

Principal US High Conviction Equity Fund

Annual Report

For The Financial Year Ended 30 September 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 Annual Fund Report of the Principal US High Conviction Equity Fund for the financial year ended 30 September 2024. You may also download this report from our website at www.principal.com.my.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT**FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY****What is the investment objective of the Fund?**

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term through investments in United States of America equities.

Has the Fund achieved its objective?

The fund is in line to achieve its medium to long-term objective to achieve capital appreciation as stated in the investment objective section.

What are the Fund investment policy and principal investment strategy?

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in United States of America ("USA") equities and other equity related securities by focusing its investment primarily in companies with market capitalization of not more than USD 30 billion and a part of the Fund's NAV in companies with market capitalization of more than USD 30 billion. The investment universe includes listed securities as well as initial public offerings. The Fund is expected to have a growth bias overall, including both growth and value-oriented companies over time. The Fund may also opt to seek investment exposure via collective investment scheme ("CIS") that is in line with the Fund's objective, subject to the requirements of the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds ("GUTF") issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC"). The Fund will also invest in liquid assets such as money market instruments and/or Deposits for liquidity purpose.

The asset allocation strategy for the Fund is as follows:

- Minimum 70% of the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") will be invested into equities and other equity related securities; and
- The balance of the Fund's NAV will be invested in money market instruments and/ or Deposits.

Base Currency

United States Dollar ("USD")

Fund category/type

Equity/Growth

When was the Fund launched?

Name of Class	Launch Date
Class MYR ("MYR")	12 January 2022
Class MYR-Hedged ("MYR-H")	12 January 2022
Class SGD ("SGD")	12 January 2022
Class USD	12 January 2022

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

USD8.90 million (31.48 million units)

What is the Fund's benchmark?

Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") U.S Small Cap Index

Note: The benchmark is for performance comparison purpose only. You are cautioned that the risk profile of the Fund is different from the benchmark. Information on the benchmark can be obtained from <https://www.msci.com/indexes>.

What is the Fund distribution policy?

Given the Fund's objective, the class(es) of the Fund is not expected to pay any distribution. Distributions, if any, are at the Manager's discretion and will vary from period to period depending on the performance of the Fund.

What was the net income distribution for financial year ended 30 September 2024?

There was no distribution made for the financial year ended 30 September 2024.

PERFORMANCE DATA

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

	30.09.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	%	%	%
Collective Investment Schemes	20.08	89.50	89.99
Quoted securities			
- Communication Services	1.24	-	-
- Consumer Discretionary	4.83	-	-
- Consumer Staples	4.37	-	-
- Financials	24.05	-	-
- Health Care	25.41	-	-
- Industrials	28.71	-	-
- Information Technology	4.56	-	-
- Materials	0.56	-	-
- Utilities	6.22	-	-
Cash and other assets	109.26	13.78	12.58
Liabilities	(129.30)	(3.28)	(2.57)
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

	30.09.2024	30.09.2023	12.01.2022 (date of launch) to 30.09.2022
NAV (USD Million)			
- Class MYR	2.35	0.67	0.49
- Class MYR-H	5.62	2.13	0.20
- Class SGD	0.31	0.04	0.00*
- Class USD	0.62	0.00*	0.00*
Units in circulation (Million)			
- Class MYR	8.76	3.07	2.38
- Class MYR-H	21.78	11.23	1.11
- Class SGD	0.38	0.06	0.00*
- Class USD	0.56	0.00*	0.00*
NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class MYR	0.2676	0.2174	0.2046
- Class MYR-H	0.2579	0.1899	0.1843
- Class SGD	0.8279	0.6720	0.6320
- Class USD	1.1214	0.9100	0.8570
Highest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class MYR	0.2681	0.2431	0.2524
- Class MYR-H	0.2575	0.2379	0.2518
- Class SGD	0.8287	0.7514	0.7797
- Class USD	1.1225	1.0172	1.0562
Lowest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class MYR	0.2024	0.2061	0.2046
- Class MYR-H	0.1731	0.1830	0.1843
- Class SGD	0.6258	0.6367	0.0000

PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)

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

	30.09.2024	30.09.2023	12.01.2022 (date of launch) to 30.09.2022
Lowest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class USD	0.8473	0.8624	0.0000
Total return (%)			
- Class MYR	8.05	7.50	(5.10)
- Class MYR-H	19.14	4.22	(14.51)
- Class SGD	15.87	1.06	(9.45)
- Class USD	23.01	6.21	(14.34)
Capital growth (%)			
- Class MYR	8.05	7.50	(5.10)
- Class MYR-H	19.14	4.22	(14.51)
- Class SGD	15.87	1.06	(9.45)
- Class USD	23.01	6.21	(14.34)
Income distribution (%)			
- Class MYR	-	-	-
- Class MYR-H	-	-	-
- Class SGD	-	-	-
- Class USD	-	-	-
Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%) ^	2.11	2.17	1.86
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #	1.94	0.82	0.93

Note 0.00* denotes allocation less than USD0.01 million.

^ The fund's TER decrease from 2.17% to 2.11 due to higher average NAV during the financial year under review.

The PTR for the fund increased from 0.82 times to 1.94 times during the financial year under review. As a feeder fund, the turnover reflects the investments and withdrawals in the target fund.

	30.09.2024	30.09.2023	Since inception to 30.09.2022
	%	%	%
Annual total return			
- Class MYR	8.05	7.50	(5.10)
- Class MYR-H	19.14	4.22	(14.51)
- Class SGD	15.87	1.06	(9.45)
- Class USD	23.01	6.21	(14.34)

(Launch date: 12 January 2022)

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

MARKET REVIEW (1 OCTOBER 2023 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024)

The equity market was marked by significant volatility during the financial year, driven by global economic uncertainties, escalating geopolitical tensions, and persistent inflation. Following a strong performance in the final quarter in 2023, investor sentiment shifted as concerns over rising interest rates and their impact on corporate earnings came to the forefront. As the market grappled with these challenges, sector performance became increasingly divergent, highlighting underlying strengths and weaknesses in various industries.

The technology sector emerged as a key performer during this period, benefiting from robust demand for cloud services and advancements in artificial intelligence. Innovations in biotechnology and telehealth services also fueled growth in the healthcare sector, making it the top contributor to overall market performance. Companies focusing on novel treatments and those involved in pandemic response efforts saw considerable gains, driven by a strong demand for effective healthcare solutions.

In contrast, the energy and industrial sectors faced substantial headwinds. Volatile oil prices, influenced by global supply chain disruptions and fluctuating demand forecasts, put pressure on energy companies. Meanwhile, industrial firms struggled with project delays and a challenging labor market, which negatively impacted growth and profitability. This divergence in performance underscored the complex interplay of economic factors affecting different sectors.

As central banks adjusted their policies in response to these challenges, market dynamics were influenced by the delicate balance between sustaining economic growth and addressing inflationary pressures.

FUND PERFORMANCE

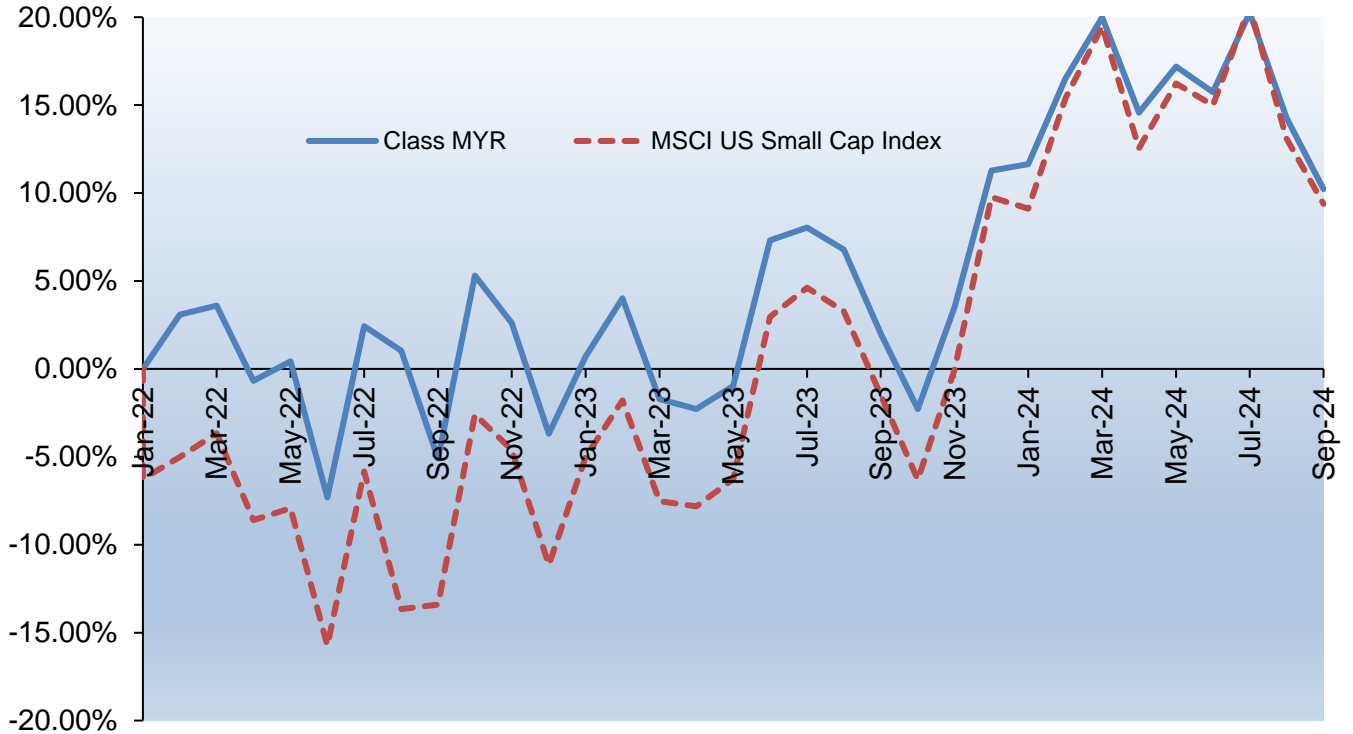
	1 year to 30.09.2024 %	Since inception to 30.09.2024 %
Income Distribution		
- Class MYR	-	-
- Class MYR-H	-	-
- Class SGD	-	-
- Class USD	-	-
Capital Growth		
- Class MYR	8.05	10.23
- Class MYR-H	19.14	6.15
- Class SGD	15.87	6.03
- Class USD	23.01	11.91
Total Return		
- Class MYR	8.05	10.23
- Class MYR-H	19.14	6.15
- Class SGD	15.87	6.03
- Class USD	23.01	11.91
Benchmark		
- Class MYR	11.04	9.38
- Class MYR-H	26.43	11.04
- Class SGD	18.75	5.66
- Class USD	26.43	11.04
Average Total Return		
- Class MYR	8.05	3.65
- Class MYR-H	19.14	2.22
- Class SGD	15.87	2.18
- Class USD	23.01	4.23

FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

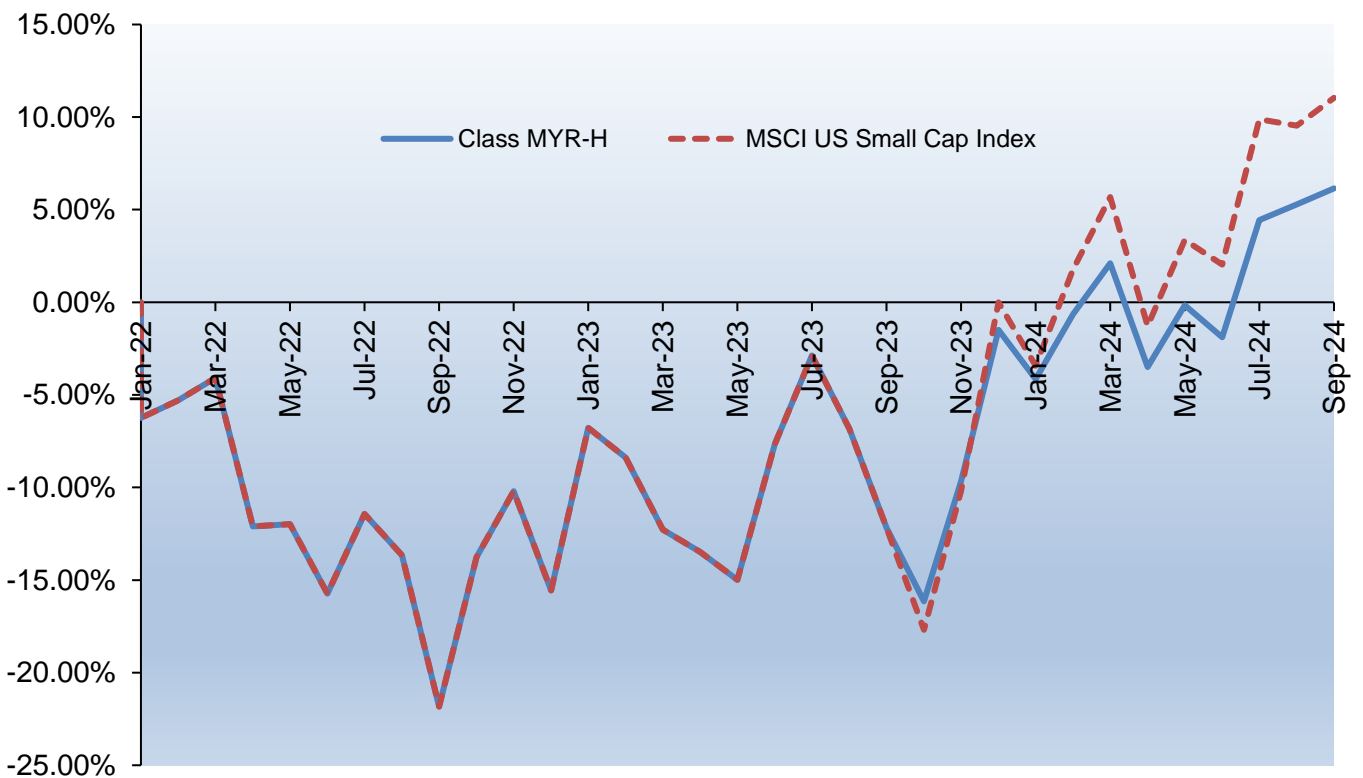
The fund's returned positively for all classes during the financial year under review. Class MYR, Class MYR-H, Class SGD, and Class USD increased by 8.05%, 19.14%, 15.87%, and 23.01%, while the benchmark returned 11.04%, 26.43%, 18.75%, and 26.43% respectively.

Since Inception

Class MYR



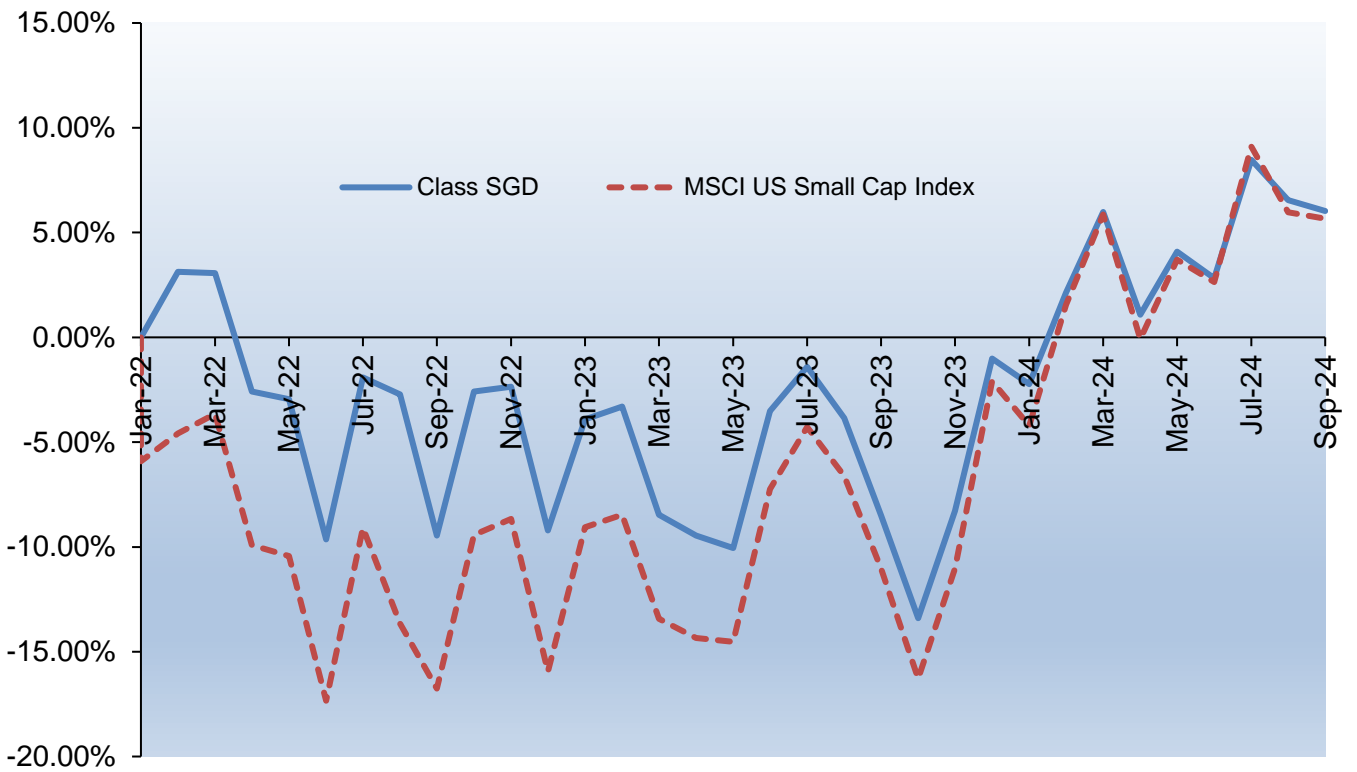
Class MYR-H



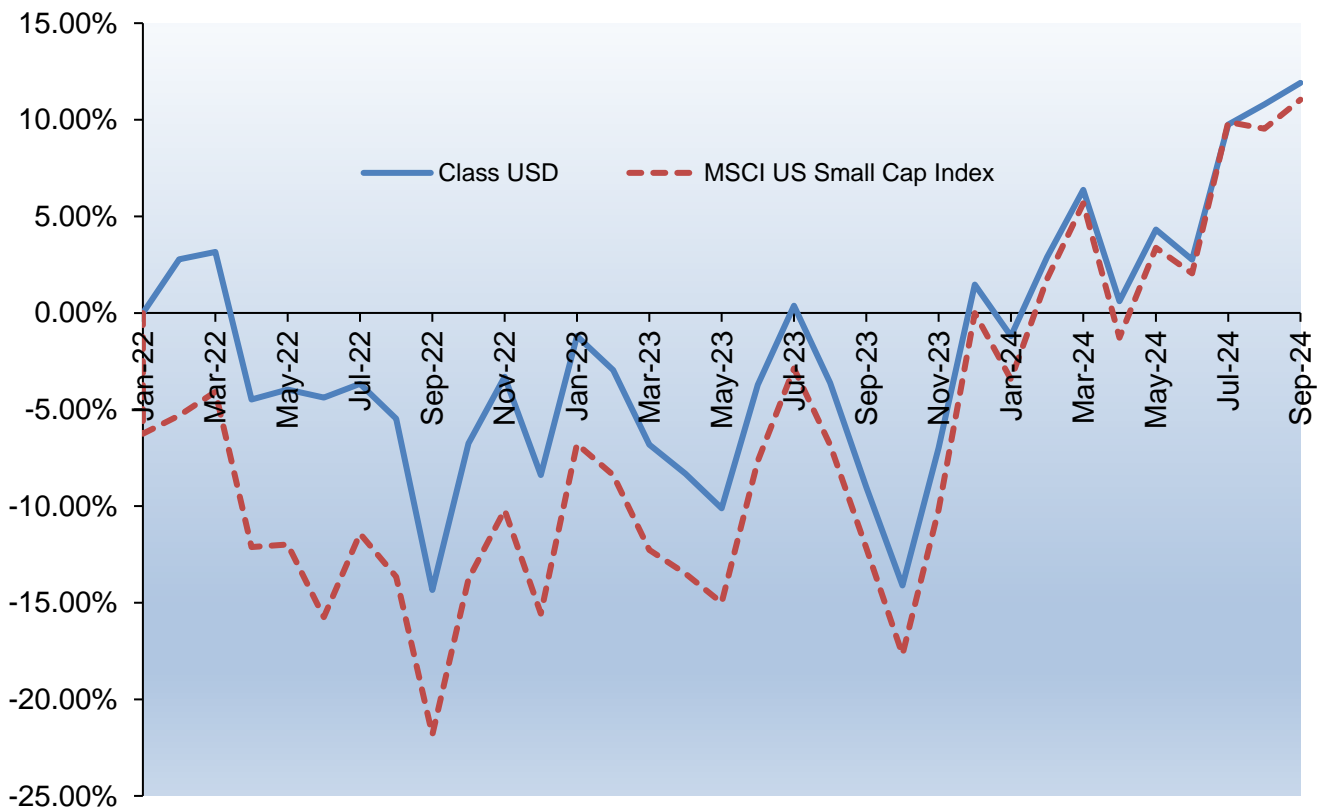
FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Since Inception

Class SGD



Class USD



FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)
Changes in NAV

	30.09.2024	30.09.2023	Changes
CLASS MYR			
			%
NAV (USD Million)	2.35	0.67	>100.00
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.2676	0.2174	23.09
CLASS MYR-H			
NAV (USD Million)	5.62	2.13	>100.00
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.2579	0.1899	35.81
CLASS SGD			
NAV (USD Million)	0.31	0.04	>100.00
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.8279	0.6720	23.20
CLASS USD			
NAV (USD Million)	0.62	0.00*	>100.00
NAV/Unit (USD)	1.1214	0.9100	23.23

Note 0.00* denotes allocation less than USD0.01 million.

For the financial year under review, the fund's NAV for Class MYR, Class MYR-H, Class SGD, and Class USD increased over 100%.

In addition, the NAV per unit for Class MYR, Class MYR-H, Class SGD, and Class USD increased by 23.09%, 35.81%, 23.20%, and 23.23% respectively during the same period under review.

At the time of reporting, Class MYR has the highest total NAV, stood at USD 2.35 million.

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

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE
Asset allocation

(% of NAV)	30.09.2024	30.09.2023
Collective investment schemes	20.08	89.50
Quoted Securities	99.96	-
Cash and other assets	109.26	13.78
Liabilities	(129.30)	(3.28)
Total	100.00	100.00

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

MARKET OUTLOOK*

Anticipation is building in the equity markets regarding potential interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. Such cuts could indicate an easing of inflation or, conversely, an unexpected slowdown in economic growth. The implications of these decisions will significantly influence market sentiment and sector performance. As the economic landscape evolves, close attention should be given to the underlying drivers of change that affect various industries.

A focus on identifying companies poised for positive, durable change remains essential. The emphasis should be on businesses capable of adapting to shifting economic conditions and continuing to deliver valuable solutions and services to consumers, enterprises, and governments. Amid the uncertainty, companies demonstrating resilience and innovation will likely stand out as key differentiators in stock performance, reinforcing the importance of a disciplined investment approach throughout the market cycle.

* 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") are based on data obtained from sources believed to be reliable by Principal Malaysia. Whilst every care has been taken in preparing this, Principal Malaysia makes no guarantee, representation or warranty and is under no circumstances liable for any loss or damage caused by reliance on, any opinion, advice or statement made in this market outlook.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES

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

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

During the financial year under review, the Manager and Trustee did not receive any rebates from the brokers or dealers but the Manager has retained soft commission in the form of goods and services for the benefit of the fund such as financial wire services and stock quotations system incidental to investment management of the Funds and there was no churning of trades.

SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

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

STATE OF AFFAIR OF THE FUND

In relation to this Fund, the Fund had issued the First Supplemental Master Prospectus dated 27 October 2023.

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

CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MATERIALLY AFFECT ANY INTEREST OF UNIT HOLDERS

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

CROSS TRADE

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

UNIT SPLIT

No unit split exercise have been carried out during the financial year under review.

**STATEMENT BY MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL US HIGH CONVICTION 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 audited financial statements set out on pages 7 to 34 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 September 2024 and of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to unit holders and cash flows for the financial year ended in accordance with the provisions of the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

For and on behalf of the Manager

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

MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN

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

UDAY JAYARAM

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

Kuala Lumpur
15 November 2024

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

**TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL US HIGH CONVICTION EQUITY FUND ("Fund")**

We have acted as Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 30 September 2024 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, Principal Asset Management Berhad has operated and managed the Fund during the year 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

Yap Lay Guat
Manager, Investment Compliance Monitoring

Kuala Lumpur
15 November 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL US HIGH CONVICTION EQUITY FUND**

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Principal US High Conviction Equity Fund (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2024 of the Fund, and statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to unit holders and statement of cash flows of the Fund for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages 7 to 34.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 September 2024, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for opinion

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

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL US HIGH CONVICTION EQUITY FUND (CONT'D.)**

Report on the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

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

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the Manager and the Trustee for the financial statements

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL US HIGH CONVICTION EQUITY FUND (CONT'D.)**

Report on the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF
PRINCIPAL US HIGH CONVICTION EQUITY FUND (CONT'D.)**

Other matters

This report is made solely to the Unit Holders of the Fund, as a body, in accordance with the Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

Ernst & Young PLT
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Chartered Accountants

Yeo Beng Yean
No. 03013/10/2026 J
Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
15 November 2024

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
INCOME/(LOSS)			
Dividend income		74,373	23,582
Interest income		3,692	786
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	1,018,241	(2,599)
Net gain/(loss) on derivatives at fair value through profit or loss	8	550,538	(81,000)
Net gain/(loss) on foreign exchange		46,587	(7,248)
		<u>1,693,431</u>	<u>(66,479)</u>
EXPENSES			
Management fee	4	95,924	28,795
Trustee and custodian fees	5	2,398	887
Transaction costs		678	945
Audit fee		2,362	2,354
Tax agent's fee		1,402	1,457
Other expenses		10,267	1,112
		<u>113,031</u>	<u>35,550</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		1,580,400	(102,029)
Taxation	6	<u>(7,787)</u>	<u>(12,802)</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>1,572,613</u>	<u>(114,831)</u>
Profit/(loss) after taxation is made up as follows:			
Realised amount		1,177,374	(107,960)
Unrealised amount		395,239	(6,871)
		<u>1,572,613</u>	<u>(114,831)</u>

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

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	1,608,561	295,968
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	75,180	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	10,680,261	2,541,925
Amount due from dealers		439,052	38,661
Amount due from the Manager		426,710	51,483
Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme			
- Sale of collective investment scheme		7,158,156	-
Dividend receivable		3,735	5,254
Tax recoverable		9,850	-
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>20,401,505</u>	<u>2,933,291</u>
LIABILITIES			
Derivative liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	8	-	1,196
Amount due to dealers		437,306	38,659
Amount due to Manager		2,151,407	42,514
Amount due to Manager of collective investment scheme			
- Purchase of collective investment scheme		8,896,397	-
Accrued management fee		14,303	4,208
Amount due to Trustee		358	105
Deferred tax liabilities		-	1,261
Tax payable		-	1,468
Other payables and accruals		4,453	3,805
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)		<u>11,504,224</u>	<u>93,216</u>
NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND		<u>8,897,281</u>	<u>2,840,075</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		<u>8,897,281</u>	<u>2,840,075</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS			
- Class MYR		2,344,739	667,676
- Class MYR-H		5,618,415	2,131,462
- Class SGD		312,600	40,027
- Class USD		621,527	910
		<u>8,897,281</u>	<u>2,840,075</u>

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

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)			
- Class MYR		8,762,307	3,071,266
- Class MYR-H		21,782,324	11,226,297
- Class SGD		377,600	59,561
- Class USD		554,244	1,000
	10	<u>31,476,475</u>	<u>14,358,124</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)			
- Class MYR		0.2676	0.2174
- Class MYR-H		0.2579	0.1899
- Class SGD		0.8279	0.6720
- Class USD		<u>1.1214</u>	<u>0.9100</u>
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES			
- Class MYR		MYR1.1036	MYR1.0203
- Class MYR-H		MYR1.0637	MYR0.8912
- Class SGD		SGD1.0624	SGD0.9150
- Class USD		<u>USD1.1214</u>	<u>USD0.9100</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	2024 USD	2023 USD
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>2,840,075</u>	<u>692,412</u>
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial year:		
Creation of units from applications		
- Class MYR	4,433,642	570,850
- Class MYR-H	5,128,742	3,279,067
- Class SGD	331,899	43,102
- Class USD	588,769	-
	<u>10,483,052</u>	<u>3,893,019</u>
Cancellation of units		
- Class MYR	(3,037,209)	(413,893)
- Class MYR-H	(2,870,281)	(1,216,632)
- Class SGD	(84,952)	-
- Class USD	(6,017)	-
	<u>(5,998,459)</u>	<u>(1,630,525)</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year	<u>1,572,613</u>	<u>(114,831)</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u><u>8,897,281</u></u>	<u><u>2,840,075</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 USD	2023 USD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of quoted securities		-	347,400
Purchase of quoted securities		(5,381,854)	(2,268,801)
Dividend income received		75,892	18,328
Interest received from deposits		3,692	-
Management fee paid		(85,829)	(25,624)
Trustee and custodian fees paid		(2,145)	(817)
Tax paid		(4,792)	(10,780)
Payments for other fees and expenses		(14,061)	(1,119)
Net realised gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts		472,418	(83,433)
Payment of other foreign exchange (loss)/gain		(10,445)	3,621
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		<u>(4,947,124)</u>	<u>(2,021,225)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from units created		10,107,825	3,854,301
Payments for cancellation of units		(3,889,566)	(1,597,918)
Net cash generated from financing activities		<u>6,218,259</u>	<u>2,256,383</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,271,135	235,158
Effects of foreign exchange differences		41,458	(11,027)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>295,968</u>	<u>71,837</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	9	<u><u>1,608,561</u></u>	<u><u>295,968</u></u>
<u>Cash and cash equivalents comprised:</u>			
Bank balances		<u>1,608,561</u>	<u>295,968</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of financial year	9	<u><u>1,608,561</u></u>	<u><u>295,968</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Principal US High Conviction Equity Fund (the “Fund”) was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 20 August 2021 and a First Supplemental Deed dated 10 January 2023 (collectively referred to as the “Deeds”) between Principal Asset Management Berhad and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustees Berhad (the “Trustee”).

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in USA equities and other equity related securities by focusing its investment primarily in companies with market capitalization of not more than USD 30 billion and a part of the Fund’s NAV in companies with market capitalization of more than USD 30 billion. The investment universe includes listed securities as well as initial public offerings. The Fund is expected to have a growth bias overall, including both growth and value-oriented companies over time. The Fund may also opt to seek investment exposure via CIS that is in line with the Fund’s objective, subject to the requirements of the GUTF. The Fund will also invest in liquid assets such as money market instruments and/or Deposits for liquidity purpose.

The asset allocation strategy for the Fund is as follows:

- Minimum 70% of the Fund’s NAV will be invested into equities and other equity related securities; and
- The balance of the Fund’s NAV will be invested in money market instruments and/ or Deposits.

The Fund had issued the First Supplemental Master Prospectus dated 27 October 2023.

All investments are subjected to the GUTF, SC requirements, the Deed, 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 year.

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 effective for financial year beginning on 1 October 2023 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

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

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilitiesClassification

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").

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

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

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

Recognition and measurement

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

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Recognition and measurement (continued)

Financial instruments are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

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

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

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

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the quoted securities, for example during abnormal market conditions or when no market price is available, including in the event of a suspension in the quotation of the 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 Manager, based on the methods or bases approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

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

Impairment for assets carried at amortised costs

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

Significant increase in credit risk

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

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

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 year.

(c) Income recognition

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date when the right to receive payment is established.

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.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flow, cash and cash equivalent comprise bank balances which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(e) Foreign currencyFunctional and presentation currency

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

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

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

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**(e) Foreign currency (continued)**Transactions and balances

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

(f) Transaction costs

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

(g) Taxation

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

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

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

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

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

The analysis of realised and unrealised portions profit or loss after tax to unit holders as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is guided by GUTF.

(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 four classes of units, known respectively as the Class MYR, Class MYR-H, Class SGD and Class USD which are cancelled at the unit holder's option. 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 the statement of financial position if the unit holder exercises the right to reinvest the unit to the Fund.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**(j) Amount due from/to dealers**

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

(k) 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 unfavourable.

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).

(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 Fund's results and financial position are tested for sensitivity to changes in the underlying parameters.

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

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

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

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Financial instruments of the Fund are as follows:

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss USD	Financial assets at amortised cost USD	Total USD
2024			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)	-	1,608,561	1,608,561
Collective investment schemes (Note 7)	10,680,261	-	10,680,261
Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 8)	75,180	-	75,180
Amount due from dealers	-	439,052	439,052
Amount due from Manager	-	426,710	426,710
Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme	-	-	-
- Sale of collective investment scheme	-	7,158,156	7,158,156
Dividend receivable	-	3,735	3,735
	<u>10,755,441</u>	<u>9,636,214</u>	<u>20,391,655</u>
2023			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)	-	295,968	295,968
Collective investment schemes (Note 7)	2,541,925	-	2,541,925
Amount due from dealers	-	38,661	38,661
Amount due from Manager	-	51,483	51,483
Dividend receivable	-	5,254	5,254
	<u>2,541,925</u>	<u>391,366</u>	<u>2,933,291</u>

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

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term through investments in United States of America equities.

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

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

(a) Market risk

(i) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of an investment in quoted securities will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk).

The value of quoted securities may fluctuate according to the activities of individual companies, sector and overall political and economic conditions. Such fluctuation may cause the Fund's NAV and prices of units to fall as well as rise, and income produced by the Fund may also fluctuate.

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

(a) Market risk (continued)

(i) Price risk (continued)

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

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

	2024 USD	2023 USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment schemes	10,680,261	2,541,925

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and NAV to movements in price of Collective investment schemes at the end of the reporting year. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the price of the quoted securities fluctuated by 5% with all the other variables held constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the quoted securities, having regard to the historical volatility of the prices.

% Change in price of Collective investment schemes	Market value USD	Impact on profit or loss/NAV USD
2024		
-5%	10,146,248	(534,013)
0%	10,680,261	-
5%	11,214,274	534,013
2023		
-5%	2,414,829	(127,096)
0%	2,541,925	-
5%	2,669,021	127,096

(ii) Currency risk

Currency risk of the Fund is associated with investments that are quoted and/or priced in foreign currency denomination. Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of a foreign currency versus USD based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest rate differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels, and technical chart considerations.

The following table sets out the foreign currency risk concentrations arising from the denomination of the Fund's financial instruments in foreign currencies of the Fund:

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

(ii) Currency risk (continued)

	Cash and cash equivalents USD	Amount due from dealers USD	Amount due from Manager USD	Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss USD	Total USD
Financial assets					
2024					
MYR	798,406	66,889	425,200	(4,356)	1,286,139
SGD	154,697	-	-	-	154,697
	<u>953,103</u>	<u>66,889</u>	<u>425,200</u>	<u>(4,356)</u>	<u>1,440,836</u>
2023					
MYR	86,418	-	51,483	-	137,901
SGD	867	-	-	-	867
	<u>87,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,768</u>
	Net assets attributable to unit holders USD	Derivative liabilities at fair value through profit or loss USD	Amount due to dealers USD	Amount due to Manager USD	Total USD
Financial liabilities					
2024					
MYR	7,948,891	-	370,429	2,151,407	10,470,727
SGD	312,040	-	-	-	312,040
	<u>8,260,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>370,429</u>	<u>2,151,407</u>	<u>10,782,767</u>
2023					
MYR	14,297,563	1,246	38,659	42,514	14,379,982
SGD	59,561	-	-	-	59,561
	<u>14,357,124</u>	<u>1,246</u>	<u>38,659</u>	<u>42,514</u>	<u>14,439,543</u>

The table below summarizes the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and NAV to changes in foreign exchange rate movements at the end of the reporting year. The analysis is based on the assumption that the foreign exchange rate fluctuated by 5%, with all other variables remain constant.

This represents management's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in the foreign exchange rate, having regard to historical volatility of this rate. Disclosures below are shown in absolute terms, changes and impacts could be positive or negative.

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

(b) Credit risk

		Change in foreign exchange rate	Impact on profit or loss/NAV	
		%	2024 USD	2023 USD
MYR		+/-5	+/-459,229	+/-712,104
SGD		+/-5	+/-7,867	+/- 2,935
			<u>+/-467,096</u>	<u>+/-715,039</u>

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

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

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.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentration of the Fund:

	Cash and cash equivalents USD	Amount due from dealers USD	Amount due from Manager USD	Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme – Sale of collective investment scheme USD	Dividends receivable USD	Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss USD	Total USD
2024							
- AAA	1,608,561	-	-	-	-	-	1,608,561
- Not rated	-	439,052	426,710	7,158,156	3,735	75,180	8,102,833
	<u>1,608,561</u>	<u>439,052</u>	<u>426,710</u>	<u>7,158,156</u>	<u>3,735</u>	<u>75,180</u>	<u>9,711,394</u>
2023							
- AAA	295,968	-	-	-	-	-	295,968
- Not rated	-	38,661	51,483	-	5,254	-	95,398
	<u>295,968</u>	<u>38,661</u>	<u>51,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391,366</u>

(c) Liquidity risk

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

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

(c) Liquidity risk (continued)

The Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of the units by unit holders. Liquid assets comprise bank balances and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 business days. Generally, all investments are subject to a certain degree of liquidity risk depending on the nature of the investment instruments, market, sector and other factors.

For the purpose of the Fund, the Manager will attempt to balance the entire portfolio by investing in a mix of assets with satisfactory trading volume and those that occasionally could encounter poor liquidity. This is expected to reduce the risks for the entire portfolio without limiting the Fund's growth potentials.

The table below summarises the Fund's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period on the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 month USD	Between 1 month to 1 year USD	Total USD
2024			
Amount due to dealers	437,306	-	437,306
Amount due to Manager	2,151,407	-	2,151,407
Amount due to Manager of collective investment scheme			
- Purchase of collective investment scheme	8,896,397	-	8,896,397
Accrued management fee	14,303	-	14,303
Amount due to Trustee	358	-	358
Other payables and accruals	-	4,453	4,453
Net assets attributable to unit holders*	8,897,281	-	8,897,281
Contractual undiscounted cash flows	20,397,052	4,453	20,401,505
2023			
Derivative liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	1,196	-	1,196
Amount due to dealers	38,659	-	38,659
Amount due to Manager	42,514	-	42,514
Accrued management fee	4,208	-	4,208
Amount due to Trustee	105	-	105
Other payables and accruals	-	3,805	3,805
Net assets attributable to unit holders*	2,840,075	-	2,840,075
Contractual undiscounted cash flows	2,926,757	3,805	2,930,562

* Outstanding units are redeemed on demand at the holder's option. However, the Manager does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table above will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term.

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

(d) Capital risk management

The capital of the Fund is represented by net asset attributable to unit holders of USD8,897,281 (2023: USD2,840,075). The amount of capital can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subjected 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 holder and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

(e) Fair value estimation

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

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets (such as trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial year end date. The Fund utilises the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded 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.

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

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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

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

	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
2024				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment schemes	1,786,681	-	-	1,786,681
- Quoted securities	8,893,580			8,893,580
	<u>10,680,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,680,261</u>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>-</u>	<u>75,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,180</u>
2023				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Collective investment schemes	<u>2,541,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,541,925</u>
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Derivative liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	<u>-</u>	<u>1,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,196</u>

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets and are therefore classified within Level 1, include quoted securities which are 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).

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

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

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 forward foreign currency contracts. 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 dealers, amount due from Manager, dividend receivable and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short term nature.

4. MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Deed, 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 financial year ended 30 September 2024 and 30 September 2023, the management fee for the respective classes was recognised at the following rates:

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

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

5. TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FEES

In accordance with the Deed, the Trustee is entitled to a maximum fee up to 0.06% per annum, calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the Fund and paid monthly. The Trustee fee includes local custodian fee and charges but excludes foreign sub-custodian fees and charges.

For the financial year ended 30 September 2024, the trustee fee was recognised at a rate 0.0045% per annum for each unit class (2023: 0.0045% per annum for each unit class).

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

6. TAXATION

	2024 USD	2023 USD
Tax charged for the financial year:		
- Tax on foreign source income	2,905	12,802
- Over provision of tax in prior year	(10,692)	-
	<u>7,787</u>	<u>12,802</u>

6. TAXATION (CONTINUED)

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

	2024 USD	2023 USD
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	1,580,400	(102,029)
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	379,296	(24,487)
Tax effects of:		
- (Investment income not subject to tax)/loss not deductible for tax purposes	(406,423)	16,145
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3,538	1,050
- Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	23,589	7,292
- Tax on foreign source income	2,905	12,802
- Over provision of tax in prior year	(10,692)	-
Taxation	7,787	12,802

7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2024 USD	2023 USD
At fair value through profit or loss:		
- Collective investment schemes	1,786,681	2,541,925
- Quoted securities	8,893,580	-
	10,680,261	2,541,925
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Realised gain/(loss) on disposals	756,410	(4,155)
- Unrealised fair value gain	261,831	1,556
	1,018,241	(2,599)

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
2024 COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES				
Blackrock Fund Advisors - Ishares Russell	15,276	1,610,553	1,786,681	20.08
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES	15,276	1,610,553	1,786,681	20.08

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 %
2024 (continued)				
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES (CONTINUED)				
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		176,128		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		1,786,681		
Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
2024 Quoted Securities				
Communication Services				
Weave Communications Inc	8,610	110,208	110,208	1.24
Consumer Discretionary				
ACV Auctions Inc – A	5,117	104,029	104,029	1.17
Addus Homecare Corp	1,241	165,090	165,090	1.86
Boot Barn Holdings Inc	602	100,703	100,702	1.13
Onto Innovation Inc	289	59,985	59,985	0.68
	7,249	429,807	429,806	4.84
Consumer Staples				
Freshpet Inc	1,313	179,579	179,579	2.02
Meritage Homes Corp	1,019	208,966	208,966	2.35
	2,332	388,545	388,545	4.37
Financials				
BGC Group Inc - A	9,754	89,542	89,542	1.01
Blend Labs Inc - A	61,070	229,013	229,012	2.58
BRP Group Inc - A	1,890	94,122	94,122	1.06
Credo Technology Group Holdings	3,263	100,500	100,500	1.13
Dutch Bros Inc – Class A	1,458	46,700	46,700	0.53
Fluence Energy Inc	4,274	97,063	97,063	1.09
Ftai Aviation Ltd	893	118,680	118,680	1.34
Glaukos Corp	499	65,010	65,010	0.73
Imax Corp	3,057	62,699	62,699	0.71
Newmark Group Inc	19,191	298,036	298,036	3.36

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 %
2024				
QUOTED SECURITIES				
Financials (continued)				
Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holding	794	77,177	77,177	0.87
Pennymac Financial Services	2,287	260,649	260,649	2.93
Pinnacle Financial Partners Inc	2,479	242,868	242,868	2.73
Stepstone Group Inc – Class A	3,534	200,837	200,837	2.26
Sweet Green Inc	2,691	95,396	95,396	1.07
Technoglass inc	902	61,931	61,931	0.70
	<u>118,036</u>	<u>2,140,223</u>	<u>2,140,222</u>	<u>24.10</u>
Health Care				
Alignment Healthcare Inc	18,512	218,812	218,812	2.46
Apollo Medical Holdings Inc	2,167	125,556	125,556	1.41
Biocryst Pharmaceuticals	8,929	67,860	67,860	0.76
Biohaven Ltd	1,406	70,258	70,258	0.79
Blueprint Medicines Corp	515	47,638	47,638	0.54
Crinetics Pharmaceuticals Inc	1,511	77,212	77,212	0.87
Delcath Syaytems Inc	8,959	80,900	80,900	0.91
Encompass health Corp	1,556	150,372	150,372	1.69
Halozyne Therapeutics Inc	2,081	119,116	119,116	1.34
Immunovant Inc	1,618	46,129	46,129	0.52
Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals International	2,849	71,197	71,197	0.80
Lantheus Holdings Inc	1,095	120,176	120,176	1.35
Mednax Inc	7,541	87,400	87,400	0.98
Mesa Laboratories Inc	751	97,525	97,525	1.10
Natera Inc	745	94,578	94,578	1.06
Petco Health and Wellness Co	15,450	70,298	70,298	0.79
Procept Biorobotics Corp	1,728	138,447	138,447	1.56
TG Therapeutics Inc	3,008	70,357	70,357	0.79
Transmedics Group Inc	317	49,769	49,769	0.56
Twist Bioscience Corp	2,586	116,835	116,835	1.32
Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical Inc	1,542	85,658	85,658	0.96
Vaxcyte Inc	987	112,784	112,784	1.27
Viking Therapeutics Inc	1,205	76,289	76,289	0.86
Viridian Therapeutics Inc	2,897	65,907	65,907	0.74
	<u>89,955</u>	<u>2,261,073</u>	<u>2,261,073</u>	<u>25.43</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 %
2024 (continued)				
QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
Industrials				
Aehr Test Systems	4,419	56,784	56,784	0.64
Blue Bird Corp	1,341	64,314	64,314	0.72
Construction Partners Inc - A	1,438	100,372	100,372	1.13
Crance Co	627	99,242	99,242	1.12
Element Solutions Inc	4,869	132,242	132,242	1.49
Embraer ADR	4,045	143,072	143,072	1.61
Fluor Corporation	3,957	188,788	188,788	2.13
Knight – Swift Transportation Holdings	2,642	142,536	142,536	1.60
Latham Group Inc	10,006	68,041	68,041	0.77
Lazard Inc	3,805	191,696	191,696	2.16
Leonardo DRS Inc	3,527	99,532	99,532	1.12
Q2 Holdings Inc	2,508	200,063	200,063	2.25
Radnet Inc	1,708	118,518	118,518	1.33
RBC Bearings Inc	356	106,579	106,579	1.20
Sitime Corp	1,498	256,922	256,922	2.89
Skyward Specialty Insurance	5,939	241,895	241,896	2.72
Sterling Infrastructure Inc	326	47,277	47,277	0.53
V.F. Corporation	6,195	123,590	123,590	1.39
VSE Corp	2,094	173,237	173,237	1.95
	<u>61,300</u>	<u>2,554,700</u>	<u>2,554,701</u>	<u>28.75</u>
Information Technology				
Allegro Microsystems Inc	1,986	46,274	46,274	0.52
Applied Industrial Technologies	468	104,425	104,425	1.18
Maravai Lifesciences Holdings – A	7,385	61,369	61,369	0.69
Microstrategy Inc	623	105,038	105,038	1.18
Paycor Hcm Inc	6,228	88,375	88,375	1.00
	<u>16,690</u>	<u>405,481</u>	<u>405,481</u>	<u>4.57</u>
Materials				
MP Materials Corp	<u>2,837</u>	<u>50,073</u>	<u>50,073</u>	<u>0.56</u>
Utilities				
Gulfport Energy Corp	973	147,263	147,264	1.66
ITRON Inc	577	61,629	61,629	0.69
Matador Resources Co	4,395	217,201	217,201	2.45
Sunrun Inc	7,053	127,377	127,377	1.43
	<u>12,998</u>	<u>553,470</u>	<u>553,471</u>	<u>6.23</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 %
2024 (continued)				
QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)				
TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES	320,007	8,893,580	8,893,580	99.96
2023				
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES				
Blackrock Fund Advisors- Ishares Russell	5,362	521,294	505,797	17.81
Blackrock Fund Advisors- Ishares Russell	9,340	527,460	509,123	17.93
Charles Schwab Investment Management Inc- Ishares Russell	7,373 12,233	526,198 527,290	510,580 506,691	17.98 17.84
The Vanguard Group - Vanguard	2,696	525,386	509,734	17.94
TOTAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES	37,004	2,627,628	2,541,925	89.50
ACCUMULATED UNREALISED LOSS ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS				
		(85,703)		
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS				
		2,541,925		

8. DERIVATIVE ASSETS/LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	30.09.2024 USD	30.09.2023 USD
Derivative assets/(liabilities)	75,180	(1,196)
Net gain/(loss) on derivatives at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Realised gain/(loss) on forward foreign currency contracts	474,162	(83,442)
- Unrealised fair value gain on forward foreign currency contracts	76,376	2,442
	550,538	(81,000)

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

As at 30 September 2024, there were total of 1 (2023: 2) outstanding forward foreign currency contracts. The notional principal amount of the outstanding forward foreign currency contracts amounted to USD75,180 (2023: USD2,220,741).

The forward foreign currency contracts were entered into during the financial year 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 year, any changes in the fair value of the forward foreign currency contract is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income during the financial year.

9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024	2023
	USD	USD
Bank balances	<u>1,608,561</u>	<u>295,968</u>

10. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)

	2024	2023
	No. of units	No. of units
Class MYR (i)	8,762,307	3,071,266
Class MYR-H (ii)	21,782,325	11,226,297
Class SGD (iii)	377,600	59,561
Class USD (iv)	554,243	1,000
	<u>31,476,475</u>	<u>14,358,124</u>
 (i) Class MYR		
At the beginning of the financial year	3,071,266	2,375,244
Add : Creation of units from applications	17,597,223	2,523,620
Less : Cancellation of units	(11,906,182)	(1,827,598)
At the end of the financial year	<u>8,762,307</u>	<u>3,071,266</u>
 (ii) Class MYR-H		
At the beginning of the financial year	11,226,297	1,110,620
Add : Creation of units from applications	23,090,849	15,842,982
Less : Cancellation of units	(12,534,821)	(5,727,305)
At the end of the financial year	<u>21,782,325</u>	<u>11,226,297</u>
 (i) Class SGD		
At the beginning of the financial year	59,561	1,000
Add : Creation of units from applications	431,582	58,561
Less : Cancellation of units	(113,543)	-
At the end of the financial year	<u>377,600</u>	<u>59,561</u>

10. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)

	2024	2023
	No. of units	No. of units
(i) Class USD		
At the beginning of the financial year	1,000	1,000
Add : Creation of units from applications	558,745	-
Less : Cancellation of units	(5,502)	-
At the end of the financial year	<u>554,243</u>	<u>1,000</u>

11. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO ("TER")

	2024	2023
	%	%
TER	<u>2.11</u>	<u>2.17</u>

TER is derived based on the following calculation:

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

A	=	Management fee
B	=	Trustee and custodian fees
C	=	Audit fee
D	=	Tax agent's fee
E	=	Other expenses excluding withholding tax and CDS fee
F	=	Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial year calculated on a daily basis is USD5,324,211 (2023: USD1,598,184).

12. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ("PTR")

	2024	2023
PTR (times)	<u>1.94</u>	<u>0.82</u>

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

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

where:

total acquisition for the financial year = USD14,278,251 (2023: USD2,268,801)

total disposal for the financial year = USD6,401,746 (2023: USD347,400)

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

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

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

Units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager

		2024		2023
	No. of units	USD	No. of units	USD
Manager				
Principal Asset Management Berhad				
- Class MYR	1,395	373	196	43
- Class MYR-H	475	123	6	1
- Class SGD	1,000	828	1,000	672
- Class USD	1,000	1,121	1,000	910

In the opinion of the Manager, the above units were transacted at the prevailing market price which is at arm's length basis. 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.

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there are no significant related party transactions and balances for the financial year ended 30 September 2024.

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS

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

Broker	Value of trades USD	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage Fees USD	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
Bofa Securities Inc	18,751,107	90.67	4,148	92.06
Jefferies and Co Inc	530,952	2.57	62	1.38
RBC Capital Markets	329,192	1.59	169	3.74
Raymond James & Associates Inc	299,682	1.45	28	0.62
State Street Global Markets	255,520	1.24	29	0.66
Merrill lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc	208,808	1.01	26	0.59
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc	172,360	0.83	21	0.47
Goldman Sachs & Co	132,376	0.64	21	0.47
	<u>20,679,997</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>4,504</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

Broker	Value of trades USD	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage Fees USD	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
Depository Trust Company	2,200,810	84.12	315	89.83
Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc	347,343	13.28	26	7.30
UBS Securities Asia Ltd	68,048	2.60	10	2.87
	<u>2,616,201</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>100.00</u>

15. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been approved for issue by the Manager on 15 November 2024.

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