

# Principal Global Sustainable Growth Fund

Annual Report

For The Financial Year Ended 31 May 2023

PRINCIPAL GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND
ANNUAL REPORT
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**DIRECTORY** 

#### **INVESTORS' LETTER**

Dear Valued Investor,

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

We are pleased to bring you a copy of the Annual Fund Report of the Principal Global Sustainable Growth Fund for the financial period ended 31 May 2023. You may also download this report from our website at <a href="https://www.principal.com.my">www.principal.com.my</a>.

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 Chief Executive Officer

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

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

### What is the investment objective of the Fund?

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation through investments in one (1) collective investment scheme ('CIS"), which invests in securities factoring sustainability criteria.

# Has the Fund achieved its objective?

For the financial year under review, the fund has achieve its objective to achieve capital appreciation as stated in the investment objective section.

For the financial year under review, the Fund has complied with the requirements of the Guidelines on SRI Funds.

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

The Fund is a feeder fund and it invests in a single CIS, i.e. Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Growth. The Fund may also invest in liquid assets for liquidity purpose. In order to achieve the Fund's objective, the Fund will invest at least 95% of its Net Asset Value ("NAV") in the Target Fund. The Target Fund was established on 23 November 2010 under the Schroder International Selection Fund; a Luxembourg domiciled open-ended investment company. The Fund may also invest up to 5% of its NAV in liquid assets for liquidity purpose.

The Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of companies in the Fund's portfolio are rated against the sustainability criteria.

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on Sustainability related Disclosures in the Financial Services Sector (the "SFDR"). The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its sustainability benchmark based on the investment manager's rating system.

As the Fund is a qualified sustainable and responsible investment fund, the investments of the Fund will be subject to the Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") integration methodology in accordance to the United Nations sponsored Principles for Responsible Investment ("UNPRI"), including the selection, retention and realisation of the Fund's investments. The Target Fund Investment Manager applies sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Target Fund. Companies are assessed against material ESG risks such as climate change, natural resources, human capital, social opportunities and corporate governance.

The Manager does not seek to exclude companies which are relatively low in an ESG assessment rather we see this as an opportunity to engage these companies and advocate adoption of best practices for further improvement. However, companies that do not improve or demonstrate a commitment to improve after engagement exercises may be excluded from further investment or we may dispose of the investment within an appropriate timeframe.

The Manager will review the fund periodically to ensure the investments of the Fund are in line with the sustainability criteria adopted and overall impact of the investment of the Fund are not inconsistent with any other sustainability criteria. If the Fund's investment become inconsistent with the investment strategy or sustainability considerations of the Fund, we will dispose the investment within an appropriate timeframe.

The Target Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") All Country ("AC") World (Net Total return ("TR")) index, based on the Target Fund Investment Manager's rating system. The Target Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries, or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability Information" on the Target Fund's webpage accessed via <a href="www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc">www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc</a>. You may refer to page 11 under the "Investment Policy of the Target Fund" for more information.

# **MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY (CONTINUED)**

# What are the Fund investment policy and principal investment strategy? (continued)

The Target Fund will adopt the Investment Policy under section 2.1. of the Information Memorandum to ensure that the Target Fund's investment is in line with the sustainability criteria adopted and the overall impact of such investments of the Target Fund is not inconsistent with any other sustainability criteria. If the Target Fund's investment become inconsistent with its Investment Policy, the Target Fund Investment Manager shall dispose of the investment within an appropriate timeframe.

The Manager will employ risk management strategy at the Fund level, where the Manager will continuously monitor the objective, performance, and suitability of the Target Fund to ensure that it is in line with the objective of the Fund. If Manager are of the opinion that the Target Fund no longer meets the Fund's objective, the Manager may, with unit holders' approval, replace the Target Fund with another CIS that is in line with the Fund's objective and must be in compliance with Guidelines on Sustainable and Responsible Investment Funds.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- At least 95% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in the Target Fund; and
- up to 5% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purposes.

### Information on the Target Fund

Target Fund : Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Growth

Share Class : Class A Shares Currency denomination : US Dollar ("USD")

Target Fund Investment Manager : Schroder Investment Management Limited

Regulatory Authority : Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier

### **Base Currency**

USD

## Fund category/type

Feeder fund/Growth

### When was the Fund launched?

Name of Class	Launch Date
Class AUD-Hedged ("AUD-H")	13 September 2021
Class MYR-Hedged ("MYR-H")	13 September 2021
Class SGD-Hedged ("SGD-H")	13 September 2021
Class USD	13 September 2021

#### What was the size of the Fund as at 31 May 2023?

USD35.91 million (156.69 million units)

#### What is the Fund's benchmark?

As this is a feeder fund, the Fund adheres to the benchmark of the Target Fund for performance comparison. The performance comparator of the Target Fund may be found in the Target Fund Prospectus available on the Target Fund's website at www.Schroders.lu. Currently, the performance comparator of the Target Fund is MSCI AC World (Net TR) Index.

### What is the Fund distribution policy?

Given the Fund's objective, the class of the Fund is not expected to pay any distribution. Distributions, if any, are at the discretion of the Manager and will vary from period to period depending on the availability of realised income for distribution and performance of the Fund.

<sup>\*</sup> Any changes to the Target Fund's benchmark will be updated in our website and/or the Fund's Product Highlights Sheet.

# FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY (CONTINUED)

# What was the net income distribution for the financial year ended 31 May 2023?

There was no income distribution made for the financial year ended 31 May 2023.

# **PERFORMANCE DATA**

Details of portfolio composition of the Fund for the financial years/period were as follows:

	31.05.2023	31.05.2022
Collective investment scheme	<b>%</b> 99.58	<b>%</b> 98.66
Cash and other assets	2.83	2.86
Liabilities	(2.41)	(1.52)
	100.00	100.00
NAV (USD Million)		
- Class AUD-H	1.05	1.20
- Class MYR-H	29.70	33.26
- Class SGD-H	1.28	0.94
- Class USD	3.88	4.04
Units in circulation (Million)		
- Class AUD-H	1.81	1.91
- Class MYR-H	148.87	163.04
- Class SGD-H	1.89	1.45
- Class USD NAV per unit (USD)	4.12	4.53
- Class AUD-H	0.5834	0.6298
- Class MYR-H	0.1995	0.2040
- Class SGD-H	0.6798	0.6468
- Class USD	0.9401	0.8905
		13.09.2021
	01.06.2022 to 31.05.2023	(date of launch) to 31.05.2022
Highest NAV per unit (USD)	10 01.00.2020	10 0110012022
- Class AUD-H	0.6358	0.7898
- Class MYR-H	0.2165	0.2567
- Class SGD-H	0.6987	0.7914
- Class USD	0.9584	1.0673
Lowest NAV per unit (USD)	0.5504	1.0075
- Class AUD-H	0.4568	0.00*
- Class MYR-H	0.1594	0.1893
- Class SGD-H	0.5170	0.00*
- Class USD	0.7496	0.00*
- Class 03D Total return (%)	0.7490	0.00
- Class AUD-H	2.63	(12.32)
- Class MYR-H	3.05	(10.74)
- Class SGD-H	4.05	(11.46)
- Class USD	5.56	(10.95)
Capital growth (%)		
- Class AUD-H	2.63	(12.32)
- Class MYR-H	3.05	(10.74)
- Class SGD-H	4.05 5.56	(11.46)
- Class USD	5.56	(10.95)

Note: 0.00\* denotes value less than 0.01.

### PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Details of portfolio composition of the Fund for the financial years/period were as follows (continued):

	01.06.2022 to 31.05.2023	13.09.2021 (date of launch) to 31.05.2022
Income distribution (%)		
- Class AUD-H	-	-
- Class MYR-H	-	-
- Class SGD-H	-	-
- Class USD	-	-
Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%) ^	0.58	0.44
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #	0.19	0.81

<sup>^</sup> The Fund's TER increased from 0.44% to 0.58% for the financial year under review due to the increase in expenses during the financial year.

<sup>#</sup> For the financial year under review, the Fund's PTR decreased from 0.81 times to 0.19 times. As a feeder fund, the turnover reflects investments and withdrawals in the Target Fund.

	31.05.2023	Since inception to 31.05.2022 %
Annual total return		
- Class AUD-H	2.63	(12.32)
- Class MYR-H	3.05	(10.74)
- Class SGD-H	4.05	(11.46)
- Class USD	5.56	(10.95)

(Launch date: 13 September 2021)

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 JUNE 2022 TO 31 MAY 2023)**

During the financial year under review, global equities were volatile on the back of persistent concerns over rising inflation, global supply chain problems, high energy prices and the changing regulatory environment in some countries. During August 2022, market returns were broadly lower as inflation remained elevated and the US Federal Reserve (the "Fed") reaffirmed its commitment to reining in price increases.

However, market volatility of global equities persisted in early 2023 as markets broadly declined in February 2023 as investors reacted to expectations of a prolonged period of higher interest rates. Additionally, the general concerns about inflationary pressures remain in certain countries. Meanwhile in May 2023, global equities were subdued, with ongoing US debt ceiling talks weighing on investor sentiment.

### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

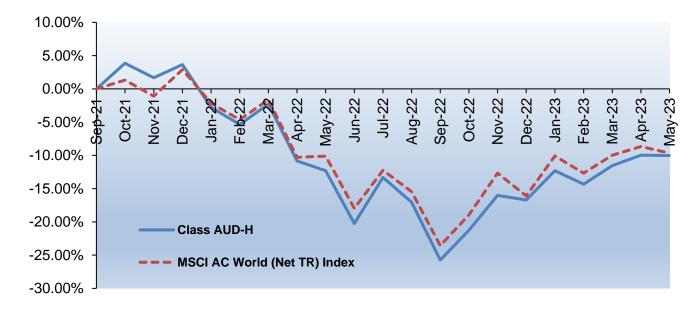
	1 year to 31.05.2023					
	Class AUD-H %	Class MYR-H %	Class SGD-H %	Class USD %		
Income Distribution	-	-	-	-		
Capital Growth	2.63	3.05	4.05	5.56		
Total Return	2.63	3.05	4.05	5.56		
Benchmark	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85		
Average Total Return	2.63	3.05	4.05	5.56		

	Since inception to 31.05.2023					
	Class Class AUD-H MYR-H		Class SGD-H	Class USD		
	% %	%	%	%		
Income Distribution	-	-	-	-		
Capital Growth	(10.01)	(8.02)	(7.87)	(6.00)		
Total Return	(10.01)	(8.02)	(7.87)	(6.00)		
Benchmark	(9.65)	(9.65)	(9.65)	(9.65)		
Average Total Return	(5.96)	(4.76)	(4.67)	(3.54)		

For the financial year under review, the Fund returns for Class AUD-H, Class MYR-H, Class SGD-H, and Class USD have recorded an increase of 2.63%, 3.05%, 4.05%, and 5.56% respectively. This measures against their benchmark that recorded a 0.85% respectively.

### Since inception

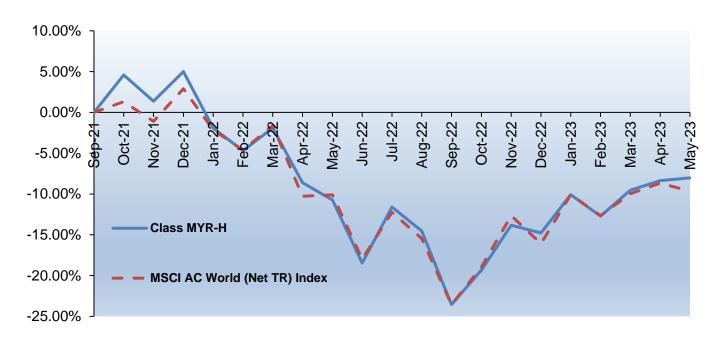
### **CLASS AUD-H**



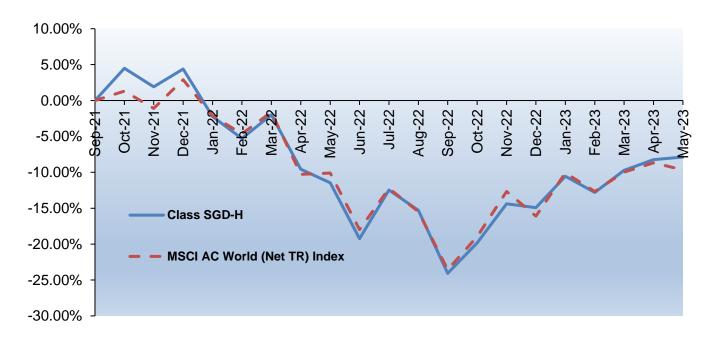
# **FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)**

### Since inception

# **CLASS MYR-H**



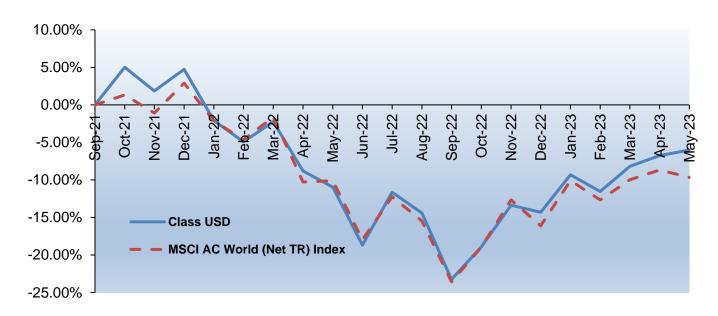
# **CLASS SGD-H**



# **FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)**

### Since inception

### **CLASS USD**



### **Changes in NAV**

### **CLASS AUD-H**

			Changes
	31.05.2023	31.05.2022	ິ%
NAV (USD Million)	1.05	1.20	(12.50)
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.5834	0.6298	(7.37)
CLASS MYR-H			
NAV (USD Million)	29.70	33.26	(10.70)
NAV/Ùnit (USD)	0.1995	0.2040	(2.21)
CLASS SGD-H			
NAV (USD Million)	1.28	0.94	36.17
NAV/Ùnit (USD)	0.6798	0.6468	5.11
CLASS USD			
NAV (USD Million)	3.88	4.04	(3.96)
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.9401	0.8905	5.57

During the financial year under review, the Fund's NAV for Class AUD-H, Class MYR-H, and Class USD decreased by 12.50%, 10.70%, and 3.96% respectively while Class SGD-H increased by 36.17% during the same review year.

In addition, during the review period, the NAV per unit for Class AUD-H and Class MYR-H decreased by 7.37% and 2.21% respectively. Meanwhile, the NAV per unit for Class SGD-H and Class USD increased by 5.11% and 5.57% respectively.

# **FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)**

### **Changes in NAV (continued)**

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

#### PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

#### Asset allocation

(% of NAV)	31.05.2023	31.05.2022
Compliant collective investment scheme	99.58	98.66
Cash and other net assets	2.83	2.86
Liabilities	(2.41)	(1.52)
TOTAL	100.00	100.00

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

Top 10 holdings of the Target Fund for the financial year ended:

	% of NAV
Top 10 holdings*	31.05.2023
Microsoft Corp	7.90
Alphabet Inc	4.70
Schneider Electric SE	3.40
Booking Holdings Inc	3.20
RELX PLC	2.90
Bunzl PLC	2.90
ASML Holding NV	2.70
AIA Group Ltd	2.70
AstraZeneca PLC	2.70
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	2.70

<sup>\*</sup> As disclosed in the Fund Fact Sheet.

### **MARKET OUTLOOK\***

Concerns remain over rising inflation, global supply chain problems, high energy prices and the changing regulatory environment in some countries. The outlook remains mixed, with fiscal and monetary tightening likely to dampen the ongoing recovery. We remain tilted towards quality and are focusing on stock-picking. We remain conscious of inflation and interest rate risk in the portfolio and are managing our positions accordingly.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

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

<sup>\*</sup> 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 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.

#### 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 investments. All dealings with brokers are executed on most favourable terms available for the Fund. Any rebates will be directed to the account of the Fund.

During the financial year under review, the Manager and the Trustee did not receive any rebates from the brokers or dealers, but the Manager has retained soft commission in the form of goods and services such as financial wire services and stock quotations system incidental to investment management of the Funds. The Manager confirms that the goods and services received were for the benefit of the Fund, the trades were made on a best execution basis and there was no churning of trades.

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

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

### STATE OF AFFAIR OF THE FUND

Latest changes to the Statement by Manager's signatory as follows:

Mr. Juan Ignacio Eyzaguirre Baraona (retired on 30 June 2022)

Mr. Uday Jayaram (appointed on 30 June 2022)

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

### 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 have been carried out during the financial year under review.

# SRI REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS PRINCIPAL GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND

Principal Global Sustainable Growth Fund ("Fund") is a qualified SRI Fund under the Securities Commission Malaysia's Guidelines on SRI Funds ("Guidelines").

In the opinion of the Manager, the Fund for the financial year under review, has complied with the Guidelines issued on 17 February 2023.

# SRI REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS PRINCIPAL GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND (CONTINUED)

The sustainability considerations that have been adopted in the SRI strategies employed as outlined in the table below:

Strategy	Description				
Negative or exclusionary screening	The Fund excluded companies undertaking business activities or practices in gaming, alcohol, tobacco and other businesses regarded as vice in its investments.				
Sustainability themed investing	The Fund may invest in companies that are undertaking steps and measures to re-invent its value chain to make the value chain more sustainable and in-line with environmental and social developments.				
Impact or community investing	The Fund is searching to invest in companies that participate in solving social issues.				
Corporate engagement	The Fund may engage with companies to further enhance the sustainable, responsible and governance practices of the companies.				

		Sustainability Aspect						
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	ESG integration	Ethical and faith-based investing	Impact investing	Negative screening	Positive screening	Thematic investments	Action Taken	Outcome/ Performance Metrics
Schroder Investment Management Europe S,A- Schroder Isf Global Sustainable Growth AA	/			/	/			

# STATEMENT BY MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND

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 7 to 32 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 May 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

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director D

**UDAY JAYARAM** 

Director

Kuala Lumpur 17 July 2023

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

# TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND ("Fund")

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year then ended 31 May 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 Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework:
- 2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the Deed; and
- 3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Deed and any regulatory requirement.

For HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

Yap Lay Guat Manager, Investment Compliance Monitoring

Kuala Lumpur 17 July 2023

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Principal Global Sustainable Growth Fund (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 May 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 7 to 32.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 May 2023, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

# Basis for opinion

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

### Independence and other ethical responsibilities

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND (CONTINUED)

### 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 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 GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND (CONTINUED)

### 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 skepticism 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 GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND (CONTINUED)

#### Other matters

This report is made solely to the unit holders of the Fund, as a body, in accordance with the Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework and Guidelines on Sustainable and Responsible Investment Funds ("GSRI") pursuant to section 377 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 ("CMSA") issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 17 July 2023 Yeo Beng Yean No. 03013/10/2024 J Chartered Accountant

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

	Note	2023 USD	13.09.2021 (date of launch) to 31.05.2022 USD
INCOME/(LOSS) Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value			
through profit or loss  Net loss on derivatives at fair value through	7	2,446,908	(5,644,725)
profit or loss Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)	8	(2,355,649) 3,575 94,834	(1,498,411) (45,951) (7,189,087)
EXPENSES			
Management fee Trustee fee Audit fee Tax agent's fee Other expenses	4 5	651,516 14,478 2,055 1,507 5,059 674,615	395,848 8,797 2,150 1,200 701 408,696
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		(579,781)	(7,597,783)
Taxation	6		<u> </u>
LOSS AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(579,781)	(7,597,783)
Loss after taxation is made up as follows: Realised amount Unrealised amount	,	(3,580,347) 3,000,566 (579,781)	(1,970,572) (5,627,211) (7,597,783)

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MAY 2023

	Note	2023 USD	2022 USD
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	417,094	413,362
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	35,759,979	38,907,587
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	-	107,082
Amount due from dealer		165,669	163,562
Amount due from Manager		363,100	224,543
Amount due from Manager of collective investment			
scheme - Management fee rebate		70,033	70,301
-Sales of collective investment scheme		70,033	150,000
TOTAL ASSETS		36,775,875	40,036,437
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LIABILITIES			
Derivative liability at fair value through profit or loss		441,198	_
Amount due to Manager of collective investment		,	
scheme			
<ul> <li>Purchase of collective investment scheme</li> </ul>		100,000	-
Amount due to dealer		165,497	163,512
Amount due to Manager		97,137	371,643
Accrued management fee Amount due to Trustee		56,218 1,249	58,890
Other payables and accruals		4,786	1,309 3,350
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS		4,700	3,330
ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)		866,085	598,704
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		35,909,790	39,437,733
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT			
HOLDERS		35,909,790	39,437,733
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (USD)			
- Class AUD-H		1,055,042	1,201,089
- Class MYR-H		29,697,020	33,261,559
- Class SGD-H		1,282,426	936,838
- Class USD		3,875,302	4,038,247
		35,909,790	39,437,733
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)		1 000 500	1 000 000
- Class AUD-H - Class MYR-H		1,808,580 148,869,353	1,906,963 163,035,277
- Class MTK-FF - Class SGD-H		1,886,338	1,448,405
- Class USD		4,122,178	4,534,583
	10	156,686,449	170,925,228

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MAY 2023 (CONTINUED)

	Note	2023 USD	2022 USD
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)			
- Class AUD-H		0.5834	0.6298
- Class MYR-H		0.1995	0.2040
- Class SGD-H		0.6798	0.6468
- Class USD	<u>-</u>	0.9401	0.8905
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES			
- Class AUD-H		AUD0.9000	AUD0.8768
- Class MYR-H		MYR0.9198	MYR0.8926
- Class SGD-H		SGD0.9212	SGD0.8854
- Class USD	=	USD0.9401	USD0.8905

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

	2023 USD	13.09.2021 (date of launch) to 31.05.2022 USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	39,437,733	
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial year/period:  Creation of units from applications		
- Class AUD-H	217,281	1,363,922
- Class MYR-H	4,487,845	45,461,200
- Class SGD-H	551,470	1,190,491
- Class USD	1,035,957	4,640,058
	6,292,553	52,655,671
Cancellation of units		
- Class AUD-H	(270,677)	-
- Class MYR-H	(7,242,394)	(5,309,896)
- Class SGD-H	(268,368)	(121,851)
- Class USD	(1,459,276)	(188,408)
	(9,240,715)	(5,620,155)
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year/period	(579,781)	(7,597,783)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR/PERIOD	35,909,790	39,437,733

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

	Note		13.09.2021 (date of launch)
		2023 USD	to 31.05.2022 USD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from disposal of collective investment			
scheme		9,715,000	1,750,000
Purchases of collective investment scheme		(4,335,000)	(46,730,000)
Management fee paid		(654,188)	(336,958)
Management fee rebates received		464,785	207,387
Trustee fees paid		(14,538)	(7,488)
Payments for other fees and expenses  Net realised loss on forward foreign currency		(7,185)	(701)
contracts		(1,807,491)	(1,605,543)
Net realised foreign exchange gain	_	2,660	25,813
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>-</u>	3,364,043	(46,697,490)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash proceeds from units created		6,153,994	52,431,128
Payments for cancellation of units	_	(9,515,221)	(5,248,512)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	_	(3,361,227)	47,182,616
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		2,816	485,126
Effects of foreign exchange differences  Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the		916	(71,764)
financial period		413,362	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year/period	9	417,094	413,362
Cash and cash equivalents comprised: Bank balances	-	417,094	413,362
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year/period	9 _	417,094	413,362

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

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

Principal Global Sustainable Growth Fund (the "Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 28 July 2021 (referred to as the "Deed"), made between Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad (the "Trustee").

The Fund is a feeder fund and it invests in a single CIS, i.e. Schroder International Selection Fund Global Sustainable Growth. The Fund may also invest in liquid assets for liquidity purpose. In order to achieve the Fund's objective, the Fund will invest at least 95% of its Net Asset Value ("NAV") in the Target Fund. The Target Fund was established on 23 November 2010 under the Schroder International Selection Fund; a Luxembourg domiciled open-ended investment company. The Fund may also invest up to 5% of its NAV in liquid assets for liquidity purpose.

The Manager will employ risk management strategy at the Fund level, where the Manager will continuously monitor the objective, performance, and suitability of the Target Fund to ensure that it is in line with the objective of the Fund. If Manager are of the opinion that the Target Fund no longer meets the Fund's objective, the Manager may, with your approval, replace the Target Fund with another CIS that is in line with the Fund's objective and must be in compliance with Guidelines on SRI Funds.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- At least 95% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in the Target Fund; and
- up to 5% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purposes.

All investments are subjected to the Securities Commission Malaysia's ("SC") Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework and Guidelines on SRI pursuant to section 377 of the CMSA issued by the SC, 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.

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

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# (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 period.

### (a) Basis of preparation (continued)

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

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

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations effective for financial year beginning on 1 June 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 June 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, amount due from dealer, amount due from Manager, amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme – management fee rebate as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

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

#### Recognition and measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date, the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value. Financial instruments are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

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

# Recognition and measurement (continued)

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

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

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 period 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.

Foreign 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 last published price of such unit or share (excluding any sales charge included in such selling price).

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

### Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

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

### Significant increase in credit risk

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

# Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

#### Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period.

### (c) Income recognition

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

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

### (d) Foreign currency

### Functional and presentation currency

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

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

- i) The Fund's investments are denominated in USD;
- ii) Significant portion of the cash is denominated in USD for the purpose of making settlement of the foreign trades; and
- iii) Significant portion of the Fund's expenses are denominated in USD.

### Transactions and balances

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

### (e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flow, cash and cash equivalent comprise bank balances with known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

# (f) Taxation

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

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

# (g) 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 GUTF<sup>1</sup>.

# (h) Amount due from/to Manager of collective investment scheme (sales/purchase of investment)

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

### (i) Unit holders' contributions

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

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

Units are created and cancelled at the unit holders option at prices based on the Fund's NAV per unit of respective classes at the close of business on the relevant dealing day. The Fund's NAV per unit of respective classes is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to members of respective classes with the total number of outstanding units of respective classes.

### (j) Management fee rebate

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

# (k) Derivative financial instruments

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

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

A financial liability is any liability that is a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another enterprise, or to exchange financial instruments with another enterprise under conditions that are potentially unfavourable. The Fund's derivative financial instruments comprise forward foreign exchange contracts. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The presentation of the analysis of realised and unrealised portions of increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is provided as per the SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. However, the Fund is not guided by the SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

# (k) Derivative financial instruments

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

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

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

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

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

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework and GSRI pursuant to section 377 of the CMSA.

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 fair value through profit or loss	Financial assets at amortised cost	Total
	USD	USD	USD
2023			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)	-	417,094	417,094
Collective investment scheme (Note 7)	35,759,979	-	35,759,979
Amount due from dealer	-	165,669	165,669
Amount due from Manager Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme	-	363,100	363,100
- Management fee rebate	<u> </u>	70,033	70,033
	35,759,979	1,015,896	36,775,875

	Financial assets at fair value through	Financial assets at amortised	Total
	profit or loss	cost	Total
	USD	USD	USD
2022			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)	-	413,362	413,362
Collective investment scheme (Note 7) Derivative assets at fair value through	38,907,587	-	38,907,587
profit or loss (Note 8)		107,082	107,082
Amount due from dealer	-	163,562	163,562
Amount due from Manager Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme	-	224,543	224,543
<ul><li>Management fee rebate</li><li>Sales of collective investment</li></ul>	-	70,301	70,301
scheme	-	150,000	150,000
<u>-</u>	38,907,587	1,128,850	40,036,437

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

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation through investments in one (1) CIS, which invests in securities factoring sustainability criteria.

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

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control process adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the Deed, Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework and Guidelines on SRI issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia.

#### (a) Market risk

### (i) Price risk

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

The price risk is managed through diversification and selection of collective investment scheme and other financial instruments within specified limits according to the Deed.

# (a) Market risk (continued)

## (i) Price risk (continued)

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

	2023 USD	2022 USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment scheme	35,759,979	38,907,587

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

Impact on profit or loss/NAV USD	Market value USD	% Change in price of collective investment scheme
		2023
(1,787,999)	33,971,980	-5%
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	35,759,979	0%
1,787,999	37,547,978	+5%
		2022
(1,945,379)	36,962,208	-5%
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1.945.379	40.852.966	+5%

### (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 USD based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest rate differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels, and technical chart considerations.

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

# (a) Market risk (continued)

# (ii) Currency risk (continued)

Financial assets	Cash and cash equivalents USD	Amount due from dealer USD	Amount due from Manager USD	Total USD
2023				
AUD	3,231	2,191	-	5,422
MYR	1,160	-	343,047	344,207
SGD	77,398		20,053	97,450
	81,789	2,191	363,100	447,079
2022				
AUD	718	-	-	718
MYR	501	45,869	223,080	269,450
SGD	712	117,693		118,405
	1,931	163,562	223,080	388,573

	Amount due to Dealer USD	Amount due to Manager USD	Total USD
Financial liabilities			
2023			
AUD	-	2,191	2,191
MYR	82,856	94,946	177,802
SGD	80,451	-	80,451
	163,307	97,137	260,444
2022			
MYR	<u> </u>	253,950	253,950

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

	Change in foreign exchange rate	Impact on profit	or loss/NAV
		31.05.2023	31.05.2022
	%	USD	USD
AUD	+/-5	+/-162	+/-36
MYR	+/-5	+/-8,320	+/-775
SGD	+/-5	+/-850	+/-5,920
		+/-9,332	+/-6,130

### (b) Credit risk

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

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

In derivative activities, credit risk arises when counterparties to derivative contracts, are unable or unwilling to fulfil their obligation to pay the positive fair value or receivable resulting from the execution of contract terms.

For amount due from Manager, the settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework and SC Guidelines on SRI pursuant to section 377 of the CMSA.

Credit risk refers to the risk that counterparty will default on its contractual obligation For amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme, the Fund will invest with an investment management company of the collective investment scheme which is authorised or approved by relevant regulatory authority in its home jurisdiction.

In derivative activities, credit risk arises when counterparties to derivative contracts, are unable or unwilling to fulfil their obligation to pay the positive fair value or receivable resulting from the execution of contract terms.

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

	Cash and cash equivalents USD	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss USD	Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme -Management fee rebate USD	Amount due from dealer USD
2023				
- AAA	417,094	-	-	-
- Not rated		35,759,979	70,033	165,669
	417,094	35,759,979	70,033	165,669

2022	Amount due from Manager USD	Total USD
2023		
- AAA	-	417,094
- Not rated	363,100	36,358,781
	363,100	36,775,875

# (b) Credit risk (continued)

		Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme	Amount due from Manager of collective investment
	Cash and cash equivalents		-Management fee rebate	scheme -sales
	USD	USD	USD	USD
2022				
- AAA	413,362	-	-	-
- Not rated		38,907,587	70,301	150,000
-	413,362	38,907,587	70,301	150,000
	Derivatives asset USD	from dealer	Amount due from Manager USD	Total USD
2022				
- AAA	-	-	-	413,362
- Not rated	107,082	163,562	224,543	39,623,075
	107,082	163,562	224,543	40,036,437

All assets at the Fund as at the end of the financial period are neither past due nor impaired.

### (c) Liquidity risk

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

The Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of the units by unit holders. Liquid assets comprise bank balances and deposits with licensed financial institutions, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 business days. The Fund's investments in collective investment scheme are realisable which are capable of being converted into cash within 10 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 period on the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

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

# (c) Liquidity risk (continued)

	Less than 1 month	Between 1 month to 1 year	Total
	USD	USD	USD
2023			
Derivative liability at fair value through profit or loss	441,198	-	441,198
Amount due to dealer	165,497	-	165,497
Amount due to Manager of collective investment scheme			
- Purchase of collective investment	100.000		100.000
scheme	100,000		100,000
Amount due to Manager	97,137	-	97,137
Accrued management fee	56,218	-	56,218
Amount due to Trustee	1,249	4 700	1,249
Other payables and accruals	-	4,786	4,786
Net assets attributable to unit holders*	35,909,790		35,909,790
Contractual undiscounted cashflows	36,771,089	4,786	36,775,875
2022			
Amount due to dealer	163,512	-	163,512
Amount due to Manager	371,643	-	371,643
Accrued management fee	58,890	-	58,890
Amount due to Trustee	1,309	-	1,309
Other payables and accruals	-	3,350	3,350
Net assets attributable to unit holders*	39,437,733	-	39,437,733
Contractual undiscounted cashflows	40,033,087	3,350	40,036,437

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

#### (d) Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to unit holders of USD35,909,790 (2022: USD39,437,733). 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.

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

#### (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 period end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded market falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded market price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

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

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

#### (i) Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value. The different levels have been defined as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

# (e) Fair value estimation (continued)

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

	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Collective investment scheme	35,759,979	-	-	35,759,979
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss: - Derivative liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	35,759,979	441,198 441,198	<u>-</u>	441,198 36,201,177
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Collective investment scheme - Derivative	38,907,587	-	-	38,907,587
assets at fair value through profit or loss	38,907,587	107,082 107,082	<u>-</u>	107,082 39,014,669

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).

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include unquoted fixed income securities, forward foreign currency contracts and interest rate swaps. As Level 2 instruments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

(ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from dealer, amount due from Manager, amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme - management fee rebate 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, the Manager is entitled to a maximum management fee of 3.00% per annum, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Class.

For the financial year ended 31 May 2023, the management fee for the respective classes is recognised at the following rates (2022: 1.80% per annum):

Class AUD-H	Class MYR-H	Class SGD-H	Class USD
1.80%	1.80%	1.80%	1.80%

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

#### 5. TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to a fee of 0.04% per annum of the NAV of the Class. The Trustee's fee includes local custodian fees and charges but excludes foreign sub-custodian fees and charges.

For the financial year ended 31 May 2023, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% per annum for each class (2022: 0.04% per annum).

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

#### 6. TAXATION

	2023	2022
	USD	USD
Tax charged for the financial period:		
- Current taxation	<u></u> _	

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

	2023 USD	13.09.2021 (date of launch) to 31.05.2022 USD
Loss before taxation	(579,781)	(7,597,783)
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%) Tax effects of:	(139,147)	(1,823,468)
Investment income not subject to tax/(loss not deductible for tax purposes)	(22,760)	1,725,381
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Restriction on tax deductible expenses for	5,018	2,796
Wholesale Funds	156,889	95,291
Taxation		_

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

At fair value through profit or loss:	2023 USD	2022 USD
- Collective investment scheme	35,759,979	38,907,587
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	2023 USD	13.09.2021 (date of launch) to 31.05.2022 USD
<ul><li>Realised loss on disposals</li><li>Unrealised fair value gain/(loss)</li></ul>	(1,565,537) 3,547,928	(259,884) (5,662,529)
- Management fee rebate #	<u>464,517</u> <u>2,446,908</u>	<u>277,688</u> (5,644,725)

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

For the financial year 31 May 2023, management fee rebate is recognised at a rate of 1.30% per annum calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the collective investment scheme (2022: 1.30% per annum).

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
2023 COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	Office	002	002	70
Schroder Investment Management Europe Sa- Schroder Isf Global				
Sustainable Growth AA	112,487	37,874,580	35,759,979	98.58
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	112,487	37,874,580	35,759,979	98.58
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		(2,114,601)		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		35,759,979		

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

2022 COLLECTIVE	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Market value	Percentage of NAV
INVESTMENT SCHEME	Units	USD	USD	%
Schroder Investment Management Europe Sa- Schroder Isf Global				
Sustainable Growth AA	130,232	44,570,116	38,907,587	98.66
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	130,232	44,570,116	38,907,587	98.66
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		(5,662,529)		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		38,907,587		

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

	2023 USD	2022 USD
Forward foreign currency contracts	(441,198)	107,082
Net loss on derivative assets/liabilities at fair value	2023 USD	13.09.2021 (date of launch) to 31.05.2022 USD
through profit or loss: - Realised loss on forward foreign currency contracts - Unrealised fair value loss on forward foreign	(1,807,370)	107,082
currency contracts	(548,279) (2,355,649)	(1,605,493) (1,498,411)

As at 31 May 2023, there were 8 (2022:10) outstanding USD/Australian Dollar ("AUD"), USD/Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") and USD/Singapore Dollar ("SGD") forward foreign currency contracts respectively. The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted USD34,194,258 (2022: USD35,335,750).

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

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

# 9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

			2023 USD	2022 USD
	Ва	nk balances	417,094	413,362
10.	NUI	MBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)		
			2023	13.09.2021 (date of launch) to 31.05.2022
			No. of units	No. of units
		ss AUD-H (i)	1,808,580	1,906,963
		ss MYR-H (ii)	148,869,353	163,035,277
		ss SGD-H (iii)	1,886,338	1,448,405
	Clas	ss USD (iv)	4,122,178	4,534,583
			156,686,449	170,925,228
	(i)	Class AUD-H		
		At the beginning of the financial year/period	1,906,963	_
		Add: Creation of units from applications	366,842	1,906,963
		Less : Cancellation of units	(465,225)	-
		At the end of the financial year/period	1,808,580	1,906,963
	(ii)	Class MYR-H		
		At the beginning of the financial year/period	163,035,277	-
		Add: Creation of units from applications	23,144,156	186,273,742
		Less : Cancellation of units	(37,310,080)	(23,238,465)
		At the end of the financial year/period	148,869,353	163,035,277
	(iii)	Class SGD-H		
		At the beginning of the financial year/period	1,448,405	-
		Add : Creation of units from applications	839,686	1,642,631
		Less : Cancellation of units	(401,753)	(194,226)
		At the end of the financial year/period	1,886,338	1,448,405
	(iv)	Class USD		
		At the beginning of the financial year/period	4,534,583	-
		Add : Creation of units from applications	1,181,227	4,722,920
		Less : Cancellation of units	(1,593,632)	(188,337)
		At the end of the financial year/period	4,122,178	4,534,583
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### 11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

13.09.2021 (date of launch)
2023 to 31.05.2022
% %
TER 0.58 0.44

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A = Management fee

B = Trustee fee C = Audit fee

D = Tax agent's fee E = Other expenses

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

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis is USD36,215,782 (2022: USD29,905,388).

#### 12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

T3.09.2021 (date of launch)
2023 to 31.05.2022

PTR (times)

0.19
0.81

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

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

where:

total acquisition for the financial

year/period = USD4,435,000 (2022: USD46,730,000) total disposal for the financial year/period = USD9,565,000 (2022: USD1,900,000)

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

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

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

Units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager

	31.05.2023		31.05.2022	
	No. of units	USD	No. of units	USD
Manager				
Principal Asset Management				
Berhad				
- Class AUD-H	3	2	0*	0*
- Class MYR-H	123	24	906	185
- Class SGD-H	50	34	1,000	647
- Class USD	51	48	1,000	891

<sup>\*</sup> Value less than 1.

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

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

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there were no significant related party transactions and balances during the financial period.

#### 14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial year ended 31 May 2023 were as follows:

Broker	Value of trades USD	Percentage of total trades %
Schroder Investment Management Europe S.A	14,000,000	100.00

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial period from 13 September 2021 (date of launch) to 31 May 2022 were as follows:

Broker	Value of trades USD	Percentage of total trades %
Schroder Investment Management Europe S.A	48,630,000	100.00

#### 15. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 17 July 2023.

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