

PRINCIPAL FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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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 FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia ETF for the financial year ended 30 June 2023. You may also download this report from our website at www.principal.com.my.

We are happy to share that Principal Malaysia won three accolades at Alpha Southeast Asia's 14th Annual Fund Management Awards 2023. The awards were for Best Online & Mobile Platform (Asset Manager), Best Absolute Return Strategy and Best Fund Manager for Pension Mandates. Principal Malaysia was also honoured with multiple awards at the FSMOne Recommended Unit Trusts Awards 2023/2024 including Investors' Choice Fund House of the year 2023.

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 (www.principal.com.my), like our Facebook page (@PrincipalAssetMY), follow us on our Instagram account (@principalassetmanagement_my), and LinkedIn page (Principal Asset Management Berhad) 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
Country Head and Chief Executive Officer, Malaysia
Non-Independent Executive Director

MANAGER'S REPORT**FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY****What is the investment objective of the Fund?**

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

Has the Fund achieved its objective?

The Fund is in line to meet its long-term objective to closely correspond to the performance of the Benchmark Index.

What are the Fund investment policy and its strategy?

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

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

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

Fund category/type

Feeder ETF/Equity/Index Tracking

When was the Fund launched?

9 July 2010*

* Listing date

What was the size of the Fund as at 30 June 2023?

RM2.16 million (1.35 million units)

What is the Fund's benchmark?

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

What is the Fund distribution policy?

Annually, subject to the discretion of the Manager.

What was the net income distribution for the financial year ended 30 June 2023?

The Fund distributed a total net income of RM0.09 million to all unit holders. As a result, the NAV per unit dropped from RM1.6755 to RM1.6085 on 28 June 2023, during the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Breakdown of distribution were as follows:

	RM	%
Income	90,450	100.00
Capital	-	-
Total	90,450	100.00

PERFORMANCE DATA

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

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022	30.06.2021
	%	%	%
Collective investment scheme	101.29	99.73	100.68
Cash and other assets	4.44	1.90	0.06
Liabilities	(5.73)	(1.63)	(0.74)
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022	30.06.2021
Total asset value (RM Million)	2.29	2.11	4.18
NAV (RM Million)	2.16	2.08	4.15
Units in circulation (Million)	1.35	1.35	2.70
NAV per unit (RM)	1.6031	1.5377	1.5373
Market Price per unit (RM)	1.7300	1.6400	1.6300
Highest NAV per unit (RM)	1.7313	1.7384	1.6688
Lowest NAV per unit (RM)	1.4941	1.5160	1.3132
Highest market price per unit (RM)	1.7300	1.7850	1.7500
Lowest market price per unit (RM)	1.5800	1.6000	1.3500
Total return (%) ^	8.67	3.82	3.07
- Capital growth (%)	4.32	0.03	(0.76)
- Income distribution (%)	4.17	3.80	3.86
Total Expense Ratio (TER") (%) *	2.28	1.35	1.26
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #	0.01	0.36	0.01

^ based on NAV per unit

* The Fund's TER increased from 1.35% to 2.28% due to a decrease in average NAV of the Fund during the financial year under review.

During the financial year under review, the Fund's PTR decreased from 0.36 times to 0.01 times as there were lesser trading activities.

Gross/Net distribution per unit (sen)

Distribution on 28 June 2023	6.70		
Distribution on 16 June 2022	-	5.94	-
Distribution on 8 June 2021	-	-	6.18

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022	30.06.2021	30.06.2020	30.06.2019
	%	%	%	%	%
Annual total return	8.67	3.82	3.07	(16.34)	14.11

(Listing date: 9 July 2010)

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

MARKET REVIEW (1 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023)

During the month of July 2022, ASEAN's inflation has been picking up with a lag. Philippines' Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas ("BSP") was the most aggressive in rate hike in July 2022. BSP tightened the benchmark policy rate by 75 basis points ("bps") in July 2022, bringing the benchmark policy rate to 3.25%. Singapore's Monetary Authority of Singapore ("MAS") remains to be ahead of Association of Southeast Asian Nation ("ASEAN") central bankers whilst Indonesia and Thailand were seen to be behind the curve as they expect inflation to have peaked.

Despite the external noises, ASEAN economies extended their recovery in August 2022. Bank Indonesia and Bank of Thailand followed through with their neighboring countries as they finally raised 25bps to 3.75% and 0.75%, respectively. Philippines' BSP also continued hiking another 50 bps to 3.75% after the recent 75bps hike.

In September 2022, the strong US Dollar ("USD") are forcing almost every central bankers including those in the ASEAN to further hike the interest rate. Vietnam hiked 100 bps to 5.00%, both Bank Indonesia and Philippines' BSP raised 50 bps to 4.25%, whilst Thailand and Malaysia raised 25 bps to 1.00% and 2.50%, respectively.

There were signs of inflation peaking in ASEAN in October 2022, however, interest rate trajectory is still on the uptrend because the pace of rate hike is still behind developed markets, especially Vietnam. Vietnam policy rate was hiked another 100 bps to 6.0% in less than a month, whilst Singapore MAS tightened monetary policy for the 5th time through currency adjustment. However, interestingly, the latter tightened less than expected.

Continued signs of inflation peaking in ASEAN were observed through November 2022, along with rising pace of rate hikes trajectory with Philippines raising rates by 75 bps in November 2022.

In December 2022, the hikes in the region have moderated with Philippines hiking 50 bps in December 2022 to 5.50% following a hike of 75 bps in November 2022. Meanwhile, the region manufacturing activities continues to contract due weakening demand from developed markets and China continued on their stringent Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") policies until recently, whereby the latter government has turned much more pragmatic.

In January 2023, export numbers continued to see contraction, affecting export-oriented nations such as Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. However, China's re-opening progressed faster than expected in January 2023, with robust Lunar New Year ("LNY") data and no resurgence in infections helped to improve the sentiment.

Private consumption in the region was moderating in February 2023 largely due to reflect the fading of pent-up pandemic demand and aggressive rate hikes in selective markets such as Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam. BSP hiked the interest rate by 50 bps to 6.00% which is higher than expected and guided for more as inflation remains hot in the country. Similarly, inflation in other markets were hotter than expected except Thailand and to certain extent Indonesia.

Export figures continue to fall in March 2023 whilst domestic consumption remains resilient supported by higher tourist arrivals. Inflation seems to trend lower than expected for March 2023 in Philippines and Thailand. Vietnam central bank surprised the market by cutting their refinancing rate by 50 bps to 5.50%. Meanwhile, BSP downshifted to a 25 bps hike to 6.25% and Bank of Thailand ("BOT") hike the interest rate by 25 bps to 1.75%.

Not surprising, in April 2023 that export continued to soften, however, the export to China is weaker than expected, whilst tourist arrival from China is also weaker than expected largely due to difficulty obtaining the visa to travel. Headline inflation continued to trend lower than expected for April in ASEAN, and the slower drop in core inflation is within expectation. The trend is still a disinflation for ASEAN. Bank Negara surprised the market by hiking its overnight policy rate 25bps to 3.0% and bond yield actually declined instead along with US bond yield despite Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") upped the Fed rate by 25 bps.

MARKET REVIEW (1 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023) (CONTINUED)

First quarter of 2023 Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) prints from Malaysia, Thailand and Philippines surprised to the upside, whilst Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam met or slightly underwhelmed. Domestic consumption supported the growth whilst export activities continued to drag. Inflation in the region remains sticky, however, the trend remains to be down. Vietnam central bank surprised the market by cutting their refinancing rate by 50 bps to 5.50%. Meanwhile, Philippines central bank downshifted to a 25 bps hike to 6.25% and Bank of Thailand hike the interest rate by 25bps to 1.75%. Thailand held its general election on 14 May 2023 and surprisingly, Pheu Thai Party came in second to Move Forward Party (“MFP”). The latter’s is anti-establishment, which might cause more uncertainty in the near term if they do end up leading a government.

In June 2023, export data continued to be on the weaker side, however, ASEAN Purchasing Managers’ Index (“PMI”) numbers are showing some stabilization. The shrinking current account balance in Malaysia coupled with weaker forex exchange reserve coverage partly explains weakness in Malaysia Ringgit. Vietnam central bank surprised the market again by cutting their refinancing rate by 50 bps to 4.50%. In Thailand, the Election Commission has 60 days or until mid-July 2023 to certify the results, meanwhile Malaysia will have their state elections in August 2023.

FUND PERFORMANCE

	1 year to 30.06.2023	3 years to 30.06.2023	5 years to 30.06.2023	Since inception to 30.06.2023
	%	%	%	%
Income Distribution	4.17	12.30	20.75	52.01
Capital Growth ^	4.32	3.56	(8.06)	15.68
Total Return ^	8.67	16.29	11.02	75.84
Average Total Return ^	8.67	5.16	2.11	4.44
Underlying Fund ^^	7.65	10.11	(0.29)	26.24
Benchmark (Underlying Index)	12.84	28.91	11.95	68.18
Changes in Market Price per Unit	5.49	2.98	(5.21)	18.90

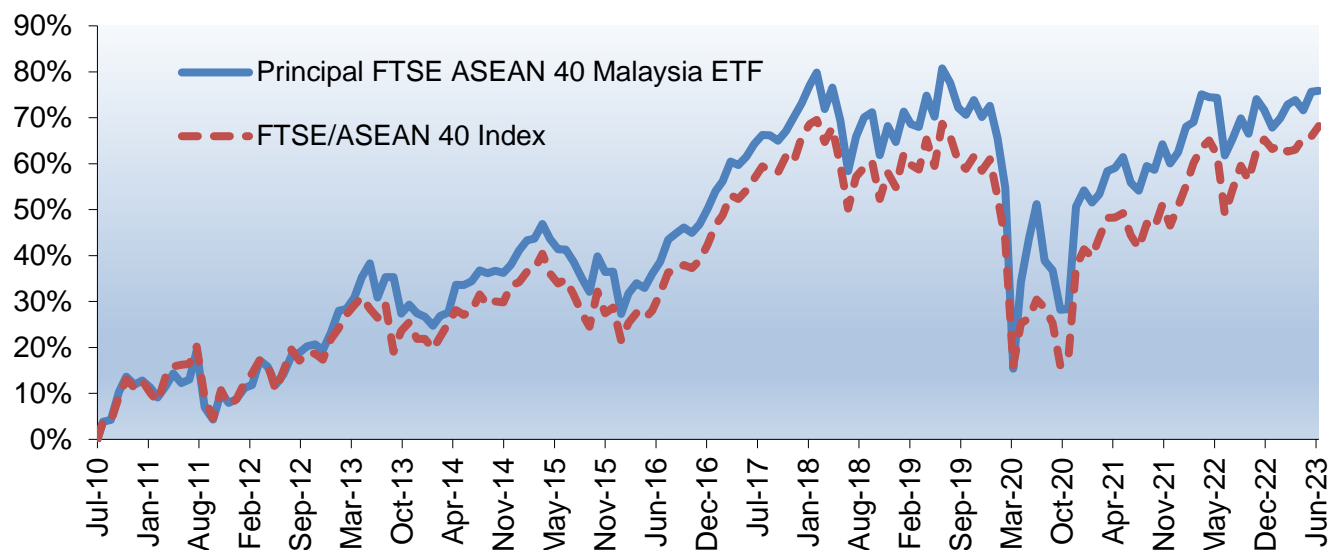
^ Based on NAV per Unit

^^ Based on Last Published Market Price

For the financial year under review, the Fund's total return posted a positive return of 8.67% as the Underlying Fund recorded a positive return of 7.65%. Meanwhile, the Underlying Index also went up by 12.84% within the same review year.

The last available published market price of the Fund quoted on Bursa Malaysia was RM1.7300. This represents a positive change of 5.49% for the same reporting year.

Since inception



FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Changes in NAV

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022	Changes %
NAV (RM Million)	2.16	2.08	3.85
NAV per unit (RM)	1.6031	1.5377	4.25

For the financial year under review, total NAV increased by 3.85%, while the NAV per unit went up by 4.25%. The changes in the total NAV and NAV per unit were due to net unit creations/redemptions and the investment performance of ASEAN markets over the 1-year period.

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

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

Asset allocation

(% of NAV)	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Collective investment scheme	101.29	99.73
Cash and other assets	4.44	1.90
Liabilities	(5.73)	(1.63)
TOTAL	100.00	100.00

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

MARKET OUTLOOK*

We still think the market is backed by recovering sectors and positive long-term structural growth. Externally, we opine that we are approaching the end of the rate hike cycle and the equity market should be reasonably well supported with a potentially weaker USD. However, we continue to caution on sustained risks such as stickier than expected inflationary figures, lower than expected China economic growth, as well as geopolitical risks including Russia-Ukraine tension, and US-China relations.

* This market outlook does not constitute an offer, invitation, commitment, advice, or recommendation to make a purchase of any investment. The information given in this article represents the views of Principal Asset Management Berhad ("Principal Malaysia") or based on data obtained from sources believed to be reliable by Principal Malaysia. Whilst every care has been taken in preparing this, Principal Malaysia makes no guarantee, representation or warranty and is under no circumstances liable for any loss or damage caused by reliance on, any opinion, advice or statement made in this market outlook.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES

Principal Asset Management Berhad (the “Manager”) and the Trustee will not retain any form of rebate or soft commission from, or otherwise share in any commission with, any broker in consideration for directing dealings in the investments of the Principal Malaysia Funds (“Funds”) unless the soft commission received is retained in the form of goods and services such as research and advisory services that assist in the decision making process relating to the Fund’s investment. All dealings with brokers are executed on most favourable terms available for the Fund.

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

SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

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

STATE OF AFFAIR OF THE FUND

There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the year and 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 year under review.

CROSS TRADE

No cross-trade transactions have been carried out during the financial year under review.

UNIT SPLIT

No unit split exercise has been carried out during the financial year under review.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information on the resignation/cessation of Board of Directors/Investment Committee Members was updated:

No.	Name	Date of resignation/cessation	Designation
1.	Effendy Shahul Hamid	1 May 2023	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of Principal Asset Management Bhd
2.	Lai Mee Fong	1 May 2023	Alternate Director to En. Effendy Shahul Hamid

The following information on the appointment of new Board of Directors/Investment Committee Members was updated:

No.	Name	Date of appointment	Designation
1.	Lai Mee Fong	1 May 2023	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of Principal Asset Management Bhd

Key Personnel of the Manager

There are eleven (11) members sitting on the Board of Directors of Principal Malaysia including two (2) Alternate Directors and three (3) Independent Directors. The Board of Directors oversees the management and operations of Principal Malaysia and meets at least once every quarter.

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

Name: **Cheong Wee Yee, Thomas (Chairman)**
Age: 55
Nationality: Singaporean
Designation: Chairman, Non-Independent Non-Executive Director
Qualifications:

- Masters in Business Administration degree from Olin Business School, Washington University in St. Louis.
- Inducted to Beta Gamma Sigma Honorary Business School Society.
- Bachelor’s Degree in Econometrics, with first class honours, from the London School of Economics.

Experience: Thomas Cheong is currently Executive Vice President of Principal Financial Group® and President of Principal Asia Pacific & Middle East. He is responsible for leading the development of the retail pension, long-term savings and asset management business for Principal in Asia, while managing key partnerships in the region. He is a member of the Principal senior management team and currently serves on the boards of several Principal subsidiaries.
 He joined Principal in January 2015 and has more than 20 years of management experience in Asia, holding various senior management positions with profit and loss responsibilities. His extensive experience in the asset management, pension, and life insurance businesses included appointments as president of North Asia for Principal International; CEO and executive director of Manulife Asset Management (Taiwan); country head overseeing Manulife's joint venture asset management business in mainland China; CEO of the Prudential UK’s China and Malaysia asset management companies, and the director of corporate development in Prudential UK's Singapore life insurance business.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Cheong Wee Yee, Thomas (Chairman) (continued)
Date appointed to Board:	16 April 2021
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	Member of the Audit Committee
Directorship of other public companies:	None
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	7 out of 8
Name:	Effendy Shahul Hamid
Age:	50
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honours in Electronic Engineering with Optoelectronics, University College London, United Kingdom. • Digital Business Leadership Programme, Columbia Business School, Columbia University. • CIMB-INSEAD Leadership Programme, INSEAD.
Experience:	<p>Effendy was appointed Non-Independent Non-Executive Director at Principal Asset Management Berhad on 17 Aug 2015. He brings with him over two decades of experience that includes areas of corporate advisory, investment banking, private equity and portfolio investments, as well as digital payments and financial services.</p> <p>Effendy currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of CIMB Digital Assets, through which he oversees all of CIMB Group's investments, partnerships and value creation activities in the digital space including CIMB's digital banking franchises in Philippines and Vietnam. He is also Group CEO of Touch 'n Go Group and is responsible for managing the day-to-day functions of the Group's businesses, in addition to serving as Executive Director of Touch 'n Go and Chairman of TNG Digital, the operator of the Touch 'n Go eWallet.</p> <p>Having spent the last 18 years at CIMB Group, Effendy was previously CEO of Group Ventures & Partnerships, where he was responsible for the development of CIMB Group's new and disruptive revenue and value creation streams, with a focus on cultivating new-age partnerships at scale, venturing through selective strategic investments in platform-based businesses, and managing its digital banking franchises. At the same time, he was also responsible for CIMB Group's asset management and investments business across both public and private markets, including its regional asset management business, its private equity fund management business and proprietary equity investments portfolio.</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Effendy Shahul Hamid (continued)
Experience: (continued)	<p>Prior to that, Effendy was CEO, Group Commercial Banking at CIMB Group, managing the Group’s regional banking businesses for the small and medium enterprise and mid-sized corporate segment, with a key focus on creating differentiated propositions and executing long term growth strategies. Preceding that, he was Group Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, managing the CIMB Group’s entire marketing and communications initiatives and lead franchise-wide efforts to ensure a consistent and differentiated CIMB brand for all of the CIMB Group’s businesses across the region. Before that, he served as a Director in the CIMB Group’s Investment Banking Division, primarily focusing on corporate advisory and origination.</p> <p>Prior to joining CIMB Group, Effendy spent the early years of his career in several international companies in a corporate development capacity, mostly involved in private equity, merger and acquisition activities across Asia Pacific and general business expansion initiatives. Effendy’s other Board responsibilities include serving as Chairman of CIMB Vietnam.</p>
Date appointed to Board:	17 August 2015
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	None
Directorship of other public companies:	None
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	2 out of 6 (Resigned on 1 May 2023)
Name:	Uday Jayaram
Age:	55
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Executive Managing Director, Head of Southeast Asia Non-Independent Executive Director
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc Economics degree majoring in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics • Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Uday Jayaram (continued)
Experience:	Uday brings with him an accumulated experience of 30 years in the fields of audit, management consultancy, equities research, institutional sales, capital markets, stock exchange business most recently, in upstream oil and gas. He commenced his career in the financial institutions group within the audit division of Ernst and Young, London. In addition to several global clients such as HSBC, ABB Group and IKEA, Uday was fortunate to gain experience in projects for the World Bank which included the restructuring of banks in Kazakhstan. Returning to Malaysia, Uday's equities research and sales experience saw him joining Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, CIMB, ING Financial Markets and Macquarie Capital Securities where he was Division Director and Head of Equities of the Malaysia business. Moving on to Bursa Malaysia, Uday was Global Head of Securities Markets with overall responsibility for the development of the exchange's cash equities business. Uday also served as a member of Bursa's Market Participants Committee and was Chairman of the FTSE Bursa Index Advisory Committee. Prior to joining Principal, Uday was the Senior Vice President of Corporate Development at Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd where he was involved in corporate strategy, business planning, debt and equity funding and investor relations.
Date appointed to Board:	30 June 2022
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	Investment Committee
Directorship of other public companies:	AMMA Foundation
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	6 out of 8
Name:	Munirah Khairuddin
Age:	48
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Country Head and Chief Executive Officer, Malaysia Non-Independent Executive Director
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting & Financial Analysis, University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK. • Chartered Financial Analyst Charterholder. • Capital Markets Services Representative's License holder for fund management.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Munirah Khairuddin (continued)
Experience:	<p>Munirah joined Principal Asset Management Berhad (“PAM”) in November 2006 and was appointed as Deputy CEO in November 2008. She has been an Executive Director since 31 January 2012 and took on the role as CEO as well since 21 August 2013. Currently, Munirah also holds the position as Country Head, Malaysia. She previously worked as a G7 Economist and strategist for a Fortune 500 multinational oil and gas company. Prior to that, she was a fixed income portfolio manager for emerging markets at Rothschild Asset Management in London.</p> <p>Apart from her Senior Management role, she has been instrumental in helping PAM to grow its asset under management, both in retail as well as Institutional and Corporate business. In retail, she has deepened PAM’s market share and leadership with new focus and success in digital business, banking distribution for the masses and high net worth individuals and agency distribution. In retirement sector, she has significantly contributed to forming and growing the voluntary pension through Private Retirement Scheme (“PRS”) and deep investment management contribution to Institutional clients. In the Corporate space, she has grown the investment management business substantially with a breadth of clients such as Insurance, corporate treasury clients as well as medium sized companies.</p> <p>Under her ambit, PAM has also acquired a niche international client base, listed exchange traded funds (“ETF”) in Malaysia and Singapore, developed products for regional distribution and spearheaded ESG and sustainability efforts in investment management.</p> <p>Munirah was named the CEO of the Year, Malaysia in the Asia Asset Management’s 2015 Best of the Best Awards for the second year in a row. She was also selected as one of the recipients for the “Top 25 Women of Asset Management” award by Asian Investor in 2014. Munirah currently sits on the Hong Kong Board of Principal Investment and Retirement Services Limited and serves as an Executive Director of Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd as well. Her other involvement includes being a Council Board Member of the Institutional Investors Council Malaysia and Board member of the Malaysian Association of Asset Managers (“MAAM”) where she was elected to the office as the Secretary.</p>
Date appointed to Board:	31 January 2012
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	None
Directorship of other public companies:	CIMB Wealth Advisors Bhd
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	8 out of 8

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Mohd Haniz Mohd Nazlan
Age:	40
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Actuarial Science, London School of Economics and Political Science. • Masters and Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Finance & Investment, both from the Financial Services Institute of Australasia. • Certified Financial Technician (CFTe), International Federation of Technical Analysts (IFTA) • Diploma in Technical Analysis, Australian Technical Analysts Association • Program for Leadership Development, Harvard Business School.
Experience:	<p>Haniz is Group Chief Strategy Officer at CIMB, where he oversees Group Strategy, Performance and Programme Management, Group Customer Experience, Transforming Customer Journeys, Group Corporate Finance and Investment Management as well as the Group CEO’s Office.</p> <p>Haniz has over 15 years of experience in areas of corporate strategy, corporate finance, mergers & acquisitions, project management, portfolio and asset management, global equities and real estate investments.</p> <p>Prior to joining CIMB in April 2021, Haniz was the Chief Investment Officer of Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera (“LTAT”) from August 2019 where he was accountable for all investment functions and activities in the management of LTAT’s investment portfolio. He played a key role in setting LTAT’s turnaround plan in motion.</p> <p>This included the execution of restructuring plans for the investment portfolio, reorganization of the investment team as well as the strengthening of key investment policies and processes, one of which included the establishment of LTAT’s long term Strategic Asset Allocation (“SAA”) Framework.</p> <p>Prior to LTAT, Haniz spent the larger part of his career at Permodalan Nasional Berhad (“PNB”). He served PNB in various capacities, including leading roles in the Group Chief Executive’s Office, International Department, Strategic Asset Allocation Department and Investment Division. He played a key part in driving the establishment of PNB’s SAA and Fixed Income Frameworks, planning PNB’s new global operating model, setting up the unit trust funds’ expansion into global markets and in leading key M&A transactions for the PNB Group, both locally and abroad.</p>
Date appointed to Board:	3 June 2021
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	None
Directorship of other public companies:	None
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Mohd Haniz Mohd Nazlan (continued)
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	6 out of 8
Name:	Wong Joon Hian*
Age:	74
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Independent Non-Executive Director
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. • Life member of The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants • Life member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.
Experience:	<p>He has accumulated over 40 years of working experience in the areas of audit, accountancy, financial services and corporate management. He commenced his career when he joined Price Waterhouse & Co. in England after qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1973. He returned to Malaysia in 1975 to work for Price Waterhouse (now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers PLT), Malaysia until 1985. He then served as the Technical Manager of The Malaysian Association of Certified Public Accountants from 1986 until he was appointed as the General Manager-Operations of Supreme Finance (Malaysia) Bhd in December 1987. After Mayban Finance Bhd had completed the acquisition of Supreme Finance (Malaysia) Bhd in 1991, he joined BDO Binder as an Audit Principal until 1994 when he joined Advance Synergy Bhd. He was appointed the managing director of United Merchant Group Bhd (now known as Advance Synergy Capital Sdn Bhd) in 1995 until 2020. During the period from 1995 until 2007 he was a director of Ban Hin Lee Bank Bhd, Southern Investment Bank Bhd and United Merchant Finance Bhd. Currently, he is a non-executive director in several dormant companies under the CIMB Group Holdings Bhd Group and serves as an independent non-executive director of Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd.</p>
Date appointed to Board:	22 August 2007
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	Member of Audit Committee
Directorship of other public companies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFB Auto Bhd • SIBB Bhd
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Wong Joon Hian* (continued)
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	8 out of 8
Name:	Tan Sri Jaganath Derek Steven Sabapathy*
Age:	66
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Independent Non-Executive Director
Qualifications:	Master of Arts majoring in Corporate Finance and International Trade from Edinburgh University, United Kingdom
Experience:	<p>Upon graduation in 1981, Tan Sri Jaganath Derek Steven Sabapathy ("Tan Sri Jagan") joined a leading London firm of chartered accountants, Price Waterhouse.</p> <p>When he returned to Malaysia in 1984, he joined KPMG Peat Marwick and was admitted a Partner of KPMG Malaysia in 1990. Whilst at KPMG Malaysia, he was involved in a wide range of assignments covering audit, investigations, management consultancy and corporate finance in Malaysia, the ASEAN countries, North America and Europe. He sat on a variety of KPMG International Committees including committees for Mergers and Acquisitions, Privatisation and Management Consultancy. He was also an examiner for the professional examinations of the Malaysian Association of Certified Public Accountants.</p> <p>Tan Sri Jagan left KPMG Malaysia in late 1994 and joined Benta Plantation Berhad as an Executive Director. He was appointed a Director of Austral Lao Power Co Ltd in 1995. In 1997, he took up the position as Managing Director of both Prime Utilities Berhad and Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd, Malaysia's privatised national wastewater utility.</p> <p>From 1999 until his retirement in end 2013, Tan Sri Jagan served as the Chief Executive Officer/ Director of Bandar Raya Developments Berhad Group which also included listed Mieco Chipboard Berhad.</p> <p>Tan Sri Jagan is currently the Founder and Chief Executive Officer/ Director of Tribeca Real Estate Asset Management Sdn Bhd, a niche property development company.</p>
Date appointed to Board:	10 September 2020
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	Chairman of the Audit Committee
Directorship of other public companies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sime Darby Property Berhad • Microlink Solutions Berhad
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Tan Sri Jaganath Derek Steven Sabapathy* (continued)
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	8 out of 8
Name:	Liew Swee Lin*
Age:	54
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Independent Non-Executive Director
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of International Marketing from the University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom. • Completed the Stanford Executive Programme at Stanford Graduate School of Business.
Experience:	<p>Swee Lin is a senior board level executive with more than 29 years of management experience in the ASEAN region creating shareholder value in media, financial services and e-commerce sectors. Since 2007, she served as Executive Director at financial services and media entities in Malaysia.</p> <p>Currently she is an External Advisor to Bain & Company, a global consulting firm and was most recently attached to Astro Malaysia Holdings Bhd, ASEAN's leading consumer media company as its Group Chief Operating Officer. She also served as an Executive Director of Astro Go Shop, a joint venture with GS Home Shopping Inc. Korea after she spearheaded Astro's vertical expansion into e-commerce which she set up as its pioneer management team in 2015.</p> <p>Prior to joining Astro, Swee Lin was an Executive Vice President at Alliance Financial Group's Retail Bank in Malaysia and was also an Executive Director of Alliance Islamic Bank.</p> <p>She has also held senior leadership positions at Standard Chartered Bank with responsibilities for its Wealth Management, Priority Banking, Credit Cards and Personal Loan portfolios. In the earlier years of her career, she gained multidisciplinary industry exposure in FMCG, insurance, food and beverage and pharmaceuticals when she headed up a regional business at Ogilvy One Worldwide, part of WPP PLC (a FTSE 100), which operated in Malaysia to serve its Asia Pacific clients. A keen champion of entrepreneurship, she is part of Endeavor Global Inc.'s mentor network with presence in 40 countries, which is dedicated to global entrepreneurship by driving economic expansion via active mentorship.</p> <p>She is a member of Financial Planning Association of Malaysia (FPAM), Singapore Institute of Directors and Malaysian Alliance of Corporate Directors Malaysia (MACD).</p>
Date appointed to Board:	21 August 2020
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	Member of Audit Committee
Directorship of other public companies:	None
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Liew Swee Lin* (continued)
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	8 out of 8
Name:	Lai Mee Fong^ (Appointed as Director and ceased as Alternate Director to Effendy Shahul Hamid on 1 May 2023)
Age:	49
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Alternate Director to Effendy bin Shahul Hamid
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1997 - Bachelor of Business (Accountancy), Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology • 2000 - Certified Practising Accountant of Australian Society of Certified Accountants • 2001 - Chartered Accountant, Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA)
Experience:	<p>Mee Fong is a Managing Director in CIMB and holds the CFO role in CIMB Digital Assets, where she is responsible for the overall financial planning and management of all CIMB Group's Strategic digital investments including the Touch 'n Go franchise and digital bank operations in the Philippines and Vietnam.</p> <p>Most recently, she was Managing Director/ Head of Business Planning and Analytics of Group Ventures and Partnerships at CIMB Group, where she was responsible for the overall business and financial planning, risk and compliance management of asset management and investments business across both public and private markets, including the Group's regional asset management business, its private equity fund management business and the Group's equity investments portfolio.</p> <p>Prior to that, Mee Fong was responsible for the business planning and finance function in Group Strategy and Strategic Investment of the Group which is responsible for the Group's private equity business ventures and other equity investments portfolio.</p> <p>Prior to joining CIMB Group in 2012, Mee Fong was in professional practice with PricewaterhouseCoopers where she had performed numerous assurance and consulting assignments covering segments such as local banks, offshore banks, asset management companies, unit trust funds, oil and gas companies, manufacturing and services companies, for both local corporates and MNCs. She also had the privilege to work with the Securities Commission on a secondment arrangement where she was responsible for the examination of asset management companies in accordance with the Securities Industry Act. Her professional career was further expanded into the private equity space when she took on the role of the Vice President of finance in one of the largest Southeast Asia-based private equity fund managers, Tael Partners, with funds under management of over USD1 billion.</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Lai Mee Fong^ (continued)
Experience: (continued)	In that specific role, she had gained financial insights in deal structuring, valuation model, investment and exit strategies. Mee Fong serves on the board of Capital Advisors Partners and two other General Partner companies. She is an active member in the Investment Committee of two infrastructure funds, namely Capasia Islamic Infrastructure Fund LP and Capasia ASEAN Infrastructure Fund LP which manage assets across Asia including Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines and Vietnam.
Date appointed to Board:	3 June 2021
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	None
Directorship of other public companies:	None
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	7 out of 8
Name:	Chong Chooi Wan^
Age:	45
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Alternate Director to Mohd Haniz bin Mohd Nazlan
Qualifications:	Bachelor Degree in Finance with Summa Cum Laude Honours from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, U.S.A.
Experience:	More than 20 years of experience in strategic planning and investment, corporate developments, mergers and acquisitions in various industries ranging from financial sector to energy sector. In 2020, she joined CIMB Group as the Director of Group Ventures and Partnerships where she is tasked to oversee business optimization projects as well as portfolio management for the bank. Currently, she is attached to Group Corporate Finance and Investment Management overseeing CIMB Group's investment portfolio, including Principal Group.
Date appointed to Board:	3 June 2021
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	None
Directorship of other public companies:	None
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Key Personnel of the Manager (continued)

Name:	Chong Chooi Wan^ (continued)
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	5 out of 8
Name:	Julian Christopher Vivian Pull^
Age:	59
Nationality:	British
Designation:	Alternate Director to Cheong Wee Yee, Thomas
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University College, London. • MBA with distinction in Finance and Investment from the University of Hull.
Experience:	<p>Julian Christopher Vivian Pull ("Ted") is Chief Financial Officer, Asia for Principal International. He is responsible for leading the management of financial actions for Principal Hong Kong SAR, China, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.</p> <p>Ted joined Principal in January 2021 and has more than 30 years of management experience in Asia in a number of C-suite positions. His extensive experience in the asset management industry included appointments as CFO and COO for Eastspring Investments (formerly Prudential Asset Management) and Chief Executive Officer of Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Ltd. He has served on the boards of Prudential Corporation Asia and multiple asset management subsidiaries throughout the region.</p>
Date appointed to Board:	15 September 2021.
Details of Membership of any Board Committee:	None
Directorship of other public companies:	None
Family relationship with any Director:	None
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of board meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	8 out of 8

* Independent Director

^ Alternate Director

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The Investment Committee

As required by the ETF Guidelines, the Manager is required to establish oversight on the operation and management of the ETF which is being discharged by the Investment Committee whose role is to ensure that the investment management of the Fund is consistent with:

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

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

Accordingly, the Manager has appointed an Investment Committee for the Fund, comprising of six (6) members including one (1) independent members.

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

Name:	Yoon Mun Thim* (Chairman)
Age:	59
Nationality:	Singaporean
Designation:	Chairman of the Investment Committee of Principal Asset Management Bhd
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Cambridge University • Master of Arts from Cambridge University, • Master of Business Administration (Distinction) from Warwick Business School, University of Warwick • CFA Charter Holder.
Experience:	2009 - 2017 Group Chief Investment Officer - The Great Eastern Life Assurance Co Ltd 2008 - 2009 Chief Investment Officer - Prudential Fund Management Bhd 2003 - 2007 Chief Investment Officer - Prudential Assurance Malaysia Bhd
Date appointed to Investment Committee:	4 December 2019
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of Investment Committee meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	11 out of 11

* Independent member

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The Investment Committee (continued)

Name:	Mohamad Safri Shahul Hamid
Age:	51
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Senior Managing Director, Senior Bankers Group, CIMB Investment Bank Bhd
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Accounting (Honours) from International Islamic University Malaysia • Master of Business Administration (Globalisation) from Maastricht School of Management, The Netherlands;; • Chartered Accountant (“CA”) with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (“MIA”).
Experience:	<p>April 2021 - Present Senior Managing Director, Public Sector & Government Group, CIMB Investment Bank Berhad.</p> <p>July 2020 - April 2021 Senior Managing Director, Senior Bankers Group, CIMB Investment Bank Berhad</p> <p>February 2021 - June 2020 Deputy Chief Executive Officer / Senior Managing Director,(since April 2014) CIMB Islamic (CIMB Investment Bank)</p> <p>March 2009 - January 2011 Deputy Chief Executive Officer- MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Berhad (Kuala Lumpur)</p> <p>February 2008 - December 2008 Director, Global Markets & Regional Head, Islamic Structuring (Asia), Deutsche Bank Dubai International Financial Centre (Dubai)</p>
Date appointed to Investment Committee:	1 April 2014
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of Investment Committee meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	7 out of 11
Name:	Alejandro Elias Echegorri Rodriguez
Age:	62
Nationality:	Chile
Designation:	Chief Investment Officer, Principal Global Asset Management Asia.
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree in Economics from the Universidad Mayor de la Republica, Uruguay • Master in Economics from Universidad Centro de Estudios Macroeconomics de Argentina.
Experience:	March 2019 – Present Chief Investment Officer of Principal Global Asset Management Asia

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The Investment Committee (continued)

Name:	Alejandro Elias Echegarri Rodriguez (continued)
Experience: (continued)	<p>March 2015 – Chief Executive Officer, ASEAN Region, Executive Director of CIMB-Principal Asset Management Berhad and Director of CIMB-Principal Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd, CIMB-Principal Asset Management (S) Pte, CIMB-Principal Asset Management Company Limited (Thailand), PT CIMB-Principal Asset Management (Indonesia).</p> <p>March 2019</p> <p>July 2011 - Principal Financial Group (Mexico)</p> <p>March 2015 Chief Investment Officer – Latin America</p> <p>September 2003 Principal Financial Group (Mexico)</p> <p>- July 2011 Chief Investment Officer and Institutional Asset Management Head - Mexico</p> <p>September 1999 Citibank N.A. (Chile)</p> <p>- September Senior Investment Officer - Emerging Markets</p> <p>2003 (Pension Fund Group)</p>
Date appointed to Investment Committee:	28 July 2015
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of Investment Committee meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	5 out of 11
Name:	Uday Jayaram
Age:	55
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Executive Managing Director and Head of Southeast Asia,
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc Economics degree majoring in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics • Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).
Experience:	<p>Uday brings with him an accumulated experience of 30 years in the fields of audit, management consultancy, equities research, institutional sales, capital markets, stock exchange business as well as upstream oil and gas. He commenced his career in the financial institutions group within the audit division of Ernst and Young, London. In addition to several global clients such as HSBC, ABB Group and IKEA, Uday was fortunate to gain experience in projects for the World Bank which included the restructuring of banks in Kazakhstan. Returning to Malaysia, Uday's equities research and sales experience some saw him joining Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, CIMB, ING Financial Markets and Macquarie Capital Securities where he was Division Director and Head of Equities of the Malaysia business.</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The Investment Committee (continued)

Name:	Uday Jayaram (continued)
Experience: (continued)	<p>Uday brings with him an accumulated experience of 30 years in the fields of audit, management consultancy, equities research, institutional sales, capital markets, stock exchange business as well as upstream oil and gas. He commenced his career in the financial institutions group within the audit division of Ernst and Young, London. In addition to several global clients such as HSBC, ABB Group and IKEA, Uday was fortunate to gain experience in projects for the World Bank which included the restructuring of banks in Kazakhstan. Returning to Malaysia, Uday's equities research and sales experience some saw him joining Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, CIMB, ING Financial Markets and Macquarie Capital Securities where he was Division Director and Head of Equities of the Malaysia business.</p> <p>Moving on to Bursa Malaysia, Uday was Global Head of Securities Markets with overall responsibility for the development of the exchange's cash equities business. Uday also served as a member of Bursa's Market Participants Committee and was Chairman of the FTSE Bursa Index Advisory Committee. Prior to joining Principal, Uday was the Senior Vice President of Corporate Development at Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd where he was involved in corporate strategy, business planning, debt and equity funding and investor relations.</p>
Date appointed to Investment Committee:	30 June 2022
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None
Number of Investment Committee meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	10 out of 11
Name:	Nor'Azamin Salleh
Age:	57
Nationality:	Malaysian
Designation:	Director/ Chairman – Ficus Capital Sdn Bhd (Venture Capital)
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Commerce, Australian National University (1989) • Chartered Accountant – Malaysia Institute of Accountants (1993) • Master of Business Administration, OU Business School, United Kingdom (2003) • Executive Management Program, Tsinghua University Beijing, China (2012) • Executive Management Program, Wharton Business School, USA (2015)
Experience:	2010-2017 Group Chief Executive Office, Maybank Asset Management Group Berhad

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The Investment Committee (continued)

Name:	Nor'Azamin Salleh (continued)	
Experience: (continued)	2008 – 2010	CEO/Executive Director, Asian Islamic Investment Management Sdn Bhd
	2004 – 2008	Executive Director, Avenue Invest Bhd/ Muamalat Invest Berhad
Date appointed to Investment Committee:	1 January 2022	
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None	
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None	
Number of Investment Committee meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	10 out of 11	
Name:	May Tong	
Age:	44	
Nationality:	United States	
Designation:	Director/ Chairman – Ficus Capital Sdn Bhd (Venture Capital)	
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.S. Accounting and Finance - Obtained 2001 Boston College • CFA - Obtained 2004 • MBA – Obtained 2010, Columbia University 	
Experience:	June 2018 – June 2021	Franklin Templeton: SVP / Portfolio Manager for Investment Solutions
	June 2006 – June 2018	Voya Investment Management: VP / Portfolio Manager and Head of Portfolio Implementation & Management for Multi-Asset Strategies & Solutions
	July 2001 – June 2006	Merrill Lynch Investment Managers: Trader & Portfolio Manager for Quantitative Advisors
Date appointed to Investment Committee:	20 April 2022	
Conflict of interest with the Fund:	None	
List of convictions for offences within the past 10 years other than traffic offences:	None	
Number of Investment Committee meetings attended in the financial year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023):	8 out of 11	

**STATEMENT BY MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF**

We, being the Directors of Principal Asset Management Berhad (the “Manager”), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying audited financial statements set out on pages 8 to 29 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to unit holders and cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with the provisions of the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

For and on behalf of the Manager

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

MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN

Country Head and Chief Executive Officer, Malaysia
Non-Independent Executive Director

UDAY JAYARAM

Executive Managing Director,
Head of Southeast Asia
Non-Independent Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur
28 August 2023

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 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 year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

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

We are of the opinion that the distributions of income by the Fund are appropriate and reflects the investment objective of the Fund.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

Ng Hon Leong
Head, Fund Operations

Sylvia Beh
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur
25 August 2023

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF**

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia ETF (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, 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 year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 8 to 29.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for opinion

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

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF (cont'd.)**

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

Key audit matters

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

Description	Our responses
<p><u>Valuation and existence of investments</u></p> <p>The investment portfolio at the year-end comprised collective investment scheme valued at RM2,192,255 (2022: RM2,070,177), representing approximately 101.23% (2022: 99.73%) of the total net asset value of the Fund.</p> <p>The relevant account disclosures thereon on investment are provided in accounting policies and in Note 2(b), Note 3(e) and Note 9 to the financial statements.</p> <p>A discrepancy in the valuation or existence of the investment portfolio could cause the net asset value to be materially misstated which impacts the Funds' reported performance and, therefore, the returns generated for unitholders.</p>	<p>Our audit work included, but was not restricted to, confirming our understanding of the Fund's processes and controls over the existence and valuation of investments in order to assess compliance with relevant accounting standards, by performing walkthrough procedures.</p> <p>We appropriately selected samples to test the operating effectiveness of the relevant controls identified.</p> <p>We agreed the valuation of all investments as at the year-end to an independent source of market prices. We also obtained confirmation of the existence and ownership of the investments as at the year-end directly from the Fund's independent custodian.</p>

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF (cont'd.)**

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

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

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

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the Manager and Trustee for the financial statements

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF (cont'd.)**

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

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We are 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 FTSE ASEAN 40 MALAYSIA ETF (cont'd.)**

Other matters

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
INCOME			
Dividend income		90,400	80,248
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	155,573	284,902
Net foreign exchange gain		3,098	65
		<u>249,071</u>	<u>365,215</u>
EXPENSES			
Trustee fee	5	12,000	12,000
Audit fee		25,400	25,400
Tax agent's fee		4,399	4,399
Transaction costs		97	7,606
Other expenses	6	8,314	5,492
		<u>50,210</u>	<u>54,897</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		198,861	310,318
Taxation	7	<u>(20,045)</u>	-
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>178,816</u>	<u>310,318</u>
Profit after taxation is made up as follows:			
Realised amount		25,269	214,433
Unrealised amount		153,547	95,885
		<u>178,816</u>	<u>310,318</u>

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

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	95,884	39,408
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	<u>2,192,255</u>	<u>2,070,177</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,288,139</u>	<u>2,109,585</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to Trustee		1,021	1,021
Distribution payable		90,450	-
Tax payable		2,638	-
Other payables and accruals	12	<u>29,800</u>	<u>32,700</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>123,909</u>	<u>33,721</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND (EX-DISTRIBUTION)		<u>2,164,230</u>	<u>2,075,864</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS	11	<u>2,164,230</u>	<u>2,075,864</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND			
- before distribution		2,254,680	2,156,054
- after distribution		<u>2,164,230</u>	<u>2,075,864</u>
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)	13	<u>1,350,000</u>	<u>1,350,000</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)			
- before distribution		1.6701	1.5971
- after distribution		<u>1.6031</u>	<u>1.5377</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		2,075,864	4,150,726
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial year:			
- Cancellation of units		-	(2,304,990)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		178,816	310,318
Distributions	8	(90,450)	(80,190)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	11	2,164,230	2,075,864

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of collective investment scheme		33,398	2,449,708
Purchase of collective investment scheme		-	(56,232)
Dividend income received		90,400	80,248
Trustee fee paid		(12,000)	(12,000)
Tax paid		(17,407)	-
Payments for other fees and expenses		(41,013)	(39,997)
Receipt of other foreign exchange gain		3,324	-
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>56,702</u>	<u>2,421,727</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for cancellation of units		-	(2,304,990)
Distribution paid		-	(80,190)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(2,385,180)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		56,702	36,547
Effects of foreign exchange differences		(226)	65
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>39,408</u>	<u>2,796</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	<u>95,884</u>	<u>39,408</u>
<u>Cash and cash equivalents comprised of:</u>			
Bank balances		<u>95,884</u>	<u>39,408</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	<u>95,884</u>	<u>39,408</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023****1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

(a) Basis of preparation

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

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

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

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial year beginning on 1 July 2022 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

None of the standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for the financial year beginning on/after 1 July 2023 are applicable to 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 other comprehensive income ("OCI").

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely 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.

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

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

Recognition and measurement

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

Financial 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.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Recognition and measurement (continued)

Financial liabilities are derecognised when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

Unrealised gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within net gain or loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the financial year which they arise.

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

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

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

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

Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

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

Significant increase in credit risk

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

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**(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 year.

(c) Income recognition

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

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

(d) Foreign currencyFunctional 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 Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR" or "RM"), which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

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

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

Transactions and balances

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

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**(f) Taxation**

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

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

Pursuant to Finance Act 2021, income derived by a resident person from sources outside Malaysia and received in Malaysia from 1 January 2022 will no longer be exempt from tax. Foreign-sourced income ("FSI") received in Malaysia during the transitional period from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 will be taxed at 3% of gross. From July 2022 onwards, FSI received in Malaysia will be taxed at prevailing tax rate(s) of the taxpayer and based on applicable tax rules. Bilateral or unilateral tax credits may be allowed if the same income has suffered foreign tax, and where relevant conditions are met.

(g) Distribution

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

(h) Transactions costs

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

(i) Unit holders' contributions

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(k) Segment information

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments of the Fund were as follows:

	Financial assets at amortised cost RM	Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss RM	Total RM
2023			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 10)	95,884	-	95,884
Collective investment scheme (Note 9)	-	2,192,255	2,192,255
	<u>95,884</u>	<u>2,192,255</u>	<u>2,288,139</u>
2022			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 10)	39,408	-	39,408
Collective investment scheme (Note 9)	-	2,070,177	2,070,177
	<u>39,408</u>	<u>2,070,177</u>	<u>2,109,585</u>

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

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

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

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

(a) Market risk

(i) Price risk

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

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

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

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment scheme	<u>2,192,255</u>	<u>2,070,177</u>

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and NAV to movements in prices of the Underlying Index. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the Underlying Index fluctuates by 10.88% (2022: 11.82%), which is the standard deviation of the daily fluctuation of the Benchmark Index, with all other variables held constant, and that the fair value of the investments moved in the same quantum with the fluctuation in the Benchmark Index. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in Underlying Index	Underlying Index	Market value RM	Impact on profit or loss/NAV RM
2023			
-10.88%	9,020	1,953,738	(238,517)
0%	10,121	2,192,255	-
10.88%	<u>11,222</u>	<u>2,430,772</u>	<u>238,517</u>
2022			
-11.82%	8,376	1,825,482	(244,695)
0%	9,499	2,070,177	-
11.82%	<u>10,622</u>	<u>2,314,872</u>	<u>244,695</u>

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk

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

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

Financial assets	Cash and cash equivalents RM	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss RM	Total RM
2023			
USD	<u>94,109</u>	<u>2,192,255</u>	<u>2,286,364</u>
2022			
USD	<u>35,538</u>	<u>2,070,177</u>	<u>2,105,715</u>

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and NAV to changes in foreign exchange movements for the Fund. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate fluctuates by 5.81% (2022: 3.46%), which is the standard deviation of the daily fluctuation of the exchange rate of USD against MYR, with all other variables remain constants. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative

	Change in foreign exchange rate %	Impact on profit or loss/ NAV RM
2023		
USD	<u>+/- 5.81</u>	<u>+/- 132,838</u>
2022		
USD	<u>+/- 3.46</u>	<u>+/- 72,858</u>

(b) Credit risk

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

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

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(b) Credit risk (continued)

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

	Cash and cash equivalents RM
2023	
- AA1	<u>95,884</u>
2022	
- AA1	<u>39,408</u>

(c) Liquidity risk

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

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

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

	Less than 1 month RM	Between 1 month to 1 year RM	Total RM
2023			
Amount due to Trustee	1,021	-	1,021
Distribution payable	90,450	-	90,450
Tax payable	2,638	-	2,638
Other payables and accruals	-	29,800	29,800
Contractual undiscounted cash flows	<u>94,109</u>	<u>29,800</u>	<u>123,909</u>
2022			
Amount due to Trustee	1,021	-	1,021
Other payables and accruals	-	32,700	32,700
Contractual undiscounted cash flows	<u>1,021</u>	<u>32,700</u>	<u>33,721</u>

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to unit holders of RM2,164,230 (2022: RM2,075,864). The amount of capital can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns to unit holders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

(e) Fair value estimation

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

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

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

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

(i) Fair value hierarchy

The table in the following page analyses financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2)
- Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety.

If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement.

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.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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
2023				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment scheme	<u>2,192,255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,192,255</u>
2022				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment scheme	<u>2,070,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,070,177</u>

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

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

4. MANAGEMENT FEE

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

5. TRUSTEE FEE

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

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023, the Trustee fee was recognised at a rate of 0.08% per annum (2022: 0.08% per annum) subject to a minimum fee of RM12,000 per annum effective from 1 June 2012 based on the agreement between the Trustee and the Manager, excluding foreign sub-custodian fees and charges.

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

6. OTHER EXPENSES

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Listing fee	2,000	2,000
Custodian fee	696	855
Others	5,618	2,637
	<u>8,314</u>	<u>5,492</u>

7. TAXATION

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Tax charged for the financial year:		
- Tax on foreign source income	<u>20,045</u>	<u>-</u>

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

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Profit before taxation	<u>198,861</u>	<u>310,318</u>
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	47,727	74,476
Tax effects of:		
Investment income not subject to tax	(59,777)	(87,652)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	5,954	7,079
Restriction on tax deductible expenses for ETFs	6,096	6,097
Tax on foreign source income	<u>20,045</u>	<u>-</u>
Taxation	<u>20,045</u>	<u>-</u>

8. DISTRIBUTIONS

Distributions to unit holders were derived from the following sources (assessed up to distribution declaration date):

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Dividend income	90,400	28,098
Net foreign exchange gain	3,613	106,989
Prior financial periods' realised income	66,692	-
	<u>160,705</u>	<u>135,087</u>
Less:		
Expenses	50,210	54,897
Tax	<u>20,045</u>	<u>-</u>
Net distribution amount	<u>90,450</u>	<u>80,190</u>

Gross/Net distribution per unit (sen)

Distribution on 28 June 2023	6.70	-
Distribution on 16 June 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>5.94</u>

8. DISTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

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

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

There are no unrealised loss for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 (2022: nil).

9. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
At fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment scheme	<u>2,192,255</u>	<u>2,070,177</u>
Net gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Realised gain on disposals	1,801	189,081
- Unrealised fair value gain	<u>153,772</u>	<u>95,821</u>
	<u>155,573</u>	<u>284,902</u>

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
2023				
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
SINGAPORE				
Principal FTSE ASEAN 40*	<u>58,500</u>	<u>2,060,156</u>	<u>2,192,255</u>	<u>101.29</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	<u>58,500</u>	<u>2,060,156</u>	<u>2,192,255</u>	<u>101.29</u>
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>132,099</u>		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>2,192,255</u>		

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
2022				
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
SINGAPORE				
Principal FTSE ASEAN 40*	<u>59,400</u>	<u>2,091,850</u>	<u>2,070,177</u>	<u>99.73</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	<u>59,400</u>	<u>2,091,850</u>	<u>2,070,177</u>	<u>99.73</u>
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>(21,673)</u>		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u><u>2,070,177</u></u>		

* The Singapore Fund

10. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Bank balances	<u>95,884</u>	<u>39,408</u>

11. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS

Net assets attributable to unit holders as at the reporting date comprised:

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Unit holders' contributions	1,552,365	1,552,365
Retained earnings	<u>611,865</u>	<u>523,499</u>
	<u><u>2,164,230</u></u>	<u><u>2,075,864</u></u>

11. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS (CONTINUED)

The movement in the components of net assets attributable to unit holders for the financial year were as follows:

	Unit holders' contributions RM	Retained earnings RM	Total RM
Balance as at 1 July 2022	1,552,365	523,499	2,075,864
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	178,816	178,816
Distributions	-	(90,450)	(90,450)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	<u>1,552,365</u>	<u>611,865</u>	<u>2,164,230</u>
Balance as at 1 July 2021	3,857,355	293,371	4,150,726
Movement in unit holders' contributions:			
- cancellation of units	(2,304,990)	-	(2,304,990)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	310,318	310,318
Distributions	-	(80,190)	(80,190)
Balance as at 30 June 2022	<u>1,552,365</u>	<u>523,499</u>	<u>2,075,864</u>

12. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Provision for auditors' fee	25,400	25,400
Provision for tax agent's fee	4,400	7,300
	<u>29,800</u>	<u>32,700</u>

13. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	2023 No of units	2022 No of units
At the beginning of the financial year	1,350,000	2,700,000
Cancellation of units	-	(1,350,000)
At the end of the financial year	<u>1,350,000</u>	<u>1,350,000</u>

14. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2023 %	2022 %
TER	<u>2.28</u>	<u>1.35</u>

14. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (“TER”) (CONTINUED)

TER is derived from the following calculation:

$$\text{TER} = \frac{(A + B + C + D) \times 100}{E}$$

A	=	Trustee fees
B	=	Auditors’ fee
C	=	Tax agent’s fee
D	=	Other expenses excluding Central Depository System (“CDS”) transfer fee
E	=	Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis was RM2,196,096 (2022: RM3,513,407).

15. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	2023	2022
PTR (times)	<u>0.01</u>	<u>0.36</u>

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

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

where:

total acquisition for the financial year	=	Nil (2022: RM56,395)
total disposal for the financial year	=	RM33,495 (2022: RM2,443,497)

16. 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:

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
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
Principal Asset Management (S) Pte Ltd	Investment Manager of the Singapore Fund

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

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd	Fellow related party to the Manager
CGS-CIMB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd	Fellow related party to the Manager
CIMSEC Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn 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

	2023		2022	
	No. of units	RM	No. of units	RM
Fellow related party to the Manager				
CGS-CIMB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd	20,500	32,864	17,800	27,371
CIMSEC Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd	6,400	10,260	6,400	9,841

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

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

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

Significant related party transactions

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

Significant related party balances

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Investment in collective investment scheme:		
- Principal FTSE ASEAN 40*	<u>2,192,255</u>	<u>2,070,177</u>

* Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 is managed by Principal Asset Management (S) Pte Ltd

17. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/DEALERS

Details of transactions with brokers/dealers for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 are as follows:

Brokers/Dealers	Value of trades RM	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage fees RM	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
CGS-CIMB Securities International Pte Ltd #	33,495	100.00	97	100.00
	<u>33,495</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Details of transactions with brokers/dealers for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 are as follows:

Brokers/Dealers	Value of trades RM	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage fees RM	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
CGS-CIMB Securities International Pte Ltd #	2,285,009	91.40	6,645	91.40
Macquarie Securities (Australia) Limited	214,883	8.60	625	8.60
	<u>2,499,892</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>7,270</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Included in the transactions are trades conducted with CGS-CIMB Securities International Pte Ltd, fellow related party to the Manager amounting to RM33,495 (2022: RM2,285,009). The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related company have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related party.

18. SEGMENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 28 August 2023.

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