 August 2024 (date of launch) to 30 September 2025 are as follows:

	Value of trades	Percentage of total trades	Brokerage fees	Percentage of total brokerage fees
Brokers	USD	%	USD	%
BNY Mellon Investment				
Servicing (International) Ltd	1,256,237	98.13	-	-
BNY Mellon Fund Services				
(Ireland) Ltd	24,000	1.87	<u> </u>	
	1,280,237	100.00		-

## 15. COMPARATIVES

This Fund was launched on 26 August 2024 thus there are no comparatives as this is the Fund's first set of financial statements.

# 16. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 17 November 2025.

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