

Principal Greater China Equity Fund

Unaudited Semi-Annual Report

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 October 2024

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FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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INVESTORS' LETTER

Dear Valued Investor,

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

We are pleased to bring you a copy of the Unaudited Semi-Annual Fund Report of the Principal Greater China Equity Fund for the six months financial period ended 31 October 2024. You may also download this report from our website at www.principal.com.my.

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 (www.principal.com.my), like our Facebook page (@PrincipalMalaysia), follow us on our Instagram account (@principalmalaysia), and LinkedIn page (Principal Malaysia) for the latest updates, market insights and investment articles.

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

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

Munirah Khairuddin

Chief Executive Officer,
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 achieve medium to long-term capital growth primarily through investment in a portfolio of equity securities with exposure to the Greater China region consisting of the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("SAR") and Taiwan.

Has the Fund achieved its objective?

For the financial period under review, the fund outperformed its benchmark. The fund is in-line to achieve medium to long-term capital growth as stated under the investment Objective section.

What are the Fund investment policy and principal investment strategy?

The Fund is a feeder fund that invests at least 95% of the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV") in the Schroder International Selection Fund ("ISF") Greater China (the "Target Fund"), a fund of the Schroder ISF, an open-ended investment company registered in Luxembourg. The Target Fund invests primarily in equity securities of the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan companies. Information on the Target Fund is detailed below.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- at least 95% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in the Schroder ISF Greater China; and
- up to 5% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purposes.

Information on the Target Fund:

Management Company: Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.

Investment Manager: Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited

Regulatory Authority: Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF")

Base Currency

US Dollar ("USD")

Fund category/type

Feeder Fund/Growth

When was the Fund launched?

Name of Class	Launch Date
Class MYR	12 June 2007
Class AUD-Hedged ("AUD-H")	20 April 2020
Class MYR-Hedged ("MYR-H")	20 April 2020
Class RMB-Hedged ("RMB-H")	20 April 2020
Class SGD-Hedged ("SGD-H")	20 April 2020
Class USD	20 April 2020

What was the size of the Fund as at 31 October 2024?

USD483.46 million (2,147.64 million units)

What is the Fund's benchmark?

The Fund adheres to the benchmark of the Target Fund, i.e. MSCI Golden Dragon Index for performance comparison purpose only.

What is the Fund distribution policy?

Given its investment objective, the Fund is not expected to pay any distribution.

FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY (CONTINUED)

What was the net income distribution for the financial period from 1 May 2024 to 31 October 2024?

There was no distribution made during the financial period from 1 May 2024 to 31 October 2024.

PERFORMANCE DATA

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

	31.10.2024	31.10.2023	31.10.2022
	%	%	%
Collective investment scheme	98.84	98.64	98.58
Cash and other assets	2.90	2.63	2.87
Liabilities	(1.74)	(1.27)	(1.45)
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

	31.10.2024	31.10.2023	31.10.2022
NAV (USD Million)			
- Class AUD-H	8.91	10.25	7.34
- Class MYR	411.29	439.30	353.36
- Class MYR-H	34.95	34.17	20.41
- Class RMB-H	9.70	8.72	6.59
- Class SGD-H	7.00	7.49	6.17
- Class USD	11.61	14.05	11.29
Units in circulation (Million)			
- Class AUD-H	14.71	19.14	15.19
- Class MYR	1,882.51	2,241.98	2,073.79
- Class MYR-H	157.47	181.60	119.89
- Class RMB-H	71.90	72.05	60.57
- Class SGD-H	9.57	11.58	11.15
- Class USD	11.48	15.47	14.30
NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class AUD-H	0.6059	0.5354	0.4830
- Class MYR	0.2185	0.1959	0.1704
- Class MYR-H	0.2220	0.1882	0.1702
- Class RMB-H	0.1349	0.1210	0.1088
- Class SGD-H	0.7312	0.6468	0.5540
- Class USD	1.0120	0.9076	0.7893
	01.05.2024	01.05.2023	01.05.2022
	to 31.10.2024	to 31.10.2023	to 31.10.2022
Highest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class AUD-H	0.7202	0.6742	0.7951
- Class MYR	0.2523	0.2255	0.2569
- Class MYR-H	0.2640	0.2291	0.2774
- Class RMB-H	0.1574	0.1448	0.1801
- Class SGD-H	0.8571	0.7683	0.8553
- Class USD	1.1686	1.0447	1.1897
Lowest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class AUD-H	0.5034	0.5273	0.4830
- Class MYR	0.1838	0.1934	0.1704
- Class MYR-H	0.1856	0.1850	0.1702
- Class RMB-H	0.1149	0.1197	0.1088
- Class SGD-H	0.6183	0.6380	0.5540
- Class USD	0.8515	0.8958	0.7893

PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

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

	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023	01.05.2022 to 31.10.2022
Total return (%)			
- Class AUD-H	7.90	(12.22)	(26.57)
- Class MYR	(0.51)	(4.26)	(19.79)
- Class MYR-H	7.25	(11.84)	(26.59)
- Class RMB-H	6.61	(11.53)	(26.13)
- Class SGD-H	7.43	(11.65)	(26.32)
- Class USD	8.35	(10.31)	(26.13)
Capital growth (%)			
- Class AUD-H	7.90	(12.22)	(26.57)
- Class MYR	(0.51)	(4.26)	(19.79)
- Class MYR-H	7.25	(11.84)	(26.59)
- Class RMB-H	6.61	(11.53)	(26.13)
- Class SGD-H	7.43	(11.65)	(26.32)
- Class USD	8.35	(10.31)	(26.13)
Income distribution (%)			
- Class AUD-H	-	-	-
- Class MYR	-	-	-
- Class MYR-H	-	-	-
- Class RMB-H	-	-	-
- Class SGD-H	-	-	-
- Class USD	-	-	-
Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%) ^	0.18	0.19	0.20
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times)	0.08	0.04	0.04

^ The Fund's TER decreased from 0.19% to 0.18% for the financial period under review due to the decrease in expenses during the financial period under review.

The Fund's PTR increased from 0.04 times to 0.08 times during the financial period under review. As a feeder Fund, the turnover reflects the investments and withdrawals in the target Fund.

	31.10.2024 %	31.10.2023 %	31.10.2022 %	31.10.2021 %	31.10.2020 %
Annual total return					
- Class MYR	2.56	15.83	(35.38)	7.41	35.65

(Launch date: 12 June 2007)

	31.10.2024 %	31.10.2023 %	31.10.2022 %	31.10.2021 to 31.10.2020 %	Since inception %
Annual total return					
- Class AUD-H	9.72	11.44	(44.79)	6.00	34.09
- Class MYR-H	8.47	11.40	(43.50)	8.18	35.26
- Class RMB-H	8.22	11.40	(43.17)	9.69	34.76
- Class SGD-H	9.45	12.66	(43.77)	6.94	34.31
- Class USD	11.49	14.99	(43.40)	7.81	34.02

(Launch date: 20 April 2020)

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 MAY 2024 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024)

Chinese equities faced mixed performance during the period, with signs of recovery in September 2024 fading amid concerns over policy priorities. The Chinese government's focus on risk mitigation over robust economic growth, coupled with subdued domestic consumption and investment demand, kept the market under pressure. Sentiment was further dampened by geopolitical tensions, including the prospect of rising tariffs following US. election developments. Despite these challenges, some stabilization was observed, aided by improved demand-supply dynamics, driven by corporate share buybacks and strategic government-backed interventions.

Taiwan's equity market outperformed during the period, driven by sustained strength in the technology sector. Robust global demand for semiconductors and artificial intelligence-related products supported earnings growth and maintained investor confidence. While the broader technology market, including consumer electronics, showed slower recovery, Taiwan's focus on high-growth, competitive segments allowed it to remain resilient. The positive returns in Taiwan highlighted its ability to navigate challenges effectively compared to other regional markets.

The overall market environment remained fragile in China, weighed down by structural issues such as high debt levels, weak demographics, and a sluggish property market. The lack of a clear path to economic recovery limited investor enthusiasm, while stock selection and sector allocation challenges further detracted from performance. Meanwhile, the sharp reduction in capital-raising activity over recent years offered a degree of downside protection by balancing supply and demand. However, despite these stabilizing efforts, Chinese equities lagged regional peers in performance, underscoring the ongoing difficulties in restoring investor confidence.

FUND PERFORMANCE

	6 months to 31.10.2024 %	1 year to 31.10.2024 %	3 years to 31.10.2024 %	5 years to 31.10.2024 %	Since inception to 31.10.2024 %
Income Distribution					
- Class AUD-H	-	-	-	-	4.04
- Class MYR	-	-	0.57	16.27	16.27
- Class MYR-H	-	-	-	-	2.77
- Class RMB-H	-	-	1.09	-	5.25
- Class SGD-H	-	-	-	-	3.05
- Class USD	-	-	0.56	-	3.61
Capital Growth					
- Class AUD-H	7.90	9.72	(32.49)	-	(7.77)
- Class MYR	(0.51)	2.56	(23.23)	(3.80)	101.88
- Class MYR-H	7.25	8.47	(31.73)	-	(2.80)
- Class RMB-H	6.61	8.22	(32.23)	-	(3.89)
- Class SGD-H	7.43	9.45	(30.67)	-	(3.37)
- Class USD	8.35	11.49	(27.84)	-	1.19
Total Return					
- Class AUD-H	7.90	9.72	(32.49)	-	(4.04)
- Class MYR	(0.51)	2.56	(23.67)	11.85	134.73
- Class MYR-H	7.25	8.47	(31.73)	-	(0.11)
- Class RMB-H	6.61	8.22	(32.23)	-	1.16
- Class SGD-H	7.43	9.45	(30.67)	-	(0.43)
- Class USD	8.35	11.49	(27.44)	-	4.84
Benchmark					
- Class AUD-H	16.02	28.98	(15.05)	-	7.24
- Class MYR	6.45	18.54	(10.17)	12.63	87.66
- Class MYR-H	16.02	28.98	(15.05)	-	7.24
- Class RMB-H	16.02	28.98	(15.05)	-	7.24
- Class SGD-H	16.02	28.98	(15.05)	-	7.24
- Class USD	16.02	28.98	(15.05)	-	7.24

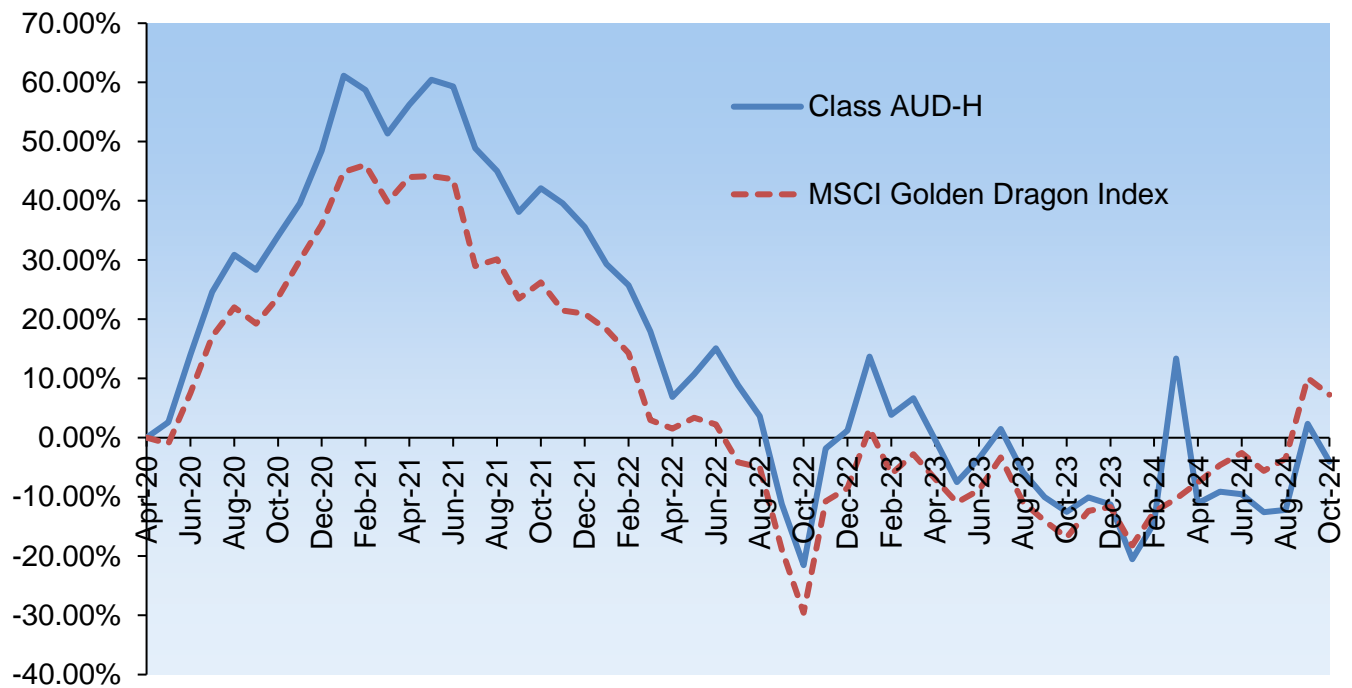
FUND PERFORMANCE

	6 months to 31.10.2024 %	1 year to 31.10.2024 %	3 years to 31.10.2024 %	5 years to 31.10.2024 %	Since inception to 31.10.2024 %
Average Total Return					
- Class AUD-H	16.27	9.72	(12.27)	-	(0.91)
- Class MYR	(1.01)	2.56	(8.43)	2.26	5.03
- Class MYR-H	14.89	8.47	(11.94)	-	(0.02)
- Class RMB-H	13.54	8.22	(11.83)	-	0.25
- Class SGD-H	15.27	9.45	(11.48)	-	(0.09)
- Class USD	17.25	11.49	(10.13)	-	1.05

During the financial period under review, Class AUD-H, Class MYR-H, Class RMB-H, Class SGD-H, and Class USD increased by 7.90%, 7.25%, 6.61%, 7.43%, and 8.35% while Class MYR decreased by 0.51% underperforming their respective benchmarks.

Since inception

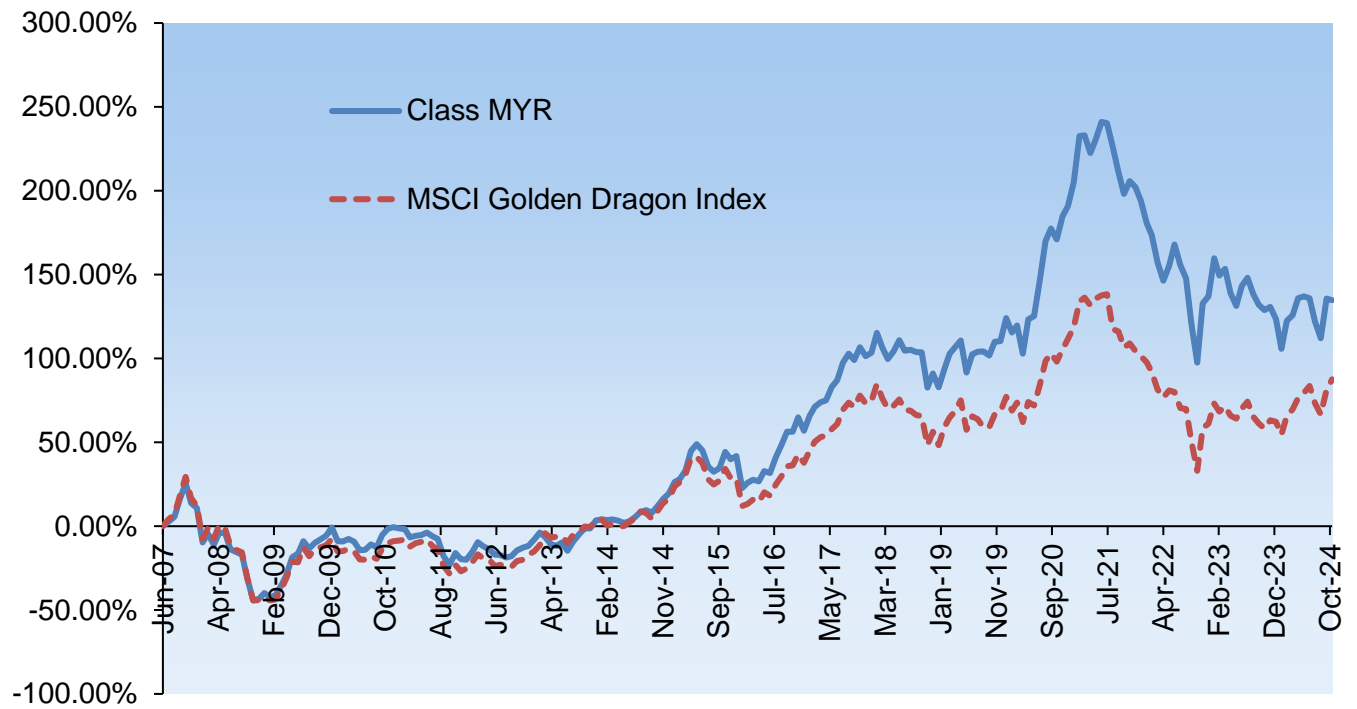
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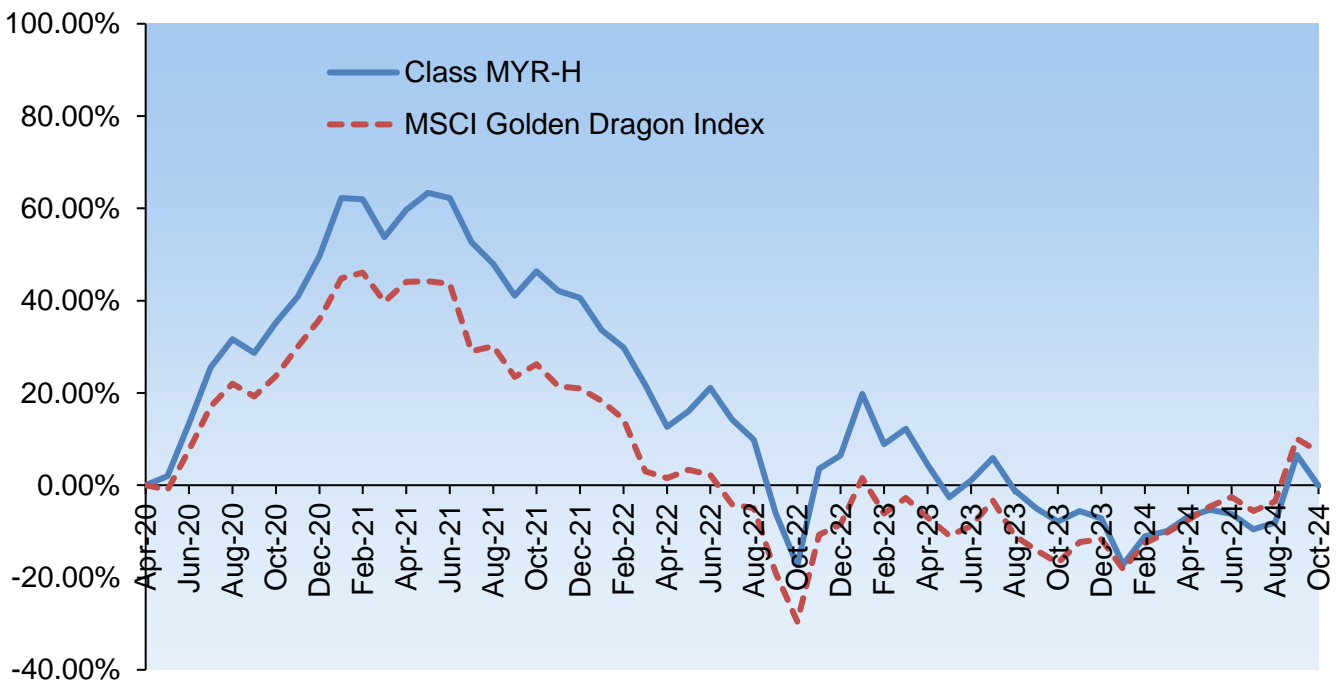
FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Since inception

CLASS MYR



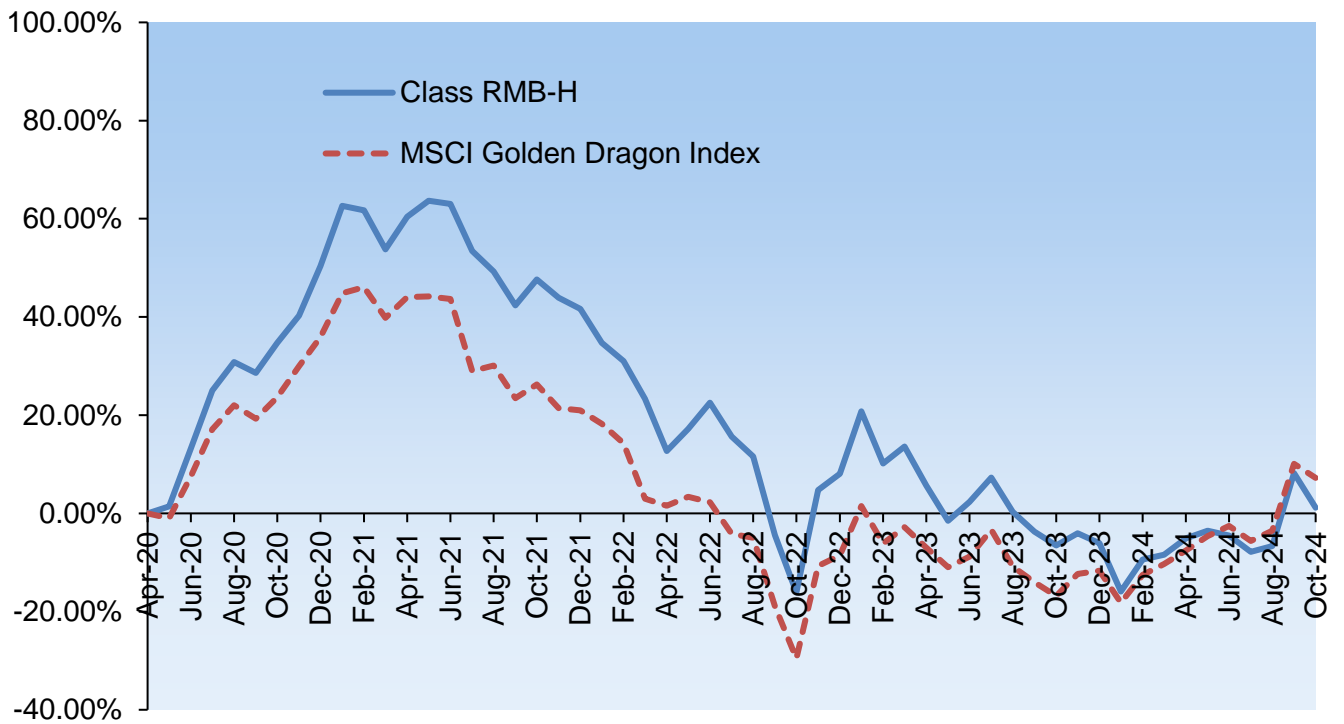
CLASS MYR-H



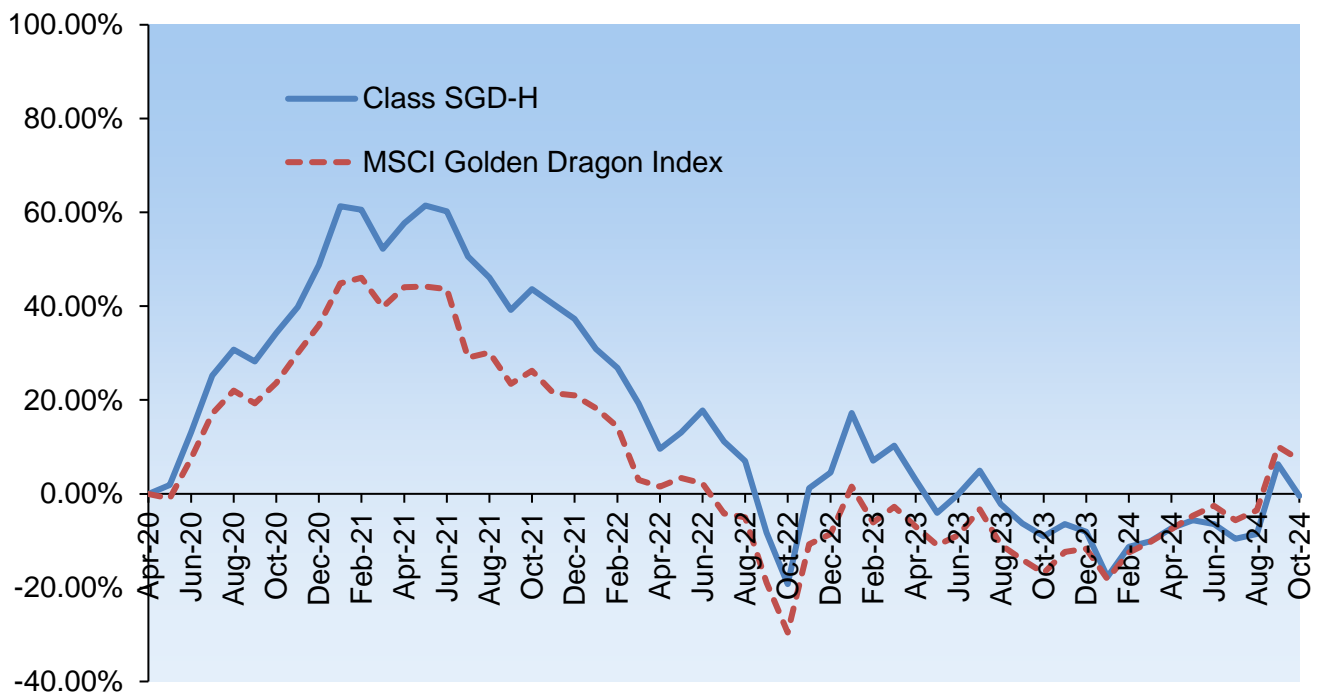
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Since inception

Class RMB-H



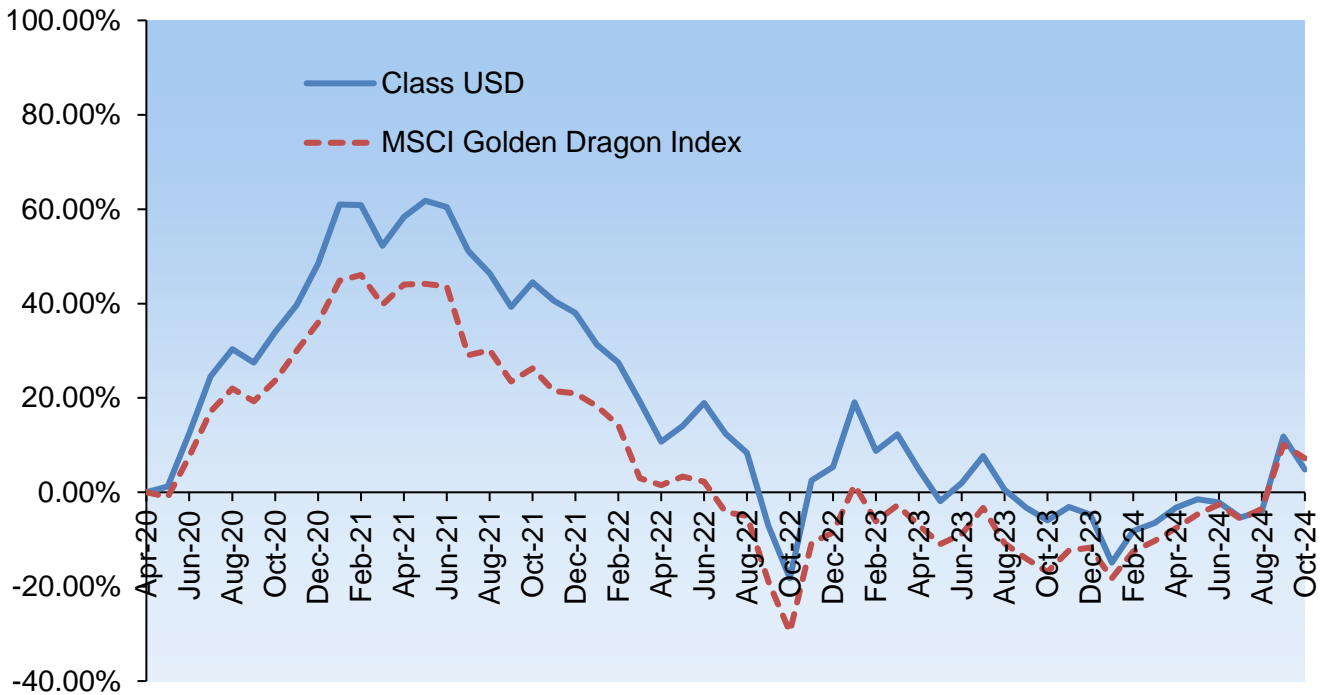
Class SGD-H



FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Since inception

Class USD



Changes in NAV

	31.10.2024	30.04.2024 Audited	Changes %
CLASS AUD-H			
NAV (USD Million)	8.91	9.05	(1.55)
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.6059	0.5583	8.53
CLASS MYR			
NAV (USD Million)	411.29	403.90	1.83
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.2185	0.2016	8.38
CLASS MYR-H			
NAV (USD Million)	34.95	31.95	9.39
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.2220	0.1901	16.78
CLASS RMB-H			
NAV (USD Million)	9.70	8.90	8.99
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.1349	0.1243	8.53
CLASS SGD-H			
NAV (USD Million)	7.00	6.98	0.29
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.7312	0.6609	10.64
CLASS USD			
NAV (USD Million)	11.61	12.34	(5.92)
NAV/Unit (USD)	1.0120	0.9339	8.36

FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)**Changes in NAV (continued)**

For the financial period under review, the Fund's NAV for Class MYR, Class MYR-H, Class RMB-H, and Class SGD-H increased by 1.83%, 9.39%, 8.99% and 0.29% while Class USD decreased by 5.92% during the same financial period.

In addition, the Fund's NAV per unit for Class MYR, Class MYR-H, Class RMB-H, Class SGD-H, and Class USD increased by 8.38%, 16.78%, 8.53%, 10.64%, and 8.36% respectively.

At the time of reporting, Class MYR has the highest total NAV, stood at USD 411.29 million.

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

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE**Asset allocation**

(% of NAV)	31.10.2024	30.04.2024 Audited
Collective investment scheme	98.84	99.16
Cash and other assets	2.90	2.63
Liabilities	(1.74)	(1.79)
Total	100.00	100.00

The Fund was fully invested during the financial period under review with minimal cash kept for redemption purposes.

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

	% of NAV 31.10.2024
Top 10 holdings *	
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	9.40
Tencent Holdings Ltd	8.90
Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd	7.60
AIA Group Ltd	4.40
Meituan	3.60
Mediatek Inc	2.90
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd	2.70
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd	2.60
JD com Inc	2.20
Shenzhou International Group Holdings	2.10

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE (CONTINUED)**Asset allocation (continued)**

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

	% of NAV
Top 10 holdings *	31.10.2023
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	9.40
Tencent Holdings Ltd	7.50
Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd	7.50
AIA Group Ltd	4.60
Mediatek Inc	3.40
New Oriental Education & Technology	2.80
Meituan	2.70
Wuxi Biologics Inc	2.50
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd	2.50
Shenzhou International Group	2.40

* As disclosed in Fund Fact Sheet.

MARKET OUTLOOK*

Chinese equities remain uncertain as investors continue to monitor the government's policy direction, particularly regarding economic stimulus and structural reforms. A rebound in domestic consumption and investment demand will be crucial for sustained market recovery, but geopolitical risks and global economic headwinds could weigh on sentiment. The potential for improved U.S.-China relations and additional fiscal or monetary support could provide upside, though such developments may take time. In contrast, Taiwan's equities are expected to maintain resilience, supported by continued strength in the technology sector, particularly in AI-related areas. However, the long-term monetization of high capital expenditures in the tech industry remains a key challenge for investors. Selectivity will be vital, with a focus on companies offering strong growth potential and robust earnings visibility.

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

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Fund will continue to be fully invested in target fund (Schroder International Selection Fund Greater China) with minimal liquid asset maintained for liquidity purposes.

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES

Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "Manager") and the Trustee will not retain any form of rebate 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 rebates or shared commission will be directed to the account of the Fund. The Manager may retain goods and services (soft commission) provided by any broker or dealer if the following conditions are met:

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

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES (CONTINUED)

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

SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions during the financial 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 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 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 MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL GREATER CHINA EQUITY 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 24 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 October 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 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 Manager

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

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

UDAY JAYARAM

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

Kuala Lumpur
13 December 2024

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

**TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL GREATER CHINA EQUITY FUND ("Fund")**

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 October 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.

For HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

Lee Cincee
Senior Manager, Trustee and Fiduciary Services

Kuala Lumpur
13 December 2024

**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

		01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023
	Note	USD	USD
INCOME/(LOSS)			
Interest income from deposit placement with licensed financial institutions and current account		14,006	66,355
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	40,710,803	(54,221,797)
Net gain/(loss) on derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	1,991,837	(4,517,324)
Net foreign exchange loss		(528,471)	(338,392)
		<u>42,188,175</u>	<u>(59,011,158)</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	4,242,024	5,058,456
Trustee fee	5	70,700	156,388
Audit fee		741	791
Tax agent's fee		603	1,317
Other expenses		8,184	9,661
		<u>4,322,252</u>	<u>5,226,613</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		37,865,923	(64,237,771)
Taxation	6	-	-
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		<u>37,865,923</u>	<u>(64,237,771)</u>
Profit/(Loss) after taxation is made up as follows:			
Realised amount		(13,621,703)	(77,564,340)
Unrealised amount		51,487,626	13,326,569
		<u>37,865,923</u>	<u>(64,237,771)</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 OCTOBER 2024**

		31.10.2024	30.04.2024
	Note	USD	Audited USD
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	6,252,821	5,685,346
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	477,844,080	469,125,356
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	-	82,332
Amount due from Manager		6,517,360	5,474,961
Amount due from dealer		532,786	569,544
Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme			
- management fee rebate		719,504	641,088
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>491,866,551</u>	<u>481,578,627</u>
LIABILITIES			
Derivative liability at fair value through profit or loss	8	655,576	-
Amount due to Manager of collective investment scheme			
- purchase of collective investment scheme		750,000	-
Amount due to dealer		532,103	570,464
Amount due to Manager		5,673,578	7,181,419
Accrued management fee		773,716	686,969
Amount due to Trustee		12,895	11,450
Other payables and accruals		6,491	7,493
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)		<u>8,404,359</u>	<u>8,457,795</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>483,462,192</u>	<u>473,120,832</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		<u>483,462,192</u>	<u>473,120,832</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (USD)			
- Class AUD-H		8,911,337	9,052,575
- Class MYR		411,286,401	403,896,668
- Class MYR-H		34,953,554	31,955,161
- Class RMB-H		9,699,669	8,900,492
- Class SGD-H		6,998,078	6,975,381
- Class USD		11,613,153	12,340,555
		<u>483,462,192</u>	<u>473,120,832</u>

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**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024 (CONTINUED)**

	31.10.2024	30.04.2024
		Audited
Note	USD	USD
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)		
- Class AUD-H	14,706,615	16,214,733
- Class MYR	1,882,513,672	2,003,207,802
- Class MYR-H	157,469,964	168,131,991
- Class RMB-H	71,900,628	71,619,639
- Class SGD-H	9,570,659	10,553,788
- Class USD	11,475,641	13,213,708
10	2,147,637,179	2,282,941,661
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)		
- Class AUD-H	0.6059	0.5583
- Class MYR	0.2185	0.2016
- Class MYR-H	0.2220	0.1901
- Class RMB-H	0.1349	0.1243
- Class SGD-H	0.7312	0.6609
- Class USD	1.0120	0.9339
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES		
- Class AUD-H	AUD0.3981	AUD0.8548
- Class MYR	RM0.9567	RM0.9616
- Class MYR-H	RM0.9720	RM0.9063
- Class RMB-H	CNH0.9611	CNH0.9015
- Class SGD-H	SGD0.9664	SGD0.8995
- Class USD	USD1.0120	USD0.9339

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**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024 USD	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023 USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>473,120,832</u>	<u>573,527,757</u>
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period:		
Creation of units from applications		
- Class AUD-H	2,597,391	1,996,546
- Class MYR	58,994,387	58,181,164
- Class MYR-H	22,693,013	13,251,422
- Class RMB-H	1,122,779	609,586
- Class SGD-H	1,193,387	1,684,436
- Class USD	1,550,240	709,857
	<u>88,151,197</u>	<u>76,433,011</u>
Cancellation of units		
- Class AUD-H	(3,419,892)	(1,907,195)
- Class MYR	(81,706,999)	(56,717,868)
- Class MYR-H	(24,447,330)	(9,400,501)
- Class RMB-H	(1,125,655)	(346,464)
- Class SGD-H	(1,843,351)	(1,846,687)
- Class USD	(3,132,533)	(1,527,771)
	<u>(115,675,760)</u>	<u>(71,746,486)</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period	<u>37,865,923</u>	<u>(64,237,771)</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	<u>483,462,192</u>	<u>513,976,511</u>

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**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024 USD	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023 USD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from disposal of collective investment scheme	50,500,000	20,500,000
Purchase of collective investment scheme	(21,250,000)	(24,181,209)
Interest income received from deposits with licensed financial institutions	14,006	66,355
Management fee paid	(4,155,278)	(5,137,230)
Management fee rebate received	3,413,664	4,218,887
Trustee fee paid	(69,255)	(182,010)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(10,530)	(10,342)
Net realised gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts	2,313,136	(4,355,958)
Payment of other foreign exchange loss	(113,465)	(52,087)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>30,642,278</u>	<u>(9,133,594)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash proceeds from units created	87,108,798	76,670,542
Payments for cancellation of units	(117,183,601)	(69,107,025)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	<u>(30,074,803)</u>	<u>7,563,517</u>
Net increase/(decreased) in cash and cash equivalents	567,475	(1,570,077)
Effects of foreign exchange differences	-	(2)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period	<u>5,685,346</u>	<u>9,134,305</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	<u>6,252,821</u>	<u>7,564,226</u>
<u>Cash and cash equivalents comprised of:</u>		
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	4,915,239	28,775
Bank balances	<u>1,337,582</u>	<u>7,535,451</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	<u>6,252,821</u>	<u>7,564,226</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Principal Greater China Equity Fund (the “Fund”) is now governed by a Principal Master Deed dated 15 May 2008, a Fourth Supplemental Master Deed dated 18 March 2009, a Fifth Supplemental Master Deed dated 16 July 2009, a Thirteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 26 June 2012, an Eighteenth Supplemental Master Deed dated 25 March 2015, a Twentieth Supplemental Master Deed dated 21 October 2019, a Twenty First Supplemental Master Deed dated 4 December 2019, a Twenty Third Supplemental Master Deed dated 27 June 2022 and Twenty Fourth Supplemental Master Deed dated 13 January 2023 (collectively referred to as the “Deeds”), made between Principal Asset Management Berhad (the “Manager”) and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad (the “Trustee”).

The Fund is a feeder fund that invests at least 95% of the Fund’s NAV in the Target Fund, a fund of the Schroder ISF, an open-ended investment company registered in Luxembourg. The Target Fund invests primarily in equity securities of the People’s Republic of China, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan companies. Information on the Target Fund is detailed below.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- at least 95% of the Fund’s NAV will be invested in the Schroder ISF Greater China; and
- up to 5% of the Fund’s NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purposes.

Information on the Target Fund:

Management Company: Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.

Investment Manager: Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited

Regulatory Authority: Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (“CSSF”).

All investments are subject to the Guidelines of Unit Trust Funds (“GUTF”) issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia, SC requirements, the Deeds, except where exemptions or variations have been approved by the SC, internal policies and procedures and the Fund’s objective.

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

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

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

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the MFRS 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.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

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

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

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 May 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 November 2024 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 contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely payment of principal and interest ("SPPI"). However, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Investments in collective investment scheme have contractual cash flows that do not represent solely payment of principal and interest ("SPPI"), and therefore are classified as fair value through profit or loss.

Derivatives are financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss unless they are designated hedges (Note 2(j)).

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from dealer, amount due from Manager and amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme - disposal of collective investment scheme and management fee rebate as financial assets at amortised cost as these financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows consisting of the amount outstanding.

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

Recognition and measurement

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

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Recognition and measurement (continued)

Financial liabilities 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 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.

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

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.

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

Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

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

Significant increase in credit risk

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

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (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

Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions is recognised on a time proportionate basis using 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 collective investment scheme is 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 currencyFunctional and presentation currencies

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

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

- i) The Fund's investments are denominated in USD; and
- ii) Significant portion of the Fund's expenses are denominated in USD.

Transactions and balances

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

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**(e) Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and deposits with licensed financial institutions 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.

(f) Taxation

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

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

Withholding taxes on investment income from investment are based on tax regime of the respective countries that the Fund invests in. They are presented within the other expenses line in the statement of comprehensive income.

(g) Amount due from/to Manager of collective investment scheme (disposal/purchase of collective investment scheme)

Amount due to Manager of collective investment scheme represent receivables/payables for collective investment scheme purchased or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

(h) Management fee rebate

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

(i) Unit holders' contributions

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

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

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**(j) Derivative financial instruments**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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.

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

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

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

In undertaking any of the Fund's investment, the Manager will ensure that all assets of the Fund under management will be valued appropriately, that is at fair value and in compliance with the GUTF. However, the Manager is of the opinion that in applying these accounting policies, no significant judgement was required.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Fund aims to achieve medium to long-term capital growth primarily through investment in a portfolio of equity securities with exposure to the Greater China region consisting of the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan.

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

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

The price risk is managed through diversification and selection of collective investment scheme and other financial instruments within specified limits according to the 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 the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of the 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 the financial period, the Fund is not exposed to a material level of interest rate risk.

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk associated with deposits with licensed financial institutions is expected to be minimal as the deposits are held on short-term basis.

3. 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.

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

For amount due from Manager, the settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units' receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

For amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme, the Fund will invest with an investment management company of the collective investment scheme which is authorised or approved by the relevant regulatory authority in its home jurisdiction.

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

(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, deposits with licensed financial institutions 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 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.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(e) Fair value estimation

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

The fair 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 Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

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

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

(i) Fair value hierarchy

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

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

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement.

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

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

3. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
31.10.2024				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment scheme	477,844,080	-	-	477,844,080
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Forward foreign currency contracts	-	-	-	-
	<u>477,844,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>477,844,080</u>
30.04.2024				
Audited				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment scheme	469,125,356	-	-	469,125,356
Derivative liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Forward foreign currency contracts	-	82,332	-	82,332
	<u>469,125,356</u>	<u>82,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>469,207,688</u>

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

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

- (ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from dealer, amount due from Manager, amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme - disposal of collective investment scheme and management fee rebate and all 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 fee of up to 3.00% per annum calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the Fund.

For the six months financial period ended 31 October 2024 and 31 October 2023, the management fee for the respective classes are recognised at the following rates:

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

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

5. TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to a fee not exceeding 1.00% per annum calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund. The Trustee fee includes the 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 November 2024 the Trustee fee is recognised at the rate of 0.03% for each class. (31.10.2023: 0.03% per annum) for each class.

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

6. TAXATION

	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024 USD	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023 USD
Tax charged for the financial period:		
- Current taxation	-	-

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

	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024 USD	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023 USD
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	37,865,923	(64,237,771)
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (31.10.2023: 24%)	9,087,822	(15,417,065)
Tax effects of:		
- (Investment income not subject to tax)/Loss not deductible for tax purpose	(10,125,163)	14,162,678
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	19,077	40,168
- Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	1,018,264	1,214,219
Taxation	-	-

7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	31.10.2024	30.04.2024 Audited
	USD	USD
At fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment scheme	<u>477,844,080</u>	<u>469,125,356</u>
	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023
	USD	USD
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Realised loss on disposals	(14,268,902)	(5,675,117)
- Unrealised fair value gain/(loss)	51,487,626	(52,703,214)
- Management fee rebate #	3,492,079	4,156,534
	<u>40,710,803</u>	<u>(54,221,797)</u>

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 six months financial period ended 31 October 2024, the rebate is recognised at a rate of 1.50% per annum (31.10.2023: 1.50% per annum) calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the collective investment scheme.

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
31.10.2024 COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME				
LUXEMBOURG				
Schroder ISF Greater China	<u>6,548,303</u>	<u>571,023,614</u>	<u>477,844,080</u>	<u>98.84</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	<u>6,548,303</u>	<u>571,023,614</u>	<u>477,844,080</u>	<u>98.84</u>
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS				
		<u>(93,179,534)</u>		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS				
		<u><u>477,844,080</u></u>		

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
30.04.2024				
Audited				
COLLECTIVE				
INVESTMENT SCHEME				
LUXEMBOURG				
Schroder ISF Greater China	<u>6,992,926</u>	<u>613,792,516</u>	<u>469,125,356</u>	<u>99.16</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME	<u>6,992,926</u>	<u>613,792,516</u>	<u>469,125,356</u>	<u>99.16</u>
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>(144,667,160)</u>		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		<u>469,125,356</u>		

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

	31.10.2024	30.04.2024
	USD	Audited USD
Forward foreign currency contracts	<u>(655,576)</u>	<u>82,332</u>
	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023
	USD	USD
Net gain/(loss) on derivative assets/(liabilities) at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Realised gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts	2,729,745	(5,253,139)
- Unrealised fair value (loss)/gain on forward foreign currency contracts	<u>(737,908)</u>	<u>735,815</u>
	<u>1,991,837</u>	<u>(4,517,324)</u>

As at 31 October 2024, there were 8 outstanding (30.04.2024: 10 outstanding) USD/Australian Dollar ("AUD"), USD/MYR, USD/Renminbi ("RMB") and USD/Singapore Dollar ("SGD") forward foreign currency contracts. The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to USD65,059,084 (30.04.2023: USD249,566,596).

8. DERIVATIVE (LIABILITIES)/ASSET AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

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

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

9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.10.2024	30.04.2024
	USD	Audited USD
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	4,915,239	5,621,614
Bank balances	1,337,582	63,732
	<u>6,252,821</u>	<u>5,685,346</u>

10. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)

	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024	01.05.2023 to 30.04.2024 Audited
	No. of units	No. of units
Class AUD-H (i)	14,706,615	16,214,733
Class MYR (ii)	1,882,513,672	2,003,207,802
Class MYR-H (iii)	157,469,964	168,131,991
Class RMB-H (iv)	71,900,628	71,619,639
Class SGD-H (v)	9,570,659	10,553,788
Class USD (vi)	11,475,641	13,213,708
	<u>2,147,637,179</u>	<u>2,282,941,661</u>

(i) Class AUD-H

At the beginning of the financial period/year	16,214,733	18,960,972
Add : Creation of units from applications	4,160,140	7,051,336
Less: Cancellation of units	(5,668,258)	(9,797,575)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>14,706,615</u>	<u>16,214,733</u>

(ii) Class MYR

At the beginning of the financial period/year	2,003,207,802	2,238,062,132
Add : Creation of units from applications	268,404,439	461,390,662
Less: Cancellation of units	(389,098,569)	(696,244,992)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>1,882,513,672</u>	<u>2,003,207,802</u>

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

(iii) Class MYR-H

	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024	01.05.2023 to 30.04.2024 Audited
	No. of units	No. of units
At the beginning of the financial period/year	168,131,991	162,943,218
Add: Creation of units from applications	102,101,628	142,230,202
Less: Cancellation of units	(112,763,655)	(137,041,429)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>157,469,964</u>	<u>168,131,991</u>

(iv) Class RMB-H

At the beginning of the financial period/year	71,619,639	70,000,483
Add: Creation of units from applications	8,525,253	10,306,284
Less: Cancellation of units	(8,244,264)	(8,687,128)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>71,900,628</u>	<u>71,619,639</u>

(v) Class SGD-H

At the beginning of the financial period/year	10,553,788	11,850,756
Add: Creation of units from applications	1,604,824	3,589,306
Less: Cancellation of units	(2,587,953)	(4,886,274)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>9,570,659</u>	<u>10,553,788</u>

(vi) Class USD

At the beginning of the financial period/year	13,213,708	16,305,959
Add: Creation of units from applications	1,499,499	1,468,484
Less: Cancellation of units	(3,237,566)	(4,560,735)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>11,475,641</u>	<u>13,213,708</u>

11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024 %	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023 %
TER	<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.19</u>

TER is derived based on the following calculation:

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

A	=	Management fee (exclude rebate)
B	=	Trustee fee
C	=	Audit fee
D	=	Tax agent's fee
E	=	Other expenses
F	=	Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is USD468,574,545 (31.10.2023: USD557,377,660).

12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

	01.05.2024 to 31.10.2024	01.05.2023 to 31.10.2023
PTR (times)	<u>0.08</u>	<u>0.04</u>

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 = USD22,000,000 (31.10.2023: USD24,000,000)

total disposal for the financial period = USD50,500,000 (31.10.2023: USD19,000,000)

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

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

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

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

Units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager

	31.10.2024		30.04.2024	
	No. of units	USD	Audited No. of units	USD
Manager				
Principal Asset Management Berhad				
- Class AUD-H	45	27	45	25
- Class MYR	656,230	143,371	60,514	12,201
- Class MYR-H	2,364	525	2,129	405
- Class RMB-H	57	8	57	7
- Class SGD-H	34	24	34	22
- Class USD	42	42	42	39

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.

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 was no related party transaction during the financial period.

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS/DEALERS

Details of transactions with the brokers/dealers for the six months financial period ended 31 October 2024 are as follows:

Brokers/Dealers	Values of trades USD	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage fees USD	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
Schroder Investment Management (S) Limited	72,500,000	100.00	-	-

Details of transactions with the brokers/dealers for the six months financial period ended 31 October 2024 are as follows:

Brokers/Dealers	Values of trades USD	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage fees USD	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
Schroder Investment Management (S) Limited	43,000,000	100.00	-	-

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