PRINCIPAL PRS PLUS EQUITY

UNAUDITED SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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#### **MEMBERS' LETTER**

Dear Valued Member.

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 of the Principal PRS Plus Equity for the financial period ended 31 July 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 earned numerous accolades in 2024. At the Asia Asset Management 2024 Best of the Best Awards, we were honored with the Best of the Best Performance Award for China A-Share Equity (3 years) and recognized as the 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 our company was recognized as Asset Management Company of the Year Malaysia. Additionally, we 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). The International Finance Awards honored us with 'Best Asset Management Company – Malaysia 2024' and 'Best Asset Management CEO – Munirah Khairuddin – Malaysia 2024'. At the Triple A Sustainable Investing Awards 2024, we secured the Asset Management Company of the Year (Malaysia) award. The World Business Outlook magazine recognized us with the titles of 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, 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

#### PRS PROVIDER'S REPORT

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

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

The Fund seeks to provide capital growth over the long-term by investing in the domestic market.

### Has the Fund achieved its objective?

For the financial period under review, the Fund outperformed its absolute target return of 3.90% and 8.00% on 6-month and 1-year basis as described under the Fund Performance section, hence, it is deemed to have achieved its objective.

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

The Fund is managed to achieve a defined target return over the long-term through investments in the domestic market. The Fund will invest between 70% to 99.8% (both inclusive) of the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV") in equities.

However, the Fund may take temporary defensive positions that may detract from the Fund's prescribed asset allocation when we believe that the equity market is experiencing excessive volatility, expected prolonged declines or when the outlook of the equity market is unfavourable. Under these circumstances, the Fund may reduce its equity exposure and increase its investment in money market instruments to protect the Fund's investment objective in bearish or non-performing equity market.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- Between 70% to 99.8% (both inclusive) of the Fund's NAV will be invested in equities; and
- At least 0.2% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purpose.

## Fund category/type

Equity

#### When was the Fund launched?

Name of Class	Launch Date
Class A	12 November 2012
Class C	12 November 2012
Class X	12 November 2012

#### What was the size of the Fund as at 31 July 2024?

RM17.50 million (24.12 million units)

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

The Fund has a target return of 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 long-term.

**Note:** The Fund's benchmark is for performance comparison purpose only. The risk profile of the Fund is not the same as the risk profile of the benchmark.

## What is the Fund distribution policy?

The Fund is not expected to pay any distribution. All income earned by members will automatically be reinvested into the Fund.

## What was the net income distribution for the financial period ended 31 July 2024?

There was no distribution for the six months financial period ended 31 July 2024.

## **PERFORMANCE DATA**

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

	31.07.2024 %	31.07.2023 %	31.07.2022 %
Quoted securities			
- Construction	2.07	1.56	-
- Consumer Products & Services	11.76	10.36	24.82
- Energy	9.65	10.93	4.15
- Financial Services	11.95	14.39	17.13
- Health Care	9.49	8.48	5.68
- Industrial Products & Services	2.01	6.00	21.30
- Plantation	2.11	1.64	-
- Property	9.05	0.42	-
- Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT")	1.79	7.22	4.86
- Technology	17.02	14.40	11.39
- Telecommunications & Media	5.62	2.87	-
- Transportation & Logistics	5.45	6.52	-
- Utilities	9.69	6.24	-
Cash and other assets	2.45	9.24	13.49
Liabilities	(0.11)	(0.27)	(2.82)
_	100.00	100.00	100.00

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

	31.07.2024	31.07.2023	31.07.2022
NAV (RM Million)	0.101.1_0_ 1	0.1101.12020	0110112022
- Class A	9.45	7.03	6.69
- Class C	2.58	1.49	1.32
- Class X	5.47	3.80	3.34
Units in circulation (Million)			
- Class A	13.02	13.22	12.06
- Class C	3.55	2.81	2.39
- Class X	7.55	7.15	6.02
NAV per unit (RM)			
- Class A	0.7254	0.5314	0.5542
- Class C	0.7254	0.5314	0.5542
- Class X	0.7254	0.5314	0.5542
Highest NAV per unit (RM)			
- Class A	0.7420	0.5520	0.5967
- Class C	0.7420	0.5521	0.5968
- Class X	0.7420	0.5520	0.5968
Lowest NAV per unit (RM)			
- Class A	0.5976	0.5074	0.5211
- Class C	0.5977	0.5075	0.5212
- Class X	0.5977	0.5074	0.5211
	01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023	01.02.2022 to 31.07.2022
Total return (%)		13 0 110 11000	
- Class A	19.66	(2.33)	(3.37)
- Class C	19.66	(2.33)	(3.36)
- Class X	19.66	(2.33)	(3.37)

#### PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

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

	01.02.2024	01.02.2023	01.02.2022
	to 31.07.2024	to 31.07.2023	to 31.07.2022
Capital growth (%)			
- Class A	19.66	(2.33)	(3.37)
- Class C	19.66	(2.33)	(3.36)
- Class X	19.66	(2.33)	(3.37)
Income distribution (%)			
- Class A	-	-	-
- Class C	-	-	-
- Class X	-	-	-
Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%) ^	0.12	0.11	0.14
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #	0.55	0.32	0.33

<sup>^</sup> The Fund's TER increased from 0.11% to 0.12% mainly due to increase in average NAV during the financial period under review.

<sup>#</sup> The Fund's PTR increased from 0.33 times to 0.55 times during the financial period under review due to higher trading activities.

	31.07.2024	31.07.2023	31.07.2022	31.07.2021	31.07.2020
	%	%	%	%	%
Annual total return					
- Class A	36.51	1.82	0.42	8.50	(4.68)
- Class C	36.51	1.80	0.42	8.52	(4.68)
- Class X	36.51	1.82	0.42	8.50	(4.68)

(Launch date: 12 November 2012)

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

#### **MARKET REVIEW (1 FEBRUARY 2024 TO 31 JULY 2024)**

For the financial period under review, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index ("FBMKLCI") declined by 7.44% from 1,512.98 points to 1,625.57 points.

FBMKLCl's rally extended into February 2024, up 2.5% for the month vs up 4% in January 2024, closing the month at 1,551.44 points ("pts"). This marked the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of gains, with Malaysia outperforming most ASEAN markets. This was also despite the stronger dollar following stronger-than-expected inflation and economic data out of the US, and bets on rate cuts by the Federal Reserve (the "Fed") pushed back.

FBMKLCI lost 1% in March 2024 as profit-taking set in following 5 months of consecutive gains. Bets on rate cuts by the Fed were pushed back given the persistent strong data out of the United States, and there was an absence of fresh catalysts domestically. During the month, there were also distortions caused by FTSE rebalancing (as well as MSCI rebalancing in February) and many index stocks going ex-dividends.

### MARKET REVIEW (1 FEBRUARY 2024 TO 31 JULY 2024) (CONTINUED)

FBMKLCI gained 2.6% and 1.3% in April 2024 and May 2024, respectively, with the index settling at a two-year high. Local investors remain upbeat despite bets on rate cuts by the Fed pushed back given the persistent strong economic data out of the United States and sticky inflation. The run-up was relatively broad-based.

FBMKLCI shed 0.4% in June 2024 as investors took the opportunity to lock in gains during half-time, but still remained relatively upbeat considering recent weakness in United States ("US") economic data and inflation moderating.

FBMKLCI rose 2.2% in July 2024 in line with gains in regional markets and rebounding off the previous month's sell-off, spurred by Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") interest rate cut bets considering the recent weakness in US economic data and inflation moderating.

## **FUND PERFORMANCE**

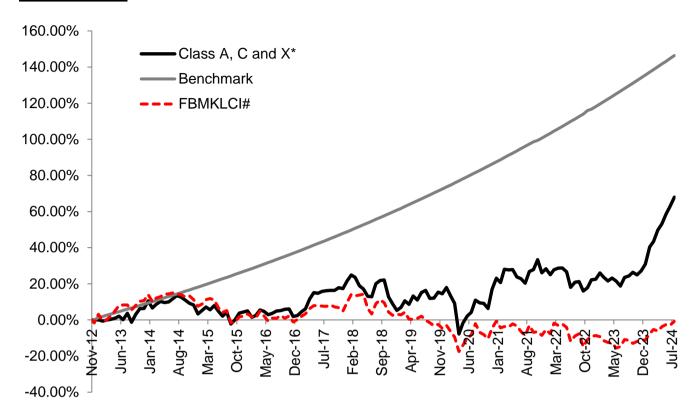
					Since
	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	inception
	to 31.07.2024				
	%	%	%	%	%
Income Distribution					
- Class A	-	-	12.00	15.78	15.78
- Class C	-	-	12.00	15.77	15.77
- Class X	-	-	12.00	15.77	15.77
Capital Growth					
- Class A	19.66	36.51	24.62	24.68	45.08
- Class C	19.66	36.51	24.60	24.68	45.08
- Class X	19.66	36.51	24.62	24.68	45.08
Total Return					
- Class A	19.66	36.51	39.57	44.35	67.97
- Class C	19.66	36.51	39.54	44.35	67.97
- Class X	19.66	36.51	30.57	44.35	67.97
Benchmark					
- Class A	3.90	8.00	25.98	46.95	146.37
- Class C	3.90	8.00	25.98	46.95	146.37
- Class X	3.90	8.00	25.98	46.95	146.37
FBMKLCI #					
- Class A	7.44	11.38	8.76	(0.57)	(0.73)
- Class C	7.44	11.38	8.76	(0.57)	(0.73)
- Class X	7.44	11.38	8.76	(0.57)	(0.73)
Average Total Return					
- Class A	43.33	36.51	11.74	7.61	4.52
- Class C	43.33	36.51	11.74	7.61	4.52
- Class X	43.33	36.51	11.74	7.61	4.52

<sup>#</sup> The use of FBMKLCI is purely to act as a point reference representing Malaysian market.

For the financial period under review, the Fund declined by 19.66% for Class A, Class C and Class X, while the benchmark increased by 3.90%. As such, the Fund outperformed its benchmark by 15.76% due to adverse macro environment. As a comparison, FBMKLCI dropped 7.44% during the financial period under review.

## **FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)**

## Since inception



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

## **Changes in NAV**

	31.01.2024	31.01.2024 Audited	Changes %
CLASS A			
NAV (RM Million)	9.45	8.00	18.13
NAV/Unit (RM)	0.7254	0.6062	19.66
CLASS C			
NAV (RM Million)	2.58	1.90	35.79
NAV/Unit (RM)	0.7254	0.6062	19.66
CLASS X			
NAV (RM Million)	5.47	4.47	22.37
NAV/Unit (RM)	0.7254	0.6062	19.66

The NAV per unit for Class A, Class C and Class X increased due to fund performance. In terms of NAV, Class A and Class X have seen some fund injections whilst Class A registered slight decline due to fund redemptions.

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

	31.07.2024	31.01.2024
(% of NAV)		Audited
Quoted securities	97.66	93.49
Cash and other assets	2.45	6.84
Liabilities	(0.11)	(0.33)
Total	100.00	100.00

Asset allocation increased from 93.49% as at 31 January 2024 to 97.66% as at 31 July 2024 to take advantage of the positive sentiments in the financial market during the financial period under review.

#### MARKET OUTLOOK\*

Malaysia's July 2024 manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index ("PMI") reading fell to the lowest in 3 months at 49.7pts vs 49.9pts in June 2024. S&P Global witnessed a moderation in output and new orders, albeit only slight, and stemmed mainly from domestic front. Export orders rose for the 4th consecutive month and at the fastest pace since April 2021. Manufacturers also cited an increase in backlogs. Inflation was prevalent but firms were able to pass it on, while there was some job shedding as firms noted non-replacement of voluntary leavers. Firms remained cautious and scaled back purchases as well as inventories, but business confidence has started to turn up. The latest PMI data remains consistent with official Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") estimates. To recap, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") projects GDP to grow 4-5% in 2024, from 3.8% in 2023, and 4.2% in first quarter of 2024 ("1Q24"). Advanced estimates placed Malaysia's GDP growth at 5.8% for second quarter of 2024 ("2Q24") vs 4.4% estimate by economists.

We expect BNM to maintain Overnight Policy Index ("OPR") at 3.00% for the rest of the year given muted inflation and modest economic growth. Inflation was at 2% in June 2024, same as May 2024. There appears to be sufficient headroom to central bank's latest 2.0-3.5% Consumer Price Index ("CPI") forecast for 2024 with the impending subsidy rationalization plans.

Despite the strong performance year-to-date, Malaysia's equity market valuation remains compressed, trading at a forward price to earnings ratio of 14 times which is around 1-standard deviation below the historical mean. This is based on consensus earnings growth of 10% for both 2024 and 2025. Sustained strength in domestic and foreign direct investments, fiscal consolidation gathering pace and the stablisation of the Malaysia Ringgit ("MYR/RM") are factors we see supportive of narrowing risk premiums and higher valuation multiples.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Malaysian market continued to do well in July 2024 and delivered yet another solid month. We continue to lock in more gains on outperformers and redeployed the cash into quality laggard names. Domestic market sentiment remains encouraging and we continue to be positive on the Malaysian market. Our preferred sectors and key picks remain in potential direct beneficiaries of the National Energy Transition Roadmap which includes Property, Construction and Utilities. We are also positive on selective Oil and Gas names as we see value and we believe the sector will be supported by strong Petronas activities in the coming years. Additionally, we remain optimistic on Financials as we expect positive momentum to persist, primarily fuelled by better earnings outlook. Key risks are the derailment of Malaysia's macroeconomic recovery and corporate earnings growth due to slower global economic growth and heightened geopolitical risk.

<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.

#### SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES

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

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

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

#### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

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

## STATE OF AFFAIR OF THE FUND

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

### CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MATERIALLY AFFECT ANY INTEREST OF MEMBERS

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

#### **CROSS TRADE**

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

#### **UNIT SPLIT**

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

# STATEMENT BY THE PRS PROVIDER TO THE MEMBERS OF PRINCIPAL PRS PLUS EQUITY

We, being the Directors of Principal Asset Management Berhad (the "PRS Provider"), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the PRS Provider, the accompanying unaudited financial statements set out on pages 3 to 25 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 July 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to members and cash flows for the financial period then ended in accordance with the provisions of the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") Interim Financial Reporting and International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34 - Interim Financial Reporting.

For and on behalf of the PRS Provider

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

#### **MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN**

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

Kuala Lumpur 23 September 2024

#### **UDAY JAYARAM**

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

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

## TO THE MEMBERS OF PRINCIPAL PRS PLUS EQUITY ("Fund")

We have acted as the Scheme Trustee of the Fund for the financial period ended 31 July 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 PRS Provider under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes:
- 2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the deed; and
- 3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the deed and any regulatory requirement.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

**Ng Hon Leong** Head, Fund Operations **Sylvia Beh**Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur 17 September 2024

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2024

Note   KM   KM   KM		Nata	01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023
Dividend income   16,356   Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions and current account   16,910   15,770   Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss   7   2,666,079   (416,484)   2,937,377   (239,358)	NOOME((1.000)	Note	RM	RM
Institutions and current account Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss         16,910         15,770           Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss         7         2,666,079         (416,484)           2,937,377         (239,358)           EXPENSES         Variable of the private Pension Administrator administration fee         4         3,196         2,392           Trustee fee         5         3,196         2,392           Audit fee         4,028         4,017           Tax agent's fee         2,486         2,480           Transaction costs         61,205         29,003           Other expenses         8,059         3,042           LOSS BEFORE TAXATION         2,855,207         (282,684)           Taxation         6         -         -           PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD         2,855,207         (282,684)           Profit/(Loss after taxation is made up as follows: Realised amount         1,749,499         (18,682)           Unrealised amount         1,105,708         (264,002)	Dividend income		254,388	161,356
EXPENSES         2,937,377         (239,358)           Private Pension Administrator administration fee         4         3,196         2,392           Trustee fee         5         3,196         2,392           Audit fee         4,028         4,017           Tax agent's fee         2,486         2,480           Transaction costs         61,205         29,003           Other expenses         8,059         3,042           LOSS BEFORE TAXATION         2,855,207         (282,684)           Taxation         6         -         -           PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD         2,855,207         (282,684)           Profit/(Loss after taxation is made up as follows: Realised amount         1,749,499         (18,682)           Unrealised amount         1,105,708         (264,002)	institutions and current account		16,910	15,770
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Audit fee       4,028       4,017         Tax agent's fee       2,486       2,480         Transaction costs       61,205       29,003         Other expenses       8,059       3,042         82,170       43,326         LOSS BEFORE TAXATION       2,855,207       (282,684)         Taxation       6       -       -         PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD       2,855,207       (282,684)         Profit/(Loss after taxation is made up as follows:       1,749,499       (18,682)         Unrealised amount       1,749,499       (18,682)         Unrealised amount       1,105,708       (264,002)	Private Pension Administrator administration fee	4	3,196	2,392
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			2,855,207	(282,684)

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 JULY 2024

		31.07.2024	31.01.2024 Audited
	Note	RM	RM
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	8	398,794	853,565
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Amount due from the PRS Provider	7	17,089,833	13,436,687
- creation of units		28,939	24,570
Amount due from stockbrokers		-	103,750
Dividends receivable		-	1,718
Tax recoverable		55	55
TOTAL ASSETS		17,517,621	14,420,345
LIABILITIES Amount due to the PRS Provider			
- cancellation of units		1,826	29,656
Amount due to Private Pension Administrator		596	476
Amount due to Trustee		596	476
Other payables and accruals  TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS		15,914	17,501
ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS)		18,932	48,109
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		17,498,689	14,372,236
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		17,498,689	14,372,236
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS			
- CLASS A		9,446,513	7,994,834
- CLASS C		2,578,275	1,903,762
- CLASS X		5,473,901	4,473,640
		17,498,689	14,372,236
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCUITATION (UNITS)			
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS) - CLASS A		13,022,291	13,187,141
- CLASS A		3,554,091	3,139,988
- CLASS X		7,545,790	7,378,893
	9	24,122,172	23,706,022
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (RM)			
- CLASS A		0.7254	0.6062
- CLASS C		0.7254	0.6062
- CLASS X	:	0.7254	0.6062

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023
	RM	RM
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	14,372,236	12,302,202
Movement due to units created and cancelled		
during the financial period:		
Creation of units from applications		
- Class A	245,488	140,891
- Class C	614,877	55,046
- Class X	146,996	241,621
	1,007,361	437,558
Cancellation of units		
- Class A	(360,687)	(77,847)
- Class C	(341,539)	(22,089)
- Class X	(33,889)	(39,370)
	(736,115)	(139,306)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial		
period	2,855,207	(282,684)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		
AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	17,498,689	12,317,770

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Note	01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024 RM	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of quoted securities		8,387,846	4,126,529
Purchase of quoted securities		(9,332,368)	(4,208,973)
Interest received from deposits with licensed financial			
institutions and current account		16,910	15,770
Dividend income received		254,103	161,367
Private Pension Administrator administration fee paid		(3,077)	(2,398)
Trustee fee paid		(3,077)	(2,398)
Payments for other fees and expenses	_	(14,157)	(2,552)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating		(	
activities	_	(693,820)	87,345
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
		1 002 002	426 400
Cash proceeds from units created		1,002,993	436,109
Payments for cancellation of units	-	(763,944)	(130,944)
Net cash generated from financing activities	=	239,049	305,165
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the		(454,771)	392,510
financial period		853,565	644,534
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	8	398,794	1,037,044
period	-	330,734	1,007,044
Cash and cash equivalents comprised of:			
Deposit with licensed financial institution		365,032	1,004,085
Bank balance		33,762	32,959
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of financial	_		
period	8 _	398,794	1,037,044

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

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

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

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

The Fund is managed to achieve a defined target return over the long-term through investments in the domestic market. The Fund will invest between 70% to 99.8% (both inclusive) of the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV") in equities.

However, the Fund may take temporary defensive positions that may detract from the Fund's prescribed asset allocation when we believe that the equity market is experiencing excessive volatility, expected prolonged declines or when the outlook of the equity market is unfavourable. Under these circumstances, the Fund may reduce its equity exposure and increase its investment in money market instruments to protect the Fund's investment objective in bearish or non-performing equity market.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- Between 70% to 99.8% (both inclusive) of the Fund's NAV will be invested in equities;
- At least 0.2% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purpose.

Principal Asset Management (S) Pte Ltd ("Principal Singapore") was appointed as the Sub-Adviser of the Fund. Principal Singapore will provide investment research and stock recommendation to Principal Malaysia in accordance with the investment objective and within the investment restrictions of the Fund.

All investments are subjected to the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC") Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes ("PRS"), SC requirements, the Deeds, except where exemptions or variations have been approved by the SC, internal policies and procedures and the Fund's objective.

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

#### 2. 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 PRS Provider to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the PRS Provider's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

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

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial period beginning on 1 February 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 August 2024 are applicable to the Fund.

#### Classification

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

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

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

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely 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.

## 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

## Classification (continued)

The Fund classifies cash and cash equivalents, amount due from the PRS Provider – creation of units, and dividends receivable 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.

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 quoted securities for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the quoted securities are valued as determined in good faith by the PRS Provider, based on the methods or basis 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.

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

#### 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

### Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

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

## Significant increase in credit risk

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

## Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

#### 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 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 quoted securities, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

## 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (d) Functional and presentation currency

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

## (e) Members' contributions

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

The Fund issues cancellable units, in three classes of units, known respectively as the Class A, Class C and Class X, which are cancelled at the member's option and do not have identical features subject to restrictions as stipulated in the Disclosure Document and SC Guidelines on PRS. The units are classified as financial liabilities. Cancellable units can be reinvested to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV of respective classes. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of statement of financial position if the member exercises the right to reinvest the unit to the Fund.

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

## (f) Transactions cost

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, advisors, brokers and dealers. Transaction costs, when incurred, are immediately recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as expenses.

## (g) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balance and deposit 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.

## (h) 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.

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

## (i) Amount due from/to stockbrokers

Amount due from/to stockbrokers represent receivables for investments sold and payables for investments purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled on the statement of financial position date respectively. The amount due from dealer/stockbroker balance is held for collection.

#### 2. MATERIALACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 3. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide capital growth over the long-term by investing in the domestic market.

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

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

## (a) Market risk

## (i) Price risk

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

### (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.

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

## (a) Market risk (continued)

## (ii) Interest rate risk (continued)

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.

## (b) Credit risk

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

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

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

#### (c) Liquidity risk

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

The PRS Provider manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of the units by members. Liquid assets comprise bank balances and deposits with licensed financial institutions, 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 PRS Provider 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 potential.

## 3. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (COMTINUED)

### (d) Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by net asset attributable to members. The amount of net asset attributable to members can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of members. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns to members and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

### (e) Fair value estimation

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

The fair values of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial period end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the PRS Provider will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of the fair value.

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

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

## (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.

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

### (e) Fair value estimation

## (i) Fair value hierarchy

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

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

	Level 1 RM	Level 2 RM	Level 3 RM	Total RM
31.07.2024 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted securities	17,089,833			17,089,833
31.01.2024 Audited Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
<ul> <li>Quoted securities</li> </ul>	13,436,687			13,436,687

Quoted securities 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 the PRS Provider - creation of units, dividends receivable and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short-term nature.

## 4. MANAGEMENT FEE AND PRIVATE PENSION ADMINISTRATOR ADMINISTRATION FEE

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

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

Class A	Class C	Class X
1.40%	1.50%	1.40%

Nonetheless, no management fee is charged on the Fund for the financial period as the management fee has been waived by the PRS Provider.

# 4. MANAGEMENT FEE AND PRIVATE PENSION ADMINISTRATOR ADMINISTRATION FEE (CONTINUED)

The Private Pension Administrator administration fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% per annum (31.07.2023: 0.04% per annum) for each unit class, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund.

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

#### 5. TRUSTEE FEE

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to a maximum fee of 0.04% per annum for each unit class, calculated daily based on the NAV of the Fund. The Trustee fee includes local custodian fees but excluding foreign custodian fee and charges (if any).

For the six months financial period ended 31 July 2024, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.04% per annum (31.07.2023: 0.04% per annum) for each unit class.

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

#### 6. TAXATION

	01.02.2024	01.02.2023
	to 31.07.2024	to 31.07.2023
	RM	RM
Tax charged for the financial period:		
- Current taxation		

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

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

	01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024 RM	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023 RM
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	2,855,207	(282,684)
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (31.07.2023: 24%)  Tax effects of: - Loss not deductible for tax purposes/(Investment	685,250	(67,844)
income not subject to tax)	(704,970)	57,446
<ul> <li>Expenses not deductible for tax purposes</li> <li>Restriction on tax deductible expenses for PRS</li> </ul>	18,710	9,391
Funds	1,010	1,007
Taxation		

			31.07.2024	31.01.2024 Audited
At fair value through profit or	loss:		RM	RM
- Quoted securities			17,089,833	13,436,687
		to	01.02.2024 31.07.2024 RM	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023 RM
Net loss on financial assets a profit or loss:	t fair value throu	ıgh		
<ul> <li>Realised (loss)/gain on disposition</li> <li>Unrealised fair value loss</li> </ul>	posals	_	1,560,371 1,105,708 2,666,079	(152,484) (264,000) (416,484)
Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
31.07.2024 QUOTED SECURITIES				
Construction IJM Corporation Bhd	103,500	236,619	362,250	2.07
Consumer Products & Services				
Johor Plantations Group	395,700	349,073	366,023	2.09
Genting Malaysia Bhd	96,900	305,289	251,940	1.44
Karex Bhd Mr D.I.Y. Group (Malaysia)	494,700	386,374	408,128	2.33
Bhd	491,500	869,096	1,032,150	5.90
	1,478,800	1,909,832	2,058,241	11.76
Energy				
Dialog Group Bhd	519,100	1,124,239	1,318,514	7.53
Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd Yinson Holdings Bhd -	116,720	340,144	281,295	1.61
Warrant	218,100	96,099	89,421	0.51
	853,920	1,560,482	1,689,230	9.65
Financial Services				
AMMB Holding Bhd	182,500	748,250	823,075	4.70
Public Bank Bhd	110,900	466,717	466,889	2.67
Well Chip Group Bhd	460,900	766,664	801,966	4.58
•	754,300	1,981,631	2,091,930	11.95
Health Care				
Hartalega Holding Bhd	262,900	490,004	801,845	4.58
Kossan Rubber Industries	122,600	222,186	259,912	1.49

Name of counter  31.07.2024 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
Health Care (continued)				
Top Glove Corp Bhd	581,700	711,506	599,151	3.42
-	967,200	1,423,696	1,660,908	9.49
Industrial Products & Services				
KJTS Group Bhd	471,600	334,176	351,342	2.01
Plantation	,			
SD Guthrie Bhd	82,600	354,949	369,222	2.11
Property				
Eastern and Oriental Bhd	290,500	181,418	277,427	1.59
Iskandar Waterfront City Bhd	377,400	284,164	269,841	1.54
Sime Darby Property Bhd	656,100	829,249	1,036,638	5.92
-	1,324,000	1,294,831	1,583,906	9.05
REITs				
Axis REIT	172,939	320,191	313,019	1.79
-	2,000			
Technology				
Cloudpoint Technology Bhd	748,000	737,992	703,120	4.02
ECA Integrated Solution Bhd	1,231,600	543,410	504,956	2.89
Genetec Technology Bhd	286,500	728,750	615,975	3.52
ITMAX System Bhd	157,700	228,455	496,755	2.84
My Eg Services Bhd	662,537	666,216	655,912	3.75
<u>-</u>	3,086,337	2,904,823	2,976,718	17.02
Telecommunications & Media				
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	141,100	842,577	983,467	5.62
<u>-</u>	_			
Transportation/Logistics Malaysia Airports Holding				
Bhd	93,200	718,596	954,368	5.45
Utilities				
Tenaga Nasional Bhd	120,400	1,157,235	1,695,232	9.69

Name of counter	Quantity	Aggregate cost	Market value	Percentage of NAV
31.07.2024 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)	Units	RM	RM	%
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	9,649,896	15,039,638	17,089,833	97.66
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		2,050,195		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		17,089,833		
31.01.2024 Audited QUOTED SECURITIES				
Construction				
Gamuda Bhd IJM Corporation Bhd	25,438 65,300	99,281 146,448	128,462 146,272	0.89 1.02
isiwi Corporation Brid	90,738	245,729	274,734	1.91
Consumer Products & Services				
Genting Bhd	96,900	305,289	261,630	1.82
Karex Bhd	494,700	386,374	398,234	2.77
Mr D.I.Y. Group (Malaysia) Bhd	119,700	187,241	165,186	1.15
2.10	711,300	878,904	825,050	5.74
Energy				
Bumi Armada Bhd	907,900	507,594	508,424	3.54
Dialog Group Bhd Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd	76,600	153,921	140,178	0.98
Wah Seong Corporation Bhd	221,920	646,716	588,088	4.09
Wan doong dorporation bind	426,200	466,412	532,750	3.71
Yinson Holdings Bhd	128,500	258,748	330,245	2.30
Yinson Holdings Bhd - Warrant	355,900	156,817	177,950	1.23
vvairant	2,117,020	2,190,208	2,277,635	15.85
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Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost RM	Market value RM	Percentage of NAV %
31.01.2024 Audited (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
Financial Services				
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	217,990	1,106,341	1,358,078	9.45
Public Bank Bhd	110,900	466,717	486,851	3.39
<u>-</u>	328,890	1,573,058	1,844,929	12.84
Health Care				
Hartalega Holding Bhd	333,100	620,846	912,694	6.35
Kossan Rubber Industries	45,400	63,492	93,070	0.65
	378,500	684,338	1,005,764	7.00
Industrial Products & Services Press Metal Aluminium				
Holdings Bhd	92,100	568,216	436,554	3.04
Sunway Bhd	258,500	504,422	692,780	4.82
_	350,600	1,072,638	1,129,334	7.86
Dranarty				
Property Eastern and Oriental Bhd Eco World Development	558,900	349,034	500,216	3.48
Group Bhd	53,600	48,344	70,752	0.49
Iskandar Waterfront City Bhd	377,400	284,164	315,129	2.19
_	989,900	681,542	886,097	6.16
DEIT-	_		_	
REITS Axis REIT	172,939	320,191	307,831	2.14
Pavilion REIT	307,300	374,906	399,490	2.78
-	480,239	695,097	707,321	4.92
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Technology				
CTOS Digital Bhd	278,100	430,409	392,121	2.72
Genetec Technology Bhd	286,500	728,750	544,350	3.79
ITMAX System Bhd	272,500	394,762	545,000	3.79
My E.G. Services Bhd	461,937	462,891	360,311	2.51
-	1,299,037	2,016,812	1,841,782	12.81
Telecommunications & Media				
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	82,800	484,786	490,176	3.41
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Name of counter  31.01.2024 Audited (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)	Quantity Units	Aggregate cos RM	t value	Percentage of NAV %
<b>Utilities</b> Tenaga Nasional Bhd	120,400	1,157,235	5 1,290,687	8.98
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	7,063,824	12,492,200	13,436,687	93.49
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS  TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE		944,487	<u>,                                     </u>	
THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		13,436,687	<b>,</b> =	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVA	LENTS			
			31.07.2024	31.01.2024 Audited
			RM	RM
Deposit with licensed financians	al institution		365,032 33,762	833,073 20,492
		_	398,794	853,565
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIR	CULATION (UN	ITS)		
		_	01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024	01.02.2023 to 31.01.2024 Audited
Class A (i)			No. of units 13,022,291	<b>No. of units</b> 13,187,141
Class C (ii) Class X (iii)			3,554,091 7,545,790	3,139,988 7,378,893
		_	24,122,172	23,706,022

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

		01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024 No. of units	01.02.2023 to 31.01.2024 Audited No. of units
	(i) Class A		
	At the beginning of the financial period/year Add: Creation of units from applications Less: Cancellation of units At the end of the financial period/year	13,187,141 377,418 (542,268) 13,022,291	13,102,199 851,746 (766,804) 13,187,141
	(ii) Class C		
	At the beginning of the financial period/year Add: Creation of units from applications Less: Cancellation of units At the end of the financial period/year	3,139,988 901,969 (487,866) 3,554,091	2,745,799 521,977 (127,788) 3,139,988
	(iii) Class X		
	At the beginning of the financial period/year Add: Creation of units from applications Less: Cancellation of units At the end of the financial period/year	7,378,893 219,911 (53,014) 7,545,790	6,761,254 752,047 (134,408) 7,378,893
10.	TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")		
		01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023
	TER	0.12	0.11

TER is derived from the following calculation:

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

A = Private Pension Administrator administration fee

B = Trustee fee C = Audit fee

D = Tax agent's fee

E = Other expenses excluding withholding tax

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 RM16, 060,974 (31.07.2023: RM12,063,843 ).

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

	01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024	01.02.2023 to 31.07.2023
PTR (times)	0.55	0.32

#### 11. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR") (CONTINUED)

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

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

where:

total acquisition for the financial period = RM9,300,821 (31.07.2022: RM3,701,947) total disposal for the financial period = RM8,313,754 (31.07.2022: RM3,937,259)

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

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

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

CIMB Group Sdn Bhd Shareholder of the PRS Provider

CIMB Bank Bhd Fellow related party to the PRS Provider

CIMB Investment Bank Bhd Fellow related party to the PRS Provider

CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd Fellow related party to the PRS Provider

Subsidiaries and associates of CIMB Group Holdings Bhd, other than above, as disclosed in its financial statements

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

Provider

## Units held by the PRS Provider and parties related to the PRS Provider

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

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

Units held by the PRS Provider and parties related to the PRS Provider (continued)

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

	31.07.2024	31.01.2024 Audited
	RM	RM
Significant related party balance:		
Quoted security:		
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd		1,358,078
	01.02.2024	01.02.2023
	to 31.07.2024	to 31.07.2023
Significant related party transactions		
Dividend income:		
- CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	55,587	23,061

#### 13. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the six months financial period ended 31 July 2024 were as follows:

		Percentage		Percentage of total
	Value of	of total	Brokerage	brokerage
Brokers	trades	trades	fees	fees
	RM	%	RM	%
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd CGS International Securities	3,472,527	19.71	7,895	20.61
Malaysia Sdn Bhd Hong Leong Investment Bank	2,857,244	16.22	5,218	13.62
Bhd	2,580,910	14.65	5,809	15.17
CLSA Securities (M) Sdn Bhd Nomura Securities Malaysia Sdn	1,843,710	10.47	4,485	11.71
Bhd	1,839,500	10.44	4,139	10.80
KAF Equities Sdn Bhd Affin Hwang Investment Bank	1,587,571	9.01	3,264	8.52
Bhd	1,122,457	6.37	2,526	6.59
RHB Investment Bank Bhd J.P. Morgan Securities (M) Sdn	968,026	5.50	2,180	5.69
Bhd Macquarie Capital Securities (M)	464,407	2.64	776	2.02
Sdn Bhd	387,491	2.20	872	2.28
Others	490,732	2.79	1,144	2.99
	17,614,575	100.00	38,308	100.00

## 13. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS (CONTINUED)

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the six months financial period ended 31 July 2023 were as follows:

Brokers	Value of trades RM	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage fees RM	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
CLSA Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	1,909,657	25.00	4,305	25.98
UBS Securities (M) Sdn Bhd Macquarie Capital Sec (M) Sdn	1,384,463	18.12	3,091	18.65
Bhd	1,278,247	16.73	2,895	17.47
J.P. Morgan Sec (M) Sdn Bhd	1,015,432	13.29	1,581	9.54
CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd #	867,349	11.35	2,045	12.34
KAF Equities Sdn Bhd	348,871	4.57	787	4.75
Credit Suisse Sec (M) Sdn Bhd Hong Leong Investment Bank	257,272	3.37	579	3.49
Bhd	225,900	2.96	508	3.07
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd	186,035	2.44	452	2.73
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	106,619	1.40	328	1.98
Kenanga Investment Bank Bhd	59,360	0.77		
	7,639,205	100.00	16,571	100.00

<sup>#</sup> Included in the transactions are trades conducted with CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd, fellow related party to the PRS Provider, amounting to nil (2022: RM867,349). The PRS Provider is of the opinion that all transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

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