

PRINCIPAL RETIREE EASY INCOME

UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023

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MEMBERS' 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 Unaudited Semi-Annual Fund Report of the Principal Retireeasy Income Fund for the financial period ended 31 July 2023. You may also download this report from our website at www.principal.com.my.

We 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.

Please continue to check out our website (www.principal.com.my), like our Facebook page (@PrincipalAssetMY), follow us on our Instagram account (@principalassetmanagement_my), and LinkedIn page (Principal Asset Management Berhad) for the latest updates, market insights and investment articles.

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

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

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

PRS PROVIDER’S REPORT

FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

What is the investment objective of the Fund?

The Fund seeks to provide sustainable total return and to grow the total investment over the long term.

Has the Fund achieved its objective?

The Fund has met its objective to provide sustainable total return and to grow the total investment over the long term as stated in the Investment Objective section.

What are the Fund investment policy and principal investment strategy?

The Fund aims to achieve its objective by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of income generating assets. The Fund will seek exposure from various asset classes which includes but not limited to equities, debt securities, money market instruments and/or Deposits, which can be accessed directly through the market or indirectly via Collective Investment Scheme (“CIS”) (including exchange-traded fund (“ETF”) and Real Estate Investment Trust (“REITs”).

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- Up to 100% of the Fund’s NAV may be invested in CIS (including ETF and REITs), equities, debt securities, money market instruments and/or Deposits. Notwithstanding,
- up to 40% of the Fund’s NAV may be invested in Unrated Bonds; and
- up to 10% of the Fund’s NAV may be invested in unlisted securities.

Information on the Target Fund

Fund Manager : Principal Asset Management Berhad
 Fund Sub-Manager : Principal Global Investors, LLC (“PGI”)
 Regulatory authority : Securities Commission Malaysia (“SC”)
 Country of domicile : Malaysia

Fund category/type

Core – Mixed asset

When was the Fund launched?

Name of Class	Launch Date
Class A	20 April 2022
Class C	20 April 2022
Class X	20 April 2022

What was the size of the Fund as at 31 July 2023?

RM33.53 million (126.70 million units)

What is the Fund’s benchmark?

The performance of this Fund cannot be compared directly with any specific publicly available benchmark. However, the Fund has a target return of 4.0% - 5.0% per annum over rolling 5-year. Please note that the Fund’s benchmark is for performance comparison purpose only and the risk profile of the Fund is not the same as the risk profile of the benchmark. The target return above were set based on current market environment and asset allocation mix. As the REI is a long-term fund, the return expectation may change accordingly should there be changes in the market environment and asset allocation mix at that point of time.

What is the Fund distribution policy?

Given the Fund’s objective, the Fund is not expected to pay any distribution. Distributions, if any, are at the PRS Provider’s discretion and will vary from period to period depending on the performance of the Fund

FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY (CONTINUED)

What was the net income distribution for the six months financial period ended 31 July 2023?

There was no distribution made for the six months financial period ended 31 July 2023.

PERFORMANCE DATA

Details of portfolio composition of the Fund for the financial period are as follows:

	31.07.2023
	%
Collective investment scheme	104.83
Cash and other assets	0.71
Liabilities	(5.54)
	<u>100.00</u>

Performance details of the Fund for the financial period are as follows:

	31.07.2023
NAV (RM Million)	
- Class A	26.09
- Class C	2.89
- Class X	4.55
Units in circulation (Million)	
- Class A	98.60
- Class C	10.92
- Class X	17.18
NAV per unit (RM)	
- Class A	0.2646
- Class C	0.2643
- Class X	0.2652

	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023
Highest NAV per unit (RM)	
- Class A	0.2646
- Class C	0.2643
- Class X	0.2652
Lowest NAV per unit (RM)	
- Class A	0.2542
- Class C	0.2540
- Class X	0.2547
Total return (%)	
- Class A	3.24
- Class C	3.20
- Class X	3.27
Capital growth (%)	
- Class A	3.24
- Class C	3.20
- Class X	3.27
Income distribution (%)	
- Class A	-
- Class C	-
- Class X	-

PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

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

	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023
Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%)	0.69
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times)	0.13
	Since inception to 31.07.2023 %
Annual total return	
- Class A	5.84
- Class C	5.72
- Class X	6.08

(Launch date: 20 April 2022)

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

MARKET REVIEW (1 FEBRUARY 2023 TO 31 JULY2023)

Since the Principal RetireEasy Income was launched, it's been a period where risk assets have been in favour overall globally. There have been periods of drawdowns based on growth and inflation concerns. However, overall investor sentiment has been improving as economic developments and falling inflation have led to higher returns. Although both asset classes performed quite well, developed markets significantly outperformed emerging markets ("EM") during the period.

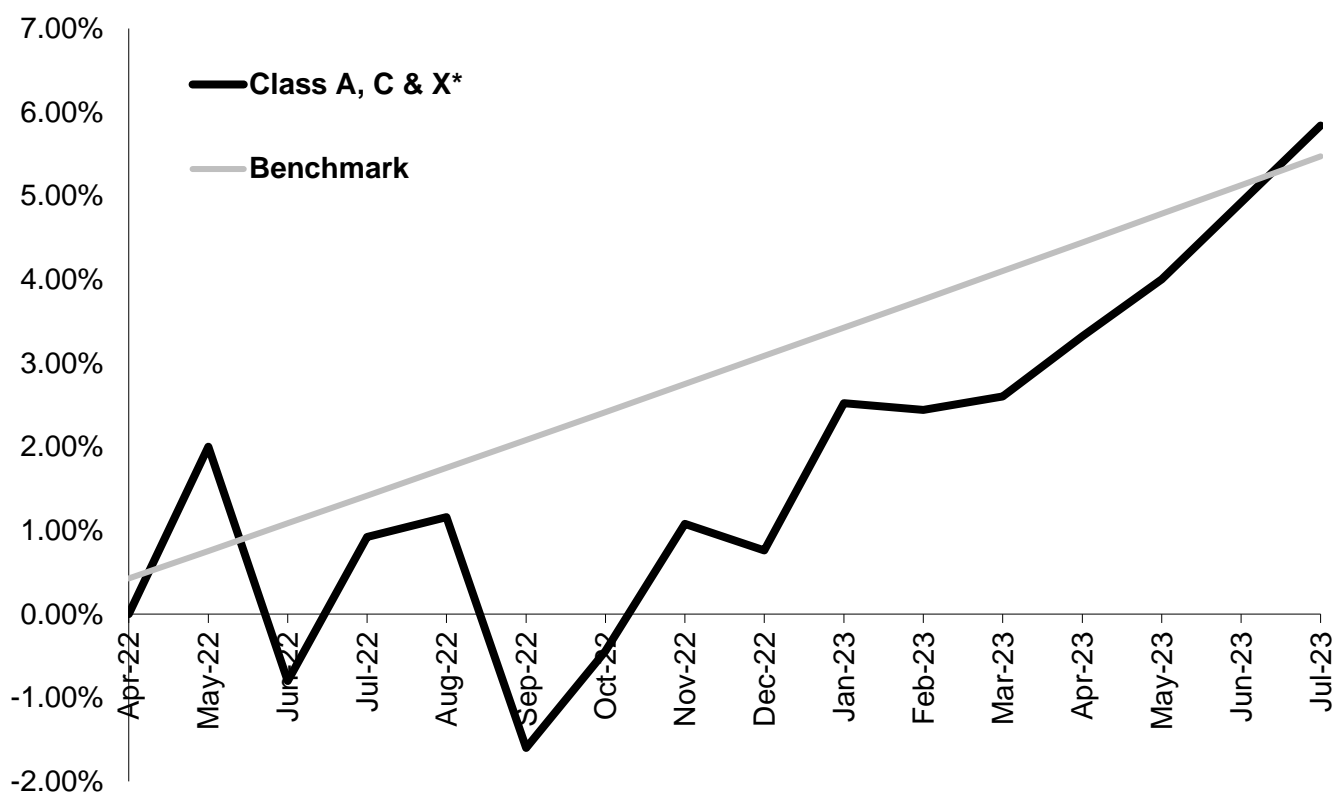
FUND PERFORMANCE

	6 months to 31.07.2023 %	1 year to 31.07.2023 %	Since inception to 31.07.2023 %
Income Distribution			
- Class A	-	-	-
- Class C	-	-	-
- Class X	-	-	-
Capital Growth			
- Class A	3.24	4.48	5.84
- Class C	3.20	4.76	5.72
- Class X	3.27	4.86	6.08
Total Return			
- Class A	3.24	4.48	5.84
- Class C	3.20	4.76	5.72
- Class X	3.27	4.86	6.08
Benchmark			
- Class A	1.98	4.00	5.47
- Class C	1.98	4.00	5.47
- Class X	1.98	4.00	5.47
Average Total Return			
- Class A	6.58	4.88	4.53
- Class C	6.50	4.76	4.43
- Class X	6.65	4.86	4.71

FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

For the period under review, all classes recorded positive returns as Class A, Class C and Class X increased by 3.24%, 3.20%, and 3.27% respectively. Meanwhile, the benchmark for all 3 classes recorded a 1.98% increase during the same period under review.

Since Inception



* Performance of Class A, Class C and Class X are almost the same. Slight variation was due to different timing of units created for each of the class.

Changes in NAV

	31.07.2023	31.01.2023 Audited	Changes %
CLASS A			
NAV (RM Million)	26.09	22.38	16.58
NAV/Unit (RM)	0.2646	0.2563	3.24
CLASS C			
NAV (RM Million)	2.89	2.70	7.04
NAV/Unit (RM)	0.2643	0.2561	3.20
CLASS X			
NAV (RM Million)	4.55	4.71	(3.40)
NAV/Unit (RM)	0.2652	0.2568	3.27

During the financial period under review, the Fund's NAV for Class A, and Class C increased by 16.58%, and 7.04% respectively. Meanwhile the Fund's NAV for Class X decreased by 3.40% during the same period under review.

FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

In addition, the NAV per unit of Class A, Class C, and Class X all increased by 3.24%, 3.20%, and 3.27% respectively. The increased in NAV per unit was mainly due to the positive investment performance during the review period.

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

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

Asset allocation

(% of NAV)	31.07.2023	31.01.2023 Audited
Collective investment scheme	104.83	99.38
Cash and other assets	0.71	0.82
Liabilities	(5.54)	(0.20)
Total	100.00	100.00

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

MARKET OUTLOOK*

In the face of multiple and significant headwinds, global economic growth has proven resilient. Global headline inflation continues to moderate, helped by falling energy prices. Developed market core inflation remains elevated while EM inflation fell below developed market inflation in April. We believe most developed markets will continue to increase interest rates or at the least hold rates steady until there is further loosening of inflation.

* This market outlook does not constitute an offer, invitation, commitment 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 primarily in a diversified portfolio of income generating assets with minimal cash kept for liquidity purposes.

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES

Principal Asset Management Berhad (the “PRS Provider”), the Sub-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 Fund. Accordingly, any rebate or shared commission will be directed to the account of the Principal Malaysia Funds (“Funds”). The PRS Provider may retain goods and services (soft commission) provided by any broker or dealer if the following conditions are met:

- (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

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES (CONTINUED)

(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 will not enter into unnecessary trades in order to achieve a sufficient volume of transactions to qualify for soft commission.

During the financial period under review, the PRS Provider, the Sub-Manager and Trustee did not receive any rebates from the brokers or dealers, but the PRS Provider 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 PRS Provider confirms that the goods and services received were for the benefit of the Fund, the trades were made on a best execution basis and there was no churning of trades.

SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

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

STATE OF AFFAIR OF THE FUND

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

CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MATERIALLY AFFECT ANY INTEREST OF MEMBERS

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

CROSS TRADE

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

UNIT SPLIT

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

**STATEMENT BY THE PRS PROVIDER TO THE MEMBERS OF
PRINCIPAL RETIREE EASY INCOME**

We, being the Directors of Principal Asset Management Berhad (the “PRS Provider”), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the PRS Provider, the accompanying Unaudited financial statements set out on pages 3 to 21 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 July 2023 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to members and cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with the provisions of the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) 134 – Interim Financial Reporting and International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 34 – Interim Financial Reporting.

For and on behalf of the PRS Provider

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

MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN

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

UDAY JAYARAM

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

Kuala Lumpur
25 September 2023

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF PRINCIPAL RETIREEASY INCOME ("Fund")

We have acted as Scheme Trustee the Fund for the financial period ended 31 July 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 period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:

1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the PRS Provider under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes:
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 Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

Ng Hon Leong
Head, Fund Operations

Sylvia Beh
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur
20 September 2023

**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	Note	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023 RM
INCOME		
Dividend income		459,981
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	<u>790,920</u>
		<u>1,250,901</u>
EXPENSES		
Management fee	4	188,146
Private Pension Administrator administration fee	4	8,371
Trustee fee	5	11,901
Audit fee		4,215
Tax agent fee		3,273
Other expenses		<u>1,111</u>
		<u>217,017</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		1,033,884
Taxation	6	<u>-</u>
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		<u><u>1,033,884</u></u>
Profit after taxation is made up as follows:		
Realised amount		474,031
Unrealised amount		<u>559,853</u>
		<u><u>1,033,884</u></u>

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

**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JULY 2023**

		31.07.2023	31.01.2023
	Note	RM	Audited RM
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	138,777	143,325
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	35,151,654	29,604,690
Amount due from the PRS Provider			
- creation of units		35,012	36,803
- management fee rebates		37,217	63,844
- disposal of collective investment scheme		27,825	-
TOTAL ASSETS		35,390,485	29,848,662
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to the PRS Provider			
- management fee		34,235	30,444
- cancellation of units		24,749	14,417
- purchase of collective investment scheme		1,774,768	-
Amount due to Private Pension Administrator		6,390	5,254
Amount due to Trustee		2,038	2,038
Other payables and accruals		15,058	7,571
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS)		1,857,238	59,724
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		33,533,247	29,788,938
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		33,533,247	29,788,938
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (RM)			
- CLASS A		26,090,924	22,379,814
- CLASS C		2,887,082	2,696,698
- CLASS X		4,555,241	4,712,426
		33,533,247	29,788,938
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)			
- CLASS A	9	98,594,508	87,327,107
- CLASS C		10,922,826	10,529,790
- CLASS X		17,178,984	18,350,881
		126,696,318	116,207,778
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)			
- CLASS A		0.2646	0.2563
- CLASS C		0.2643	0.2561
- CLASS X		0.2652	0.2568

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**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023 RM
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>29,788,938</u>
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period:	
Creation of units from applications	
- Class A	3,816,238
- Class C	737,105
- Class X	257,448
	<u>4,810,791</u>
Cancellation of units	
- Class A	(906,440)
- Class C	(634,393)
- Class X	(559,533)
	<u>(2,100,366)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	<u>1,033,884</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>33,533,247</u>

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**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from disposal of collective investment scheme	1,647,552
Purchase of collective investment scheme	(4,859,960)
Dividend income received	459,981
Management fee rebate received	229,933
Management fee paid	(184,355)
Private Pension Administrator administration fee paid	(7,235)
Trustee fee paid	(11,901)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(1,111)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(2,727,096)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Cash proceeds from units created	4,812,582
Payments for cancellation of units	(2,090,034)
Net cash generated from financing activities	<u>2,722,548</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(4,548)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period	<u>143,325</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	<u><u>138,777</u></u>
<u>Cash and cash equivalents comprised of:</u>	
Bank balance	<u>138,777</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	<u><u>138,777</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

1. THE FUND, THE PRS PROVIDER AND ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Principal Retireeasy Income (the “Fund”) is governed by a Deed dated 8 November 2012, a First Supplemental Deed dated 2 January 2014, a Second Supplemental Deed dated 25 November 2014, a Third Supplemental Deed dated 3 February 2020, a Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 17 December 2021, a Fifth Supplemental Deed dated 12 July 2022 and a Sixth Supplemental Deed dated 14 June 2023 (collectively referred to as the “Deeds”), made between Principal Asset Management Berhad (the “PRS Provider”) and Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad (the “Trustee”).

The Fund offers three classes of units known respectively as Class A, Class C and Class X. In accordance with the Disclosure Document, subject to the PRS Provider’s absolute discretion, Class A and Class C are for an individual who has attained the age 18 years as of the date of opening a private pension account while Class X is for Member who participates via his/her employer. Class A and Class C have different Sales Charge and Management Fee while Class X has no Sales Charge.

The Fund aims to achieve its objective by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of income generating assets. The Fund will seek exposure from various asset classes which includes but not limited to equities, debt securities, money market instruments and/or Deposits, which can be accessed directly through the market or indirectly via CIS (including ETF and REITs).

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- Up to 100% of the Fund’s NAV may be invested in CIS (including ETF and REITs), equities, debt securities, money market instruments and/or Deposits. Notwithstanding,
- up to 40% of the Fund’s NAV may be invested in Unrated Bonds; and
- up to 10% of the Fund’s NAV may be invested in unlisted securities.

All investments are subjected to the SC Guidelines on PRS, 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 PRS Provider, 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 PRS Provider are the establishment and management of unit trust funds and fund management activities.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

(a) Basis of preparation

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**(a) Basis of preparation (continued)**

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.

It also requires the PRS Provider to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and assumptions are based on the PRS Provider'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(j).

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial period beginning on 1 February 2023 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 financial period beginning on/after 1 August 2023 to the financial statements of the Fund.

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities**Classification**

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

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

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

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from the PRS Provider – creation of units and management fee rebates as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from the PRS Provider – creation of units, management fee rebates and disposal of collective investment scheme 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.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**Recognition and measurement

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

Financial instruments are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

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

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

Unrealised gains or losses arising from changes in 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.

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

Significant increase in credit risk

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

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Fund may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial 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 scheme is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of collective investment scheme, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

(d) Functional and presentation currency

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

(e) Members' contributions

The members' 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 three classes of units, known respectively as the Class A, Class C and Class X, which are cancelled at the member's option and do not have identical features subject to restrictions as stipulated in the Disclosure Document and SC Guidelines on PRS. The units are classified as financial liabilities. Cancellable units can be reinvested 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 statement of financial position if the member exercises the right to reinvest the unit to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at the member's 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.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(g) Taxation

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

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

The analysis of realised and unrealised profit/loss after taxation as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC Guidelines on PRS.

(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 judgement are continually evaluated by the PRS Provider 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 PRS Provider 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 PRS.

However, the PRS Provider is of the opinion that there are no accounting policies which require significant judgement to be exercised.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide sustainable total return and to grow the total investment over the long term.

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

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

(a) Market risk

(i) Price risk

This is the risk that the fair value of the Fund's investment will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The value of investment 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 Deeds.

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

(b) Credit risk

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

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

For amount due from the PRS Provider, the settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the PRS Provider are governed by the SC Guidelines on PRS.

(c) Liquidity risk

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

The PRS Provider manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of the units by members. Liquid assets comprise bank balance and other instruments, 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 risk for the entire portfolio without limiting to the Fund's growth potential.

(d) Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to members. The amount of net assets attributable to members can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of the members. 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 the members and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

(e) Fair value estimation

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

The fair values of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial period end date.

The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the PRS Provider 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.

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

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(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.

	Level 1 RM	Level 2 RM	Level 3 RM	Total RM
31.07.2023				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment scheme	<u>35,151,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,151,654</u>
31.01.2023				
Audited				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment scheme	<u>29,604,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,604,690</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).

(i) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from the PRS Provider - creation of units, management fee rebates, disposal of collective investment scheme and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short-term nature.

4. MANAGEMENT FEE AND PRIVATE PENSION ADMINISTRATOR ADMINISTRATION FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the PRS Provider is entitled to a maximum management fee of 3.00% per annum for each unit class, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund.

For the six months financial period ended 31 July 2023, the management fee for the respective classes is recognised at the following rates:

Class A	Class C	Class X
1.20%	1.30%	1.20%

The Private Pension Administrator administration fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% per annum for each unit class, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund.

There was no further liability in respect of management fee and Private Pension Administrator administration fee other than the amount recognised above.

5. TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to a maximum fee of 0.04% per annum for each unit class, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund. The Trustee fee includes local custodian fees and charges but excludes foreign custodian fees and charges, subject to minimum fee of RM24,000 per annum.

For the six months financial period ended 31 July 2023, the Trustee fee is recognised at minimum fee of RM24,000 per annum.

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

6. TAXATION

**01.02.2023
to 31.07.2023
RM**

Tax charged for the financial period:

- Current taxation	-
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6. TAXATION (CONTINUED)

Income from PRS approved by the SC in accordance with the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 is exempted from tax in accordance with Schedule 6, Paragraph 20 of the Income Tax Act, 1967 ("ITA").

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

	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023 RM
Profit before taxation	1,033,884
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24%	248,132
Tax effects of:	
- Income not subject to tax	(251,423)
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	6,446
- Restriction on tax deductible expenses for PRS Funds	(3,155)
Taxation	-

7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	31.07.2023 RM	31.01.2023 Audited RM
At fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment scheme	35,151,654	29,604,690

	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023 RM
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	
- Realised gain on disposals	27,761
- Unrealised fair value gain	559,853
- Management fee rebates #	203,306
	790,920

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

For the financial period from 23 September 2022 (date of launch) to 31 July 2023, the rebate is recognised at a rate below per annum calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the collective investment scheme.

Name of Collective Investment Scheme	31.07.2023 %
Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Growth Fund – Class MYR	1.80
Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund – Class MYR	1.80
Principal Asia Dynamic Bond Fund - Class MYR	1.00
Principal Global Income Fund – Class MYR-Hedged	1.80

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

Name of Collective Investment Scheme	31.07.2023
	%
Principal Global Titans Fund – Class MYR	1.80
Principal Lifetime Bond Fund	1.00
Principal Malaysia Enhanced Opportunities Fund	1.50
Principal Malaysia Titans Fund	1.50
Principal Small Cap Opportunities Fund	1.50

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
31.07.2023				
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
PIMCO GIS Global Bond Fund H Institutional USD Accumulation	12,454	1,774,768	1,774,768	5.29
Principal Asia Dynamic Bond Fund - Class MYR	3,949,378	3,746,956	3,698,988	11.03
Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Growth Fund – Class MYR	2,059,774	2,029,530	2,140,929	6.38
Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund – Class MYR	9,771,293	2,100,603	2,166,296	6.46
Principal Global Income Fund – Class MYR-Hedged	5,177,995	3,991,129	3,968,416	11.83
Principal Global Titans Fund – Class MYR	4,339,736	3,177,464	3,729,135	11.12
Principal Lifetime Bond Fund	13,093,573	14,198,905	14,501,132	43.25
Principal Malaysia Enhanced Opportunities Fund	2,323,162	1,473,638	1,411,785	4.21
Principal Malaysia Titans Fund	1,170,191	1,468,405	1,442,845	4.30
Principal Small Cap Opportunities Fund	569,768	304,199	317,360	0.95
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	42,467,324	34,265,597	35,151,654	104.83

ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

886,057

TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

35,151,654

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
31.01.2023				
Audited				
COLLECTIVE				
INVESTMENT SCHEME				
Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Growth Fund – Class MYR	1,893,313	1,863,691	1,902,401	6.39
Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund – Class MYR	8,926,265	1,920,630	1,956,637	6.57
Principal Asia Dynamic Bond Fund - Class MYR	3,591,853	3,417,105	3,253,860	10.92
Principal Global Income Fund – Class MYR-Hedged	4,589,560	3,544,260	3,653,290	12.26
Principal Global Titans Fund – Class MYR	4,013,193	2,898,289	2,955,717	9.92
Principal Lifetime Bond Fund	1,757,298	12,709,472	12,895,404	43.29
Principal Malaysia Enhanced Opportunities Fund	2,030,230	1,294,460	1,324,319	4.45
Principal Malaysia Titans Fund	1,074,312	1,353,374	1,360,939	4.57
Principal Small Cap Opportunities Fund	523,611	277,205	302,123	1.01
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	<u>38,399,635</u>	<u>29,278,486</u>	<u>29,604,690</u>	<u>99.38</u>
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>326,204</u>		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>29,604,690</u>		

8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.07.2023	31.01.2023
	RM	Audited RM
Bank balance	<u>138,777</u>	<u>143,325</u>

9. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)

	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023	20.04.2022 (date of launch) to 31.01.2023 Audited
	No. of units	No. of units
Class A (i)	98,594,508	87,327,107
Class C (ii)	10,922,826	10,529,790
Class X (iii)	17,178,984	18,350,881
	<u>126,696,318</u>	<u>116,207,778</u>
(i) Class A		
At the beginning of the financial period	87,327,107	-
Add : Creation of units from applications	14,752,864	93,863,545
Less: Cancellation of units	<u>(3,485,463)</u>	<u>(6,536,438)</u>
At the end of the financial period	<u>98,594,508</u>	<u>87,327,107</u>
(ii) Class C		
At the beginning of the financial period	10,529,790	-
Add : Creation of units from applications	2,826,614	15,759,615
Less: Cancellation of units	<u>(2,433,578)</u>	<u>(5,229,825)</u>
At the end of the financial period	<u>10,922,826</u>	<u>10,529,790</u>
(iii) Class X		
At the beginning of the financial period	18,350,881	-
Add : Creation of units from applications	993,014	18,628,340
Less: Cancellation of units	<u>(2,164,911)</u>	<u>(277,459)</u>
At the end of the financial period	<u>17,178,984</u>	<u>18,350,881</u>

10. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023 %
TER*	<u>0.69</u>

* before deducting management fee rebates

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

- A = Management fee
- B = Trustee Fee
- C = Private Pension Administrator administration fee
- D = Audit fee
- E = Tax agent's fee
- F = Other expenses
- G = Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is RM31,423,549.

11. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

01.02.2023
to 31.07.2023

PTR (times) 0.13

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

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

where:

total acquisition for the financial period = RM6,634,728

total disposal for the financial period = RM1,675,377

12. UNITS HELD BY THE PRS PROVIDER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE PRS PROVIDER, AND SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

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

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Principal Asset Management Bhd	The PRS Provider
Principal Financial Group, Inc.	Ultimate holding company of shareholder of the PRS Provider
Principal International (Asia) Ltd	Shareholder of the PRS Provider
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 PRS Provider
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	Ultimate holding company of shareholder of the PRS Provider
CIMB Group Sdn Bhd	Shareholder of the PRS Provider
CIMB Bank Bhd	Fellow related party to the PRS Provider
CIMB Investment Bank Bhd	Fellow related party to the PRS Provider
Subsidiaries and associates of CIMB Group Holdings Bhd, other than above, as disclosed in its financial statements	Fellow subsidiary and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of the shareholder of the PRS Provider

There were no units held by the PRS Provider, the Directors or parties related to the PRS Provider as at the end of financial period.

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

12. UNITS HELD BY THE PRS PROVIDER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE PRS PROVIDER, AND SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

01.02.2023
to 31.07.2023
RM

Significant related party transactions

Dividend income from collective investment scheme:

- Principal Asset Management Berhad 459,981

Purchase of collective investment scheme:

- Principal Asset Management Berhad 6,634,728

Disposal of collective investment scheme:

- Principal Asset Management Berhad 1,675,377

31.07.2023 31.01.2023
RM Audited
RM

Significant related party balances

Collective investment scheme managed by the PRS Provider:

Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Growth Fund – Class MYR	2,140,929	1,902,401
Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund – Class MYR	2,166,296	1,956,637
Principal Asia Dynamic Bond Fund - Class MYR	3,698,988	3,253,860
Principal Global Income Fund – Class MYR-Hedged	3,968,416	3,653,290
Principal Global Titans Fund – Class MYR	3,729,135	2,955,717
Principal Lifetime Bond Fund	14,501,132	12,895,404
Principal Malaysia Enhanced Opportunities Fund	1,411,785	1,324,319
Principal Malaysia Titans Fund	1,442,845	1,360,939
Principal Small Cap Opportunities Fund	317,360	302,123
PGIS Global Bond H Institutional USD Accumulation	1,774,768	-

13. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/DEALERS

Details of transactions with the brokers/dealers for the six months financial ended 31 July 2023 are as follows:

Brokers/Dealers	Value of trades RM	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage fees RM	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
PIMCO Global Advisors (Ireland) Limited	1,774,768	21.36		
Principal Asset Management Bhd #	6,535,337	78.64	-	-
	8,310,105	100.00	-	-

Included in the transactions are trades conducted with Principal Asset Management Berhad, the PRS Provider, amounting to RM6,535,337. The PRS Provider is of the opinion that all transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

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