

# **RHB ISLAMIC BOND FUND**

### **INTERIM REPORT 2021**

For the financial period ended 31 March 2021



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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND**

#### Fund Category and Type

Fund Name	-	RHB Islamic Bond Fund
Fund Category	-	Bond fund (Shariah-compliant)
Fund Type	-	Income fund

#### **Investment Objective, Policy and Strategy**

#### Objective of the Fund

To provide regular income to investors through investments in Islamic debt securities and bonds which are acceptable investment under the principles of Shariah.

#### **Strategy**

The asset allocation of the Fund will be as follows:-

Minimum of 60% - and up to 95% of Net Asset Value	Investments (collectively					s and	bonds	
Minimum of 5% of -	Investments	in 1	liquid g	assets	accentable	under	Shariah	

Minimum of 5% of -Investments in liquid assets acceptable under ShariahNet Asset Valueprinciple

Although the Fund is actively managed, how active or the frequency of its trading strategy will very much depend on market opportunities. The Fund will invest in sukuk. Investments must carry a minimum long term credit rating of BBB and above or a minimum short term rating of P3 as assigned by RAM Rating Services Berhad ("RAM") or its equivalent. To contain credit risk, the Manager will ensure that the diversification of credit rating (and duration standing) in the sukuk portfolio mitigate the overall risk position of the portfolio.

The Manager may also take temporary defensive measures that may be inconsistent with the Fund's principal strategy in attempting to respond to adverse market conditions, economics, political or any other conditions which the Manager deem detrimental to the Fund. The defensive measures that the Manager may undertake are in no way to be deviated from the mandates or breaching any laws and regulations. The Fund's strategies in yield enhancement for the portfolio will also be balanced with other investment needs of the Fund, such as liquidity and risk management. On liquidity management, the Fund will maintain sufficient amount of portfolio in liquid sukuk to accommodate redemption. As for risk management, the portfolio duration is kept at optimal level where yield enhancement can be optimised on risk adjusted basis, and at the same time, balanced with the need for containing portfolio's volatility.

Hence, during the temporary defensive period, the Manager may choose to increase the asset allocation by allocating more investment into risk free investments which are Islamic money market instruments and Islamic deposit in adverse market condition.

#### **Performance Benchmark**

Maybank Islamic Berhad's 12 months Islamic Fixed Deposit-i ("IFD-i").

#### **Permitted Investments**

The Fund may invest or participate in sukuk traded on eligible markets and/or which are listed on Bursa Malaysia; Shariah-compliant warrants that carry the right in respect of a security traded in or under the rules of an eligible market; Shariah-compliant unlisted securities including securities not listed or quoted on a stock exchange but have been approved by the relevant regulatory authority for such listing or quotation and are offered directly to the Fund by the issuer; Shariah-compliant financial derivatives; Islamic collective investment schemes and Islamic structured products; Government Investment Issues (GII), Islamic accepted bills, Bank Negara Malaysia negotiable notes, cagamas mudharabah bonds and any other Malaysian government approved/guaranteed Islamic issues; sukuk generally in the form of corporate sukuk or Islamic commercial papers issued by private companies or public listed corporations that are traded in eligible markets; liquid assets (including money market instruments and deposits with any financial institutions); and any other investments permitted by the Securities Commission Malaysia from time to time.

#### **Distribution Policy**

Income (if any) will be distributed during the financial year.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

#### MARKET REVIEW

During the period under review, on the local fixed income side, towards the final quarter of the year, bond market sentiment has skewed weaker since the no Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") cut decision by Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") at its final meeting of the year on 3 November 2020. Looking ahead, curve steepening pressure might prevail on supply dynamics point of view. Rising external yields will inevitably weigh on Ringgit bonds when supply profile remains heavy while demand faces headwinds. From the start of the year 2021, the local bond yields have been adjusted higher on better risk sentiment as well as higher movement in United States Treasury ("UST") yields on reflationary trades arising from higher stimulus bill which is at the final page of approving through the Senate. Local markets reopened after the Chinese New Year break on a rather bearish note. Bonds were under intense selling pressure amidst paper thin liquidity while tracking the movement on the UST, coupled with the relaxation of Employees' Provident Fund ("EPF") withdrawals through the i-Sinar program which further extended market cautiousness on potential higher withdrawal that will further distress local yields. Nevertheless, towards the end of the first quarter of year 2021 ("1Q2021"), we saw demand for the local government securities emerging following decision of FTSE Russell to retain Malaysia in the World Government Bond Index ("WGBI"). This is a positive news for local bond market and it has lifted sentiments especially from offshore investors' perspective given the certainty now and the risk of exclusion from the WGBI has now been completely removed. Local government space saw the yields flatten towards the end of the month with longer-end being sought after based on attractive valuation as a result of continuous selling pressures since the start of the year.

All in all, overall curve of the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") were bear-steepened during the period and closed at 2.17% (September 2020: 2.00%), 2.66% (2.24%), 3.10% (2.42%), 3.26% (2.65%), 3.91% (3.04%), 4.22% (3.37%) and 4.37% (3.84%) respectively.

#### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

On the local economic front, Malaysia's Consumer Prices Index ("CPI") increased by 0.1% based on year-on-year ("YoY") following a declined figure of -0.20% in January 2021. The increase in overall index was driven by miscellaneous goods and services (+1.60%), food and non-alcoholic beverages (+1.40%), alcohol beverages and tobacco (+0.70%), health (+0.70%) and furnishings, household equipment (+0.30% which contributed around 50.70% of overall weight. The CPI's transport segment declined on cheaper petrol and diesel retail price compared to a year ago. In the statement, the Department of Statistic Malaysia ("DOSM") said the average price of unleaded petrol RON95 in February 2021 decreased to RM1.96 per litre compared to RM2.07 in February 2020 amid persistently soft global crude oil prices. Going forward, overall inflation is expected to pick up on improvement in global oil prices

coupled with low base effect. The upward pressure from demand side is expected to be muted as the pace of recovery in domestic consumption will be patchy and uneven. Meanwhile, price pressure from other product categories is expected to remain mild given the lack of demand-pull pressure. This shall allow BNM to maintain an accommodative policy stance in the foreseeable future even as real interest rates are expected to turn negative momentarily starting next month.

# **REVIEW OF THE FUND PERFORMANCE DURING THE FINANCIAL PERIOD**

For the financial period under review, the Fund has registered a return of -12.45%\* in net asset value terms while its benchmark, Maybank 12 Months Islamic FD-I Rate recorded a return of 0.92%\*.

\* Source: Lipper Investment Management ("Lipper IM"), 8 April 2021

#### MARKET OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY GOING FORWARD

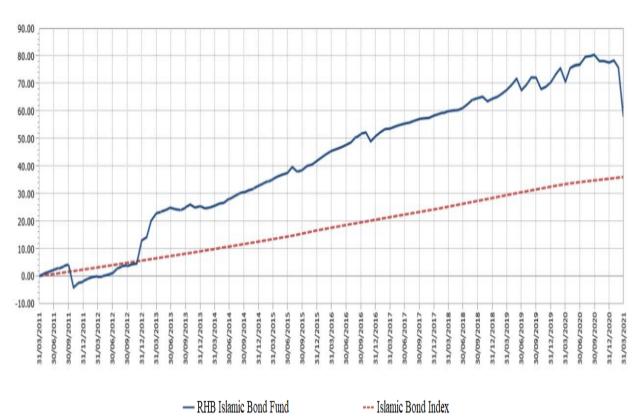
In domestic front, at its second Monetary Policy Meeting ("MPC") the year, BNM held the OPR at 1.75%. This came in line with Bloomberg market consensus and economist expectations. This marks the fourth straight meeting that BNM kept rates on hold. The Statutory Reserve Requirement ("SRR") was also kept unchanged at 2.00%. The next scheduled MPC decision is on 6 May 2021. In its statement, BNM highlighted that growth is expected to improve from the second half of the year driven by the recovery in global demand, increased public and private sector expenditure as well as more targeted containment measures following the roll-out of domestic COVID-19 vaccine programme. Growth will also be supported by higher production from existing and new manufacturing facilities, particularly in the E&E and primary-related sub-sectors, as well as oil and gas facilities. Nevertheless, BNM also highlighted that the growth outlook remains subject to downside risks, stemming mainly from ongoing uncertainties in developments related to the pandemic, and potential challenges that might affect the roll-out of vaccines both globally and domestically. Although BNM continued to highlight potential downside risk and reiterated that future monetary decisions will be data dependent, BNM's assessment painted a less negative outlook compared to their previous assessment in January 2021. The current Movement Control Order ("MCO") has been relaxed to allow most economic activities to resume from March 2021 onwards, with exception of interstate travel. Malaysia's external sector is projected to recover further in tandem with the global economy. In term of inflation trajectory, BNM highlighted that headline inflation is anticipated to temporarily spike in the second quarter of year 2021 due to the lower base from the low domestic retail fuel prices in the corresponding quarter of 2020, before moderating thereafter. Underlying inflation is expected to remain subdued amid continued spare capacity in the economy. The outlook, however, is subject to global oil and commodity price developments. Despite expectations of further improvements, underlying economic conditions are unlikely to warrant any rate adjustments this year. Despite expectations for a pick-up in Gross Domestic

Product ("GDP") in year 2021, we expect parts of the economy will continue to face challenges, unemployment rates to stay elevated above pre-pandemic levels, and spare capacity to prevail this year. As such, we expect BNM to keep the OPR unchanged at 1.75% for the rest of the year.

#### **PERFORMANCE DATA**

	Annual Total Returns					
	30.09.2020-	-		al Year Septem	<sup>.</sup> Ended ber	
	31.03.2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	%	%	%	%	%	%
RHB Islamic Bond Fund						
- Capital Return	(12.45)	0.28	(1.11)	(0.21)	(1.41)	5.39
- Income Return	-	4.47	5.68	5.17	5.01	3.95
- Total Return	(12.45)	4.76	4.51	4.95	3.53	9.55
Islamic Bond Index**	0.92	2.53	3.26	3.29	3.16	3.55

	Average Annual Return						
			5 Years 31.03.2016- 31.03.2021 %				
RHB Islamic Bond Fund	(7.48)	(0.42)	1.67	4.67			
Islamic Bond Index**	1.96	2.79	2.95	3.12			



#### Performance of RHB Islamic Bond Fund For the period from 31 March 2011 to 31 March 2021 Cumulative Return Over the Period (%)

#### Source: Lipper IM, 8 April 2021

\* The Maybank Islamic Berhad's 12 Months Islamic FD-i Rate is only available in Lipper database after 1 January 2016.

The abovementioned performance figures are indicative returns based on daily Net Asset Value of a unit (as per Lipper Database) since inception.

The calculation of the above returns is based on computation methods of Lipper.

\*\* Effective 1 January 2016, the Fund's composite benchmark (Islamic Bond Index) was changed from Maybank Islamic Berhad's 12 Months General Investment Account Rate to Maybank Islamic Berhad's 12 months Islamic Fixed Deposit-I ("IFD-i"). The Fund's composite benchmark performance has been adjusted to reflect the new benchmark.

A combination of benchmark/composite benchmark has been used for the performance computation as follows:

From 25 November 2002 - 31	Maybank Islamic Berhad's 12 Months
December 2015	General Investment Account Rate
1 January 2016 onwards	Maybank Islamic Berhad's 12 months IFD-i

Note : Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance and unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up.

The abovementioned performance computations have been adjusted to reflect distribution payments and unit splits wherever applicable.

	As at	As At 30 September		
Fund Size	31.03.2021	2020	2019	2018
Net Asset Value (RM million)	232.32	237.78*	270.37*	285.03*
Units In Circulation (million)	197.28	176.79	201.58	210.11
Net Asset Value Per Unit (RM)	1.1776	1.3450*	1.3413*	1.3566*

	01.10.2020-	Financial Year Ended 30 September		
Historical Data	31.03.2021	2020	2019	2018
Unit Prices				
NAV - Highest (RM)	1.3595	1.4038*	1.4212*	1.4245*
- Lowest (RM)	1.1776	1.3075*	1.3371*	1.3551*
Distribution and Unit Split				
Gross Distribution Per Unit (sen)	-	6.0000	7.6000	7.0000
Net Distribution Per Unit (sen)	-	6.0000	7.6000	7.0000
Distribution Date	-	25.09.2020	26.09.2019	26.09.2018
NAV before distribution (cum)	-	1.4030	1.4116	1.4245
NAV after distribution (ex)	-	1.3430	1.3371	1.3551
Unit Split	-	-	-	-
Others				
Management Expense Ratio				
(MER) (%) #	0.06	0.92	0.89	0.99
Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR)				
(times) ##	0.12	0.44	0.70	0.77

\* The figures quoted are ex-distribution

- # The MER for the financial period was lower compared to previous financial period due to higher average net asset value for the financial period under review.
- ## The MER for the financial period was lower compared to previous financial period due to lesser investment activities for the financial period under review

#### DISTRIBUTION

For the financial period under review, no distribution has been proposed by the Fund.

#### **PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE**

The asset allocations of the Fund as at reporting date were as follows:

	As at	As at	As at 30 Septemb	
	31.03.2021	2020	2019	2018
	%	%	%	%
Sectors				
Unquoted sukuk	91.71	95.82	101.84	99.75
Liquid assets and other net				
current assets	8.29	4.18	(1.84)*	0.25
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

The portfolio asset allocation has been relatively well-invested during the financial year under review, which reflected the Fund Manager's tactical strategy in line with the market outlook, as well as managing liquidity risk.

\* The excess over 100% of net asset value is mainly attributable to distribution payable, which has not been paid as at the reporting date.

	Account	Holders	No. Of Units Held*		
Size of Holdings	No.	%	('000)	%	
5,000 and below	415	36.21	913	0.46	
5,001 to 10,000	167	14.57	1,228	0.62	
10,001 to 50,000	408	35.60	9,753	4.95	
50,001 to 500,000	135	11.78	14,368	7.28	
500,001 and above	21	1.84	71,018	86.69	
Total	1,146	100.00	197,280	100.00	

#### **BREAKDOWN OF UNIT HOLDINGS BY SIZE**

\* Excluding Manager's stock

#### SOFT COMMISSION

The Fund Manager may only receive soft commission in the form of research and advisory services that assist in the decision-making process relating to the Fund's investments.

During the financial period under review, the soft commission received from the brokers had been retained by the Manager as the goods and services provided are of demonstrable benefit to the unitholders.

#### **CROSS TRADE**

Cross trade transactions carried out during the reported period have been reviewed by the Investment Committee of the Fund in the month of October 2020 to ensure that such transactions are in the best interests of the Fund, transacted on an arm's length\*.

\*Transactions at arm's length refer to transactions in the normal course of business at prevailing market price as at the date of cross trade.

#### RHB ISLAMIC BOND FUND UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	<u>Note</u>	<u>31.03.2021</u> RM	<u>30.09.2020</u> RM
ASSETS			
Bank balances		19,903,116	20,816,450
Investments	5	213,061,638	227,837,716
Amount due from Manager	_	408,821	2,023,779
TOTAL ASSETS	-	233,373,575	250,677,945
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to Manager		1,015,522	178,672
Accrued management fee		9,536	2,163,309
Amount due to Trustee		21,338	21,047
Income distribution payable		-	10,524,830
Other payables and accruals	_	11,953	14,805
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	1,058,349	12,902,663
NET ASSET VALUE	-	232,315,226	237,775,282
EQUITY			
Unitholders' capital		261,419,209	233,557,957
(Accumulated losses)/retained earnings		(29,103,983)	4,217,325
	-	232,315,226	237,775,282
UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)	7	197,284,921	176,786,827
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (EX-DISTRIBUTION)*(RM)		1.1776	1.3450*

#### **RHB ISLAMIC BOND FUND UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	<u>Note</u>	01.10.2020- <u>31.03.2021</u>	01.10.2019- <u>31.03.2020</u>
		RM	RM
LOSS			
Profit from Islamic deposits			
with licensed financial institutions		186,168	178,464
Profit from unquoted sukuk		6,219,407	7,176,116
Net loss on investments	5	(39,578,425)	(8,444,437)
		(33,172,850)	(1,089,857)
EXPENSES			
Management fee	8	(9,536)	(1,154,706)
Trustee's fee	9	(131,192)	(135,104)
Audit fee		(4,688)	(4,701)
Tax agent's fee		(1,922)	(1,621)
Other expenses		(1,120)	(1,872)
		(148,458)	(1,298,004)
Net loss before taxation		(33,321,308)	(2,387,861)
Taxation	10		
Net loss after taxation		(33,321,308)	(2,387,861)
Net loss after taxation is made up of the following:			
Realised amount		7,035,527	8,716,059
Unrealised amount		(40,356,835)	(11,103,920)
		(33,321,308)	(2,387,861)
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#### RHB ISLAMIC BOND FUND UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSET VALUE FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unitholders' <u>capital</u> RM	Retained earnings/ (Accumulated <u>losses)</u> RM	Total net <u>asset value</u> RM
Balance as at 1 October 2019	267,873,070	2,499,555	270,372,625
Movement in net asset value:			
Net loss after taxation	-	(2,387,861)	(2,387,861)
Creation of units arising from distribution Creation of units arising	32,583,427	-	32,583,427
from applications	12,920,923	-	12,920,923
Cancellation of units	(52,793,239)		(52,793,239)
Balance as at 31 March 2020	260,584,181	111,694	260,695,875
Balance as at 1 October 2020	233,557,957	4,217,325	237,775,282
Movement in net asset value: Net loss after taxation Creation of units arising	-	(33,321,308)	(33,321,308)
from distribution	8,871,468	-	8,871,468
Creation of units arising from applications	56,284,417	-	56,284,417
Cancellation of units	(37,294,633)		(37,294,633)
Balance as at 31 March 2021	261,419,209	(29,103,983)	232,315,226

#### RHB ISLAMIC BOND FUND UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	01.10.2020- <u>31.03.2021</u> RM	01.10.2019- <u>31.03.2020</u> RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING		
ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from redemption of investments	4,142,000	-
Proceeds from sales of investments	12,185,135	82,943,689
Purchase of investments	(44,688,465)	(60,586,352)
Profit received from Islamic deposits		
with licensed financial institutions	186,168	178,464
Profit received from unquoted sukuk	9,778,390	7,193,825
Management fee paid	(2,163,309)	(2,382,485)
Trustee's fee paid	(130,901)	(136,322)
Payment for other fees and expenses	(10,582)	(11,365)
Net cash (used in)/generated from		
operating activities	(20,701,564)	27,199,454
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash proceeds from units created	57,899,375	33,138,725
Cash paid for units cancelled	(36,457,783)	(52,249,923)
Payment for income distributions	(1,653,362)	(2,404,522)
Net cash generated from/(used in)		
financing activities	19,788,230	(21,515,720)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash		
equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning	(913,334)	5,683,734
of the financial period	20,816,450	12,848,731
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	19,903,116	18,532,465
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#### RHB ISLAMIC BOND FUND UNAUDITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### **1** THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The RHB Islamic Bond Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Master deed (Shariah funds) dated 12 June 2008 as amended via its first supplemental master deed (Shariah funds) dated 19 June 2009, second supplemental master deed (Shariah funds) dated 18 November 2009, third supplemental master deed (Shariah funds) dated 23 November 2009, fourth supplemental master deed (Shariah funds) dated 13 April 2012, fifth supplemental master deed (Shariah funds) dated 23 May 2012, seventh supplemental master deed (Shariah funds) dated 28 May 2012, seventh supplemental master deed (Shariah funds) dated 24 September 2013, ninth supplemental master deed (Shariah funds) dated 2 March 2015 and tenth supplemental master deed (Shariah funds) dated 20 May 2015 (collectively referred to as "the Deeds") between RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd ("the Manager") and CIMB Islamic Trustee Berhad ("the Trustee").

The Fund was launched on 25 August 2000 and will continue its operations until terminated according to the conditions provided in the Deeds.

The principal activity of the Fund is to invest in 'Permitted Investments' as defined in the Master Deeds, which includes sukuk, all types of Islamic collective investment schemes, Islamic money market instruments and any other form of investments as may be approved by the relevant authorities from time to time and acceptable under the Shariah principles.

The Fund's activities shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the requirement of the Shariah principles and shall be monitored by the Shariah Adviser of the Fund.

All investments will be subject to the Securities Commission's ("SC") Malaysia Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, SC requirements, the Deeds, except where exemptions or variations have been approved by the SC, internal policies and procedures and objective of the Fund.

The main objective of the Fund is to provide regular income to investors through investments in Islamic fixed income instruments and sukuk which are acceptable investments under the principles of Shariah.

# 1 THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND THEIR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

The Manager, a company incorporated in Malaysia, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RHB Investment Bank Berhad, effective 6 January 2003. Its principal activities include rendering of investment management services, management of unit trust funds and private retirement schemes and provision of investment advisory services.

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager on 25 May 2021.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **2.1** Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through profit or loss, except those as disclosed in the summary of significant accounting policies, and in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

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

#### **2.1** Basis of preparation of the financial statements (continued)

- (a) The Fund has applied the following amendments and interpretations for the first time for the financial period beginning on 1 October 2020:
  - The Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting ("Framework") (effective 1 January 2020)

The Framework was revised with the primary purpose to assist the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") to develop IFRS that are based on consistent concepts and enable preparers to develop consistent accounting policies where an issue is not addressed by an IFRS.

Key changes include:

- increasing the prominence of stewardship in the objective of financial reporting
- reinstating prudence as a component of neutrality
- defining a reporting entity, which may be a legal entity, or a portion of an entity
- revising the definitions of an asset and a liability
- removing the probability threshold for recognition and adding guidance on derecognition
- adding guidance on different measurement basis, and
- stating that profit or loss is the primary performance indicator and that, in principle, income and expenses in other comprehensive income should be recycled where this enhances the relevance or faithful representation of the financial statements.

No changes will be made to any of the current accounting standards. However, entities that rely on the Framework in determining their accounting policies for transactions, events or conditions that are not otherwise dealt with under the accounting standards will need to apply the revised Framework from 1 October 2020.

• Amendments to MFRS 101 and MFRS 108 'Definition of Material' (effective 1 January 2020) clarify the definition of materiality and use a consistent definition throughout MFRSs and the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting.

#### **2.1** Basis of preparation of the financial statements (continued)

- (a) The Fund has applied the following amendments for the first time for the financial period beginning on 1 October 2020:
  - The Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting ("Framework") (effective 1 January 2020) (continued)

The revised Framework and adoption of the amendments to published standards did not have any impact on the current period or any prior period and is not likely to affect future periods.

(b) A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning on/after 1 October 2020, and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### 2.2 Financial assets

#### **Classification**

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

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"), 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. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and profit, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments and deposits with licensed financial institutions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

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

#### 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. Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value.

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

#### 2.2 Financial assets (continued)

#### Recognition and measurement (continued)

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in statement of income and expenses in the period in which they arise.

Profit income from unquoted sukuk at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of income and expenses.

Unquoted sukuk denominated in Ringgit Malaysia are revalued on a daily basis based on fair value prices quoted by a bond pricing agency ("BPA") registered with the SC Malaysia Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

Where such quotations are not available or where the Manager is of the view that the price quoted by the BPA or the BGN price for a specific unquoted sukuk differs from the market price by more than 20 basis points, the Manager may use the market price, provided that the Manager:

- (i) Records its basis for using a non-BPA/BGN price;
- (ii) Obtains necessary internal approvals to use the non-BPA/BGN price; and
- (iii) Keeps an audit trail of all decisions and basis for adopting the market price.

Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions are stated at cost plus accrued profit calculated on the effective profit method over the period from the date of placement to the date of the statement of financial position, which is a reasonable estimate of fair value due to the short-term nature of the deposits.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective profit method.

#### 2.2 Financial assets (continued)

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Fund measures credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Management 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 the 12-month expected credit losses 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 management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due or a counterparty credit rating which has fallen below BBB/Baa.

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

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

#### Write-off

The Fund writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on the unavailability of debtor's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Fund may write off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off will result in impairment gains. There are no write-offs/recoveries during the financial period.

#### 2.3 Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability.

Financial liabilities, within the scope MFRS 9, 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.

The Fund's financial liabilities which include amount due to Manager, accrued management fee, amount due to Trustee and other payables and accruals are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective profit method.

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is extinguished. Gains and losses are recognised in statement of income and expenses when the liabilities are derecognised, and through the amortisation process.

#### 2.4 Unitholders' capital

The unitholders' contributions to the Fund meet the criteria of the definition of puttable instruments to be classified as equity instruments under MFRS 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation". These criteria include:

- the units entitle the holder to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value;
- the units are the most subordinated class and class features are identical;
- there is no contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the obligation on the Fund to repurchase; and
- the total expected cash flows from the units over its life are based substantially on the statement of income and expenses of the Fund.

The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at each financial period if the unitholders exercise the right to put the units back to the Fund.

Units are created and cancelled at prices based on the Fund's net asset value per unit at the time of creation or cancellation. The Fund's net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders with the total number of outstanding units.

#### 2.5 Distribution

Distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a deduction from realised reserves. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved by the Trustee.

#### 2.6 Income recognition

Profit income from Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions and unquoted sukuk are recognised on an accrual basis using the effective profit method.

Profit income is calculated by applying the effective profit 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 profit rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial assets (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Realised gain or loss on sale of unquoted sukuk is measured by the difference between disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments (adjusted for accretion of discount or amortisation of premium).

Net income or loss is the total of income less expenses.

#### 2.7 Taxation

Current tax expense is determined according to Malaysian tax laws and includes all taxes based upon the taxable income earned during the financial period.

#### 2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### 2.9 Presentation and functional 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 Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"), which is the Fund's presentation and functional currency.

#### **3** FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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

Financial risk management is carried out through internal control processes adopted by the Manager and adherence to the investment restrictions as stipulated in the SC Malaysia Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

#### Price risk

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

The Fund is exposed to price risk arising from profit rate risk in relation to its investments of RM213,061,638 (30.09.2020: RM227,837,716) in unquoted sukuk. The Fund's exposure to price risk arising from profit rate risk and the related sensitivity analysis are disclosed in "Profit rate risk" below.

#### Profit rate risk

In general, when profit rates rise, unquoted sukuk prices will tend to fall and vice versa. Therefore, the net asset value of the Fund may also tend to fall when profit rates rise or are expected to rise. However, investors should be aware that should the Fund hold an unquoted sukuk till maturity, such price fluctuations would dissipate as it approaches maturity, and thus the growth of the net asset value shall not be affected at maturity. In order to mitigate profit rates exposure of the Fund, the Manager will manage the duration of the portfolio via shorter or longer tenured assets depending on the view of the future profit rate trend of the Manager, which is based on its continuous fundamental research and analysis.

This risk is crucial since unquoted sukuk portfolio management depends on forecasting profit rate movements. Unquoted sukuk with longer maturity and lower yield coupon rates are more susceptible to profit rate movements.

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit or loss and net asset value as at reporting date to movements in prices of unquoted sukuk held by the Fund as a result of movement in profit rate fluctuation by +/(-) 1% with all other variables held constant.

	Impact on profit or loss and net asset value				
	<u>31.03.2021</u> <u>30.09</u> RM				
<u>% Change in profit rate</u>					
+ 1%	891,891	(779,836)			
- 1%	(884,099)	784,276			

#### Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the possibility that the issuer of a particular investment will not be able to make timely or full payments of principal or income due on that investment. Credit risk arising from unquoted sukuk can be managed by performing credit fundamental research continuous and analysis ascertain the to creditworthiness of its issuer. In addition, the Manager imposes a minimum rating requirement as rated by either local and/or foreign rating agencies and manages the duration of the investment in accordance with the objective of the Fund. The risk arising from cash and cash equivalents is managed by ensuring that the Fund will only maintain cash balances and place deposits with reputable licensed financial institutions. The settlement terms of the proceeds from the creation of units receivable from the Manager are governed by the SC Malaysia Guidelines on Unit Trust Fund.

The following table sets out the credit risk concentrations of the Fund.

		Cash and cash	Other financial	
	<b>Investments</b>	<u>equivalents</u>	<u>assets*</u>	<u>Total</u>
	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>31.03.2021</u>				
Financial institutions	5:			
AAA	9,142,199	19,903,116	-	29,045,315
AA1	2,783,589	-	-	2,783,589
AA3	27,104,047	-	-	27,104,047
AA-	18,958,393	-	-	18,958,393
A+	7,728,978	-	-	7,728,978
А	24,712,817	-	-	24,712,817
A1	18,924,006	-	-	18,924,006
BBB	20,511,545	-	-	20,511,545
C3	11,942,853	-	-	11,942,853
С	20,959,566	-	-	20,959,566
Non-rated	50,293,645	-	-	50,293,645
Others		-	408,821	408,821
	213,061,638	19,903,116	408,821	233,373,575

#### Credit risk (continued)

30.09.2020	<u>Investments</u> RM	Cash and cash <u>equivalents</u> RM	Other financial <u>assets*</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Financial institutions	:			
AAA	10,744,267	-	-	10,744,267
AA1	3,099,682	-	-	3,099,682
AA3	32,790,769	-	-	32,790,769
AA2	-	20,816,450		20,816,450
AA-	20,998,400	-	-	20,998,400
A+	22,509,848	-	-	22,509,848
А	74,768,195	-	-	74,768,195
A1	16,915,287	-	-	16,915,287
BB1	20,796,644	-	-	20,796,644
Non-rated	25,214,624	-	-	25,214,624
Others	-	-	2,023,779	2,023,779
	227,837,716	20,816,450	2,023,779	250,677,945

\* Comprise amount due from Manager.

#### Liquidity risk

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

Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to sell. As such, the Fund may not be able to sell such illiquid investments at an advantageous time or price to meet its liquidity requirements. Unit trust funds with principal investment strategies that involve securities or securities with substantial market and/or credit risk tend to have the greater exposure to liquidity risk. As part of its risk management, the Manager will attempt to manage the liquidity of the Fund through asset allocation and diversification strategies within the portfolio. The Manager will also conduct constant fundamental research and analysis to forecast future liquidity of its investments.

#### Liquidity risk (continued)

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

	Less than <u>1 month</u> RM	Between 1 month <u>to 1 year</u> RM
<u>31.03.2021</u>	1 015 522	
Amount due to Manager	1,015,522	-
Accrued management fee	9,536	-
Amount due to Trustee	21,338	-
Other payables and accruals	-	11,953
	1,046,396	11,953
<u>30.09.2020</u>		
Amount due to Manager	178,672	-
Accrued management fee	2,163,309	-
Amount due to Trustee	21,047	-
Income distribution payable	10,524,830	-
Other payables and accruals		14,805
	12,887,858	14,805

#### Shariah specific risk

The risk that the investments do not conform to the principle of Shariah may result in those investments being not Shariah-compliant. Should the situation arise, necessary steps shall be taken to dispose of such investments in accordance with the rules of divestment of non Shariah-compliant investments. If this occurs, the Fund could suffer losses from the disposal and thus, adversely affecting the value of the Fund.

#### Capital risk

The capital of the Fund is represented by equity consisting of unitholders' capital of RM261,419,209 (30.09.2020: RM233,557,957) and accumulated losses of RM29,103,983 (30.09.2020: retained earnings RM4,217,325). The amount of equity can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. 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 for unitholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

#### 4 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 an active market (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the financial period end date.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the assets or liabilities 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. The Fund uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each financial period end date. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments such as options, currency swaps and other over-the-counter derivatives, include the use of comparable recent transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

#### 4 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (CONTINUED)

The fair values are based on the following methodologies and assumptions:

- (i) For bank balances and Islamic deposits with licensed financial institutions with maturities less than 1 year, the carrying value is a reasonable estimate of fair value.
- (ii) The carrying value of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short term nature.

Fair value hierarchy

The Fund adopted MFRS 13 "Fair Value Measurement" in respect of disclosures about the degree of reliability of fair value measurement. This requires the Fund to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: 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 3: Inputs for the asset and liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets (by class) measured at fair value:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	<u>Total</u>
	RM	RM	RM	RM
<u>31.03.2021</u>				
Investments:				
- Unquoted sukuk	-	213,061,638	-	213,061,638
-				
30.09.2020				
Investments:				
- Unquoted sukuk	-	227,837,716	_	227,837,716
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#### 4 FAIR VALUE ESTIMATION (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. Level 2 instruments include unquoted sukuk. 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. The Fund's policies on valuation of these financial assets are stated in Note 2.2.

#### 5 INVESTMENTS

	<u>31.03.2021</u> RM	<u>30.09.2020</u> RM
Investments:		
- Unquoted sukuk	213,061,638	227,837,716
	01.10.2020- <u>31.03.2021</u> RM	01.10.2019- <u>31.03.2020</u> RM
Net loss on investments comprised: - Net realised gain on sale of investments - Net unrealised loss on changes in fair	1,117,489	2,659,483
value	(40,695,914)	(11,103,920)
	(39,578,425)	(8,444,437)

Investments as at 31 March 2021 are as follows:

<u>Name of Instruments</u> UNQUOTED SUKUK 6.00% Al Dzahab Assets	<u>Rating</u>	Nominal <u>Value</u> RM	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	% of Net Asset <u>Value</u> RM
Bhd IMTN 15/09/2026 (Class B Tranche 5) 6.00% Alpha Circle Sdn	AAA	7,000,000	7,038,719	7,579,951	3.26
Bhd 31/05/2023 5.45% Alpha Circle Sdn	BBB	20,200,000	20,820,163	20,511,545	8.84
Bhd IMTN 23/02/2022 5.45% Alpha Circle Sdn	А	899,000	916,853	924,549	0.40
Bhd IMTN 19/11/2021 5.60% Alpha Circle Sdn	А	2,702,000	2,760,387	2,774,140	1.19
Bhd IMTN 18/11/2022 5.70% Alpha Circle Sdn	А	540,000	551,019	557,326	0.24
Bhd IMTN 18/11/2022 3.600% Bank Islam	А	10,000,000	10,209,260	10,341,760	4.45
Malaysia Bhd IMTN 21/10/2030 5.60% BGSM	A1	2,000,000	2,031,956	2,024,096	0.87
Management Sdn Bhd 27/12/2023 2.50% MEX I Capital Bhd	AA3	1,700,000	1,738,646	1,840,865	0.79
IMTN 24/01/2030 2.50% MEX I Capital Bhd	C3	31,500,000	25,650,983	8,697,482	3.74
IMTN 22/01/2031 5.20% MEX I Capital Bhd	C3	7,000,000	5,232,280	1,704,784	0.73
IMTN 24/01/2024 5.100% DRB-HICOM Bhd	C3	2,100,000	2,072,542	1,540,587	0.66
IMTN 12/12/2029 Dialog Perpetual Sukuk	A+	7,500,000	7,613,178	7,728,978	3.33
Wakalah Tranche No. 1 5.70% Edra Energy Sdn Bhd IMTN 05/07/2023 -	A1	3,000,000	3,046,389	3,069,099	1.32
Tranche No 4	AA3	1,500,000	1,532,474	1,594,035	0.69

Investments as at 31 March 2021 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of Instruments</u> UNQUOTED SUKUK (CONTINUED)	<u>Rating</u>	Nominal <u>Value</u> RM	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	% of Net Asset <u>Value</u> RM
5.82% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 04/07/2025 - Tranche No 8	AA3	1 000 000	1 024 001	1 002 622	0.47
5.94% Edra Energy Sdn	AAS	1,000,000	1,034,001	1,093,623	0.47
Bhd IMTN 05/07/2027 -					
Tranche No 12	AA3	3,000,000	3,124,623	3,333,077	1.43
6.35% Edra Energy Sdn	11110	2,000,000	0,121,020	0,000,011	1110
Bhd IMTN 05/07/2033 -					
Tranche No 24	AA3	2,200,000	2,285,531	2,532,688	1.09
6.43% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 05/07/2034 -					
Tranche No 26	AA3	3,600,000	3,759,278	4,184,136	1.80
6.51% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 05/07/2035 -					
Tranche No 28	AA3	3,500,000	3,678,522	4,105,670	1.77
6.59% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 04/07/2036 -				<b>5</b> 011 <b>0</b> 0 6	o <i></i>
Tranche No 30	AA3	5,000,000	5,252,666	5,911,236	2.55
3.422% GII Murabahah	00	<b>5</b> 000 000	5 000 400	5 110 467	2 20
1/2020 30/09/2017	GG	5,000,000	5,280,483	5,110,467	2.20
3.447% GII Murabahah 1/2021 15/07/2036	GG	5,000,000	5 026 221	1 750 721	2.05
3.465% GII Murabahah	00	3,000,000	5,036,221	4,752,734	2.03
2/2020 15/10/2030	GG	3,000,000	3,018,414	3,072,877	1.32
3.726% GII Murabahah	00	5,000,000	3,010,414	3,072,077	1.32
3/2019 31/03/2026	GG	1,400,000	1,483,787	1,465,243	0.63
4.467% GII Murabahah	00	1,100,000	1,100,101	1,100,210	0.02
2/2019 15/09/2039	GG	16,000,000	17,924,425	16,225,017	6.98
4.245% GII Murabahah		, ,	, ,	, ,	
3/2015 30/09/2030	GG	2,000,000	2,129,106	2,132,352	0.92
4.755% GII Murabahah					
5/2017 04/08/2037	GG	7,500,000	8,880,032	8,240,368	3.55
4.638% GII Murabahah					
5/2019 15/11/2049	GG	4,500,000	5,079,949	4,569,216	1.97

Investments as at 31 March 2021 are as follows: (continued)

<u>Name of Instruments</u> UNQUOTED SUKUK	<u>Rating</u>	Nominal <u>Value</u> RM	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	% of Net Asset <u>Value</u> RM
(CONTINUED) 4.724% GII Murabahah 6/2017 15/06/2033 4.119% GII Murabahah 6/2019 30/11/2034	GG GG	1,500,000 3,000,000	1,697,470 3,382,135	1,647,655 3,077,716	0.71 1.33
5.70% MEX II Sdn Bhd IMTN 29/04/2027 - Issue No. 7 5.80% MEX II Sdn Bhd	C	10,000,000	10,691,912	5,569,232	2.40
IMTN 28/04/2028 - Issue No. 8 6.00% MEX II Sdn Bhd IMTN 29/04/2030 -	С	15,000,000	16,163,053	7,674,935	3.30
Issue No. 10 6.20% MEX II Sdn Bhd IMTN 29/04/2032 -	C	7,000,000	7,556,137	3,106,325	1.33
Issue No. 12 5.32% Quantum Solar Park (Semenanjung) Sdn Bhd Green SRI Sukuk 04/10/2024 - T12	C AA-	11,500,000 5,000,000	12,648,759 5,180,220	4,609,074 5,364,742	1.98 2.31
<ul> <li>5.68% Quantum Solar Park (Semenanjung) Sdn Bhd Green SRI Sukuk 06/04/2029 –T21</li> <li>6.16% Quantum Solar Park (Semenanjung)</li> </ul>	AA-	5,000,000	5,169,969	5,464,871	2.35
Sdn Bhd Green SRI Sukuk 06/04/2035 - T33 5.130% Solar Management	AA-	3,500,000	3,657,062	3,877,971	1.67
(Seremban) Sdn Bhd 22/10/2036 5.45% Southern Power Generation Sdn Bhd	AA3	2,000,000	2,084,151	1,927,318	0.83
IMTN 31/10/2033	AA-	2,950,000	3,026,523	3,278,468	1.41

Investments as at 31 March 2021 are as follows: (continued)

Name of Instruments	<u>Rating</u>	Nominal <u>Value</u> RM	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	% of Net Asset <u>Value</u> RM
UNQUOTED SUKUK					
(CONTINUED)					
6.20% Tanjung Bin					
Energy Issuer Berhad					
16/03/2032	AA3	500,000	513,734	581,399	0.25
4.98% Tenaga Nasional					
Bhd IMTN		1 500 000	1 505 440	1 5 6 9 4 9	0.67
27/08/2038	AAA	1,500,000	1,585,443	1,562,248	0.67
5.75% TRIpIc Medical					
Sdn Bhd Senior					
Sukuk Murabahah					
23/10/2034 -	A A 1	2 500 000	2 699 242	2 792 590	1.20
Tranche 13 4.800% UiTM Solar	AA1	2,500,000	2,688,243	2,783,589	1.20
Power Dua Sdn Bhd					
IMTN 04/03/2033	AA-	1,000,000	1,007,994	072 241	0.42
6.35% UMW Holdings	AA-	1,000,000	1,007,994	972,341	0.42
Perpetual Sukuk					
Musharakah -					
Tranche 1	A1	12,000,000	12,619,026	13,830,811	5.96
5.800% WCT Holdings	Π	12,000,000	12,017,020	15,050,011	5.70
Bhd IMTN					
27/09/2119 Series 1					
Tranche 1	А	3,000,000	3,001,430	3,043,340	1.31
6.00% WCT Holdings		2,000,000	0,001,100	0,010,010	1101
Bhd IMTN					
27/09/2119 Series 1					
Tranche 2	А	7,000,000	7,003,452	7,071,702	3.04
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TOTAL UNQUOTED S	UKUK		258,858,600	213,061,638	91.71

Investments as at 30 September 2020 are as follows:

<u>Name of Instruments</u>	<u>Rating</u>	Nominal <u>Value</u> RM	Cost RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	% of Net Asset <u>Value</u> RM
UNQUOTED SUKUK					
6.00% Al Dzahab Assets					
Bhd IMTN 15/09/2026 (Class P. Tropolo 5)	AAA	7 000 000	7 020 144	7 802 020	2 70
(Class B Tranche 5)	AAA	7,000,000	7,039,144	7,803,920	3.28
6.00% Alpha Circle Sdn Bhd 31/05/2023	۸	20,200,000	20 865 228	21 277 706	8 05
	А	20,200,000	20,865,238	21,277,706	8.95
5.45% Alpha Circle Sdn Bhd IMTN 23/02/2022	AA-	899,000	917,122	940,586	0.40
5.30% Alpha Circle Sdn	<b>ΠΠ-</b>	899,000	917,122	940,500	0.40
Bhd IMTN 20/11/2020	AA-	628,000	640,311	641,950	0.27
5.30% Alpha Circle Sdn	1 11 1-	020,000	0+0,511	0+1,750	0.27
Bhd IMTN 23/02/2021	AA-	1,757,000	1,795,292	1,804,883	0.76
5.45% Alpha Circle Sdn	1 11 1	1,757,000	1,795,292	1,001,005	0.70
Bhd IMTN 19/11/2021	AA-	2,702,000	2,764,937	2,814,937	1.18
5.60% Alpha Circle Sdn		_,, 0_,000	_,, ,,	_,,	
Bhd IMTN 18/11/2022	AA-	540,000	551,185	573,190	0.24
5.70% Alpha Circle Sdn		,	,	,	
Bhd IMTN 18/11/2022	AA-	10,000,000	10,212,384	10,640,184	4.48
5.60% BGSM					
Management Sdn Bhd					
27/12/2023	AA3	1,700,000	1,741,296	1,873,664	0.78
2.50% MEX I Capital Bhd					
IMTN 24/01/2030	BB1**	31,500,000	25,393,302	15,699,160	6.60
2.50% MEX I Capital Bhd					
IMTN 22/01/2031	BB1**	7,000,000	5,167,470	3,229,702	1.36
5.20% MEX I Capital Bhd					
IMTN 24/01/2024	BB1**	2,100,000	2,065,895	1,867,782	0.79
5.100% DRB-HICOM Bhd					
IMTN 12/12/2029	A+	7,500,000	7,616,322	7,743,522	3.26
5.70% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 05/07/2023 -		1 500 000	1 505 0 60	1 60 4 0 1 4	0.00
Tranche No 4	AA3	1,500,000	1,535,263	1,624,014	0.68
5.82% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 04/07/2025 -	A A 2	2 000 000	2 072 902	0 051 044	0.05
Tranche No 8	AA3	2,000,000	2,072,892	2,251,844	0.95

Investments as at 30 September 2020 are as follows: (continued)

			(		% of Net
Name of Instruments	<u>Rating</u>	Nominal <u>Value</u> RM	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	Asset <u>Value</u> RM
UNQUOTED SUKUK					
(CONTINUED)					
5.94% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 05/07/2027 -					
Tranche No 12	AA3	3,000,000	3,130,594	3,498,775	1.47
6.35% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 05/07/2033 -					
Tranche No 24	AA3	2,200,000	2,287,723	2,757,699	1.16
6.43% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 05/07/2034 -					
Tranche No 26	AA3	7,300,000	7,640,408	9,247,294	3.89
6.51% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 05/07/2035 -					
Tranche No 28	AA3	3,500,000	3,681,860	4,473,514	1.88
6.59% Edra Energy Sdn					
Bhd IMTN 04/07/2036 -					
Tranche No 30	AA3	5,000,000	5,257,861	6,439,491	2.71
4.467% GII Murabahah	Non-				
2/2019 15/09/2039	Rated	6,000,000	6,720,183	6,749,846	2.84
4.245% GII Murabahah	Non-				
3/2015 30/09/2030	Rated	2,000,000	2,241,275	2,358,359	0.99
4.755% GII Murabahah	Non-				
5/2017 04/08/2037	Rated	7,500,000	8,910,789	8,726,207	3.67
4.638% GII Murabahah	Non-				
5/2019 15/11/2049	Rated	2,000,000	2,302,197	2,235,325	0.94
4.724% GII Murabahah	Non-				
6/2017 15/06/2033	Rated	1,500,000	1,703,322	1,773,359	0.75
4.119% GII Murabahah	Non-				
6/2019 30/11/2034	Rated	3,000,000	3,392,474	3,371,528	1.42
5.70% MEX II Sdn Bhd					
IMTN 29/04/2027 -					
Issue No. 7	А	10,000,000	10,726,709	10,078,355	4.24
5.80% MEX II Sdn Bhd					
IMTN 28/04/2028 -					
Issue No. 8	А	15,000,000	16,214,452	15,035,102	6.32
6.00% MEX II Sdn Bhd					
IMTN 29/04/2030 -					_ ·
Issue No. 10	А	7,000,000	7,574,765	6,944,347	2.92

Investments as at 30 September 2020 are as follows: (continued)

Name of Instruments	Rating	Nominal <u>Value</u> RM	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	% of Net Asset <u>Value</u> RM
UNQUOTED SUKUK					
(CONTINUED)					
6.20% MEX II Sdn Bhd					
IMTN 29/04/2032 -					
Issue No. 12	А	11,500,000	12,680,609	11,296,896	4.75
5.32% Quantum Solar					
Park (Semenanjung)					
Sdn Bhd Green SRI					
Sukuk 04/10/2024 - T12	A+	5,000,000	5,187,537	5,355,620	2.25
5.68% Quantum Solar					
Park (Semenanjung)					
Sdn Bhd Green SRI					
Sukuk 06/04/2029 – T21	A+	5,000,000	5,172,329	5,491,999	2.31
6.16% Quantum Solar					
Park (Semenanjung)					
Sdn Bhd Green SRI					
Sukuk 06/04/2035 - T33	A+	3,500,000	3,658,839	3,918,707	1.65
5.45% Southern Power					
Generation Sdn Bhd					
IMTN 31/10/2033	AA-	2,950,000	3,027,216	3,582,670	1.51
6.20% Tanjung Bin					
Energy Issuer Berhad					
16/03/2032	AA3	500,000	514,049	624,474	0.26
4.98% Tenaga Nasional		• • • • • • • • •	0 ( 1 1 0 7 0	2 0 10 2 17	1.0.4
Bhd IMTN 27/08/2038	AAA	2,500,000	2,644,872	2,940,347	1.24
5.75% TRIpIc Medical					
Sdn Bhd Senior Sukuk					
Murabahah 23/10/2034	A A 1	2 500 000	0 (01 770	2 000 602	1.20
– Tranche 13	AA1	2,500,000	2,691,778	3,099,682	1.30
6.35% UMW Holdings					
Perpetual Sukuk	A 1	14 500 000	15 102 511	16015 207	7 1 1
Musharakah - Tranche 1	A1	14,500,000	15,193,511	16,915,287	7.11
5.800% WCT Holdings Bhd IMTN 27/09/2119					
Series 1 Tranche 1	А	3,000,000	3,001,907	3,043,997	1.28
	A	5,000,000	3,001,907	5,045,777	1.20

Investments as at 30 September 2020 are as follows: (continued)

Name of Instruments	<u>Rating</u>	Nominal <u>Value</u> RM	<u>Cost</u> RM	<u>Fair Value</u> RM	% of Net Asset <u>Value</u> RM
UNQUOTED SUKUK					
(CONTINUED)					
6.00% WCT Holdings					
Bhd IMTN					
27/09/2119 Series 1					
Tranche 2	А	7,000,000	7,003,452	7,091,792	2.98
TOTAL UNQUOTED SU	UKUK		232,938,764	227,837,716	95.82

\* <u>Tracoma Holdings Bhd ("Tracoma") RM100 million Islamic Bai' Bithaman Ajil Debt</u> <u>Securities ("BaIDS")</u>

On 12 April 2011, Tracoma was granted an extension of the Restraining Order ("RO") for another 6 months from 9 December 2010. This means that Tracoma has protection from any legal action up to the expiry of the RO i.e. 8 June 2011. Tracoma is expected to refine the restructuring scheme which was rejected by the BaIDS holders.

On 19 April 2011, Tracoma appointed KAF Investment Bank Bhd as the company's Principal Advisor for the proposed restructuring scheme.

On 9 May 2011, Tracoma was again granted an extension of the RO for a period of six (6) months effective from 9 June 2011 until 8 December 2011 to restrain further proceedings against Tracoma Group.

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#### \* <u>Tracoma Holdings Bhd ("Tracoma") RM100 million Islamic Bai' Bithaman Ajil</u> <u>Debt Securities ("BaIDS")</u> (continued)

On 10 October 2011, an Event of Default (EOD) was declared and the BaIDS subsequently fair valued at zero value for the financial year ended 30 September 2011 of the Fund.

On 30 December 2011, BDO Consulting Sdn Bhd ("BDO") was appointed as Receiver and Manager ("R&M") to undertake an asset disposal exercise for the recovery of Tracoma's RM100 million BaIDS. Most of Tracoma's assets have been successfully disposed and the proceeds were distributed to the BaIDS holders in 5 distributions since December 2012. The total distribution amount of RM73 million translated to a 73% recovery rate.

As of the financial year ended 30 September 2019, R&M continued to conclude the assets disposal exercise but expected recovery is likely to be negligible. The BaIDS continued to be fair valued at zero value for the financial year ended 30 September 2019 of the Fund and has been written off as at 30 September 2020.

### \*\* MEX I Capital RM1.35 billion Sukuk Musharakah

On 23 April 2020, RAM lifted the Negative Rating Watch on MEX I Capital and reaffirmed its BB1 rating with a Negative outlook. RAM had earlier downgraded MEX I Capital's rating to A1 from AA2 on 16 November 2018 and subsequently to BB1 on 3 June 2019 premised on the severe impairment in its debt-servicing metrics following unauthorized intercompany advances amounting to RM97.7 million by Maju Expressway Sdn Bhd ("MESB") to Maju Holdings Sdn Bhd ("Maju Holdings"), in addition to a deterioration in MESB's projected annual cash flows.

On 24 June 2020, the High Court dismissed the legal action commenced by the Trustee for the Sukukholders against MESB, Bright Focus Berhad and Maju Holdings to recover the unauthorized intercompany advances made earlier by MESB to Maju Holdings, with costs of RM10,000. The Judge found that the Trustee has no proprietary interest in the intercompany advances from MESB to Maju Holdings hence, no grounds to compel Maju Holdings to repay MESB. Pursuant to a Notice of Appeal filed by Messrs. Lee Hishamuddin Allen & Gledhill as legal counsel to the Trustee (acting for and behalf of the Sukukholders) on 17 July 2020, a hearing of appeal has been fixed for 24 June 2021. A final injunction was earlier granted by the Court on 14 August 2019 restraining MESB from making any further advances to Maju Holdings or any other party throughout the remaining tenure of the Sukuk. The longest Sukuk tranche matures on 23 January 2031.

### \*\* MEX I Capital Bhd RM1.35 billion Sukuk Musharakah (continued)

On 24 January 2021, MEX I Capital fulfilled its obligation on the Sukuk with full and timely principal and profit payments of RM97.9 million from monies previously ring-fenced for the sole benefit of Sukukholders in a reserve account.

Approximately 90% of the next immediate Sukuk profit payment of RM25.9 million due on 26 July 2021 have been secured via funds set aside in a reserve account as 9 March 2021.

On 19 March 2021, RAM further downgraded the rating of MEX I Capital to C3/Negative, from BB1/Negative, mainly premised on its persistent liquidity problems and heightened default risk amid sharply lower traffic volumes along the Maju Expressway due to COVID-19-led restrictions on mobility.

The proposed restructuring of the Sukuk ("New Sukuk") to improve the rating is currently ongoing and targeted to be completed in the second half of year 2021. On 6 November 2020, RAM assigned a preliminary A2/Stable rating to the New Sukuk.

\*\*\* MEX II Sdn Bhd ("MEX II")

RM1.30 billion Sukuk Murabahah Programme

On 18 October 2019, MARC had downgraded the rating of MEX II Sdn Bhd's ("MEX II") RM1.3 billion Sukuk Murabahah Programme from AA- to A whilst maintaining the rating on a negative outlook premised on rising completion risk and increased uncertainty with regard to completion and associated tolling date of the 16.8-km Lebuhraya KLIA (MEX Extension) project. MARC further placed MEX II's ratings on MARCWatch Negative on 22 May 2020 due to the lack of construction progress at the Expressway.

On 30 October 2020, MEX II fulfilled its obligation on the Sukuk with a full and timely profit payment of circa RM39 million from monies previously ring-fenced for the sole benefit of Sukukholders in a reserve account.

On 18 November 2020, MARC downgraded MEX II's ratings to BBB from A and the rating remained on MARCWatch Negative following concerns on MEX II's timely ability to obtain additional financing to meet its debt obligations in April 2021 and complete a sukuk restructuring exercise.

#### \*\*\* MEX II Sdn Bhd ("MEX II")

RM1.30 billion Sukuk Murabahah Programme (continued)

On 9 February 2021, MARC further downgraded the rating to BB from BBB while maintaining the rating on MARCWatch Negative due to escalating risk that MEX II may not be able to obtain a liquidity line in time to meet Sukuk principal and profit payments of RM68.7 million due on 29 April 2021. As at 28 February 2021, MEX II had yet to procure external funding to meet its financial obligations in 2021 totaling approximately RM107 million comprising (i) a principal repayment of RM30 million due in April 2021 (ii) a profit payment of c.RM38.7 million due in April 2021.

Overall construction of the Expressway stood at circa 86%. MEX II shall be seeking a third extension of time ("EOT") from Lembaga Lebuhraya Malaysia ("LLM") as completion will now be delayed beyond the earlier revised target of September 2021 pending the proposed restructuring/additional funding. MEX II received its second EOT to 4 September 2021 from LLM after the expiry of the first EOT on 4 July 2020. Construction of the remaining portion of the Expressway will take about 12 months.

On 26 March 2021, MARC downgraded MEX II's rating to C from BB while maintaining the rating on MARCWatch Negative due to mounting liquidity pressure and the risk of missing the upcoming Sukuk payments on 29 April 2021, further highlighting that MEX II's viability rests on a successful Sukuk restructuring through which additional funding will be available to complete the Expressway.

On 26 April 2021, Sukukholders holding in aggregate not less than 75% of the nominal value of the Sukuk consented to MEX II deferring payment of Sukuk principal and profit amounting to RM68.7 million due on (i) 28 April 2021 (i.e., principal repayment of RM30 million and the profit payment in respect of this tranche only) and (ii) 30 April 2021 (i.e., profit payments in respect of the other tranches) for a period of up to 4 months until 27 August 2021. On 3 May 2021, MARC maintained the rating at C after Sukukholders approved the deferment of MEX II's financial obligation to 27 August 2021.

The Sukuk moratorium will buy some time for all parties to work on completing the proposed restructuring in the second half of 2021.

## 6 SHARIAH INFORMATION OF THE FUND

The following are the Shariah information of the Fund.

(a) Investment Portfolio

The Shariah Adviser has confirmed that investment portfolio of the Fund is Shariah-compliant, which comprises:

(i) Sukuk as listed in the list of approved sukuk issued by the Securities Commission; and

(ii) Cash placements liquid assets in local market, which are placed in Shariahcompliant investments and/or instruments.

(b) Interest from foreign currency accounts shall not be recognised as income.

There is nil interest amount received which will then be channelled to Baitulmal or any other charitable bodies as advised by the Shariah Adviser as part of the Fund's cleansing process during the financial period.

# 7 UNITS IN CIRCULATION

	01.10.2020- <u>31.03.2021</u> Units	01.10.2019- <u>31.03.2020</u> Units
At the beginning of the financial period/year	176,786,827	201,580,587
Creation of units during the financial period/year:	6,586,094	9,625,240
Arising from distributions Arising from applications	42,329,000	40,650,000
Cancellation of units during the	7 7	- , ,
financial period/year	(28,417,000)	(75,069,000)
At the end of the financial period/year	197,284,921	176,786,827

### 8 MANAGEMENT FEE

In accordance with the Prospectus, the management fee provided in the financial statements is based on a profit sharing scheme between the Manager and the Fund at a ratio of 15:85 (01.10.2019-31.03.2020: 15:85) respectively based on the net investment income for the financial period.

## 9 TRUSTEE'S FEE

In accordance with the Prospectus, the Trustee's fee provided in the financial statements is 0.10% (01.10.2019-31.03.2020: 0.10%) per annum based on the net asset value of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis for the financial period, subject to a minimum fee of RM35,000 per annum.

#### **10 TAXATION**

(a) Tax charge for the financial period

	01.10.2020-	01.10.2019-
	<u>31.03.2021</u>	<u>31.03.2020</u>
	RM	RM
Current taxation	-	-

(b) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense

The numerical reconciliation between the net loss after finance cost and before taxation multiplied by the Malaysian statutory income tax rate and the tax expense of the Fund is as follows:

	01.10.2020- <u>31.03.2021</u> RM	01.10.2019- <u>31.03.2020</u> RM
Net loss before taxation	(33,321,308)	(2,387,861)
Tax calculated at statutory income tax rate of 24% (01.10.2020 – 31.03.2020:24%) Tax effects of:	(7,997,114)	(573,087)
<ul> <li>Loss not deductible for tax purposes</li> <li>Expenses not deductible for tax purposes</li> <li>Restriction on tax deductible expenses</li> </ul>	7,961,484 32,216 3,414	261,566 33,263 278,258
Tax expense		

#### 11 MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO ("MER")

	01.10.2020- <u>31.03.2021</u> %	01.10.2019- <u>31.03.2020</u> %
MER	0.06	0.48

The MER ratio is calculated based on total expenses of the Fund to the average net asset value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis.

#### **12 PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO ('PTR')**

	01.10.2020- <u>31.03.2021</u>	01.10.2019- <u>31.03.2020</u>
PTR (times)	0.12	0.27

The PTR ratio is calculated based on average of acquisition and disposals of the Fund for the financial year to the average net asset value of the Fund calculated on a daily basis.

#### 13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER

The number of units held by the Manager and related parties are is as follows:

		31.03.2021		30.09.2020
	Units	RM	Units	RM
The Manager RHB Capital Nominees	5,211	6,137	39,722	53,426
(Tempatan) Sdn Bhd RHB Nominees	33,174,016	39,065,722	32,711,652	43,997,172
(Tempatan) Sdn Bhd	-	-	1,786,780	2,403,218

The units are held beneficially by the Manager for booking purposes. The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related parties have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

### 13 UNITS HELD BY THE MANAGER AND PARTIES RELATED TO THE MANAGER (CONTINUED)

The units held by RHB Capital Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd, a wholly owned subsidiary of ultimate holding company of the Manager, and RHB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd, a wholly owned subsidiary of holding company of the Manager, are under nominees structure.

Other than the above, there were no units held by Directors or parties related to the Manager.

The holding company and the ultimate holding company of the Manager is RHB Investment Bank Berhad and RHB Bank Berhad respectively. The Manager treats RHB Bank Berhad group of companies including RHB Investment Bank Berhad and its subsidiaries as related parties.

### 14 TRANSACTIONS BY THE FUND

Details of transactions by the Fund for the financial period ended 31 March 2021 are as follows:

<u>Financial institutions</u>	Value of <u>trades</u>	Percentage of total <u>trades</u>	Brokerage <u>fees</u>	Percentage of total brokerage <u>fees</u>
	RM	%	RM	%
AmIslamic Bank Bhd	30,286,665	48.74	-	-
CIMB Bank Bhd	12,211,960	19.65	-	-
CIMB Islamic Bank Bh	6,503,100	10.47	-	-
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	4,150,700	6.68	-	-
RHB Investment Bank Bhd*	3,940,200	6.34	-	-
OCBC Bank (M) Bhd	2,039,400	3.28	-	-
Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	2,000,000	3.22	-	-
Affin Hwang Investment				
Bank Bhd	1,004,500	1.62	-	-
=	62,136,525	100.00	-	-

#### 14 TRANSACTIONS BY THE FUND (CONTINUED)

Details of transactions by the Fund for the financial year ended 30 September 2020 are as follows:

	Value of	Percentage of total	Brokerage	Percentage of total brokerage
Financial institutions	trades	trades	fees	fees
	RM	%	RM	%
AmIslamic Bank Bhd	72,902,275	31.96	-	-
Affin Hwang Investment				
Bank Bhd	47,792,449	20.95	-	-
RHB Investment Bank Bhd*	24,274,350	10.64	-	-
CITI Bank Berhad	23,628,000	10.36	-	-
CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd	14,364,500	6.30	-	-
CIMB Bank Bhd	11,605,850	5.09	-	-
JP Morgan Chase Bank Bhd	9,814,620	4.30	-	-
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	5,945,550	2.61	-	-
Malayan Banking Bhd	5,885,950	2.58	-	-
Hong Leong Investment				
Bank Bhd	5,000,000	2.19	-	-
Others	6,868,300	3.02	-	-
-	228,081,844	100.00	-	-

\* Included in transactions by the Fund are trades with the holding company of the Manager, RHB Investment Bank Bhd. The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related parties have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

#### 15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORIES

	<u>31.03.2021</u> RM	<u>30.09.2020</u> RM
Financial assets		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")		
Unquoted sukuk	213,061,638	227,837,716
Financial assets at amortised cost		
Bank balances	19,903,116	20,816,450
• Amount due from manager	408,821	2,023,779
	20,311,937	22,840,229
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Amount due to Manager	1,015,522	178,672
<ul> <li>Accrued management fee</li> </ul>	9,536	2,163,309
Amount due to Trustee	21,338	21,047
<ul> <li>Income distribution payable</li> </ul>	-	10,524,830
<ul> <li>Other payables and accruals</li> </ul>	11,953	14,805
	1,058,349	12,902,663

#### 16 SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

The worsening of the macro-economic outlook as a result of COVID-19, both domestically and globally, has impacted the Fund's performance during the financial period.

The Manager is monitoring the situation closely and will be managing the portfolio to achieve the Fund's objective.

#### STATEMENT BY MANAGER RHB ISLAMIC BOND FUND

We, Dato' Darawati Hussain and Ong Yin Suen, two of the Directors of RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd, do hereby state that in the opinion of the Directors of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited statement of financial position, unaudited statement of income and expenses, unaudited statement of changes in net asset value, unaudited statement of cash flows and the accompanying notes, are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2021 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the financial period then ended and comply with the provisions of the Deed.

On behalf of the Manager

Dato' Darawati Hussain Director Ong Yin Suen Director

25 May 2021

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF RHB ISLAMIC BOND FUND

We, CIMB Islamic Trustee Berhad being the Trustee for RHB Islamic Bond Fund ("the Fund"), are of the opinion that RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd ("the Manager"), acting in the capacity as the Manager of the Fund, has fulfilled its duties in the following manner for the financial period ended 31 March 2021.

- a) The Fund has been managed in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Manager under the Deeds, the Securities Commission Malaysia's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 (as amended from time to time) and other applicable laws;
- b) Valuation and pricing for the Fund has been carried out in accordance with the Deeds and relevant regulatory requirements; and
- c) Creation and cancellation of units have been carried out in accordance with the Deeds and relevant regulatory requirements.

For and on behalf of CIMB Islamic Trustee Berhad

Lee Kooi Yoke Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur 25 May 2021

#### REPORT OF THE SHARIAH ADVISER RHB ISLAMIC BOND FUND

We have acted as the Shariah Adviser of RHB Islamic Bond Fund ("the Fund"). Our responsibility is to ensure that the procedures and processes employed by RHB Asset Management Sdn Bhd ("the Manager") and that the provisions of the Deeds are in accordance with Shariah principles.

In our opinion, the Manager has managed and administered the Fund in accordance with Shariah principles and complied with the applicable guidelines, rulings and decisions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia pertaining to Shariah matters for the financial period ended 31 March 2021.

In addition, we also confirm that the investment portfolio of the Fund comprises instruments which have been classified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SACSC"), and where applicable the Shariah Advisory Council of Bank Negara Malaysia. As for the instruments other than above-mentioned, we further confirm that the status of such instruments have been determined in accordance with the ruling issued by the Shariah Adviser.

I, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kamaruzaman Bin Noordin, hereby confirm that all members of the Shariah Committee have been consulted and made aware of all the Shariah issues in relation to this report.

For and on behalf of Shariah Committee of RHB Islamic Bank Berhad (Company No: 200501003283)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kamaruzaman Bin Noordin Member Shariah Committee of RHB Islamic Bank Berhad

Kuala Lumpur 25 May 2021

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Mr Chin Yoong Kheong (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director)
Dr. Ngo Get Ping (Independent Non-Executive Director)
Ms Ong Yin Suen (Managing Director)
YBhg Dato' Darawati Hussain (Independent Non-Executive Director)
YBhg Datuk Seri Dr Govindan A/L Kunchamboo (Independent Non-Executive Director) (Appointed with effect from 15 October 2020)

#### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr Yap Chee Meng (*Independent Chairman*) YBhg Dato' Darawati Hussain Puan Sharifatu Laila Syed Ali

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Ms Ong Yin Suen

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