

**PRINCIPAL WORLD SELECTION MODERATE AGGRESSIVE FUND**

**QUARTERLY REPORT**

**FOR THE QUARTER AND FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

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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 Quarterly Fund Report of the Principal World Selection Moderate Aggressive Fund for the financial period ended 28 February 2025. You may also download this report from our website at [www.principal.com.my](http://www.principal.com.my).

We are thankful to share that investors like you have helped make our recent recognition at the LSEG Lipper Fund Awards 2025 possible, where Principal Malaysia received nine awards. These acknowledgements reflect the collaborative effort of our entire team to deliver investment solutions that meet your needs.

Building on our recent success, Principal Malaysia also garnered numerous accolades throughout 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, ten at the FSMOne Recommended Funds 2023/2024, and two at the Edge ESG Awards 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 (@PrincipalMalaysia), follow us on our Instagram account (@principalmalaysia), and LinkedIn page (Principal Malaysia) for the latest updates, market insights and investment articles.

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

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

### **Munirah Khairuddin**

Chief Executive Officer Principal Asset Management Berhad (Group of Companies),  
and Managing Director Strategic Distribution & Institutional Client Relations  
(Southeast Asia & Global Shariah)  
Non-Independent Executive Director

## MANAGER'S REPORT

### FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

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

The Fund aims to provide long term total returns through investments in one collective investment scheme, which is managed with medium to high risk strategy by investing primarily in bonds and shares, either directly or through investing into other funds.

#### Has the Fund achieved its objective?

The Fund is in line to achieve its long-term objective as stated under the fund investment objective section.

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

The Fund is a feeder fund and it invests in a single collective investment scheme, i.e. HSBC Portfolios – World Selection 4 (“HSBC-WS4”). The Fund may also invest in liquid assets for liquidity purpose.

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund will invest at least 95% of its Net Asset Value (“NAV”) in HSBC-WS4; a portfolio established on 20 October 2009 under the HSBC Portfolios (“Company”). The Fund will also maintain up to 5% of its NAV in liquid assets for liquidity purposes.

#### Information on the Target Fund

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Target Fund          | : HSBC-WS4  |
| Share Class          | : AM USD  |
| Company              | : HSBC Portfolios                                 |
| Management Company   | : HSBC Investment Funds (Luxembourg) S.A.         |
| Investment Adviser   | : HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited       |
| Regulatory authority | : Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier |

#### Base Currency

US Dollar (“USD”)

#### Fund category/type

Feeder Fund/Income & Growth

#### When was the Fund launched?

| Name of Class              | Launch date |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Class AUD-Hedged (“AUD-H”) | 15 May 2019 |
| Class GBP-Hedged (“GBP-H”) | 15 May 2019 |
| Class MYR-Hedged (“MYR-H”) | 15 May 2019 |
| Class SGD-Hedged (“SGD-H”) | 15 May 2019 |
| Class USD                  | 15 May 2019 |

#### What was the size of the Fund as at 28 February 2025?

USD3.45 million (6.67 million units)

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

The Fund is benchmark unconstrained as HSBC-WS4 is benchmark unconstrained, i.e. it will be actively managed without reference to any specific benchmark.

#### What is the Fund distribution policy?

Quarterly, depending on the availability of realised income and/or realised gains and at the Manager's discretion.

**FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY (CONTINUED)**

**What was the net income distribution for the financial period from 1 December 2024 to 28 February 2025?**

The Fund distributed a total net income of USD14.288 to unit holders for the financial period from 1 December 2024 to 28 February 2025.

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

| <b>Date</b>                     | <b>NAV per unit<br/>(before distribution)<br/>USD</b> | <b>NAV per unit<br/>(after distribution)<br/>USD</b> |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Distribution on 9 December 2024 |   |  |
| Class AUD-H                     | 0.7469  | 0.7440   |
| Class GBP-H                     | 1.5224  | 1.5164   |
| Class MYR-H                     | 0.2739  | 0.2728   |
| Class SGD-H                     | 0.8923  | 0.8892   |
| Class USD                       | 1.2767  | 1.2730   |

Breakdown of distribution were as follows:

|   | <b>28.02.2025</b> |               | <b>29.02.2024</b> |               |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
|   | <b>USD</b>        | <b>%</b>      | <b>USD</b>        | <b>%</b>      |
| <b>Source of distribution</b>                     |                   |               |                   |               |
| Distribution out of current period's income       | 14,288            | 100.00        | 10,561            | 100.00        |
| Distribution out of prior period's income/capital | -                 | -             | -                 | -             |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>14,288</b>     | <b>100.00</b> | <b>10,561</b>     | <b>100.00</b> |

**PERFORMANCE DATA**

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

|                              | <b>28.02.2025</b> | <b>29.02.2024</b> | <b>28.02.2023</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                              | <b>%</b>          | <b>%</b>          | <b>%</b>          |
| Collective investment scheme | 99.05             | 98.24             | 99.52             |
| Cash and other assets        | 1.89              | 2.59              | 2.08              |
| Liabilities                  | (0.94)            | (0.83)            | (1.60)            |
|                              | <b>100.00</b>     | <b>100.00</b>     | <b>100.00</b>     |

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

|                                       | <b>28.02.2025</b> | <b>29.02.2024</b> | <b>28.02.2023</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>NAV (USD Million)</b>              |                   |                   |                   |
| - Class AUD-H                         | 0.48              | 0.58              | 0.63              |
| - Class GBP-H                         | 1.07              | 0.84              | 0.91              |
| - Class MYR-H                         | 1.22              | 1.42              | 1.71              |
| - Class SGD-H                         | 0.29              | 0.22              | 0.41              |
| - Class USD                           | 0.39              | 0.40              | 0.40              |
| <b>Units in circulation (Million)</b> |                   |                   |                   |
| - Class AUD-H                         | 0.68              | 0.83              | 0.93              |
| - Class GBP-H                         | 0.73              | 0.61              | 0.75              |
| - Class MYR-H                         | 4.61              | 6.00              | 7.26              |
| - Class SGD-H                         | 0.34              | 0.27              | 0.55              |
| - Class USD                           | 0.31              | 0.34              | 0.38              |

**PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)**

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

|  | <b>28.02.2025</b>                   | <b>29.02.2024</b>                   | <b>28.02.2023</b>                   |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| NAV per unit (USD)                         |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| - Class AUD-H                              | 0.7029                              | 0.6988                              | 0.6695                              |
| - Class GBP-H                              | 1.4665                              | 1.3851                              | 1.2145                              |
| - Class MYR-H                              | 0.2646                              | 0.2374                              | 0.2350                              |
| - Class SGD-H                              | 0.8626                              | 0.8238                              | 0.7583                              |
| - Class USD                                | 1.2509                              | 1.1617                              | 1.0561                              |
|  | <b>01.12.2024<br/>to 28.02.2025</b> | <b>01.12.2023<br/>to 29.02.2024</b> | <b>01.12.2022<br/>to 28.02.2023</b> |
| Highest NAV per unit (USD)                 |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| - Class AUD-H                              | 0.7485                              | 0.7155                              | 0.7334                              |
| - Class GBP-H                              | 1.5222                              | 1.3862                              | 1.2792                              |
| - Class MYR-H                              | 0.2737                              | 0.2407                              | 0.2590                              |
| - Class SGD-H                              | 0.8937                              | 0.8238                              | 0.8118                              |
| - Class USD                                | 1.2812                              | 1.1640                              | 1.0982                              |
| Lowest NAV per unit (USD)                  |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| - Class AUD-H                              | 0.6743                              | 0.6618                              | 0.6484                              |
| - Class GBP-H                              | 1.3699                              | 1.2872                              | 1.1713                              |
| - Class MYR-H                              | 0.2534                              | 0.2276                              | 0.2329                              |
| - Class SGD-H                              | 0.8220                              | 0.7774                              | 0.7355                              |
| - Class USD                                | 1.2081                              | 1.0904                              | 1.0279                              |
| Total return (%)                           |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| - Class AUD-H                              | (1.03)                              | 7.65                                | 1.15                                |
| - Class GBP-H                              | (0.98)                              | 7.49                                | 1.30                                |
| - Class MYR-H                              | (1.36)                              | 6.44                                | 0.36                                |
| - Class SGD-H                              | (1.33)                              | 7.11                                | 1.03                                |
| - Class USD                                | (0.83)                              | 7.01                                | 1.14                                |
| Capital growth (%)                         |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| - Class AUD-H                              | (1.41)                              | 7.34                                | 0.62                                |
| - Class GBP-H                              | (1.36)                              | 7.18                                | 0.76                                |
| - Class MYR-H                              | (1.76)                              | 6.12                                | (0.18)                              |
| - Class SGD-H                              | (1.67)                              | 6.78                                | 0.48                                |
| - Class USD                                | (1.11)                              | 6.70                                | 0.56                                |
| Income distribution (%)                    |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| - Class AUD-H                              | 0.39                                | 0.29                                | 0.54                                |
| - Class GBP-H                              | 0.39                                | 0.28                                | 0.54                                |
| - Class MYR-H                              | 0.40                                | 0.30                                | 0.54                                |
| - Class SGD-H                              | 0.35                                | 0.31                                | 0.54                                |
| - Class USD                                | 0.29                                | 0.29                                | 0.57                                |
| Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (%)            | 0.19                                | 0.19                                | 0.19                                |
| Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) # | 0.03                                | 0.05                                | 0.14                                |

# The Fund's PTR decreased from 0.05 times to 0.03 times during the financial period under review. As a feeder fund, the turnover reflects the investments and withdrawals in the target fund.

**PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)**

| <b>Gross/Net distribution per unit (cent)</b> | <b>01.12.2024<br/>to 28.02.2025</b> | <b>01.12.2023<br/>to 29.02.2024</b> | <b>01.12.2022<br/>to 28.02.2023</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Distribution on 9 December 2024               |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| - Class AUD-H                                 | 0.45                                | -                                   | -                                   |
| - Class GBP-H                                 | 0.46                                | -                                   | -                                   |
| - Class MYR-H                                 | 0.49                                | -                                   | -                                   |
| - Class SGD-H                                 | 0.42                                | -                                   | -                                   |
| - Class USD                                   | 0.37                                | -                                   | -                                   |
| Distribution on 9 December 2023               |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| - Class AUD-H                                 | -                                   | 0.30                                | -                                   |
| - Class GBP-H                                 | -                                   | 0.30                                | -                                   |
| - Class MYR-H                                 | -                                   | 0.33                                | -                                   |
| - Class SGD-H                                 | -                                   | 0.33                                | -                                   |
| - Class USD                                   | -                                   | 0.33                                | -                                   |
| Distribution on 9 December 2022               |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| - Class AUD-H                                 | -                                   | -                                   | 0.53                                |
| - Class GBP-H                                 | -                                   | -                                   | 0.54                                |
| - Class MYR-H                                 | -                                   | -                                   | 0.57                                |
| - Class SGD-H                                 | -                                   | -                                   | 0.55                                |
| - Class USD                                   | -                                   | -                                   | 0.60                                |

|                     | <b>28.02.2025</b> | <b>29.02.2024</b> | <b>28.02.2023</b> | <b>28.02.2022</b> | <b>28.02.2021</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                     | <b>%</b>          | <b>%</b>          | <b>%</b>          | <b>%</b>          | <b>%</b>          |
| Annual total return |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| - Class AUD-H       | 7.08              | 10.10             | (12.04)           | (4.46)            | 19.38             |
| - Class GBP-H       | 8.16              | 10.97             | (11.65)           | 3.99              | 21.22             |
| - Class MYR-H       | 6.53              | 9.04              | (11.42)           | 5.45              | 23.19             |
| - Class SGD-H       | 6.80              | 10.54             | (10.93)           | 4.03              | 21.44             |
| - Class USD         | 9.31              | 12.25             | (10.29)           | 3.95              | 22.80             |

(Launch date: 15 May 2019)

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 DECEMBER 2024 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025)**

The global economic landscape experienced several significant events. In December 2024, the US Federal Reserve announced interest rate cuts aimed at stimulating economic activity. This move was part of a broader trend among central banks worldwide to reduce rates, which helped boost investor returns.

In January 2025, geopolitical tensions in Eastern Europe escalated, leading to fluctuations in global energy prices. These tensions impacted commodity prices and supply chains, contributing to increased costs. Meanwhile, trade policy changes in Asia during February 2025 influenced supply chain dynamics, further affecting global markets.

Economic fragmentation across different regions created diverse opportunities and challenges. The US managed a soft landing with slowed but positive growth, while Europe faced difficulties with low productivity and a weak manufacturing sector.

**FUND PERFORMANCE**

|                      | <b>3 months<br/>to<br/>28.02.2025<br/>%</b> | <b>6 months<br/>to<br/>28.02.2025<br/>%</b> | <b>1 year<br/>to<br/>28.02.2025<br/>%</b> | <b>3 years<br/>to<br/>28.02.2025<br/>%</b> | <b>5 years<br/>to<br/>28.02.2025<br/>%</b> | <b>Since<br/>inception to<br/>28.02.2025<br/>%</b> |
|----------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Income Distribution  |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| - Class AUD-H        | 0.39  | 0.93  | 1.60                                      | 6.24                                       | 11.71                                      | 11.71  |
| - Class GBP-H        | 0.39  | 0.88  | 1.54                                      | 6.03                                       | 11.51                                      | 11.51  |
| - Class MYR-H        | 0.40  | 0.93  | 1.60                                      | 6.32                                       | 11.90                                      | 11.90  |
| - Class SGD-H        | 0.35  | 0.89  | 1.55                                      | 6.21                                       | 11.67                                      | 11.67  |
| - Class USD          | 0.29  | 0.84  | 1.52                                      | 5.97                                       | 11.92                                      | 11.92  |
| Capital Growth       |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| - Class AUD-H        | (1.41)                                      | 0.12  | 5.40                                      | (2.40)                                     | 15.75                                      | 13.26  |
| - Class GBP-H        | (1.36)                                      | 0.46  | 6.52                                      | 0.01                                       | 19.86                                      | 16.49  |
| - Class MYR-H        | (1.76)                                      | (0.82)                                      | 4.86                                      | (3.22)                                     | 19.46                                      | 18.00  |
| - Class SGD-H        | (1.67)                                      | (0.51)                                      | 5.16                                      | (0.99)                                     | 18.96                                      | 16.47  |
| - Class USD          | (1.11)                                      | 0.47  | 7.68                                      | 3.88                                       | 25.55                                      | 25.09  |
| Total Return         |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| - Class AUD-H        | (1.03)                                      | 1.06  | 7.08                                      | 3.69                                       | 29.30                                      | 26.52  |
| - Class GBP-H        | (0.98)                                      | 1.34  | 8.16                                      | 6.04                                       | 33.66                                      | 29.90  |
| - Class MYR-H        | (1.36)                                      | 0.10  | 6.53                                      | 2.90                                       | 33.68                                      | 32.05  |
| - Class SGD-H        | (1.33)                                      | 0.37  | 6.80                                      | 5.15                                       | 32.84                                      | 30.07  |
| - Class USD          | (0.83)                                      | 1.31  | 9.31                                      | 10.08                                      | 40.52                                      | 40.00  |
| Benchmark            |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| - Class AUD-H        | -   | -   | -   | -  | -  | -  |
| - Class GBP-H        | -   | -   | -   | -  | -  | -  |
| - Class MYR-H        | -   | -   | -   | -  | -  | -  |
| - Class SGD-H        | -   | -   | -   | -  | -  | -  |
| - Class USD          | -   | -   | -   | -  | -  | -  |
| Average Total Return |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| - Class AUD-H        | (4.10)                                      | 2.15  | 7.08                                      | 1.21                                       | 5.27                                       | 4.14   |
| - Class GBP-H        | (3.91)                                      | 2.73  | 8.16                                      | 1.97                                       | 5.97                                       | 4.62   |
| - Class MYR-H        | (5.40)                                      | 0.20  | 6.53                                      | 0.96                                       | 5.97                                       | 4.91   |
| - Class SGD-H        | (5.28)                                      | 0.75  | 6.80                                      | 1.69                                       | 5.84                                       | 4.64   |
| - Class USD          | (3.31)                                      | 2.67  | 9.31                                      | 3.25                                       | 7.04                                       | 5.98   |

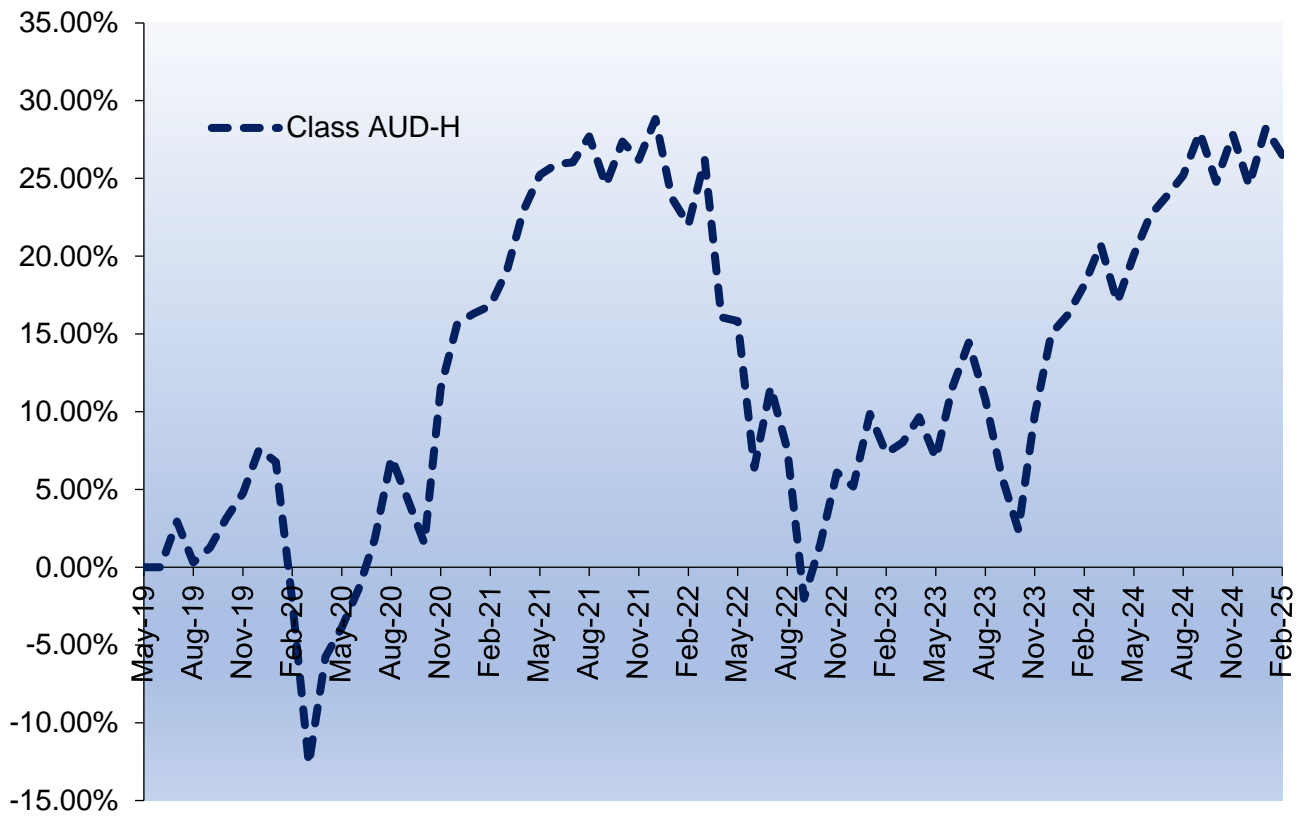
During the financial period under review, the fund performance for Class AUD-H, Class GBP-H, Class MYR-H, Class SGD-H, and Class USD decreased by 1.03%, 0.98%, 1.36%, 1.33%, and 0.83% respectively. The Fund does not have a benchmark for comparison.



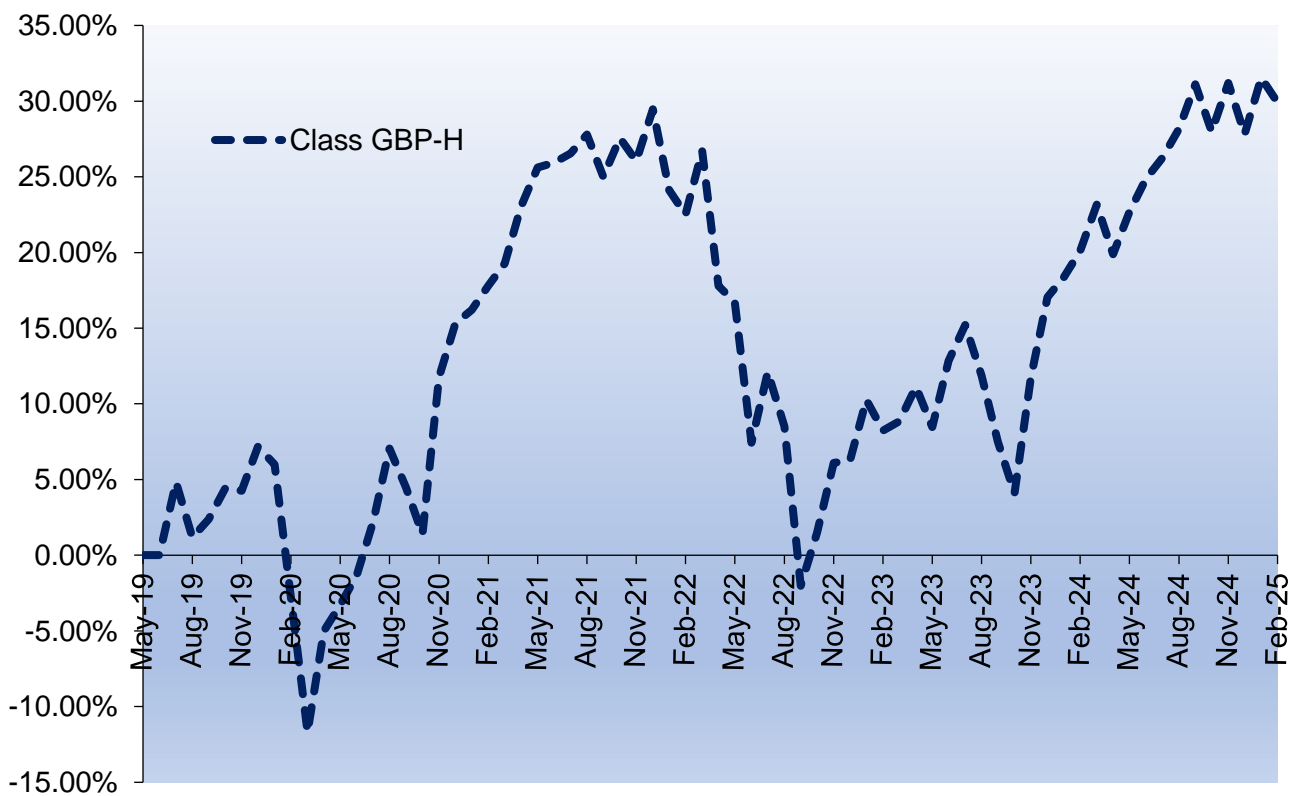
FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Since inception

CLASS AUD-H



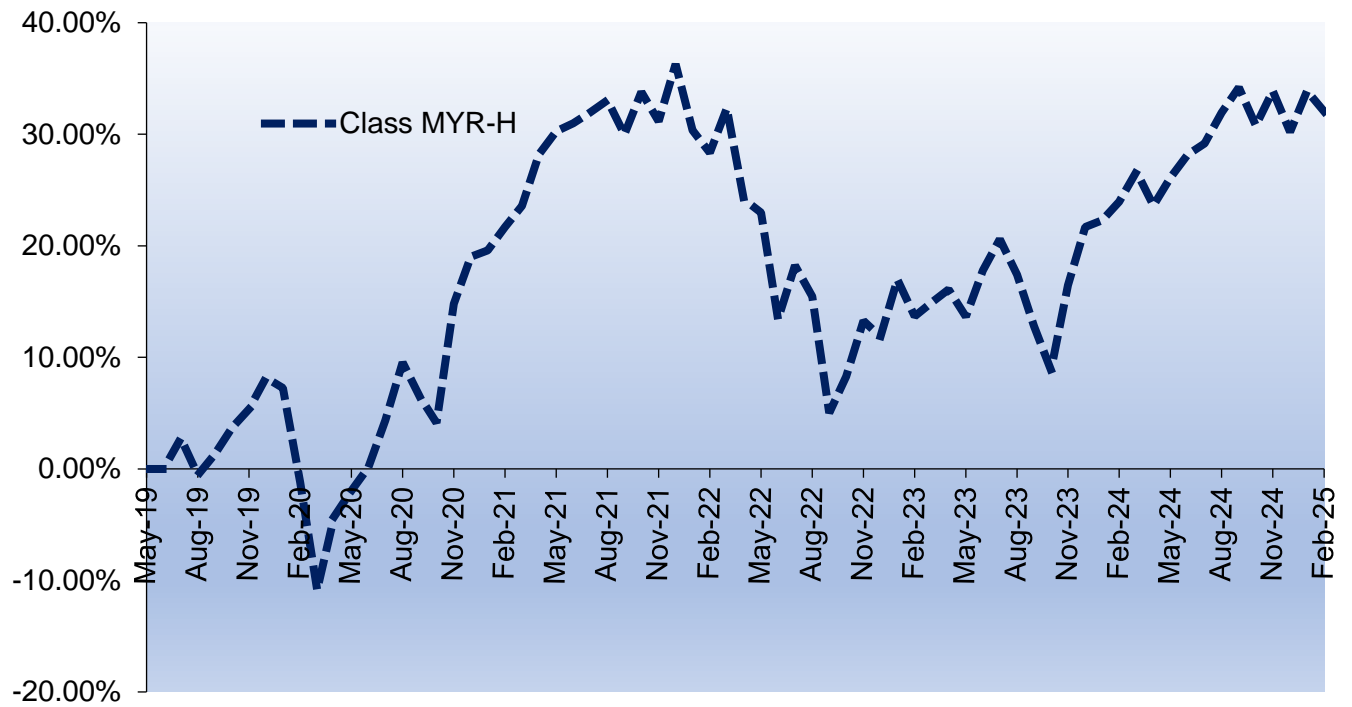
Class GBP-H



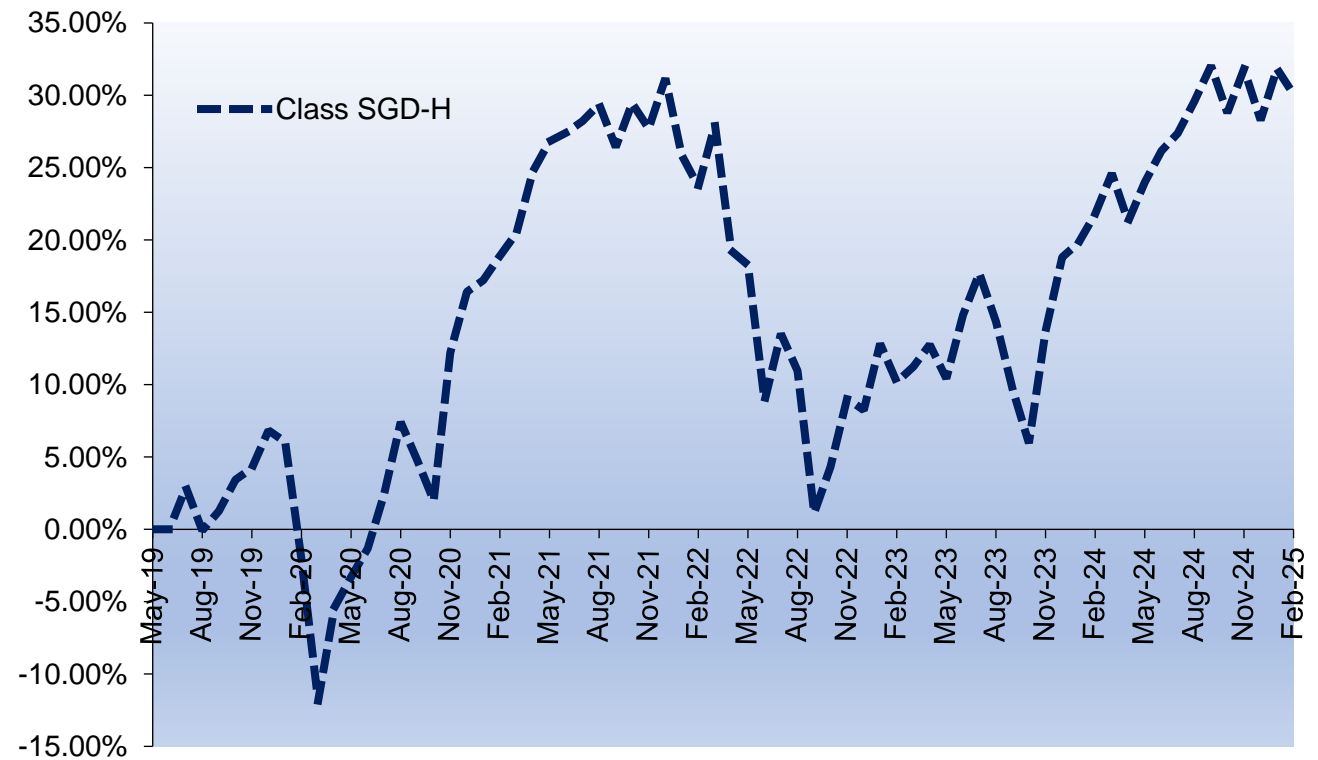
FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Since inception

Class MYR-H



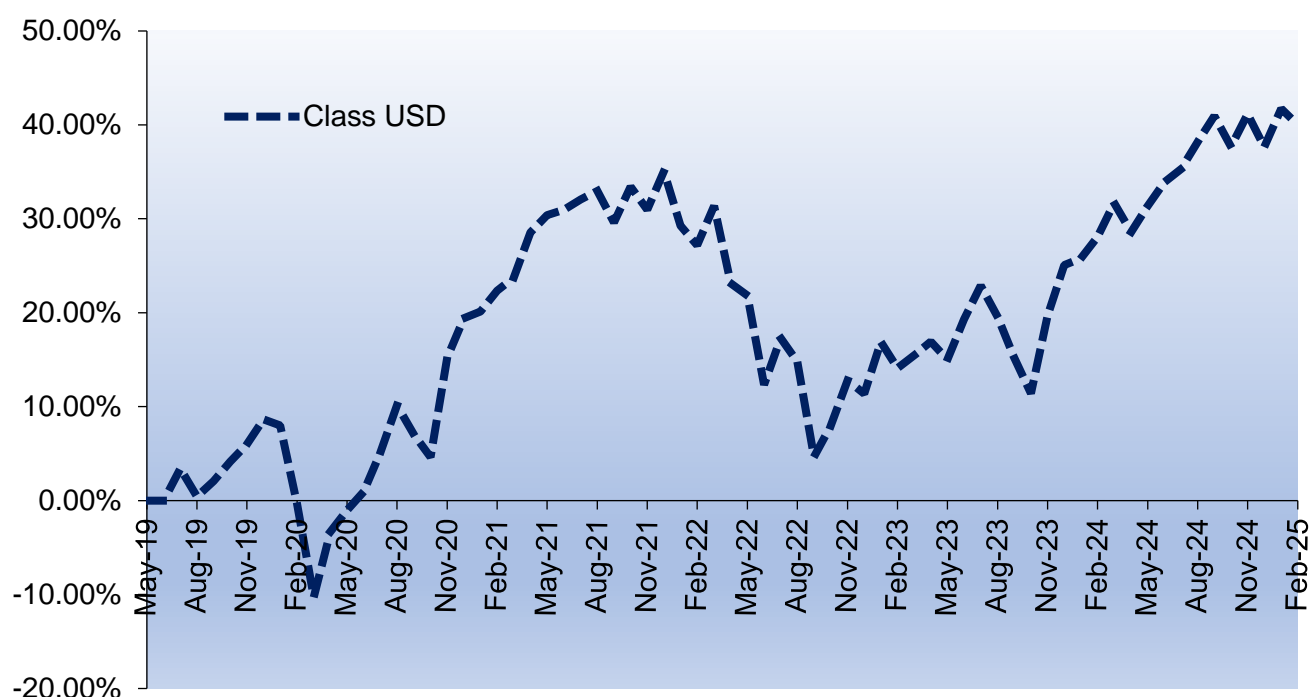
Class SGD-H



# FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Since Inception

Class USD



## Changes in NAV

|                    | 28.02.2025 | 31.08.2024<br>Audited | Changes<br>% |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>CLASS AUD-H</b> |            |                       |              |
| NAV (USD Million)  | 0.48       | 0.61                  | (21.31)      |
| NAV/Unit (USD)     | 0.7029     | 0.7730                | (9.07)       |
| <b>CLASS GBP-H</b> |            |                       |              |
| NAV (USD Million)  | 1.07       | 1.07                  | -            |
| NAV/Unit (USD)     | 1.4665     | 1.5350                | (4.46)       |
| <b>CLASS MYR-H</b> |            |                       |              |
| NAV (USD Million)  | 1.22       | 1.44                  | (15.28)      |
| NAV/Unit (USD)     | 0.2646     | 0.2766                | (4.34)       |
| <b>CLASS SGD-H</b> |            |                       |              |
| NAV (USD Million)  | 0.29       | 0.23                  | 26.09        |
| NAV/Unit (USD)     | 0.8626     | 0.9025                | (4.42)       |
| <b>CLASS USD</b>   |            |                       |              |
| NAV (USD Million)  | 0.39       | 0.39                  | -            |
| NAV/Unit (USD)     | 1.2509     | 1.2501                | 0.06         |

During the financial period under review, the fund's NAV for Class AUD-H and Class MYR-H decreased by 21.31% and 15.28%, while Class SGD-H increased by 26.09%. At the same time, Class GBP-H, and Class USD remain unchanged.

## FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

### Changes in NAV (Continued)

In addition, the NAV per unit for Class AUD-H, Class GBP-H, Class MYR-H, and SGD-H decreased by 9.07%, 4.46%, 4.34%, and 4.42% while Class USD increased by 0.06% during the same period.

At the time of reporting, Class MYR-H has the highest total NAV, stood at USD 1.22 million.

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

## PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

### Asset allocation

| (% of NAV)                   | 28.02.2025    | 31.08.2024<br>Audited |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Collective investment scheme | 99.05         | 97.52                 |
| Cash and other assets        | 1.89          | 5.97                  |
| Liabilities                  | (0.94)        | (3.59)                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b>         |

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

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

|                          | % of NAV          |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Top 10 holdings *</b> | <b>28.02.2025</b> |
| Apple Inc                | 2.89              |
| NVIDIA Corporation       | 2.37              |
| Microsoft Corp           | 2.33              |
| Alphabet Inc             | 1.51              |
| Amazon.com Inc           | 1.46              |
| Meta Platforms Inc       | 1.21              |
| Broadcom Inc             | 0.68              |
| Eli Lilly & Co           | 0.64              |
| Tesla Inc                | 0.61              |
| Visa Inc                 | 0.59              |

|                           | % of NAV          |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Top 10 holdings *</b>  | <b>29.02.2024</b> |
| Microsoft Corporation     | 3.13              |
| Apple Inc                 | 2.92              |
| NVIDIA Corporation        | 2.10              |
| Alphabet Inc              | 1.59              |
| Amazon.com Inc            | 1.43              |
| Meta Platforms Inc        | 1.13              |
| Broadcom Inc              | 0.73              |
| Eli Lilly & Co            | 0.71              |
| Visa Inc - Class A Shares | 0.53              |
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc    | 0.50              |

\* As disclosed in the Fund Fact Sheet.

**MARKET OUTLOOK\***

The global economic outlook remains positive, with central banks' recent interest rate cuts expected to support economic growth and investor confidence. However, inflationary pressures may persist in some regions, requiring careful monetary policy adjustments. Emerging markets are likely to benefit from strong growth rates, while developed economies may experience more moderate expansion. The interplay of these factors will shape the economic landscape in the coming months.

Geopolitical tensions and trade policy uncertainties will continue to influence global markets. Energy prices and supply chain dynamics remain key areas of concern, particularly in light of ongoing geopolitical developments. Regions with robust economic policies and diversified economies are better positioned to navigate these challenges.

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**INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Fund will continue to remain fully invested in the Target Fund with minimal cash kept for liquidity purposes. Our asset allocation decision will continue to be subject to market conditions.

**SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES**

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

- (a) the soft commission bring 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 Funds; and
- (c) the availability of soft commissions is not the sole or primary purpose to perform or arrange transactions with such broker or dealer, and the Manager will not enter into unnecessary trades in order to achieve a sufficient volume of transactions to qualify for soft commissions.

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

**SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS**

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

**STATE OF AFFAIR OF THE FUND**

There were other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the period and up to the date of Manager's report, not otherwise disclosed in the financial statements.

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

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

**CROSS TRADE**

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

**UNIT SPLIT**

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

**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2024 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

|  | <b>01.12.2024<br/>to 28.02.2025<br/>USD</b> | <b>01.12.2023<br/>to 29.02.2024<br/>USD</b> |
|--|---|---|
| <b>INCOME/(LOSS)</b>   |   |   |
| Dividend income  | 22,465                                      | 30,279                                      |
| Net (loss)/ gain on financial assets at fair value<br>through profit or loss   | (30,877)                                    | 227,351                                     |
| Net loss on derivatives at fair value<br>through profit or loss  | (50,958)                                    | (34,692)                                    |
| Net foreign exchange gain  | 182   | 708   |
|  | <u>(59,188)</u>                             | <u>223,646</u>                              |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |   |   |
| Management fee   | 16,143                                      | 15,749                                      |
| Trustee fees   | 269   | 262   |
| Audit fee  | 457   | 430   |
| Tax agent's fee  | 377   | 354   |
| Other expenses   | 401   | 313   |
|  | <u>17,647</u>                               | <u>17,108</u>                               |
| <b>(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE DISTRIBUTION AND<br/>TAXATION</b>  | <b>(76,835)</b>                             | <b>206,538</b>                              |
| Distribution:  |   |   |
| - Class AUD-H  | 1,989                                       | 1,687                                       |
| - Class GBP-H  | 4,288                                       | 2,371                                       |
| - Class MYR-H  | 5,493                                       | 4,647                                       |
| - Class SGD-H  | 1,079                                       | 675   |
| - Class USD  | 1,439                                       | 1,181                                       |
|  | <u>14,288</u>                               | <u>10,561</u>                               |
| <b>(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION</b>   | <b>(91,123)</b>                             | <b>195,977</b>                              |
| Taxation   | <u>(4,084)</u>                              | <u>(5,077)</u>                              |
| <b>(LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION,<br/>REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE<br/>(LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b> | <b><u>(95,207)</u></b>                      | <b><u>190,900</u></b>                       |
| (Loss)/Profit after taxation is made up as follows:  |   |   |
| Realised amount  | 514   | (42,012)                                    |
| Unrealised amount  | <u>(95,721)</u>                             | <u>232,912</u>                              |
|  | <u>(95,207)</u>                             | <u>190,900</u>                              |

**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

|  | <b>28.02.2025</b> | <b>31.08.2024</b>      |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|
|  | <b>USD</b>        | <b>Audited<br/>USD</b> |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                   |                        |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 41,321            | 89,122                 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                            | 3,415,866         | 3,646,266              |
| Derivative assets at fair value through profit or loss                           | -                 | 28,990                 |
| Amount due from dealer   | 127               | 58,884                 |
| Amount due from Manager of collective investment scheme                          |                   |                        |
| - Management fee rebate  | 16,584            | 21,474                 |
| Dividends receivable   | 6,992             | 9,451                  |
| Tax recoverable  | -                 | 15,088                 |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>  | <u>3,480,890</u>  | <u>3,869,275</u>       |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |                   |                        |
| Derivative liabilities at fair value through profit or loss                      | 22,142            | -                      |
| Amount due to Manager  | -                 | 49,476                 |
| Amount due to dealer   | 128               | 73,962                 |
| Accrued management fee   | 5,003             | 5,578                  |
| Amount due to Trustee  | 83                | 93                     |
| Tax payable  | 54                | -                      |
| Other payables and accruals  | 4,893             | 5,061                  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS<br/>ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)</b> | <u>32,303</u>     | <u>134,170</u>         |
| <b>NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND</b>   | <u>3,448,587</u>  | <u>3,735,105</u>       |
| <b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS</b>                                   | <u>3,448,587</u>  | <u>3,735,105</u>       |
| <b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>   |                   |                        |
| <b>FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (USD)</b>                                     |                   |                        |
| - Class AUD-H  | 475,740           | 605,034                |
| - Class GBP-H  | 1,068,448         | 1,067,885              |
| - Class MYR-H  | 1,220,794         | 1,442,985              |
| - Class SGD-H  | 294,086           | 233,166                |
| - Class USD  | 389,519           | 386,035                |
|  | <u>3,448,587</u>  | <u>3,735,105</u>       |
| <b>NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)</b>                                    |                   |                        |
| - Class AUD-H  | 676,834           | 782,698                |
| - Class GBP-H  | 728,578           | 695,676                |
| - Class MYR-H  | 4,613,524         | 5,216,253              |
| - Class SGD-H  | 340,927           | 258,363                |
| - Class USD  | 311,389           | 308,801                |
|  | <u>6,671,252</u>  | <u>7,261,791</u>       |



**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025 (CONTINUED)**

|  | <b>28.02.2025</b> | <b>31.08.2024</b>      |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|
|  | <b>USD</b>        | <b>Audited<br/>USD</b> |
| <b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)</b>                        |                   |                        |
| - Class AUD-H  | 0.7029            | 0.7730                 |
| - Class GBP-H  | 1.4665            | 1.5350                 |
| - Class MYR-H  | 0.2646            | 0.2766                 |
| - Class SGD-H  | 0.8626            | 0.9025                 |
| - Class USD  | <u>1.2509</u>     | <u>1.2501</u>          |
| <b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN<br/>RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES</b> |                   |                        |
| - Class AUD-H  | AUD1.1326         | AUD1.1358              |
| - Class GBP-H  | GBP1.1649         | GBP1.1643              |
| - Class MYR-H  | MYR1.1800         | MYR1.1946              |
| - Class SGD-H  | SGD1.1647         | SGD1.1755              |
| - Class USD  | <u>USD1.2509</u>  | <u>USD1.2501</u>       |

**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2024 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

|   | <b>01.12.2024<br/>to 28.02.2025<br/>USD</b> | <b>01.12.2023<br/>to 29.02.2024<br/>USD</b> |
|---|---|---|
| <b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT<br/>HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE<br/>FINANCIAL PERIOD</b> | <u>3,754,995</u>                            | <u>3,502,412</u>                            |
| Movements due to units created and cancelled<br>during the financial period:                    |   |   |
| Creation of units from applications   |   |   |
| - Class GBP-H   | 1,253                                       | -   |
| - Class MYR-H   | 4,485                                       | -   |
|   | <u>5,738</u>                                | <u>-</u>                                    |
| Creation of units from distribution   |   |   |
| - Class AUD-H   | 1,989                                       | 1,687                                       |
| - Class GBP-H   | 4,288                                       | 2,371                                       |
| - Class MYR-H   | 5,493                                       | 4,647                                       |
| - Class SGD-H   | 1,079                                       | 675   |
| - Class USD   | 1,439                                       | 1,181                                       |
|   | <u>14,288</u>                               | <u>10,561</u>                               |
| Cancellation of units   |   |   |
| - Class AUD-H   | (7,119)                                     | (31,325)                                    |
| - Class GBP-H   | (2,636)                                     | (22,088)                                    |
| - Class MYR-H   | (113,535)                                   | (161,243)                                   |
| - Class SGD-H   | (7,327)                                     | -   |
| - Class USD   | (100,610)                                   | (20,877)                                    |
|   | <u>(231,227)</u>                            | <u>(235,533)</u>                            |
| Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the financial<br>period                                   | <u>(95,207)</u>                             | <u>190,900</u>                              |
| <b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT<br/>HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL<br/>PERIOD</b>       | <u><u>3,448,587</u></u>                     | <u><u>3,468,340</u></u>                     |

**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 DECEMBER 2024 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

|  | <b>01.12.2024<br/>to 28.02.2025</b> | <b>01.12.2023<br/>to 29.02.2024</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | <b>USD</b>                          | <b>USD</b>                          |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                        |                                     |                                     |
| Purchase of collective investment scheme                           | (15,000)                            | (10,000)                            |
| Proceeds from sale of collective investment scheme                 | 250,000                             | 245,000                             |
| Dividend income received   | 23,952                              | 30,821                              |
| Management fee paid  | (16,511)                            | (15,975)                            |
| Management fee rebate received                                     | 5,446                               | 16,786                              |
| Trustee fees paid  | (276)                               | (266)                               |
| Tax paid   | (4,485)                             | (7,547)                             |
| Payments for other fees and expenses                               | (2,246)                             | (312)                               |
| Net realised loss on forward foreign currency contracts            | (16,044)                            | (46,749)                            |
| Receipt/ (Payment) of other foreign exchange gain/(loss)           | 518                                 | (96)                                |
| <b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>                | <b>225,354</b>                      | <b>211,662</b>                      |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                        |                                     |                                     |
| Cash proceeds from units created                                   | 5,825                               | (226,430)                           |
| Payments for cancellation of units                                 | (231,285)                           | -                                   |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>                       | <b>(225,460)</b>                    | <b>(226,430)</b>                    |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents                          | (106)                               | (14,768)                            |
| Effect of foreign exchange differences                             | (336)                               | 803                                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period | 41,763                              | 41,982                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period       | <b>41,321</b>                       | <b>28,017</b>                       |
| <u>Cash and cash equivalents comprised of:</u>                     |                                     |                                     |
| Bank balances  | 41,321                              | 28,017                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period       | <b>41,321</b>                       | <b>28,017</b>                       |

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