

# Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund

Unaudited Semi-Annual Report

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 30 September 2024

# PRINCIPAL ASIA PACIFIC DYNAMIC INCOME FUND UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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**DIRECTORY** 

#### **INVESTORS' LETTER**

Dear Valued Investor.

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

We are pleased to bring you a copy of the Unaudited Semi-Annual Report Fund Report of the Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund for the six months financial period ended 30 September 2024. You may also download this report from our website at <a href="https://www.principal.com.my">www.principal.com.my</a>.

We are proud to announce that Principal Malaysia has received numerous accolades in 2024. At the Asia Asset Management 2024 Best of the Best Awards, we won the Best of the Best Performance Award: China A-Share Equity (3 years) and Best Institutional House – Malaysia. At the 2024 Global Banking & Finance Awards, our CEO, Munirah Khairuddin, was named Asset Management CEO of the Year Malaysia, and we were recognized as Asset Management Company of the Year Malaysia. We also received the Best International Equity Fund Manager for MSCI EM Latin America 2023 at the EPF External Fund Managers Awards 2023.

At the Alpha Southeast Asia Fund Management Awards 2024, we won three awards: Best Absolute Return Strategy, Best Online & Mobile Platform (Asset Manager), and Best Asset Manager (Income Oriented, Money Market & Alternative Investment Funds). At the Triple A Sustainable Investing Awards 2024, we secured the Asset Management Company of the Year (Malaysia) award. The World Business Outlook magazine awarded us Best Investment Management and Solutions Provider Malaysia, Best Institutional House Malaysia, and Asset Management CEO (Munirah Khairuddin) of the Year Malaysia. Additionally, we received three awards at the iFast Awards 2024, seven at the LSEG Lipper Fund Awards 2024, and ten at the FSMOne Recommended Funds 2023/2024.

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 (<a href="www.principal.com.my">www.principal.com.my</a>), like our Facebook page (@PrincipalAssetMY), follow us on our Instagram account (@principalassetmanagement\_my), and LinkedIn page (Principal Asset Management Berhad) for the latest updates, market insights and investment articles.

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

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

#### Munirah Khairuddin

Chief Executive Officer, Malaysia & Global Shariah & Managing Director, Strategic Distribution & Institutional Client Relations (Southeast Asia & Global Shariah) Non-Independent Executive Director

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

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

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

The Fund aims to provide regular income by investing primarily in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region and at the same time aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term.

#### Has the Fund achieved its objective?

The Fund has achieved capital appreciation and to provide regular income over the medium to long term by investing primarily in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region.

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

The Fund will be managed with the aim of achieving a stable and positive investment returns over the medium to long term through investments in Asia Pacific ex Japan, i.e. companies that are domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region. For listed securities, the investment must be traded in an exchange that is a member of World Federation of Exchanges ("WFE"). 'Significant operations' means major businesses of the company. For example, the Fund can invest in a company with significant business/operations in Thailand but listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). The threshold for 'significant operations' would be if more than 25% of total group revenue is derived from countries in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region. The calculation would be based on the most recent financial reports released by the companies (e.g. interim and annual reports). The term "medium to long term" refers to a period of three (3) years and more. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its NAV in companies that are listed globally with some business/operations within the Asia Pacific ex Japan region to capture growth opportunities.

Under general market conditions, the Fund's investment will focus on high dividend yielding equities of companies, which the Sub-Manager believes will offer attractive yields\*, sustainable dividend payments and/or will exhibit above average growth potential when compared to its industry or the overall market at the point of purchase. In addition, the Fund may also invest in companies with good growth potential^, which the Sub-Manager foresees may adopt a strong dividend payout\* policy. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV") in debt securities to be in line with the Fund's objective. The Fund's investments in debt securities will generally be restricted to debt securities with a minimum credit rating of "BBB" by an international rating agency as prescribed under the Standards of Qualifying collective investment scheme ("CIS") or its equivalent rating by other international rating agencies. The Fund may also opt to access into the equities and/or debt securities market via the investment in units of other CIS that is in line with the Fund's objectives, subject to the requirements of the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds ("GUTF") issued by the SC and the Standards of Qualifying CIS.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- between 60% to 98% (both inclusive) of the Fund's NAV will be invested in equities;
- up to 20% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in debt securities;
- up to 20% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in units of other CIS that is in line with the Fund's objectives; and
- at least 2% of its NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purpose.

#### **Base Currency**

US Dollar ("USD")

#### Fund category/type

Equity/Income & Growth

<sup>\*</sup> Higher than the average equity yields in the respective country.

<sup>^</sup> Companies that have a better growth than the gross domestic products ("GDP") of the respective country and reasonably priced based on our estimate. Reasonably priced means when the intrinsic value is higher than the current market price. # Higher than the average dividend yields of companies in the respective country.

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

#### When was the Fund launched?

Name of Class	Launch Date
Class MYR	25 April 2011
Class SGD	9 September 2015
Class USD	9 September 2015
Class D	28 April 2023
Class AUD	13 July 2023

#### What was the size of the Fund as at 30 September 2024?

USD1,084.18 million (17,491.39 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 eight percent (8%) per annum.

This is not a guaranteed return and is only a measurement of the Fund's performance. The Fund may not achieve the target return in any particular financial year but targets to achieve this growth over the medium to long term.

#### What is the Fund's distribution policy?

Depending on the level of income (if any) the respective Class generates, the Class aims to distribute part or all of its distributable income on a quarterly basis.

### What was the net income distribution for the six months financial period ended 30 September 2024?

The Fund distributed a total net income of USD12.08 million to unit holders for the six months financial period ended 30 September 2024.

The Fund's NAV per unit before and after distributions were as follows:

Date	NAV per unit (before distribution) USD	NAV per unit (after distribution) USD
Distribution on 25 Jun 2024		
Class MYR	0.0527	0.0523
Class SGD	0.5695	0.5653
Class USD	0.8158	0.8100
Distribution on 25 September 2024		
Class AUD	0.7822	0.7811
Class MYR	0.0545	0.0543
Class SGD	0.5893	0.5856
Class USD	0.8442	0.8390

## Breakdown of distribution were as follows:

	USD	%	USD	%
Source of distribution				
Distribution out of current period's income	12,075,588	100.00	1,798,410	15.17
Distribution out of prior period's				
income/capital			10,060,041	84.83
Total	12,075,588	100.00	11,858,451	100.00

2024

2023

#### **PERFORMANCE DATA**

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

	30.09.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	%	%	%
Collective investment scheme	0.03	-	1.40
Quoted securities			
- Communication Services	9.80	7.38	9.96
- Consumer Discretionary	11.34	14.50	10.82
- Consumer Staples	1.77	6.68	4.16
- Energy	5.29	10.44	9.57
- Financials	17.12	14.01	17.40
- Health Care	5.64	6.64	4.64
- Industrials	10.68	11.58	10.79
- Information Technology	19.63	12.32	17.45
- Materials	4.60	2.84	3.51
- Real Estate	4.97	7.21	4.12
- Utilities	4.74	1.28	0.71
Cash and other assets	8.08	6.16	6.31
Liabilities	(3.69)	(1.04)	(0.84)
	100.00	100.00	100.00

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

		30.09.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
NAV (USD Mi	llion)			
- Class AU	D	0.85	0.03	-
- Class D		0.41	0.11	-
- Class MY	R	956.93	854.76	841.02
- Class SG	D	49.50	44.05	42.22
- Class US	D	76.49	71.13	75.80
Units in circula	ation (Million)			
- Class AU	D	1.07	0.06	-
- Class D		1.54	0.50	-
<ul> <li>Class MY</li> </ul>	R	17,316.17	18,985.11	18,773.14
- Class SG	D	83.04	90.89	87.95
- Class US	D	89.58	102.44	110.26
NAV per unit (	(USD)			
- Class AU	D	0.7949	0.6387	-
- Class D		0.2662	0.2120	-
<ul> <li>Class MY</li> </ul>	R	0.0552	0.0450	0.0447
<ul> <li>Class SG</li> </ul>	D	0.5960	0.4846	0.4800
- Class US	D	0.8539	0.6943	0.6875
		01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024	01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023	01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022
Highest NAV	per unit (USD)			
- Class AU	D	0.7996	0.6902*	-
- Class D		0.2678	0.2298*	-
- Class MY	R	0.0556	0.0491	0.0579
- Class SG	D	0.5996	0.5280	0.6201
- Class US	D	0.8590	0.7563	0.8883

#### PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

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

	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024	01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023	01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022
Lowest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class AUD	0.6872	0.6353*	-
- Class D	0.2298	0.2109*	-
- Class MYR	0.0479	0.0448	0.0444
- Class SGD	0.5177	0.4820	0.4759
- Class USD	0.7417	0.6906	0.6816
Total return (%)			
- Class AUD	3.38	(1.64)	-
- Class D	(4.08)	(0.20)	-
- Class MYR	(4.29)	(0.59)	(12.46)
- Class SGD	4.27	(4.13)	(15.92)
- Class USD	9.87	(6.36)	(20.51)
Capital growth (%)			
- Class AUD	3.24	(1.64)	-
- Class D	(4.08)	(0.51)	-
- Class MYR	(5.36)	1.73	(13.86)
- Class SGD	2.88	(3.99)	(17.20)
- Class USD	8.42	0.99	(21.74)
Income distribution (%)			
- Class AUD	0.14	_*	-
- Class D	_*	(0.31)	-
- Class MYR	1.14	2.81	1.63
- Class SGD	1.34	2.66	1.55
- Class USD	1.34	2.63	1.57
Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%) *	0.92	0.93	0.93
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #	0.51	0.43	0.22

<sup>\*</sup> The Fund's TER was stable with a slight decrease to 0.92 times from 0.93 times. due to a relatively stable average NAV during the financial period under review.

<sup>#</sup> The Fund's PTR was slightly higher for the period under review. It has increased marginally from 0.43 times to 0.51 times. The Fund was slightly more active during the period as certain stock markets in Asia were more volatile.

	30.09.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
Gross/Net distribution per unit (cent)			
Distribution on 25 Jun 2024			
- Class MYR	0.04	-	-
- Class SGD	0.41	-	-
- Class USD	0.58	-	-
Distribution on 25 September 2024			
- Class AUD	0.11	-	-
- Class MYR	0.02	-	-
- Class SGD	0.36	-	-
- Class USD	0.52	-	-

#### PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

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

			30.09.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
Gross/Net distributi	on per unit (ce	nt)			
Distribution on 13 Ap	ril 2023				
<ul> <li>Class MYR</li> </ul>			-	0.04	-
<ul> <li>Class SGD</li> </ul>			-	0.41	-
<ul> <li>Class USD</li> </ul>			-	0.58	-
Distribution on 17 Au	gust 2023				
<ul> <li>Class MYR</li> </ul>			-	0.07	-
- Class SGD			-	0.21	-
- Class USD			-	0.22	-
- Class D			-	0.32	-
Distribution on 26 Ap	ril 2022				
- Class MYR			-	-	0.04
- Class SGD			-	-	0.45
- Class USD			-	-	0.65
Distribution on 25 Jul	y 2022				
- Class MYR			-	-	0.04
- Class SGD			-	-	0.40
- Class USD			-	-	0.58
	30.09.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2021	30.09.2020
	30.09.2024 %	30.09.2023 %	30.09.2022 %	30.09.2021 %	30.09.2020 %
Annual total return	%	%	%	%	%
Annual total return - Class MYR					
	<b>%</b> 9.90	%	%	%	%
- Class MYR	% 9.90 I 2011)	<b>%</b> 4.59	<b>%</b> (16.68)	<b>%</b> 19.52	<b>%</b> 10.91
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(Launch date: 28 April 2023)

#### PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

Since inception to 30.09.2024 30.09.2023 % %

Annual total return
- Class AUD 17.73 (1.64)

(Launch date: 13 July 2023)

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 APRIL 2024 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024)

For the financial period under review, the Asian stock markets, as measured by MSCI Pacific Asia ex-Japan Index, increased by 15.6% in US Dollar ("USD") terms. Topical issues were: a) The US Federal Reserve (the "Fed") has commenced easing monetary policy b) China's government has embarked on a forceful reflation effort to revive its economy.

The Fed embarked on the path to ease monetary policy since it stopped raising rates earlier in the year. The Fed cut rates by a larger than expected 50 basis points ("bps") in its latest meeting in September 2024. Disinflation has clearly set in over the past year while the labor market in the United States ("US") has also shown tentative signs of cooling over the past few months. The easing monetary policy has weakened the USD. Asian central banks has correspondingly eased monetary policy with less hesitation as their currencies has strengthened. The easing monetary policies has also been supportive of risk assets including stocks.

Up until recently, China been loosening policies on a piecemeal basis in an effort to boost its economy. The efforts were insufficient to shore up the deteriorating economy. In its latest edition of stimulus efforts announced in September 2024, various government agencies came out forcefully and in a coordinated manner announcing several policy initiatives to reflate the economy. Investors were buoyed by these latest announcements as it appears that the government is intent on stemming the tide. These announcements includes easing monetary, fiscal and other policies. Investors were increasingly positive and the stock markets in Hong Kong & China rose as a result.

For other parts of Asia, Korea and Taiwan saw strong export growth on the back of an Artificial Inteligent ("Al") boom. The large Asian semiconductor companies and its supply chain had robust demand for its products. Nonetheless, the sector did have a correction in the third of this year after a rally in the past year.

India experienced a rebound in the stock market after the conclusion of the general elections. Investors were confident that capex intentiopns by the public and private sector will not be derailed. The stock market there continue to be supported by domestic fund participation.

ASEAN was generally steady with investors buoyed by strong Foreign Direct Investment ("FDI") flows, strengthening currencies and easing monetary policies.

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

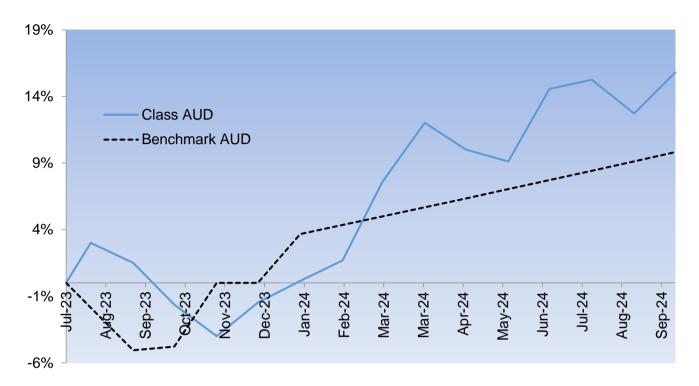
	6 months to 30.09.2024 %	1 year to 30.09.2024 %	3 years to 30.09.2024 %	5 years to 30.09.2024 %	Since inception to 30.09.2024 %
Income Distribution					
- Class AUD	0.14	0.84	-	-	3.45
- Class D	-	-	-	-	0.02
<ul> <li>Class MYR</li> </ul>	1.14	1.94	7.56	14.51	46.41
- Class SGD	1.34	2.05	7.60	14.51	26.24
<ul> <li>Class USD</li> </ul>	1.34	2.05	7.60	14.50	28.11
Capital Growth					
- Class AUD	3.24	16.75	-	-	11.94
- Class D	(4.08)	10.29	-	-	10.05
<ul> <li>Class MYR</li> </ul>	(5.36)	7.81	(10.95)	10.87	124.71
<ul> <li>Class SGD</li> </ul>	2.88	15.68	(14.14)	6.01	30.83
<ul> <li>Class USD</li> </ul>	8.42	22.99	(8.77)	14.38	43.90
Total Return					
<ul> <li>Class AUD</li> </ul>	3.38	17.73	-	-	15.80
- Class D	(4.08)	10.29	-	-	10.08
<ul> <li>Class MYR</li> </ul>	(4.29)	9.90	(4.22)	26.96	229.00
<ul> <li>Class SGD</li> </ul>	4.27	18.06	(7.61)	21.40	65.16
<ul> <li>Class USD</li> </ul>	9.87	25.51	(1.84)	30.97	84.35
Benchmark					
<ul> <li>Class AUD</li> </ul>	3.92	8.01	-	-	9.82
<ul> <li>Class D</li> </ul>	3.92	8.01	-	-	11.59
<ul> <li>Class MYR</li> </ul>	3.92	8.01	25.98	46.94	181.19
<ul> <li>Class SGD</li> </ul>	3.92	8.01	25.98	46.94	100.80
<ul> <li>Class USD</li> </ul>	3.92	8.01	25.98	46.94	100.80
Average Total					
Return					
<ul> <li>Class AUD</li> </ul>	6.86	17.73	-	-	12.79
- Class D	(7.98)	10.29	-	-	6.96
- Class MYR	(8.37)	9.90	(1.43)	4.89	9.26
- Class SGD	8.69	18.06	(2.60)	3.95	5.69
- Class USD	20.65	25.51	(0.62)	5.54	6.98

For the financial period under review, the Fund made a return of 3.38%, -4.08%, -4.29%, 4.27% & 9.87% for the AUD, D, MYR, SGD & USD classes respectively.

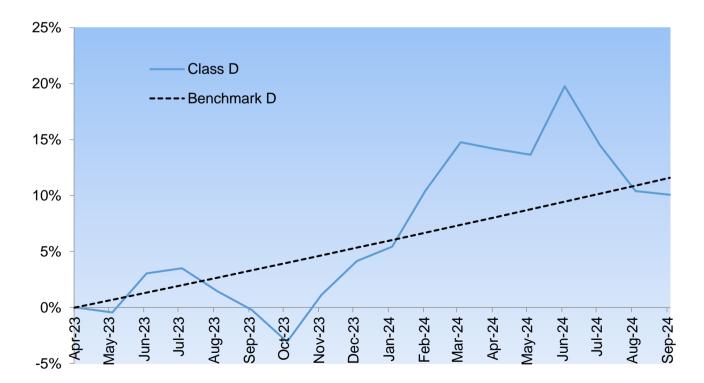
<sup>\*</sup>The performance of the Class SGD and Class USD is computed on a single pricing basis (NAV-NAV) (taking into account the maximum Application Fee of up to 5% and Withdrawal Fee / Redemption Fee (if any)) and with dividends and distributions (if any) reinvested. Note that a lower Application Fee may be charged when subscribing for Units.

#### **Since Inception**

#### **Class AUD**

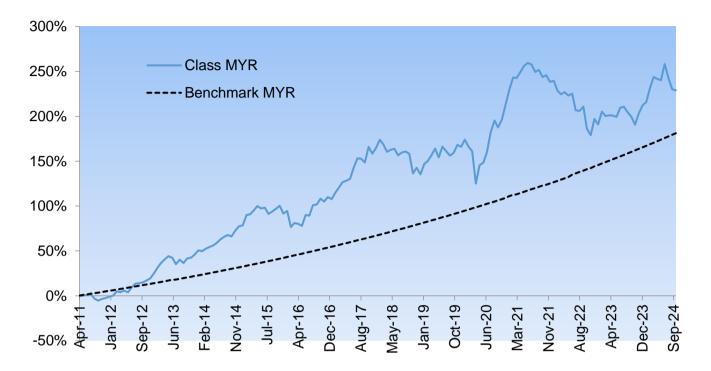


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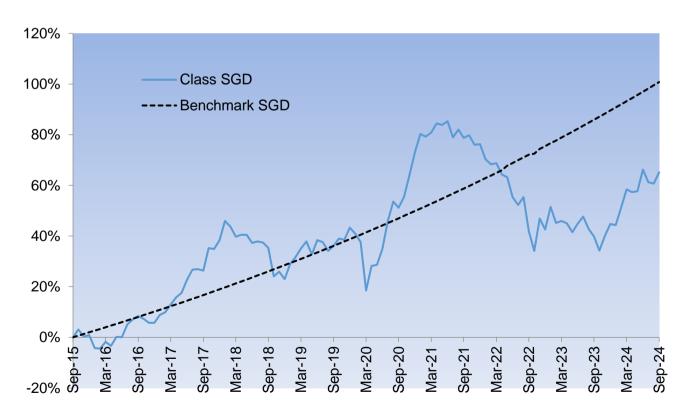


#### **Since Inception**

#### **Class MYR**

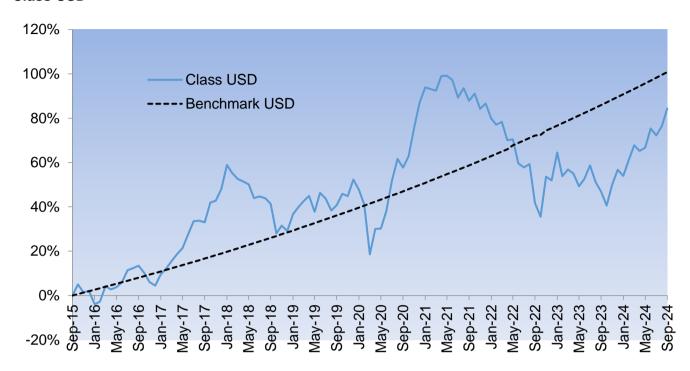


#### **Class SGD**



#### **Since Inception**

#### **Class USD**



#### **Changes in NAV**

	30.09.2024	31.03.2024 Audited	Changes %
CLASS AUD			
NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.84 0.7949	0.35 0.7245	>100.00 9.72
CLASS D			
NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	0.41 0.2662	0.18 0.2422	>100.00 9.91
CLASS MYR			
NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	956.94 0.0552	905.38 0.0509	5.69 8.45
CLASS SGD			
NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	49.50 0.5960	46.08 0.5498	7.42 8.40
CLASS USD			
NAV (USD Million) NAV/Unit (USD)	76.49 0.8539	80.71 0.7876	(5.51) 8.09

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

The NAV increased by >100%, >100%, 0.73% & 6.94% for the Class AUD, Class D, Class MYR, & Class SGD classes respectively. The NAV for the Class USD declined by 5.51%. The NAV per unit increased by 9.72%, 9.91%, 8.45%, 8.40% & 8.42% for Class AUD, Class D, Class MYR, Class SGD & Class USD classes respectively. The increase in NAV in the Class AUD & Class D is due to underlying asset price increases and subscriptions. The Class MYR & Class SGD saw increases in NAV but slower than the increase in NAV per unit. This is due to underlying asset price increases but there were redemptions of units. The Class USD saw a decrease in NAV which is due to redemptions of units.

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**

	30.09.2024	31.03.2024
(% of NAV)		Audited
Collective investment scheme	0.03	0.03
Quoted securities	95.58	95.35
Cash and other assets	8.08	5.65
Liabilities	(3.69)	(1.03)
TOTAL	100.00	100.00

As at 30 September 2024, the Fund held 95.58% in quoted securities, 0.03% incollective investment scheme, with the rest in cash. This is similar to the level as of end of March 2024.

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

We are constructive on Asian equities in the next year. The US Fed has begun easing monetary policy. This will be supportive of risk assets including equities and Asian currencies and it will also allow central banks in Asia to ease monetary policy.

In the near-term China's growth outlook may remain challenging but the Chinese government has in recent weeks come out with more explicitly supportive statements including the intention to raise fiscal spending significantly, ease monetary policy and enact other policies to support the property sector, financial sector among others. As for the rest of Asia, it has stable domestic demand, continued FDI inflows, easing inflation, and a bottoming of the semiconductor cycle. India is seeing a strong economic growth outlook on the back of higher capacity expenditure, while we are also seeing strong export performances from Korea and Taiwan due to their high value-added semiconductor and its related supply chain sectors. Overall, Asia's economic growth is expected to outgrow other regions. Interest rates in the region is also expected to be trending down for the near term. Valuations appear reasonable for Asia equities. Asia equities offer a double-digit Earning Per Share ("EPS") growth for the coming year, 3% dividend yields and inexpensive valuations at 12 to 13 times Price to Earning Ratio ("PER") for 2025.

<sup>\*</sup> This market outlook does not constitute an offer, invitation, commitment, advice or recommendation to make a purchase of any investment. The information given in this article represents the views of Principal 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

In the short-term, our investment exposure is through several different investment themes.

- The Fund is exposed to the India Capex upcycle and post pandemic recovery. India is seeing a robust recovery on the back of more spending by the government and increasingly by private enterprises. In addition, India is increasingly seen as an attractive destination for an alternative manufacturing site for global companies with its large, rising middle class and improving infrastructure. We see a positive outlook for India to post strong economic growth over the next few years.
- We also like IT companies exposed to the Al boom. Memory chip makers, wafer manufacturers and other chip designers are featured here.
- Beyond semiconductors, there is a boom in building AI ready data centers which requires significantly more electrical grid expenditures. We also like companies exposed to this theme.
- We are selectively adding Chinese internet and consumption plays as more supportive policies targeting the consumer are introduced.

We will continue to focus on quality companies which have good earnings visibility, robust balance sheet, long term winners and market share gainers.

#### **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. We 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
- (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 period 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 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 Manager's report, not otherwise disclosed in the financial statements.

#### CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MATERIALLY AFFECT ANY INTEREST OF UNIT HOLDERS

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

#### **CROSS TRADE**

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

#### **UNIT SPLIT**

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

### STATEMENT BY MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL ASIA PACIFIC DYNAMIC INCOME FUND

We, being the Directors of Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager"), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited financial statements set out on pages 3 to 35 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 September 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to unit holders and cash flows for the financial period then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134 - Interim Financial Reporting and International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34 - Interim Financial Reporting.

For and on behalf of the Manager

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

#### **MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN**

Chief Executive Officer
Malaysia & Global Shariah & Managing Director,
Strategic Distribution & Institutional Client Relations
(Southeast Asia & Global Shariah)
Non-Independent Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur 15 November 2024

#### **UDAY JAYARAM**

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

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

### TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF PRINCIPAL ASIA PACIFIC DYNAMIC INCOME FUND ("Fund")

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

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

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

For HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

Yap Lay Guat Manager, Investment Compliance Monitoring

Kuala Lumpur 15 November 2024

#### UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024 USD	01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023 USD
INCOME/(LOSS) Dividend income		17,759,227	16,198,443
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial		17,739,227	10,190,443
institutions at amortised cost		267,542	281,120
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	99,657,186	(63,861,399)
Net foreign exchange loss	0	(1,571,161)	(1,405,925)
Net foreign exchange 1000	_	116,112,794	(48,787,761)
EXPENSES	_	1.0,1.2,10.	(10,101,101)
Management fee	4	8,886,013	9,073,732
Trustee and custodian fees	5	555,292	512,782
Audit fee		1,281	1,375
Tax agent's fee		774	2,039
Transaction costs		3,660,119	3,023,321
Other expenses	-	2,051,455	1,411,308
	-	15,154,934	14,024,557
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE DISTRIBUTION AND TAXATION		100,957,860	(62,812,318)
Distribution:			
- Class MYR		10,394,368	10,479,321
- Class SGD		637,584	505,940
- Class USD	_	1,043,636	873,190
	6_	12,075,588	11,858,451
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		88,882,272	(74,670,769)
Taxation	7 _	(3,384,125)	(5,154,006)
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	_	85,498,147	(79,824,775)
	_		
Profit/(loss) after taxation is made up as follows:			
Realised amount		5,076,995	(89,481,900)
Unrealised amount	-	80,421,152	9,657,125
	_	85,498,147	(79,824,775)

### UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

ASSETS	Note	30.09.2024 USD	31.03.2024 Audited USD
Cash and cash equivalents Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Amount due from stockbrokers Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme	9 8	43,816,295 1,036,265,642 35,030,549	42,934,542 984,985,051 5,832,409
- management fee rebate Amount due from Manager Dividends receivable Tax recoverable TOTAL ASSETS		505 2,199,772 2,361,927 4,200,929 1,123,875,619	479 3,921,862 2,072,479 3,599,085 1,043,345,907
		1,123,073,019	1,043,343,907
Amount due to stockbrokers Amount due to Manager Accrued management fee Amount due to Trustee Distribution payable Other payables and accruals TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS		36,427,028 1,453,007 1,497,390 38,178 271,647 4,107	2,713,512 5,943,489 1,530,173 39,042 411,188 5,357
ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)		39,691,357	10,642,761
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		1,084,184,262	1,032,703,146
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		1,084,184,262	1,032,703,146
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (USD)			
- Class AUD - Class D - Class MYR - Class SGD - Class USD		847,435 408,852 956,935,985 49,496,914 76,495,076 1,084,184,262	346,365 178,111 905,379,433 46,086,496 80,712,741 1,032,703,146
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)			
<ul><li>Class AUD</li><li>Class D</li><li>Class MYR</li><li>Class SGD</li><li>Class USD</li></ul>		1,066,040 1,535,444 17,316,169,915 83,040,028 89,580,250	478,031 735,286 17,779,587,865 83,823,003 102,475,013
	10	17,491,391,677	17,967,099,198

### UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

	Note	30.09.2024 USD	31.03.2024 Audited USD
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD) (EX-DISTRIBUTION)			
- Class AUD		0.7949	0.7245
- Class D		0.2662	0.2422
- Class MYR		0.0552	0.0509
- Class SGD		0.5960	0.5498
- Class USD	_	0.8539	0.7876
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES (EX-DISTRIBUTION)			
- Class AUD		AUD1.1483	AUD1.1123
- Class D		RM1.0970	RM1.1437
- Class MYR		RM0.2274	RM0.2403
- Class SGD		SGD0.1852	SGD0.7420
- Class USD	_	USD0.8539	USD0.7876

### UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024 USD	01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023 USD
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	1,032,703,146	1,057,408,366
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period:  Creation of units from applications and unit split		
- Class AUD	628,285	36,197
- Class D	363,310	133,151
- Class MYR	72,710,561	59,331,262
- Class SGD	4,804,141	2,349,680
- Class USD	17,634,668	2,527,465
	96,140,965	64,377,755
Creation of units of distributions		
- Class AUD	1,169	-
- Class D	-	279
- Class MYR	10,280,389	10,381,010
- Class SGD	630,169	500,708
- Class USD	469,641	428,007
	11,381,368	11,310,004
Cancellation of units		
- Class AUD	(203,498)	_
- Class D	(163,570)	(22,630)
- Class MYR	(106,920,486)	(72,555,834)
- Class SGD	(5,880,858)	(2,298,790)
- Class USD	(28,370,952)	(8,311,306)
	(141,539,364)	(83,188,560)
Total comprehensive income //leas) for the first sign		
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period	85,498,147	(79,824,775)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		
AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	1,084,184,262	970,082,790

#### UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024 USD	01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023 USD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of quoted securities		522,550,448	440,855,308
Purchase of quoted securities		(472,845,153)	(431,699,872)
Dividend income received		14,134,314	13,866,378
Interest income received from deposits with licensed			
financial institutions		267,542	281,120
Management fee paid		(8,916,307)	(9,182,985)
Trustee and custodian fees paid		(556,156)	(519,987)
Payments for other fees and expenses		(19,570)	(27,686)
Payment of other foreign exchange loss		(1,234,253)	(819,793)
Tax paid		(3,985,968)	(4,588,987)
Net cash generated from operating activities		49,394,897	8,163,496
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash proceeds from units created		98,219,914	65,355,135
Payments for cancellation of units		(146,402,293)	(82,671,419)
Distributions paid		(833,521)	(548,447)
Net cash used in financing activities		(49,015,900)	(17,864,731)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		378,997	(9,701,235)
Effect of foreign exchange differences		502,756	(1,325,852)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period		42,934,542	57,395,546
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	9	43,816,295	46,368,459
period	9	43,010,293	40,300,439
Cash and cash equivalents comprised:			
Bank balances		43,816,295	46,368,459
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial		+5,010,233	<del>-0,000,409</del>
period period	9	43,816,295	46,368,459

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund (the "Fund") was governed by a Principal Master Deed dated 10 April 2015, a First Supplemental Deed dated 17 February 2016, a Second Supplemental Deed dated 28 August 2019, a Third Supplemental Deed dated 20 October 2022 and a Fourth Supplemental Deed dated 30 May 2023 (collectively referred to as the "Deeds"), between Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad (the "Trustee").

The Fund will be managed with the aim of achieving a stable and positive investment returns over the medium to long term through investments in Asia Pacific ex Japan, i.e. companies that are domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region. For listed securities, the investment must be traded in an exchange that is a member of WFE. 'Significant operations' means major businesses of the company. For example, the Fund can invest in a company with significant business/operations in Thailand but listed on the NYSE. The threshold for 'significant operations' would be if more than 25% of total group revenue is derived from countries in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region. The calculation would be based on the most recent financial reports released by the companies (e.g. interim and annual reports). The term "medium to long term" refers to a period of three (3) years and more. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its NAV in companies that are listed globally with some business/operations within the Asia Pacific ex Japan region to capture growth opportunities.

Under general market conditions, the Fund's investment will focus on high dividend yielding equities of companies, which the Sub-Manager believes will offer attractive yields\*, sustainable dividend payments and/or will exhibit above average growth potential when compared to its industry or the overall market at the point of purchase. In addition, the Fund may also invest in companies with good growth potential^, which the Sub-Manager foresees may adopt a strong dividend payout\* policy. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of the Fund's NAV in debt securities to be in line with the Fund's objective. The Fund's investments in debt securities will generally be restricted to debt securities with a minimum credit rating of "BBB" by an international rating agency as prescribed under the Standard of Qualifying CIS or its equivalent rating by other international rating agencies. The Fund may also opt to access into the equities and/or debt securities market via the investment in units of other CIS that is in line with the Fund's objectives, subject to the requirements of the GUTF and the Standards of Qualifying CIS.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- between 60% to 98% (both inclusive) of the Fund's NAV will be invested in equities;
- up to 20% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in debt securities;
- up to 20% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in units of other CIS that is in line with the Fund's objectives; and
- at least 2% of its NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purpose.

All investments are subjected to the GUTF, 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.

<sup>\*</sup> Higher than the average equity yields in the respective country.

<sup>^</sup> Companies that have a better growth than the GDP of the respective country and reasonably priced based on our estimate. Reasonably priced means when the intrinsic value is higher than the current market price. # Higher than the average dividend yields of companies in the respective country.

#### 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### (a) Basis of preparation

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

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

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

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

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

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

None of the standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for the financial period beginning on/after 1 October 2024 are applicable to the Fund.

Certain information as presented in the notes 7, 8, 11 and 12 are prepared in accordance with the GUTF and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore ("MAS").

#### (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").

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

#### Classification (continued)

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from stockbrokers, amount due from Manager and dividends receivable as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

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

#### Recognition and measurement

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

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

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

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.

Quoted securities in Malaysia are valued at the last done market price quoted on Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd ("Bursa Securities") at the date of the statement of financial position.

Foreign quoted securities are valued at the last traded market price quoted on the respective stock exchanges at the close of the business day of the respective foreign stock exchanges.

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

Deposits with licensed financial institutions are stated at cost plus accrued interest calculated on the effective interest method over the period from the date of placement to the date of maturity of the respective deposits.

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

#### Recognition and measurement (continued)

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

#### Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

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

#### Significant increase in credit risk

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

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

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

#### 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.

Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions is recognised on a time proportionate basis using the effective interest rate method on an accrual basis.

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

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

#### (d) Foreign currency

#### Functional and presentation 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").

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 United States Dollar ("USD") primarily due to the following factors:

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

#### Transactions and balances

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

#### (e) 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, Class D, Class MYR, Class SGD and Class USD, which are cancelled at the unit holder's option and do not have identical features subject to restrictions as stipulated in the Prospectus and GUTF. 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.

#### (f) Cash and cash equivalents

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

#### (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.

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

Pursuant to Finance Act 2021, foreign-sourced income received in Malaysia will be taxed at prevailing tax rate(s) of the taxpayer and based on applicable tax rules. Bilateral or unilateral tax credits may be allowed if the same income has suffered foreign tax, and where relevant conditions are met.

Following the announcement by the Honorable Finance Minister II, tax on foreignsourced income will be exempted for the period from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2026.

#### (h) Transaction costs

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

#### (i) Distribution

A proposed distribution to the Fund's unit holders is recognised as a finance cost in the statement of comprehensive income and is recognised as a liability in the financial period in which it is approved by the Trustee.

#### (j) Amount due from/to stockbrokers

Amounts due from and to stockbrokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Fund aims to provide regular income by investing primarily in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region and at the same time aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term.

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

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

#### (a) Market risk

#### (i) Price risk

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

The price risk is managed through diversification and selection of quoted securities and other financial instruments within specified limits according to the Deeds.

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate is a general economic indicator that will have an impact on the management of the Fund.

Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Fund's exposure to fair value interest rate risk arises from investment in money market instruments. The interest rate risk is expected to be minimal as the Fund's investments comprise mainly short term deposits with approved licensed financial institutions.

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Fund is not exposed to cash flow interest rate risk as the Fund does not hold any financial instruments at variable interest rate.

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

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

#### (a) Market risk (continued)

#### (iii) Currency risk

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

#### (b) Credit risk

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

For amount due from stockbrokers, the settlement terms are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by respective stock exchanges. The credit risk is minimal as all transactions in quoted securities are settled/paid upon delivery using approved stockbrokers.

For amount due from Manager, the settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the GUTF.

#### (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 other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 business days. Generally, all investments are subject to a certain degree of liquidity risk depending on the nature of the investment instruments, market, sector and other factors. For the purpose of the Fund, the Manager will attempt to balance the entire portfolio by investing in a mix of assets with satisfactory trading volume and those that occasionally could encounter poor liquidity. This is expected to reduce the risks for the entire portfolio without limiting the Fund's growth potentials.

#### (d) Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by net assets attributable to unit holders. 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

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial period end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price

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

#### (e) Fair value estimation (continued)

is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

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

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

#### (i) Fair value hierarchy

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
30.09.2024				
Financial assets at				
fair value through				
profit or loss:				
<ul> <li>Collective</li> </ul>				
investment scheme	337,000	-	-	337,000
Quoted securities	1,035,928,642			1,035,928,642
	1,036,265,642			1,036,265,642

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

#### (e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

#### 31.03.2024 Audited

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- Collective

investment scheme	315,861	-	-	315,861
Quoted securities	984,669,190			984,669,190
	984,985,051	-		984,985,051

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

(ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from stockbrokers, amount due from Manager, dividends receivable 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 Deeds, the Manager 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 financial period ended 30 September 2024 and 30 September 2023, the management fee for the respective classes was recognised at the following rates:

Class MYR	Class SGD	Class USD	Class AUD	Class D
1.80%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%

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

#### 5. TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FEES

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to a maximum fee of 0.08% per annum, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund. The trustee fee includes local custodian fee but excludes the foreign sub-custodian fee (if any). The foreign sub-custodian fee is dependent on the country invested and is charged monthly in arrears. For the financial period ended 30 September 2024, the foreign sub-custodian fee amounted to USD555,292 (30.09.2023: USD512,782).

For the financial period ended 1 April 2024 until 30 July 2024, the Trustee fee was recognised at the rate of 0.045% per annum for each classes (2023: 0.05% per annum for each classes).

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

#### 6. DISTRIBUTION

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

	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024					1.04.2023 0.09.2023
	RM	%	RM	%		
Source of distribution  Distribution out of current periods income  Distribution out of prior period's	12,075,588	100.00	1,798,410	15.17		
Distribution out of prior period's income/capital*  Total	12,075,588	100.00	10,060,041 11,858,451	84.83		
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	01.04.2024	01.04.2023
	to 30.09.2024	to 30.09.2023
Gross/Net distribution per unit (cent)		
Distribution on 25 Jun 2024		
- Class MYR	0.04	-
- Class SGD	0.41	-
- Class USD	0.58	-
Distribution on 25 September 2024		
- Class AUD	0.11	-
- Class MYR	0.02	-
- Class SGD	0.36	-
- Class USD	0.52	-
Distribution on 13 April 2023		
- Class MYR	-	0.04
- Class SGD	-	0.41
- Class USD	-	0.58
Distribution on 17 August 2023		
- Class D	-	0.07
- Class SGD	-	0.16
- Class USD	-	0.22
- Class MYR	-	0.02

<sup>\*</sup> Distribution income has been accrued as at the end of the prior financial period but is not declared and paid as distribution.

Gross distribution is derived using total income less total expenses. Net distribution above is sourced from current financial period's realised income.

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

#### 7. TAXATION

	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024 USD	01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023 USD
Tax charged for the financial period: - Tax on foreign source income - Capital gains tax	3,384,125 - 3,384,125	5,151,306 2,700 5,154,006

01.04.2024

19,738,038

79,916,634

99,657,186

2,514

01.04.2023

(74,836,642)

10,975,243

(63,861,399)

#### 7. TAXATION (CONTINUED)

Net loss on financial assets at fair value

through profit or loss:

- Realised loss on disposals

- Unrealised fair value gain

- Management fee rebate #

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

	to 30.09.2024 USD	to 30.09.2023 USD
Profit/loss before taxation	88,882,272	(74,670,769)
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2023: 24%) Tax effects of:	21,331,745	(17,920,984)
- Loss not deductible for tax purpose	(27,866,472)	11,709,063
<ul> <li>Expenses not deductible for tax purposes</li> <li>Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit</li> </ul>	4,400,789	4,032,004
Trust Funds	2,133,938	2,179,917
Tax on foreign source income	3,384,125	5,151,306
Capital gains tax	<u> </u>	2,700
Taxation	3,384,125	5,154,006
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PRO	FIT OR LOSS	
	30.09.2024	31.03.2024 Audited
	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment scheme	363,403	315,861
- Quoted securities	1,035,902,239	984,669,190
	1,036,265,642	984,985,051
	01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024	01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023
	USD	USD

For the financial period ended 30 September 2024, other income is recognised at a rate of 1.80% per annum calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the collective investment scheme.

<sup>#</sup> Management fee rebate is derived from 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.

Name of counter 30.09.2024 COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
MALAYSIA				
Principal Asia Pacific Renewable Fund	353,472	337,000	363,403	0.03
TOTAL MALAYSIA	353,472	337,000	363,403	0.03
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	353,472	337,000	363,403	0.03
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		26,403		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		363,403		
QUOTED SECURITIES				
AUSTRALIA				
Communication Services Carsales.com Ltd	228,927	5,418,147	5,936,125	0.56
Consumer Discretionary Aristocrat Leisure Ltd	285,326	9,646,008	11,573,833	1.07
Financials Macquarie Group Ltd	82,416	12,340,492	13,256,530	1.22
Health Care CSL Ltd	85,660	16,471,992	16,974,905	1.57
Industrials Seven Group Holdings Ltd	668,952	10,075,690	19,855,828	1.83
<b>Materials</b> Orica Ltd	830,427	10,314,889	10,663,104	0.98
Real Estate Goodman Group	1,295,573	18,664,973	33,172,980	3.06

Name of counter 30.09.2024 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
(CONTINUED)				
AUSTRALIA (CONTINUED)				
TOTAL AUSTRALIA	3,477,281	82,932,191	111,433,305	10.29
CAYMAN ISLANDS				
Consumer Discretionary Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	2,089,200	28,424,946	29,589,480	2.73
TOTAL CAYMAN ISLANDS	2,089,200	28,424,946	29,589,480	2.73
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CHINA				
Industrials Contemporary Amperex Technology	418,785	11,607,104	15,021,702	1.39
TOTAL CHINA	418,785	11,607,104	15,021,702	1.39
HONG KONG SAR, CHINA				
Communication Services				
China Mobile Ltd	3,091,500	20,993,492	29,236,520	2.70
Tencent Holding Ltd	950,200	43,905,048	54,393,764	5.02
	4,041,700	64,898,540	83,630,284	7.72
Consumer Discretionary				
Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd	3,598,000	16,594,351	18,090,344	1.67
Meituan	923,500	10,676,148	20,451,727	1.89
Yum China Holdings Inc	116,650	5,539,591	5,530,102	0.51
-	4,638,150	32,810,090	44,072,173	4.07
Energy				
CNOOC Ltd	6,795,000	7,734,771	16,990,389	1.57
Financials AIA Group Ltd	3,910,800	30,296,227	35,071,259	3.23
Hong Kong Exchanges &	5,310,000	50,230,221	55,071,259	3.23
Clearing	409,500	16,711,809	17,198,972	1.59
	4,320,300	47,008,036	52,270,231	4.82
Industrials				
Techtronic Industries Co	1,441,000	14,945,112	21,911,823	2.02

Name of counter 30.09.2024 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
(CONTINUED)				
HONG KONG SAR, CHINA (CONTINUED)				
TOTAL HONG KONG SAR, CHINA	21,236,150	167,396,549	218,874,900	20.20
INDIA				
Consumer Discretionary Bajaj Auto Ltd	150,295	15,043,250	22,152,948	2.04
Energy Reliance Industries Ltd	1,144,455	36,339,870	40,350,295	3.72
Financials Jio Financial Services Ltd	2,517,710	6,343,115	10,538,532	0.97
Health Care Fortis Healthcare Ltd	1,718,751	10,026,022	12,621,797	1.16
Industrials Bharat Electronics Ltd	4,018,764	11,024,602	13,678,933	1.26
Information Technology Tata Consultancy Services Ltd	197,738	10,151,299	10,076,922	0.93
Materials Ultra Tech Cement Ltd	147,066	20,031,901	20,721,938	1.91
Utilities Gail India Ltd NTPC Ltd	3,679,506 5,381,342 9,060,848	10,060,892 20,719,074 30,779,966	10,555,716 28,474,285 39,030,001	0.97 2.63 3.60
TOTAL INDIA	18,955,627	139,740,025	169,171,366	15.59
INDONESIA				
Financials Bank Central Asia	19,086,700	11,647,383	13,012,083	1.20
TOTAL INDONESIA	19,086,700	11,647,383	13,012,083	1.20

Name of counter  30.09.2024 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
JAPAN				
<b>Financials</b> Next Funds Topix Banks ETF	12,539,007	20,893,315	27,257,424	2.51
Industrials Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd	1,058,500	11,904,939	15,671,668	1.45
Information Technology Hitachi Ltd	1,539,000	24,502,534	40,686,116	3.75
TOTAL JAPAN	15,136,507	57,300,788	83,615,208	7.71
MALAYSIA				
Financials CIMB Group Holdings Bhd Public Bank Bhd	6,923,200 9,305,400 16,228,600	10,766,961 10,117,001 20,883,962	13,523,844 10,296,681 23,820,525	1.25 0.95 2.20
Industrials MISC Bhd	4,282,400	7,395,470	8,105,489	0.75
<b>Utilities</b> Tenaga Nasional Bhd	3,523,800	10,426,055	12,347,409	1.14
TOTAL MALAYSIA	24,034,800	38,705,487	44,273,423	4.09
SINGAPORE				
Communication Services Singapore Telecommunications	6,495,900	14,320,589	16,432,373	1.52
Industrials Singapore Technologies Enginee	5,902,900	17,095,211	21,476,687	1.98
Real Estate CapitaLand Integrated Comm Trust	12,537,043	18,460,656	20,751,377	1.91
TOTAL SINGAPORE	24,935,843	49,876,456	58,660,437	5.41

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
30.09.2024 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
SOUTH KOREA				
Consumer Discretionary Hyundai Motor Co.	83,614	15,668,866	15,522,411	1.43
Information Technology SK Hynix Inc	179,442	16,338,531	23,837,389	2.20
TOTAL SOUTH KOREA	263,056	32,007,397	39,359,800	3.63
SWITZERLAND				
<b>Health Care</b> Lonza Group AG	33,448	20,704,361	21,183,766	1.96
TOTAL SWITZERLAND	33,448	20,704,361	21,183,766	1.96
TAIWAN				
Information Technology				
E Ink Holding Inc Largan Precision Co. Ltd	2,952,000 130,000	21,203,196 12,448,417	27,306,036 10,424,416	2.52 0.96
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3,325,000	59,377,291	100,456,552	9.27
	6,407,000	93,028,904	138,187,004	12.75
TOTAL TAIWAN	6,407,000	93,028,904	138,187,004	12.75
THAILAND				
Consumer Staples	0.404.000	40.004.500	40.005.047	
CP ALL PCL	9,481,900	16,901,509	19,235,817	1.77_
Health Care Bumrungrad Hospital PCL	1,234,100	10,057,721	10,281,976	0.95
TOTAL THAILAND	10,716,000	26,959,230	29,517,793	2.72
UNITED STATES				
Financials				
Global X Copper Miners ETF	646,792	16,900,367	18,504,719	1.71
Global X Uranium ETF	<u>1,397,667</u> 2,044,459	20,677,488 37,577,855	<u>22,413,619</u> 40,918,338	2.07 3.78
	<u> </u>	31,311,000	<del>4</del> 0,310,330	3.10
TOTAL UNITED STATES	2,044,459	37,577,855	40,918,338	3.78

		Aggregate	Market	Percentage
Name of counter	Quantity Units	cost USD	value USD	of NAV %
30.09.2024 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
VIETNAM				
<b>Financials</b> VFMVN Diamond ETF	16,654,712	17,091,554	23,083,634	2.13
TOTAL VIETNAM	16,654,712	17,091,554	23,083,634	2.13
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	165,489,568	815,000,230	1,035,902,239	95.58
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		220,902,009		
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		1,035,902,239		
31.03.2024 Audited COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
MALAYSIA				
Principal Asia Pacific Renewable Fund	353,472	337,000	315,861	0.03
TOTAL MALAYSIA	353,472	337,000	315,861	0.03
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	353,472	337,000 <u> </u>	315,861	0.03
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		(21,139)		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS	:	315,861		

Name of counter 31.03.2024 Audited QUOTED SECURITIES	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
AUSTRALIA				
Communication Services CAR Group Ltd	321,919	7,619,042	7,565,324	0.73
Consumer Discretionary Aristocrat Leisure Ltd	366,226	8,592,106	10,257,275	0.99
Financials  Macquarie Group Ltd	81,605	9,717,707	10,614,736	1.03
Health Care CSL Ltd	75,618	14,448,461	14,181,148	1.37
Industrials Seven Group Holdings Ltd	1,001,836	15,089,557	26,604,292	2.58
Materials James Hardie Ltd	450,065	13,577,338	18,060,959	1.75
Real Estate Goodman Group	1,391,611	20,048,567	30,646,253	2.97
TOTAL AUSTRALIA	3,688,880	89,092,778	117,929,987	11.42
CAYMAN ISLANDS				
Consumer Discretionary Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	1,413,300	28,848,880	12,685,688	1.23
TOTAL CAYMAN ISLANDS	1,413,300	28,848,880	12,685,688	1.23
FRANCE	1,410,000	20,040,000	12,000,000	1.20
Industrials Airbus SE	127,751	18,665,000	23,507,317	2.28
TOTAL FRANCE	127,751	18,665,000	23,507,317	2.28
HONG KONG SAR, CHINA				
Communication Services China Mobile Ltd Tencent Holdings Ltd	2,671,000 488,800 3,159,800	17,134,173 25,053,764 42,187,937	22,831,442 18,973,712 41,805,154	2.21 1.84 4.05

Name of counter  31.03.2024 Audited (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
(CONTINUED) HONG KONG SAR, CHINA (CONTINUED)				
Consumer Discretionary Galaxy Entertainment				
Group Ltd Meituan	3,627,000 866,400	23,428,931 8,679,489	18,212,663 10,715,863	1.76 1.04
Samsonite International SA	3,506,400	12,489,036	13,261,312	1.28
Yum China Holdings Inc	130,750	5,664,314	5,148,820	0.50
	8,130,550	50,261,770	47,338,658	4.58
Energy				
CNOOC Ltd	20,934,000	23,829,240	48,466,734	4.69
Financials	0.077.000	20.042.005	40 000 740	4.04
AIA Group Ltd	2,977,000	29,943,665	19,988,716	1.94_
Industrials				
Techtronic Industries Co Ltd	1,558,000	14,918,549	21,121,083	2.05
TOTAL HONG KONG SAR.				
CHINA	36,759,350	161,141,161	178,720,345	17.31
INDIA				
Consumer Discretionary				
Consumer Discretionary Bajaj Auto Ltd	150,295	15,043,250	16,507,789	1.60
Titan Company Ltd	285,498	9,795,163	13,031,771	1.26
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Energy Reliance Industries Ltd	1,472,124	46,744,341	52,524,321	5.09
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Financials	0.570.040	40 577 054	07.040.000	0.74
Jio Financial Services Ltd	6,579,846	16,577,254	27,946,233	2.71
Health Care				
Sun Pharma Industries Ltd	1,110,370	14,015,669	21,604,352	2.09
Industrials				
Bharat Electronics Ltd	1,736,092	4,098,574	4,200,093	0.41
Motoriala				
Materials UltraTech Cement Ltd	127,584	12,309,753	14,933,928	1.44
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Name of counter  31.03.2024 Audited (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
INDIA (CONTINUED)				
<b>Utilities</b> NTPC Ltd	3,991,231	14,754,720	16,091,579	1.56
TOTAL INDIA	15,453,040	133,338,724	166,840,066	16.16
INDONESIA				
Communication Services				
Telekomunikasi Tbk PT	23,296,500	6,040,413	5,097,684	0.49
Financials Bank Central Asia Tbk PT Bank Mandiri	32,682,000 29,845,900 62,527,900	19,943,718 11,750,922 31,694,640	20,763,779 13,645,059 34,408,838	2.01 1.32 3.33
TOTAL INDONESIA	85,824,400	37,735,053	39,506,522	3.82
JAPAN				
Financials Next Funds Topix Banks Exchange Traded Fund	15,481,407	25,796,135	34,061,878	3.30
Information Technology Hitachi Ltd	257,600	19,135,358	23,680,545	2.29
TOTAL JAPAN	15,739,007	44,931,493	57,742,423	5.59
SINGAPORE				
Communication Services				
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd	5,455,200	10,181,650	10,227,107	0.99
Industrials Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd	5,902,900	17,095,211	17,583,815	1.70
Real Estate CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust CapitaLand Ascendas REIT	18,380,600 7,316,100 25,696,700	28,499,187 15,292,759 43,791,946	26,967,861 15,016,925 41,984,786	2.61 1.45 4.06
TOTAL SINGAPORE	37,054,800	71,068,807	69,795,708	6.75

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV
31.03.2024 Audited (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)	Omes	000	000	70
SOUTH KOREA				
Consumer Discretionary Hyundai Motor Co.	107,878	20,215,824	18,654,348	1.80
Information Technology Samsung Electronics Co Ltd SK Hynix Inc	735,791 262,431 998,222	37,790,637 23,894,835 61,685,472	44,995,901 35,641,625 80,637,526	4.36 3.45 7.81
TOTAL SOUTH KOREA	1,106,100	81,901,296	99,291,874	9.61
SWITZERLAND				
Health Care Lonza Group AG	18,043	10,593,065	10,804,997	1.05
TOTAL SWITZERLAND	18,043	10,593,065	10,804,997	1.05
TAIWAN				
Information Technology E Ink Holding Inc Taiwan Semiconducter	2,205,000	15,182,773	15,771,178	1.53
Manufacturing Co Ltd	4,112,000 6,317,000	73,431,405 88,614,178	100,048,508 115,819,686	9.69
TOTAL TAIWAN	6,317,000	88,614,178	115,819,686	11.22
UNITED STATES				
Financials Global X Copper Miners				
ETF Global X Uranium ETF	125,930 646,792 772,722	5,268,732 16,900,367 22,169,099	5,343,210 18,647,013 23,990,223	0.52 1.80 2.32
Information Technology Synopsys Inc	33,281	18,167,712	19,020,092	1.84
Materials Linde PLC	60,195	20,277,472	27,949,742	2.71
TOTAL UNITED STATES	866,198	60,614,283	70,960,057	6.87

Name of counter 31.03.2024 Audited (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Mark valu US	ue of NAV
VIETNAM				
<b>Financials</b> VFMVN Diamond ETF	16,654,712	17,091,554	21,064,5	20 2.04
TOTAL VIETNAM	16,654,712	17,091,554	21,064,5	2.04
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	221,022,581	843,636,272	984,669,1	90 95.35
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS  TOTAL FINANCIAL		141,032,918		
ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		984,669,190		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVA	LENTS			
		;	30.09.2024 USD	31.03.2024 Audited USD
Bank balances			13,816,295	42,934,542
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIR	RCULATION (UN	ITS)		
		to 3	01.04.2024 80.09.2024	01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 Audited
Class AUD (i)		N	o. of units 1,066,040	<b>No. of units</b> 478,031
Class D (ii)			1,535,444	735,286
Class MYR (iii)		17,3°	16,169,915	17,779,587,865
Class SGD (iv)		8	33,040,028	83,823,003
Class USD (v)			39,580,250	102,475,013
		17,49	91,391,677	17,967,099,198

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

		01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024 No. of units	01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 Audited No. of units
(i)	Class AUD		
	At the beginning of the financial period/year Add: Creation of units from applications	478,031 853,878	- 510,179
	Add: Creation of units from reinvestment of distributions Less: Cancellation of units	1,499 (267,368)	1,492 (33,640)
	At the end of the financial period/year	1,066,040	478,031
(ii)	Class D		
	At the beginning of the financial period/year Add: Creation of units from applications Add: Creation of units from reinvestment	735,286 1,463,912	- 1,208,641
	of distributions	-	1,290
	Less: Cancellation of units	(663,754)	(474,645)
	At the end of the financial period/year	1,535,444	735,286
(iii)	Class MYR		
	At the beginning of the financial period/year	17,779,587,865	19,051,714,414
	Add: Creation of units from applications Add: Creation of units from reinvestment	1,402,682,704	2,199,562,903
	of distributions	194,141,564	355,352,228
	Less: Cancellation of units	(2,060,242,218)	(3,827,041,680)
	At the end of the financial period/year	17,316,169,915	17,779,587,865
(iv)	Class SGD		
	At the beginning of the financial period/year	83,823,003	89,786,850
	Add: Creation of units from applications Add: Creation of units from reinvestment	8,584,002	9,297,840
	of distributions	1,096,702	1,548,191
	Less: Cancellation of units	(10,463,679)	(16,809,878)
	At the end of the financial period/year	83,040,028	83,823,003
(v)	Class USD		
	At the beginning of the financial period/year	102,475,013	109,879,598
	Add: Creation of units from applications Add: Creation of units from reinvestment	21,708,604	19,256,718
	of distributions	569,856	876,234
	Less: Cancellation of units	(35,173,223)	(27,537,537)
	At the end of the financial period/year	89,580,250	102,475,013

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

### Pursuant to the SC Guidelines and to the MAS Guidelines

TER 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024 to 30.09.2023

01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023

0.92 0.93

TER can be calculated based on the ratio of the sum of fees and the recovered expenses of the unit trust fund to the average value of the unit trust fund calculated on a daily basis, i.e:

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

A = Management fee (exclude management fee rebates)

B = Trustee and custodian fees

C = Audit fee

D = Tax Agent's fee

E = Other expenses excluding withholding tax and Central Depository System

("CDS") transfer fee

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

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis was USD1,027,815,567 (30.09.2023: USD1,026,509,550)

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

#### **Pursuant to the SC Guidelines**

PTR (times) 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024 to 30.09.2023 0.43

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

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

### **Pursuant to the MAS Guidelines**

01.04.2024 01.04.2023 to 30.09.2024 to 30.09.2023

PTR (times) 0.49 0.44

PTR is derived from the following calculation:

Lesser of total acquisition or total disposal for the financial period

Average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis

where:

total acquisition for the financial period = USD505,117,581 (30.09.2023: USD431,771,625) total disposal for the financial period = USD553,491,664 (30.09.2023: USD452,416,337)

# 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 are as follows:

Related parties Relationship Principal Asset Management Berhad The Manager Ultimate holding company of shareholder of Principal Financial Group, Inc. the Manager Principal International (Asia) Ltd Shareholder of the Manager Subsidiaries and associates of Principal Fellow subsidiary and associated companies Financial Group Inc., other than above, as of the ultimate holding company of disclosed in its financial statements shareholder of the Manager CIMB Group Holdings Bhd Ultimate holding company of shareholder of the Manager CIMB Group Sdn Bhd Shareholder of the Manager PT Principal Asset Management Subsidiary of the Manager CIMB Bank Bhd Fellow related party to the Manager CIMB Investment Bank Bhd Fellow related party to the Manager CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd Fellow related party to the Manager

disclosed in its financial statements

Subsidiaries and associates of CIMB Group

Holdings Bhd, other than above, as

Fellow subsidiary and associated companies of the ultimate holding company of the shareholder of the Manager

.Units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager

		30.09.2024		31.03.2024 Audited
	No. of units	USD	No. of units	USD
Manager				
Principal Asset				
Management Bhd				
- Class AUD	1,008	801	1,006	729
- Class MYR	485,765	26,814	440,055	22,399
- Class SGD	444	264	355	195
- Class USD	1	1_	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.

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

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

There are no significant related party transactions/balances for the financial period ended 30 September 2024, apart from those mentioned elsewhere in the financial statements.

#### 14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial period ended 30 September 2024 were as follows:

				Percentage
		Percentage		of total
	Value of	of total	<b>Brokerage</b>	brokerage
Brokers	trades	trades	fees	fees
	USD	%	USD	%
Citigroup Global Markets Ltd	206,075,121	19.47	169,985	8.62
Macquarie Securities AU Ltd	121,642,865	11.49	255,212	12.94
UBS Securities Asia Ltd	88,077,759	8.32	176,156	8.93
CLSA Ltd	87,757,644	8.29	252,580	12.81
Morgan Stanley	86,356,683	8.16	215,892	10.95
Jefferies International Ltd	85,911,358	8.12	143,920	7.30
Sanford C Bernstein & Co				
LLC	79,256,253	7.49	173,005	8.77
JP Morgan Securities (Asia				
Pacific Limited)	63,747,468	6.02	143,797	7.29
Instinet Pacific Ltd	62,088,758	5.87	150,509	7.63
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	34,110,338	3.22	10,233	0.52
Others #	143,584,998	13.55	281,073	14.24
	1,058,609,245	100.00	1,972,362	100.00

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the financial period ended 30 September 2023 were as follows:

	Value of	Percentage of total	Brokerage	Percentage of total brokerage
Brokers	trades	trades	fees	fees
	USD	%	USD	%
Citigroup Global Markets Ltd	157,851,394	17.85	170,206	10.92
Jefferies International Ltd	115,071,129	13.02	184,058	11.80
JP Morgan Securities (Asia				
Pacific Limited)	83,798,678	9.48	244,937	15.71
CLSA Ltd	72,097,323	8.15	192,785	12.36
Sanford C Bernstein & Co				
LLC	71,452,200	8.08	137,989	8.85
UBS Securities Asia Ltd	65,770,474	7.44	75,825	4.86
Macquarie Securities AU Ltd	61,475,555	6.95	143,758	9.22
Instinet Pacific Ltd	48,712,733	5.51	113,938	7.31
Morgan Stanley	38,230,650	4.32	95,577	6.13
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	33,296,360	3.77	9,989	0.64
Others #	136,343,192	15.43	190,125	12.20
	884,099,688	100.00	1,559,187	100.00

## 14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS (CONTINUED)

# Included in the transactions are trades conducted with CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd, fellow related party to the Manager amounting to USD30,488,431 (30.09.2023:USD22,891,838). The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related companies have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

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