

PRINCIPAL NEXT-G CONNECTIVITY FUND
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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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 Next-G Connectivity Fund for the financial year ended 30 April 2025. You may also download this report from our website at www.principal.com.my.

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,
for **Principal Asset Management Berhad**

Munirah Khairuddin

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

What is the investment objective of the Fund?

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation through investments in one (1) collective investment scheme ("CIS"), which invests in mobile internet and connectivity related securities.

Has the Fund achieved its objective?

For the financial year under review, the fund is in line to achieve its objective as stated under the Fund Objective section.

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. Neuberger Berman Next Generation Connectivity Fund ("Target Fund"). The Fund may also invest in liquid assets for liquidity purpose. In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund will invest at least 95% of its NAV in the Target Fund and may also invest up to 5% of its NAV in liquid assets for liquidity purpose. The Target Fund was established on 8 April 2020 under the Neuberger Berman Investment Funds Plc; an investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds incorporated in Ireland.

The Fund will be actively rebalanced from time to time to meet sales and withdrawals transactions. This is to enable a proper and efficient management of the Fund. As this is a feeder fund that invests predominantly in the Target Fund, we do not intend to take temporary defensive position for the Fund during adverse market, economic and/or any other conditions. This is to allow the Fund to mirror the performance of the Target Fund in either bullish or bearish market conditions. However, the Target Fund Investment Manager may take temporary defensive position when deemed necessary.

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	: Neuberger Berman Next Generation Connectivity Fund
Share Class	: Class I3
Currency denomination	: USD
Target Fund Investment Manager	: Neuberger Berman Asset Management Ireland Limited
Target Fund Sub-Investment Manager	: Neuberger Berman Europe Limited, Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC and Neuberger Berman Asia Limited
Regulatory Authority	: Central Bank of Ireland

Base Currency

US Dollar ("USD")

Fund category/ type

Feeder fund/ Growth

When was the Fund launched?

Name of Class	Launch Date
Class AUD-Hedged ("AUD-H")	16 January 2021
Class GBP-Hedged ("GBP-H")	16 January 2021
Class MYR-Hedged ("MYR-H")	16 January 2021
Class SGD-Hedged ("SGD-H")	16 January 2021
Class USD	16 January 2021

FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY (CONTINUED)
What was the size of the Fund as at 30 April 2025?

USD22.87 million (93.40 million units)

What is the Fund's benchmark?

The Fund adheres to the benchmark of the Target Fund for performance comparison. Currently, benchmark of the Target Fund is Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") All-Country World Index ("ACWI") (Total Return, net of tax, USD).

What is the Fund's distribution policy?

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

What was the net income distribution for the financial year ended 30 April 2025?

There was no distribution made for the financial year ended 30 April 2025.

PERFORMANCE DATA

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

	30.04.2025	30.04.2024	30.04.2023
	%	%	%
Collective investment scheme	98.14	98.79	100.21
Cash and other assets	2.92	3.34	1.68
Liabilities	(1.06)	(2.13)	(1.89)
	<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:

	01.05.2024 to 30.04.2025	01.05.2023 to 30.04.2024	01.05.2022 to 30.04.2023
NAV (USD Million)			
- Class AUD-H	1.72	1.68	1.59
- Class GBP-H	1.00	1.51	1.24
- Class MYR-H	17.41	16.32	15.99
- Class SGD-H	0.99	1.20	1.13
- Class USD	1.75	2.78	2.53
Units in circulation (Million)			
- Class AUD-H	3.19	3.26	4.33
- Class GBP-H	0.85	1.50	1.76
- Class MYR-H	86.01	95.17	123.18
- Class SGD-H	1.47	2.00	2.62
- Class USD	1.88	3.25	4.33
NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class AUD-H	0.5400	0.5144	0.3662
- Class GBP-H	1.1700	1.0119	0.7031
- Class MYR-H	0.2024	0.1715	0.1298
- Class SGD-H	0.6743	0.6032	0.4303
- Class USD	0.9336	0.8543	0.5851

PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

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

	01.05.2024 to 30.04.2025	01.05.2023 to 30.04.2024	01.05.2022 to 30.04.2023
Highest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class AUD-H	0.6421	0.5616	0.4855
- Class GBP-H	1.3124	1.1051	0.8444
- Class MYR-H	0.2371	0.1870	0.1593
- Class SGD-H	0.7813	0.6608	0.4973
- Class USD	1.1084	0.9132	0.6891
Lowest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class AUD-H	0.4360	0.3614	0.3177
- Class GBP-H	0.9652	0.6860	0.5722
- Class MYR-H	0.1679	0.1244	0.1120
- Class SGD-H	0.5607	0.4219	0.3643
- Class USD	0.8041	0.5718	0.5244
Total return (%)			
- Class AUD-H	7.17	41.55	(17.00)
- Class GBP-H	8.70	42.91	(16.31)
- Class MYR-H	6.78	41.27	(16.75)
- Class SGD-H	7.22	42.64	(15.72)
- Class USD	9.28	46.01	(14.88)
Capital growth (%)			
- Class AUD-H	-	41.55	(17.00)
- Class GBP-H	-	42.91	(16.31)
- Class MYR-H	-	41.27	(16.75)
- Class SGD-H	-	42.64	(15.72)
- Class USD	-	46.01	(14.88)
Income distribution (%)			
- Class AUD-H	7.17	-	-
- Class GBP-H	8.70	-	-
- Class MYR-H	6.78	-	-
- Class SGD-H	7.22	-	-
- Class USD	9.28	-	-
Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%) ^	1.27	1.28	1.27
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #	0.37	0.27	0.27

^ For the financial year under review, the Fund's TER decreased from 1.28% to 1.27% mainly due to an increase in average NAV.

The fund's PTR increased from 0.27 times to 0.37 times during the year under review. The turnover reflects the investments and withdrawals in the target fund.

PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Performance details of the Fund for the last three financial years/period were as follows (continued):

	30.04.2025	30.04.2024	30.04.2023	Since inception to 30.04.2022
	%	%	%	%
Annual total return				
- Class AUD-H	7.17	41.55	(17.00)	(32.96)
- Class GBP-H	8.70	42.91	(16.31)	(32.55)
- Class MYR-H	6.78	41.27	(16.75)	(30.46)
- Class SGD-H	7.22	42.64	(15.72)	(31.70)
- Class USD	9.28	46.01	(14.88)	(31.25)

(Launch date: 16 January 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 MAY 2024 TO 30 APRIL 2025)

Global equity markets experienced heightened volatility, driven by a combination of geopolitical tensions, trade policy shifts, and evolving macroeconomic conditions. The escalation of trade disputes, particularly involving major economies, triggered a sharp sell-off in early April 2025, with major indices retreating significantly from their peaks. Despite this, value-oriented and cyclical sectors showed relative resilience, outperforming growth stocks, especially in small-cap segments. Investor sentiment was further influenced by slowing global growth and policy uncertainty, though some regions benefited from targeted fiscal and monetary stimulus, particularly in Europe and China.

Throughout the period, equity investors navigated a complex landscape marked by diverging regional dynamics. While the U.S. market faced headwinds from policy tightening and weakening consumer sentiment, other regions such as Europe and parts of Asia saw renewed interest due to their exposure to the global industrial cycle. Sector rotation was evident, with a shift away from consumer discretionary and financials toward more defensive or goods-sensitive sectors like energy and materials. The broader market narrative was shaped by a tug-of-war between recession fears and hopes for a soft landing.

The connectivity and digital infrastructure space continued to exhibit strong structural momentum, driven by sustained demand for faster, more reliable data transmission and the expansion of digital ecosystems. Investment in 5G networks, fibre optic infrastructure, and edge computing remained robust, supported by both public and private sector initiatives. The proliferation of connected devices, from industrial IoT to consumer electronics, further accelerated the need for enhanced network capabilities and low-latency solutions. Despite broader market volatility, the underlying trend in connectivity remained positive, reflecting its foundational role in enabling digital transformation across industries.

FUND PERFORMANCE

	1 year to 30.04.2025	3 years to 30.04.2025	Since inception to 30.04.2025
	%	%	%
Income Distribution			
- Class AUD-H	7.17	25.91	(15.59)
- Class GBP-H	8.70	30.01	(12.31)
- Class MYR-H	6.78	25.63	(12.64)
- Class SGD-H	7.22	28.87	(11.98)
- Class USD	9.28	35.80	(6.64)

FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

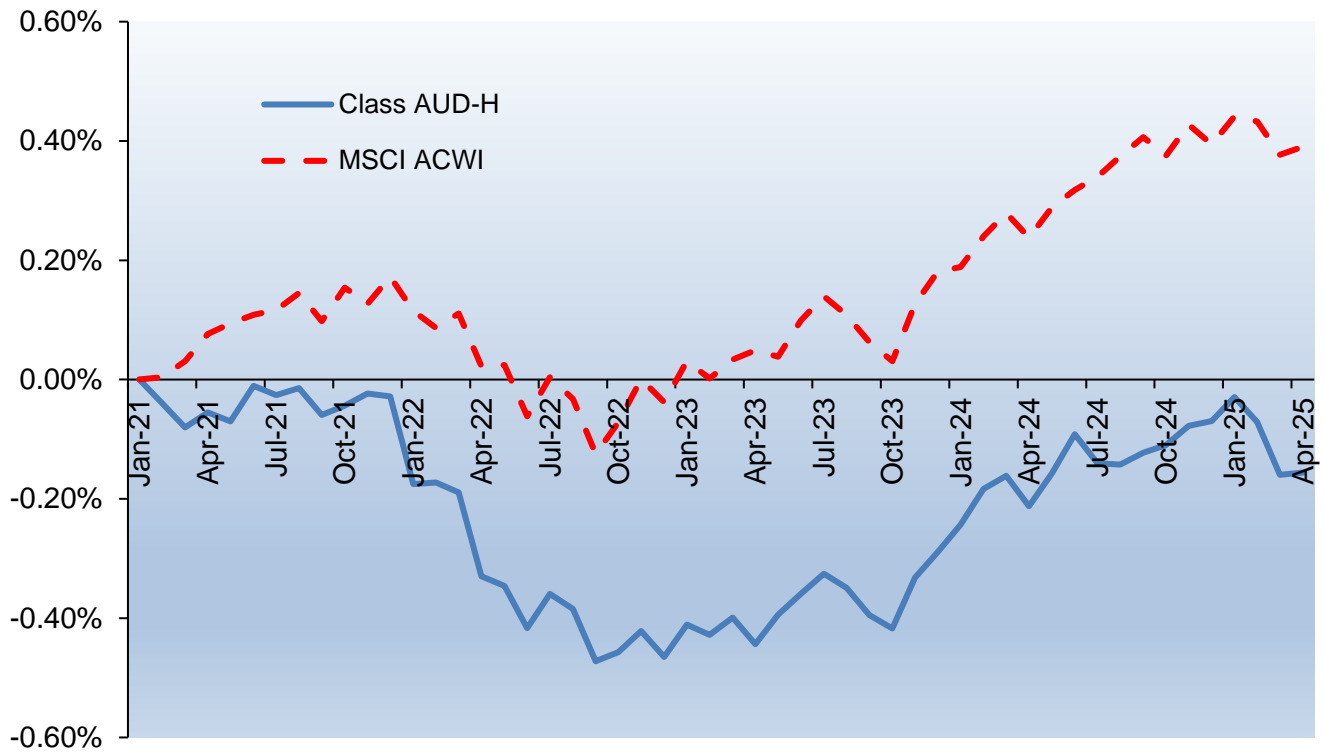
	1 year to 30.04.2025 %	3 years to 30.04.2025 %	Since inception to 30.04.2025 %
Capital Growth			
- Class AUD-H	-	-	-
- Class GBP-H	-	-	-
- Class MYR-H	-	-	-
- Class SGD-H	-	-	-
- Class USD	-	-	-
Total Return			
- Class AUD-H	7.17	25.91	(15.59)
- Class GBP-H	8.70	30.01	(12.31)
- Class MYR-H	6.78	25.63	(12.64)
- Class SGD-H	7.22	28.87	(11.98)
- Class USD	9.28	35.80	(6.64)
Benchmark			
- Class AUD-H	12.34	36.02	39.04
- Class GBP-H	12.34	36.02	39.04
- Class MYR-H	12.34	36.02	39.04
- Class SGD-H	12.34	36.02	39.04
- Class USD	12.34	36.02	39.04
Average Total Return			
- Class AUD-H	7.17	7.97	(3.88)
- Class GBP-H	8.70	9.13	(3.02)
- Class MYR-H	6.78	7.89	(3.10)
- Class SGD-H	7.22	8.81	(2.93)
- Class USD	9.28	10.73	(1.59)

During the financial year under review, the fund return positively for all share class, Class AUD-H, Class GBP-H, Class MYR-H, Class SGD-H, and Class USD increased by 7.17%, 8.70%, 6.78%, 7.22%, and 9.28% respectively, underperformed the benchmark which increased by 12.34% during the same year.

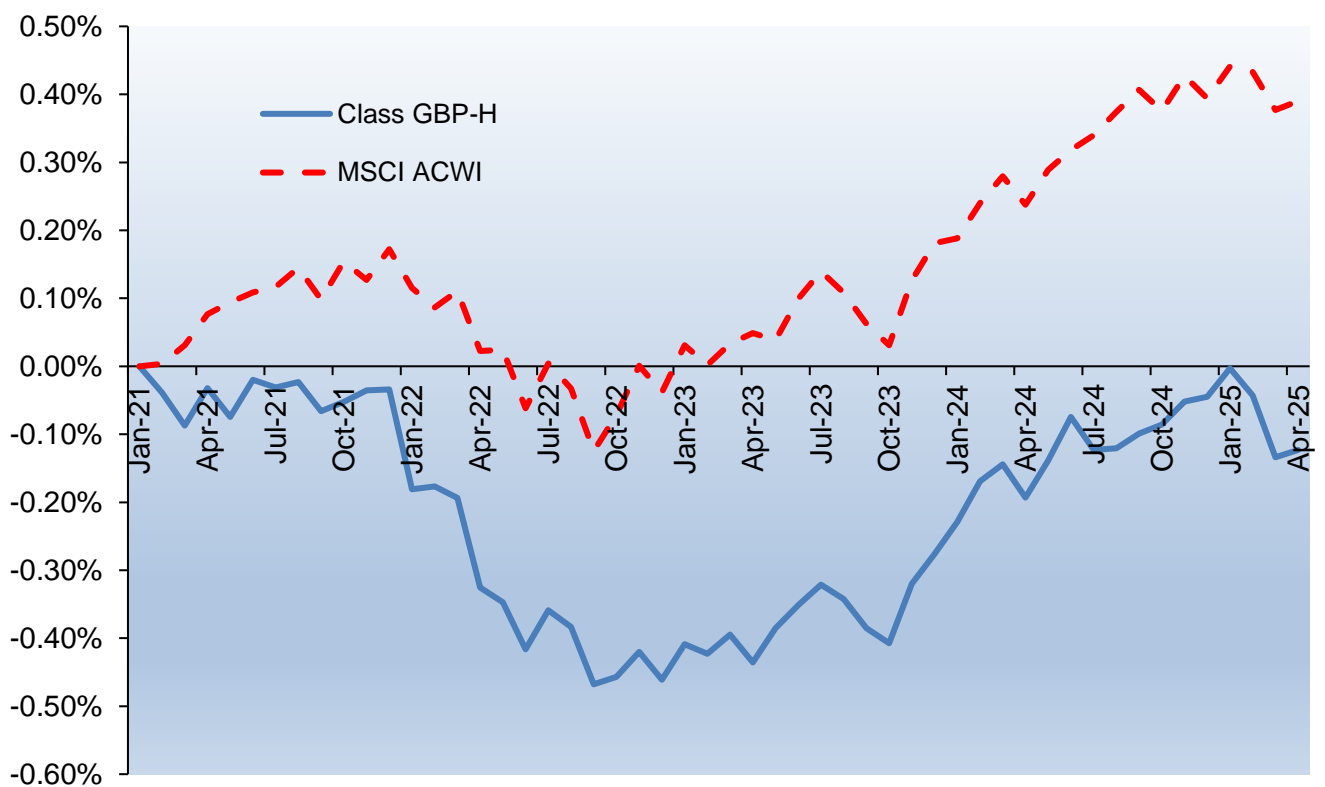
FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Since Inception

CLASS AUD-H



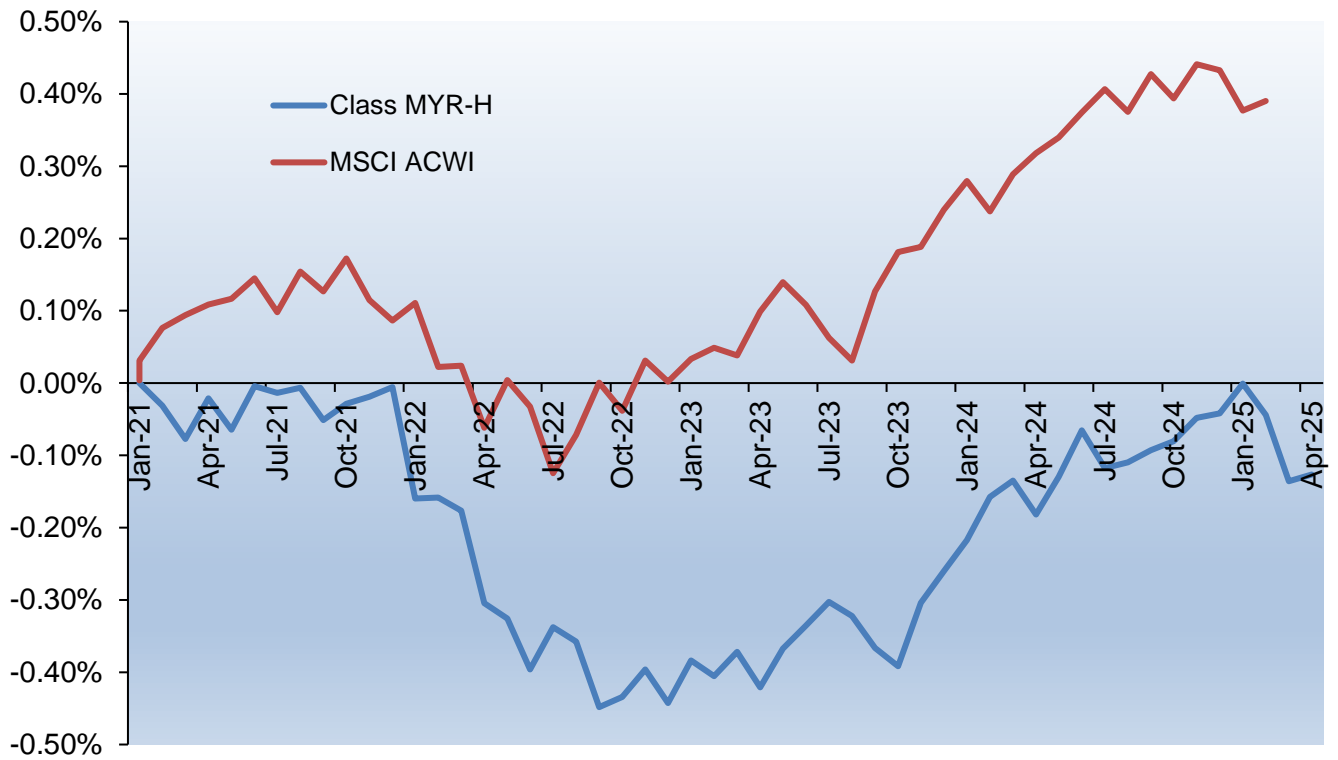
CLASS GBP-H



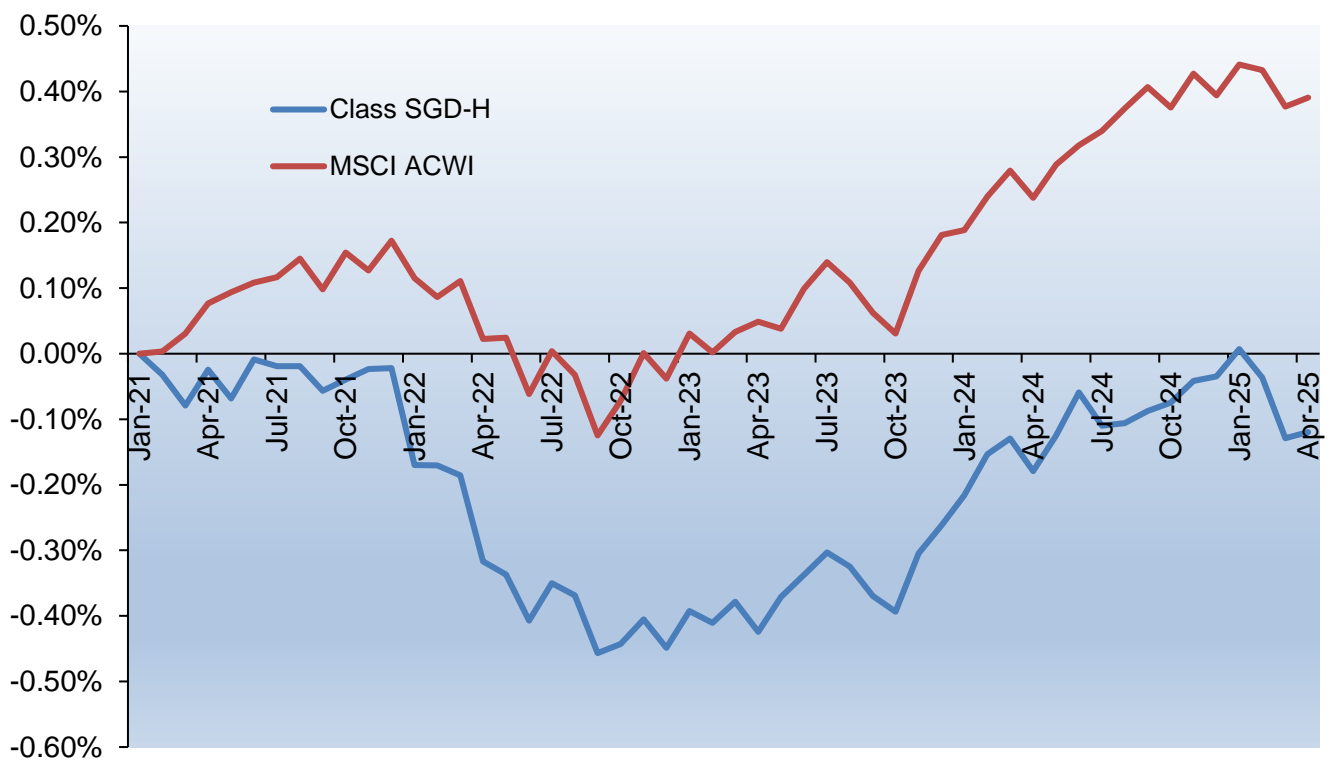
FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Since Inception

CLASS MYR-H



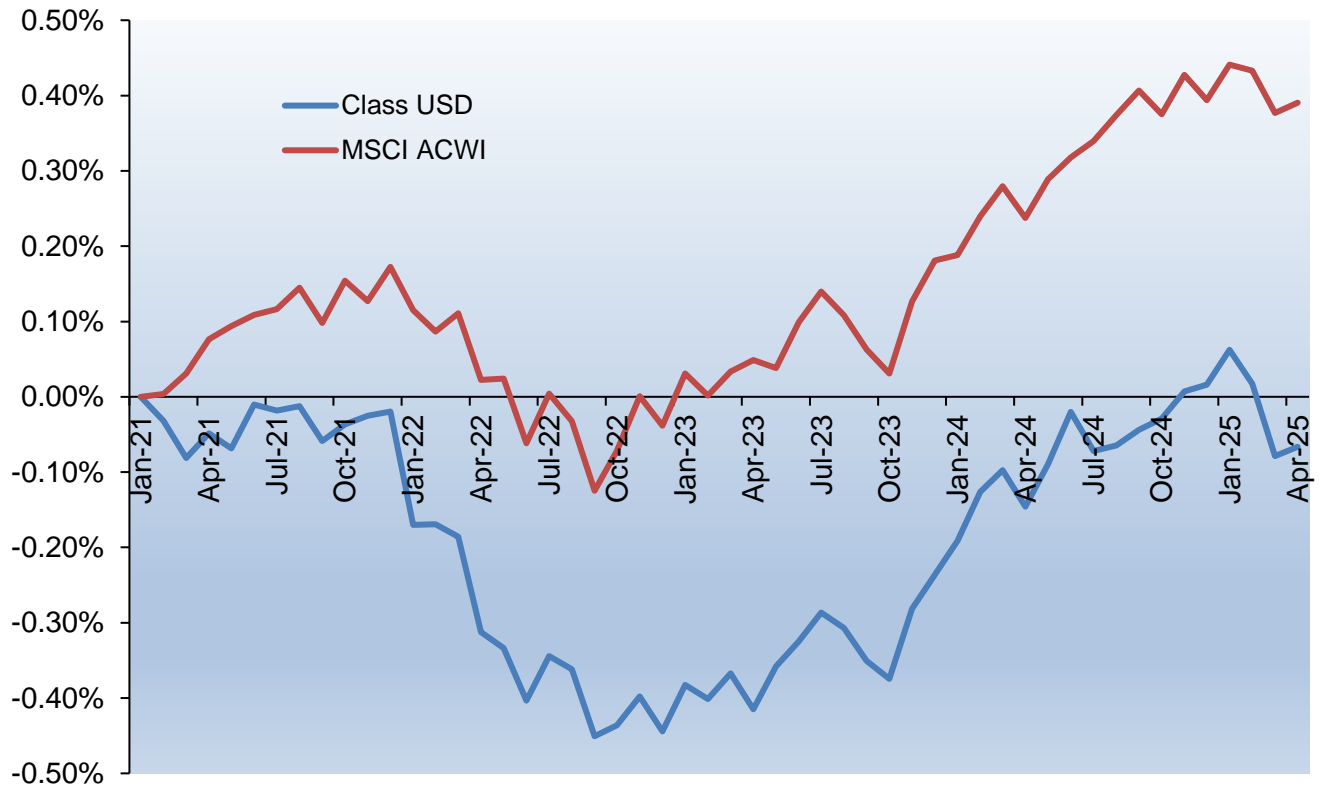
CLASS SGD-H



FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Since Inception

CLASS USD



Changes in NAV

	30.04.2025	30.04.2024	Changes %
CLASS AUD-H			
NAV (USD Million)	1.72	1.68	2.38
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.54	0.5144	4.98
CLASS GBP-H			
NAV (USD Million)	1.00	1.51	(33.77)
NAV/Unit (USD)	1.17	1.0119	15.62
CLASS MYR-H			
NAV (USD Million)	17.41	16.32	6.68
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.2024	0.1715	18.02
CLASS SGD-H			
NAV (USD Million)	0.99	1.20	(17.50)
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.6743	0.6032	11.79

FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)
Changes in NAV (continued)

	30.04.2025	30.04.2024	Changes %
CLASS USD			
NAV (USD Million)	1.75	2.78	(37.05)
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.9336	0.8543	9.28

During the financial year under review, the fund's NAV for Class AUD-H and Class MYR-H increased by 2.38% and 6.68%, while Class GBP-H, Class SGD-H, and Class USD decreased by 33.77%, 17.50%, and 37.05% respectively.

In addition, the NAV per unit for Class AUD-H, Class GBP-H, Class MYR-H, Class SGD-H, and Class USD increased by 4.98%, 15.62%, 18.02%, 11.79%, and 9.28%.

At the time of reporting, Class MYR-H has the highest total NAV, stood at USD 17.41 million.

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)	30.04.2025	30.04.2024
Collective investment scheme	98.14	98.79
Cash and other assets	2.92	3.34
Liabilities	(1.06)	(2.13)
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 purpose.

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

	% of NAV
Top 10 holdings *	30.04.2025
Amazon.com, Inc.	5.78
NVIDIA Corporation	5.30
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	5.12
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	4.45
Broadcom Inc.	4.02
Fujikura Ltd	3.44
T-Mobile US, Inc.	3.28
MediaTek Inc	3.02
SK hynix Inc.	2.82
Celestica Inc.	2.79

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE (CONTINUED)

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

	% of NAV
Top 10 holdings *	30.04.2024
NVIDIA Corporation	4.86
Amazon.com, Inc.	4.74
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	4.50
Meta Platforms Inc	3.71
Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	3.59
Vertiv Holdings Co.	3.50
Renesas Electronics Corporation	3.18
Microsoft Corporation	3.05
MediaTek Inc	3.01
Broadcom Inc	2.87

* As disclosed in the Fund Fact Sheet.

MARKET OUTLOOK*

Industrial policy, including government-led investment and trade incentives, is expected to continue playing a key role in sustaining economic momentum, particularly in sectors tied to infrastructure, manufacturing, and energy transition. With inflation moderating, central banks may adopt a more patient stance, allowing economies to grow without immediate policy tightening. This environment could support a broader participation in market performance, especially in areas aligned with structural economic shifts.

In equity markets, a rotation toward value-oriented and small-cap segments is anticipated, as investors seek opportunities beyond the dominant large-cap growth names. Goods-sensitive sectors and regions with supportive fiscal policies, such as parts of Europe and Asia, may benefit from renewed industrial activity. While risks such as geopolitical tensions and policy missteps remain, the base case does not foresee a recession. Instead, the focus is on selective positioning in areas with strong fundamentals and exposure to global cyclical recovery.

* 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

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

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES

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

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES (CONTINUED)

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

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

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 has been carried out during the financial year under review.

**STATEMENT BY MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL NEXT-G CONNECTIVITY FUND**

I, being the Director of Principal Asset Management Berhad (the “Manager”), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying audited financial statements set out on pages 7 to 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 30 April 2025 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 MFRS Accounting Standards and IFRS Accounting Standards.

For and on behalf of the Manager

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

Munirah Khairuddin

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

Kuala Lumpur
16 June 2025

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

**TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL NEXT-G CONNECTIVITY FUND (“Fund”)**

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 30 April 2025 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Principal Asset Management Berhad has operated and managed the Fund during the 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

Lee Cincee
Senior Manager, Trustee and Fiduciary Services

Kuala Lumpur
16 June 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL NEXT-G CONNECTIVITY FUND**

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Principal Next-G Connectivity Fund (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 2025, and statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to unit holders and statement of cash flows of the Fund for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, 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 30 April 2025, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with MFRS Accounting Standards and IFRS Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

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

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL NEXT-G CONNECTIVITY FUND (CONT'D.)**

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

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

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the Manager and the Trustee for the financial statements

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL NEXT-G CONNECTIVITY FUND (CONT'D.)**

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL NEXT-G CONNECTIVITY FUND (CONT'D.)**

Other matters

This report is made solely to the unit holders of the Fund, as a body, in accordance with the Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework, the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 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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Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
16 June 2025

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

	Note	2025 USD	2024 USD
INCOME/(LOSS)			
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	3,029,708	8,725,902
Net gain/(loss) on derivatives at fair value through profit or loss	8	1,392,526	(1,701,851)
Net foreign exchange gain		18,446	7,680
Other income		1,974	597
		<u>4,442,654</u>	<u>7,032,328</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	453,608	410,183
Trustee fee	5	7,560	7,396
Audit fee		2,096	2,242
Tax agent's fee		1,384	1,480
Other expenses		5,242	3,010
		<u>469,890</u>	<u>424,311</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		3,972,764	6,608,017
Taxation	6	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>3,972,764</u>	<u>6,608,017</u>
Profit after taxation is made up as follows:			
Realised amount		1,864,717	(5,202,632)
Unrealised amount		2,108,047	11,810,649
		<u>3,972,764</u>	<u>6,608,017</u>

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

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 APRIL 2025**

	Note	2025 USD	2024 USD
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	256,876	127,372
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	22,447,994	23,216,181
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	225,512	45,057
Amount due from Manager		123,863	73,744
Amount due from dealer		48,340	523,227
Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme			
- management fee rebate		13,428	15,142
TOTAL ASSETS		23,116,013	24,000,723
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to dealer		48,502	198,274
Amount due to Manager		114,222	258,593
Amount due to Manager of collective investment scheme			
- Purchase of collective investment scheme		40,000	-
Accrued management fee		31,471	36,441
Amount due to Trustee		524	607
Other payables and accruals		8,836	7,353
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)		243,555	501,268
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		22,872,458	23,499,455
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		22,872,458	23,499,455
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (USD)			
- Class AUD-H		1,723,470	1,678,105
- Class GBP-H		995,121	1,513,988
- Class MYR-H		17,411,166	16,324,066
- Class SGD-H		988,209	1,204,796
- Class USD		1,754,492	2,778,500
		22,872,458	23,499,455
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)			
- Class AUD-H		3,191,626	3,262,362
- Class GBP-H		850,497	1,496,149
- Class MYR-H		86,014,962	95,165,460
- Class SGD-H		1,465,588	1,997,440
- Class USD		1,879,178	3,252,355
	10	93,401,851	105,173,766

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 APRIL 2025 (CONTINUED)

	Note	2025 USD	2024 USD
REPRESENTED BY:			
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)			
- Class AUD-H		0.5400	0.5144
- Class GBP-H		1.1700	1.0119
- Class MYR-H		0.2024	0.1715
- Class SGD-H		0.6743	0.6032
- Class USD		0.9336	0.8543
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES			
- Class AUD-H		AUD0.8441	AUD0.7876
- Class GBP-H		GBP0.8769	GBP0.8067
- Class MYR-H		MYR0.8736	MYR0.8181
- Class SGD-H		SGD0.8802	SGD0.8209
- Class USD		USD0.9336	USD0.8543

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

	2025 USD	2024 USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>23,499,455</u>	<u>22,477,430</u>
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial year:		
Creation of units from applications		
- Class AUD-H	676,860	82,848
- Class GBP-H	442,554	464,643
- Class MYR-H	9,824,637	3,355,337
- Class SGD-H	595,815	463,976
- Class USD	627,512	250,871
	<u>12,167,378</u>	<u>4,617,675</u>
Cancellation of units		
- Class AUD-H	(1,988,527)	(552,566)
- Class GBP-H	(711,571)	(596,106)
- Class MYR-H	(1,231,975)	(7,431,773)
- Class SGD-H	(11,839,425)	(651,294)
- Class USD	(995,641)	(971,928)
	<u>(16,767,139)</u>	<u>(10,203,667)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	<u>3,972,764</u>	<u>6,608,017</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u><u>22,872,458</u></u>	<u><u>23,499,455</u></u>

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

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

	Note	2025 USD	2024 USD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of collective investment scheme		11,085,000	10,160,000
Purchase of collective investment scheme		(7,395,000)	(2,260,000)
Management fee paid		(458,578)	(408,904)
Management fee rebates received		149,609	133,376
Trustee fees paid		(7,643)	(7,571)
Payments of other fees and expenses		(7,239)	(5,069)
Net realised gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts		1,537,186	(2,201,857)
(Payments)/Receipts of other foreign exchange (loss)/gain		(31,970)	4,792
Other income received		1,974	597
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>4,873,339</u>	<u>5,415,364</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash proceeds from units created		12,117,259	4,548,315
Payments for cancellation of units		(16,911,510)	(10,105,571)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(4,794,251)</u>	<u>(5,557,256)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		79,088	(141,892)
Effects of foreign exchange differences		50,416	2,888
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>127,372</u>	<u>266,376</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	9	<u><u>256,876</u></u>	<u><u>127,372</u></u>
<u>Cash and cash equivalents comprised:</u>			
Bank balances		<u>256,876</u>	<u>127,372</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	9	<u><u>256,876</u></u>	<u><u>127,372</u></u>

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Principal Next-G Connectivity Fund (the “Fund”) was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 28 December 2020 (collectively known 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. Neuberger Berman Next Generation Connectivity Fund (“Target Fund”). The Fund may also invest in liquid assets for liquidity purpose. In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund will invest at least 95% of its NAV in the Target Fund and may also invest up to 5% of its NAV in liquid assets for liquidity purpose. The Target Fund was established on 8 April 2020 under the Neuberger Berman Investment Funds Plc; an investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds incorporated in Ireland.

The Fund will be actively rebalanced from time to time to meet sales and withdrawals transactions. This is to enable a proper and efficient management of the Fund. As this is a feeder fund that invests predominantly in the Target Fund, we do not intend to take temporary defensive position for the Fund during adverse market, economic and/or any other conditions. This is to allow the Fund to mirror the performance of the Target Fund in either bullish or bearish market conditions. However, the Target Fund Investment Manager may take temporary defensive position when deemed necessary.

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	: Neuberger Berman Next Generation Connectivity Fund
Share Class	: Class I3
Currency denomination	: USD
Target Fund Investment Manager	: Neuberger Berman Asset Management Ireland Limited
Target Fund Sub-Investment Manager	: Neuberger Berman Europe Limited, Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC and Neuberger Berman Asia Limited
Regulatory Authority	: Central Bank of Ireland

All investments are subjected to the Securities Commission Malaysia’s (“SC”) Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework, 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. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

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

(a) Basis of preparation

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

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

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

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(m).

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual years beginning on 1 May 2024 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

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

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities

Classification

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

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

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

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**Classification (continued)

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 Manager, amount due from dealer, 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.

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

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

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

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

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.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**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 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 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 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 United States Dollar (“USD”), which is the Fund’s functional and presentation currency.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**(d) Foreign currency (continued)**Functional and presentation currency (continued)

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 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 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 year.

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 guided by SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds¹.

(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.

¹ 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.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(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 five classes of units, known respectively as the Class AUD-H, Class GBP-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) Amount due from/to dealer

Amounts due from and amount due to dealer represents receivables for Spot foreign exchange ("FX") sold and payables for Spot FX purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

(l) Derivative financial instruments

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

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

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

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

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

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(l) Derivative financial instruments (continued)

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).

(m) 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 SC Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

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 USD	Financial assets at amortised cost USD	Total USD
2025			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)	-	256,876	256,876
Collective investment scheme (Note 7)	22,447,994	-	22,447,994
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 8)	225,512	-	225,512
Amount due from Manager	-	123,863	123,863
Amount due from dealer	-	48,340	48,340
Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme - management fee rebate	-	13,428	13,428
	<u>22,673,506</u>	<u>442,507</u>	<u>23,116,013</u>
2024			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)	-	127,372	127,372
Collective investment scheme (Note 7)	23,216,181	-	23,216,181
Derivative asset at fair value through profit or loss	45,057	-	45,057
Amount due from dealer	-	523,227	523,227
Amount due from Manager	-	73,744	73,744

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

Financial instruments of the Fund were as follows (continued):

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss USD	Financial assets at amortised cost USD	Total USD
2024 (continued)			
Amount due from Manager of the collective investment scheme			
- management fee rebate	-	15,142	15,142
	<u>23,261,238</u>	<u>739,485</u>	<u>24,000,723</u>

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

The Fund aims to provide income and moderate capital growth through investments in one collective investment scheme, which invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of securities related to China.

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 and SC Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework.

(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.

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

	2025 USD	2024 USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment scheme	<u>22,447,994</u>	<u>23,216,181</u>

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

(a) Market risk (continued)

(i) Price risk (continued)

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 year. 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.

% Change in price of collective investment scheme	Market value USD	Impact on profit or loss/NAV USD
2025		
-5%	21,325,594	(1,122,400)
0%	22,447,994	-
+5%	23,570,394	1,122,400
2024		
-5%	22,055,372	(1,160,809)
0%	23,216,181	-
+5%	24,376,990	1,160,809

(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:

Financial assets

	Cash and cash equivalents USD	Amount due from dealer USD	Amount due from Manager USD	Total USD
2025				
AUD	10,875	-	-	10,875
GBP	941	-	-	941
MYR	2,699	-	123,853	126,552
SGD	606	-	-	606
	15,121	-	123,853	138,974

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

(a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

	Cash and cash equivalents USD	Amount due from dealer USD	Amount due from Manager USD	Total USD
2024				
AUD	653	-	-	653
GBP	194	-	-	194
MYR	986	193,351	73,734	268,071
SGD	792	-	-	792
	<u>2,625</u>	<u>193,351</u>	<u>73,734</u>	<u>269,710</u>

Financial liabilities

	Amount due to dealer USD	Amount due to Manager USD	Total USD
2025			
GBP	-	20,600	20,600
MYR	48,502	83,803	132,305
SGD	-	9,819	9,819
	<u>48,502</u>	<u>114,222</u>	<u>162,724</u>
2024			
MYR	<u>4,881</u>	<u>258,593</u>	<u>263,474</u>

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 year. 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	
		2025 USD	2024 USD
AUD	+/-5	+/-544	+/-33
GBP	+/-5	-/+983	+/-10
MYR	+/-5	-/+288	+/-230
SGD	+/-5	-/+461	+/-40
		<u>-/+1,188</u>	<u>+/-313</u>

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

(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.

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.

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

	Cash and cash equivalents USD	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss USD	Amount due from dealer USD	Amount due from Manager USD	Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme - management fee rebate USD	Derivative asset at fair value through profit or loss USD	Total USD
2025							
-AAA	256,876	-	-	-	-	-	256,876
-Not Rated	-	22,447,994	48,340	123,863	13,428	225,512	22,859,137
	<u>256,876</u>	<u>22,447,994</u>	<u>48,340</u>	<u>123,863</u>	<u>13,428</u>	<u>225,512</u>	<u>23,116,013</u>
2024							
-AAA	127,372	-	-	-	-	-	127,372
-Not Rated	-	23,216,181	523,227	73,744	15,142	45,057	23,873,351
	<u>127,372</u>	<u>23,216,181</u>	<u>523,227</u>	<u>73,744</u>	<u>15,142</u>	<u>45,057</u>	<u>24,000,723</u>

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

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

(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 year on the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 month USD	Between 1 month to 1 year USD	Total USD
2025			
Amount due to dealer	48,502	-	48,502
Amount due to Manager	114,222	-	114,222
Amount due to Manager - Purchase of collective investment scheme	40,000	-	40,000
Accrued management fee	31,471	-	31,471
Amount due to Trustee	524	-	524
Other payables and accruals	-	8,836	8,836
Net assets attributable to unit holders*	22,872,458	-	22,872,458
Contractual undiscounted cash flows	23,107,177	8,836	23,116,013
2024			
Amount due to dealer	198,274	-	198,274
Amount due to Manager	258,593	-	258,593
Accrued management fee	36,441	-	36,441
Amount due to Trustee	607	-	607
Other payables and accruals	-	7,353	7,353
Net assets attributable to unit holders*	23,499,455	-	23,499,455
Contractual undiscounted cash flows	23,993,370	7,353	24,000,723

* 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.

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 USD22,872,458 (30.04.2024: USD23,499,455). 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 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.

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

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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

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

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

	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
2025				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment scheme	22,447,994	-	-	22,447,994
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- Forward foreign currency contracts	-	225,512	-	225,512
	<u>22,447,994</u>	<u>225,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,673,506</u>
2024				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment scheme	23,216,181	-	-	23,216,181
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- Forward foreign currency - contracts	-	45,057	-	45,057
	<u>23,216,181</u>	<u>45,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,261,238</u>

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

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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 for each class, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund.

For the financial year ended 30 April 2025 and 30 April 2024, the management fee is recognised at a rate of 1.80% per annum for each class.

There is 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 maximum fee of 0.03% per annum, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund. The Trustee fee includes local custodian fees and charges but excludes foreign sub-custodian fees and charges.

For the financial year ended 30 April 2025 and 30 April 2024, the trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.03% per annum for each class.

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

6. TAXATION

	2025 USD	2024 USD
Tax charged for the financial year:		
- Current taxation	-	-

6. TAXATION (CONTINUED)

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

	2025 USD	2024 USD
Profit before taxation	3,972,764	6,608,017
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2024: 24%)	953,463	1,585,924
Tax effects of:		
- Investment income not subject for tax purpose	(1,066,237)	(1,687,759)
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2,917	2,853
- Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	109,857	98,982
Taxation	-	-

7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2025 USD	2024 USD
At fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment scheme	22,447,994	23,216,181
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Realised gain/(loss) on disposals	1,004,636	(3,040,721)
- Unrealised fair value gain	1,877,177	11,632,761
- Management fee rebate #	147,895	133,862
	3,029,708	8,725,902

Management fee rebate represents the Fund's entitlement to management fee rebate from the Manager of collective investment scheme the Fund invests in.

For the financial year ended 30 April 2025 management fee rebate is recognised at a rate of 0.60% per annum for each class (30.04.2024: 0.60% per annum for each class).

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
2025 COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
Neuberger Berman Asset Management Ireland Ltd-NB- 5G Connect-I3 USD Acc	1,935,172	22,094,040	22,447,994	98.14
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	1,935,172	22,094,040	22,447,994	98.14

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
2025 (CONTINUED)				
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME (CONTINUED)				
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		353,954		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		22,447,994		
2024				
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
Neuberger Berman Asset Management Ireland Ltd- NB-5G Connect-I3 USD Acc	2,221,644	24,739,404	23,216,181	98.79
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	2,221,644	24,739,404	23,216,181	98.79
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		(1,523,223)		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		23,216,181		

8. DERIVATIVE ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2025 USD	2024 USD
Forward foreign currency contracts	225,512	45,057
Net gain/(loss) on derivatives at fair value through profit or loss:		
Net realised gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts	1,212,071	(1,876,850)
Net unrealised gain on forward foreign currency contracts	180,455	174,999
	1,392,526	(1,701,851)

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

As at 30 April 2025 there are 12 outstanding forward foreign currency contracts (30.04.2024: 17). The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to USD20,922,752 (30.04.2024: USD23,353,188).

The forward foreign currency contracts are entered into during the financial year to minimise the risk of foreign currency exposure between the USD and the Australian Dollar ("AUD"), Great Britain Pound ("GBP"), Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR"), and Singapore Dollar ("SGD") for 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 contracts are recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income during the year in which it was incurred.

9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025 USD	2024 USD
Bank balances	<u>256,876</u>	<u>127,372</u>

10. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)

	2025 No. of units	2024 No. of units
Class AUD-H (i)	3,191,626	3,262,362
Class GBP-H (ii)	850,497	1,496,149
Class MYR-H (iii)	86,014,962	95,165,460
Class SGD-H (iv)	1,465,588	1,997,440
Class USD (v)	<u>1,879,178</u>	<u>3,252,355</u>
	<u>93,401,851</u>	<u>105,173,766</u>

(i) Class AUD-H

At the beginning of the financial year	3,262,362	4,329,804
Add: Creation of units from applications	1,093,832	182,913
Less: Cancellation of units	<u>(1,164,568)</u>	<u>(1,250,355)</u>
At the end of the financial year	<u>3,191,626</u>	<u>3,262,362</u>

(ii) Class GBP-H

At the beginning of the financial year	1,496,149	1,762,957
Add: Creation of units from applications	369,846	441,464
Less: Cancellation of units	<u>(1,015,498)</u>	<u>(708,272)</u>
At the end of the financial year	<u>850,497</u>	<u>1,496,149</u>

(iii) Class MYR-H

At the beginning of the financial year	95,165,460	123,177,689
Add: Creation of units from applications	30,335,223	19,026,948
Less: Cancellation of units	<u>(39,485,721)</u>	<u>(47,039,177)</u>
At the end of the financial year	<u>86,014,962</u>	<u>95,165,460</u>

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

	2025	2024
	No. of units	No. of units
(iv) Class SGD-H		
At the beginning of the financial year	1,997,440	2,614,616
Add: Creation of units from applications	832,027	733,108
Less: Cancellation of units	(1,363,879)	(1,350,284)
At the end of the financial year	1,465,588	1,997,440
(v) Class USD		
At the beginning of the financial year	3,252,355	4,331,028
Add: Creation of units from applications	578,774	284,810
Less: Cancellation of units	(1,951,951)	(1,363,483)
At the end of the financial year	1,879,178	3,252,355

11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2025	2024
	%	%
TER	1.27	1.28

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A	=	Management fee (excluded rebate)
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 USD25,257,558 (30.04.2024: USD22,631,383).

12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	2025	2024
PTR (times)	0.37	0.27

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	=	USD 7,435,000 (30.04.2024: USD2,260,000)
total disposal for the financial year	=	USD 11,085,000 (30.04.2024: USD10,160,000)

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:

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

Units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager

		2025		2024
	No. of units	USD	No. of units	USD
Manager				
Principal Asset Management Berhad				
- Class MYR-H	214	43	5	1
- Class GBP-H	37	43	-	-
- Class USD	1	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.

There were no significant related party transactions during the financial year, other than those already disclosed in the financial statements.

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial year ended 30 April 2025.

Broker	Value of trades	Percentage of
	USD	total trades
		%
Brown Bros Harr Fd Admin Svc (Ire) - Cur	12,830,000	69.28
Neuberger Berman Investment Fund Plc	5,690,000	30.72
	<u>18,520,000</u>	<u>100.00</u>

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS (CONTINUED)

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial year ended 30 April 2024.

Broker	Value of trades USD	Percentage of total trades %
Neuberger Berman Investment Fund PLC	<u>12,420,000</u>	<u>100.00</u>

15. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 16 June 2025.

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