

# Principal ASEAN Dynamic Fund

Interim Report

For The Six Months Financial Period Ended 31 May 2021

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## INVESTORS' LETTER

Dear Valued Investor,

The global equity markets maintained its uptrend in May despite continued volatility arising from concerns of potentially higher inflation and policy changes. Equity markets with the highest return were in Asia, led by India at 6.5%, and the Shanghai Composite at 4.9%, followed by the STOXX Europe 600 at 2.1%. The bond indices gained more grounds in May 2021, after the turnaround in April 2021, with growth of 0.7% to 1.1%.

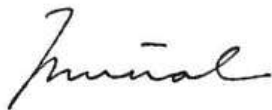
Our investment team continue to do their best to make the right decisions to maximise fund returns to help you meet your long-term investment needs. We are positive on Asian equities on a long-term basis and have added more ASEAN names on anticipation of a broader recovery which would be enhanced by the greater availability of Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") vaccines.

We are pleased to share that we have won awards for Best Online & Mobile Platform (Asset Manager), Best Fund with the optimal Sharpe ratio and Best Fund Manager for Pension Mandates & Private Retirement Schemes at Alpha Southeast Asia's 12<sup>th</sup> Fund Management Awards 2021.

Continue to log on to our website ([www.principal.com.my](http://www.principal.com.my)), like our Facebook page (@PrincipalAssetMY) and follow us on our latest social media asset, our Instagram account (principalassetmanagement\_my) to receive updates on our latest market commentary and insights as well as investing 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

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

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations ("ASEAN") region.

**Has the Fund achieved its objective?**

The Fund has performed in line with its objective of capital appreciation over the medium to long term.

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

The Fund will be managed with the aim of achieving a stable and positive investment returns over the medium to long term through investments in ASEAN region regardless of market conditions. The companies invested in must be domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the ASEAN region. For listed securities, the investment must be traded in an exchange that is a member of World Federation of Exchanges ("WFE"). 'Significant operations' means major businesses of the company. For example, the Fund can invest in a company with significant operations in Thailand but listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). The threshold for 'significant operations' would be at least 25% of total group revenue to derive from countries in the ASEAN region. The calculation would be based on the most recent financial reports released by the companies (e.g. interim and annual reports).

Investment universe of the Fund will be in countries where the regulatory authority is an ordinary or associate member of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions ("IOSCO") which include but not limited to Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippine, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. If the investment is a listed security, the investment must be traded in an exchange that is a member of WFE. In the event the Manager is unable to obtain the necessary licenses or permits, or the licenses or permits are revoked or not renewed (as the case may be), the Manager will seek to invest in other accessible markets.

The Fund have the flexibility to adjust its investment exposure to equity and/or debt securities and money market instruments depending on market conditions. Under general market conditions, the Fund will invest in equities of companies which the Manager believe will exhibit good growth potential<sup>^</sup> when compared to its industry or the overall market<sup>#</sup>. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV") in debt securities to be in line with the Fund's objective. The minimum credit rating for these debt securities must be at least "BBB" by an international rating agency as prescribed under the Standard of Qualifying collective investment schemes or its equivalent by other international rating agencies. The Fund may opt to access into the equities and/or debt securities market via investment in units of other collective investment schemes that is in line with the Fund's objective, subject to the requirements of the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC") Guidelines and the Standards of Qualifying collective investment schemes.

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- between 60% to 98% (both inclusive) of the Fund's NAV will be invested in equities;
- up to 20% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in debt securities; and
- at least 2% of its NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purpose.

<sup>^</sup> *good growth potential - Refers to companies that have a better growth than the Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") of the respective country and reasonably priced based on the Manager's estimate. Reasonably priced means when the intrinsic value is higher than the current market price.*

<sup>#</sup> *compared to its industry or the overall market - The comparison will be conducted at the point of purchase.*

**Base Currency**

United States Dollar ("USD")

**Fund category/type**

Equity/Growth

**FUND OBJECTIVE AND POLICY (CONTINUED)****When was the Fund launched?**

<b>Name of Class</b>	<b>Launch Date</b>
Class MYR	3 March 2015
Class SGD*	9 September 2015
Class USD	3 March 2015

\*only offered in Singapore

**What was the size of the Fund as at 31 May 2021?**

USD16.21 million (75.93 million units)

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

The performance of this Fund cannot be compared directly with any specific publicly available benchmark. However, the Fund has a target return of nine percent (9%) per annum.

This is not a guaranteed return and is only a measurement of the Fund's performance. The Fund may not achieve the target return in any particular financial year but targets to achieve this growth over the medium to long term.

**What is the Fund distribution policy?**

Given the Fund's investment objective, the Class of the Fund is not expected to pay any distribution. Distributions, if any, are at the discretion of the Manager and will vary from period to period depending on the availability of realised income for distribution and performance of the Fund.

**What was the net income distribution for the six months financial period ended 31 May 2021?**

There was no distribution made for the six months financial period ended 31 May 2021.

**PERFORMANCE DATA**

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

	<b>31.05.2021</b>	<b>31.05.2020</b>	<b>31.05.2019</b>
	%	%	%
Quoted securities			
- Communication Services	9.69	8.82	7.64
- Consumer Discretionary	11.93	5.65	8.42
- Consumer Staples	1.56	8.86	7.86
- Energy	3.29	5.57	5.48
- Financials	34.82	17.36	21.42
- Health Care	3.19	10.57	4.07
- Industrials	6.61	3.86	8.13
- Information Technology	6.06	-	-
- Materials	8.53	3.05	0.76
- Real Estate	1.95	25.37	14.28
- Utilities	0.82	-	-
Cash and other assets	15.89	18.35	27.55
Liabilities	(4.34)	(7.46)	(5.61)
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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

	<b>31.05.2021</b>	<b>31.05.2020</b>	<b>31.05.2019</b>
NAV (USD Million)			
- Class MYR	14.52	8.09	9.98
- Class SGD	0.41	0.32	0.03
- Class USD	1.28	1.20	1.66
Units in circulation (Million)			
- Class MYR	73.85	56.09	62.49
- Class SGD	0.33	0.35	0.03
- Class USD	1.75	2.23	2.79
NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class MYR	0.1965	0.1443	0.1597
- Class SGD	1.2446	0.9109	1.0052
- Class USD	0.7323	0.5376	0.5950
	<b>01.12.2020</b>	<b>01.12.2019</b>	<b>01.12.2018</b>
	<b>to 31.05.2021</b>	<b>to 31.05.2020</b>	<b>to 31.05.2019</b>
Highest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class MYR	0.2004	0.1725	0.1664
- Class SGD	1.2680	1.0878	1.0475
- Class USD	0.7468	0.6427	0.6202
Lowest NAV per unit (USD)			
- Class MYR	0.1843	0.1145	0.1498
- Class SGD	1.1652	0.7227	0.9418
- Class USD	0.6866	0.4268	0.5581

**PERFORMANCE DATA (CONTINUED)**

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

	<b>01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021</b>	<b>01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020</b>	<b>01.12.2018 to 31.05.2019</b>
Total return (%)			
- Class MYR	8.84	(8.91)	1.01
- Class SGD	6.31	(9.40)	1.46
- Class USD	7.51	(12.45)	1.04
- Capital growth (%)			
- Class MYR	8.84	(8.91)	1.01
- Class SGD	6.31	(9.40)	1.46
- Class USD	7.51	(12.45)	1.04
- Income distribution (%)			
- Class MYR	-	-	-
- Class SGD	-	-	-
- Class USD	-	-	-
Management Expense Ratio ("MER") (%) ^	1.11	1.16	1.01
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR") (times) #	1.05	1.92	1.92

^ The Fund's MER decrease from 1.16% to 1.11% due to increase in average NAV during the financial period under review.

# The Fund's PTR was at 1.05 times, lower than the previous financial period. The Fund was actively realising profit and re-investing into the market during the financial period under review.

	<b>31.05.2021</b>	<b>31.05.2020</b>	<b>31.05.2019</b>	<b>31.05.2018</b>	<b>31.05.2017</b>
	%	%	%	%	%
Annual total return					
- Class MYR	29.46	(6.25)	(7.04)	16.81	15.71
- Class USD	36.42	(9.62)	(6.99)	16.74	15.80

(Launch date: 3 March 2015)

	<b>31.05.2021</b>	<b>31.05.2020</b>	<b>31.05.2019</b>	<b>31.05.2018</b>	<b>31.05.2017</b>
	%	%	%	%	%
Annual total return					
- Class SGD	27.89	(7.04)	(6.38)	16.87	15.77

(Launch date: 9 September 2015)

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 2020 TO 31 MAY 2021)**

For the period under review, MSCI Association of Southeast Asian Nations (“ASEAN”) price Index rose 3.64% in US Dollar (“USD”) terms. Towards the end of 2020, COVID-19 vaccines development progressed further. As such, equities markets rose, in anticipation of improving outlook of reopening. In February and March 2021, as vaccination rate improved in the US, inflation expectation rose, bond yield spiked globally caused a pull-back in global equities markets. Indonesia continued to implement measures to boost consumption and investments, such as tax cuts for auto purchase and setting up of sovereign wealth fund. Over the following months, ASEAN equities markets were ranged-bound as ASEAN countries faced resurgence of COVID-19 cases, resulting in re-tightening of social distancing rules. Nevertheless, a disruptive, total lockdown was avoided as given the experience in handling COVID-19.

**FUND PERFORMANCE**

	6 months to 31.05.2021			1 year to 31.05.2021		
	Class MYR	Class SGD	Class USD	Class MYR	Class SGD	Class USD
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Income Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Growth	8.84	6.31	7.51	29.46	27.89	36.42
Total Return	8.84	6.31	7.51	29.46	27.89	36.42
Benchmark	4.40	4.40	4.40	9.00	9.00	9.00
Average Total Return	N/A	N/A	N/A	29.46	27.89	36.42

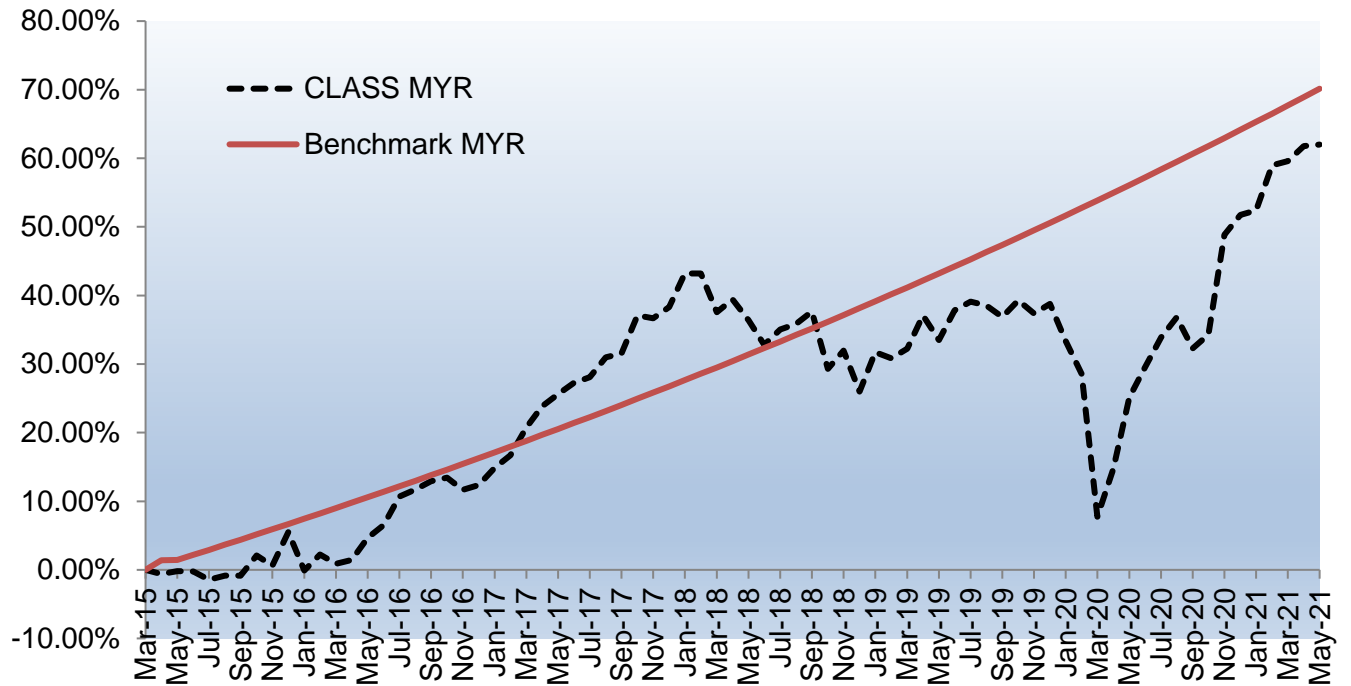
	3 years to 31.05.2021			5 years to 31.05.2021		
	Class MYR	Class SGD	Class USD	Class MYR	Class SGD	Class USD
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Income Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Growth	18.79	14.54	14.68	54.82	50.20	55.03
Total Return	18.79	14.54	14.68	54.82	50.20	55.03
Benchmark	29.50	29.50	29.50	53.86	53.86	53.86
Average Total Return	5.91	4.63	4.67	9.13	8.48	9.17

	Since inception to 31.05.2021		
	Class MYR	Class SGD	Class USD
	%	%	%
Income Distribution	-	-	-
Capital Growth	62.00	64.21	46.38
Total Return	62.00	64.21	46.38
Benchmark	70.14	63.04	70.14
Average Total Return	8.02	8.77	6.28

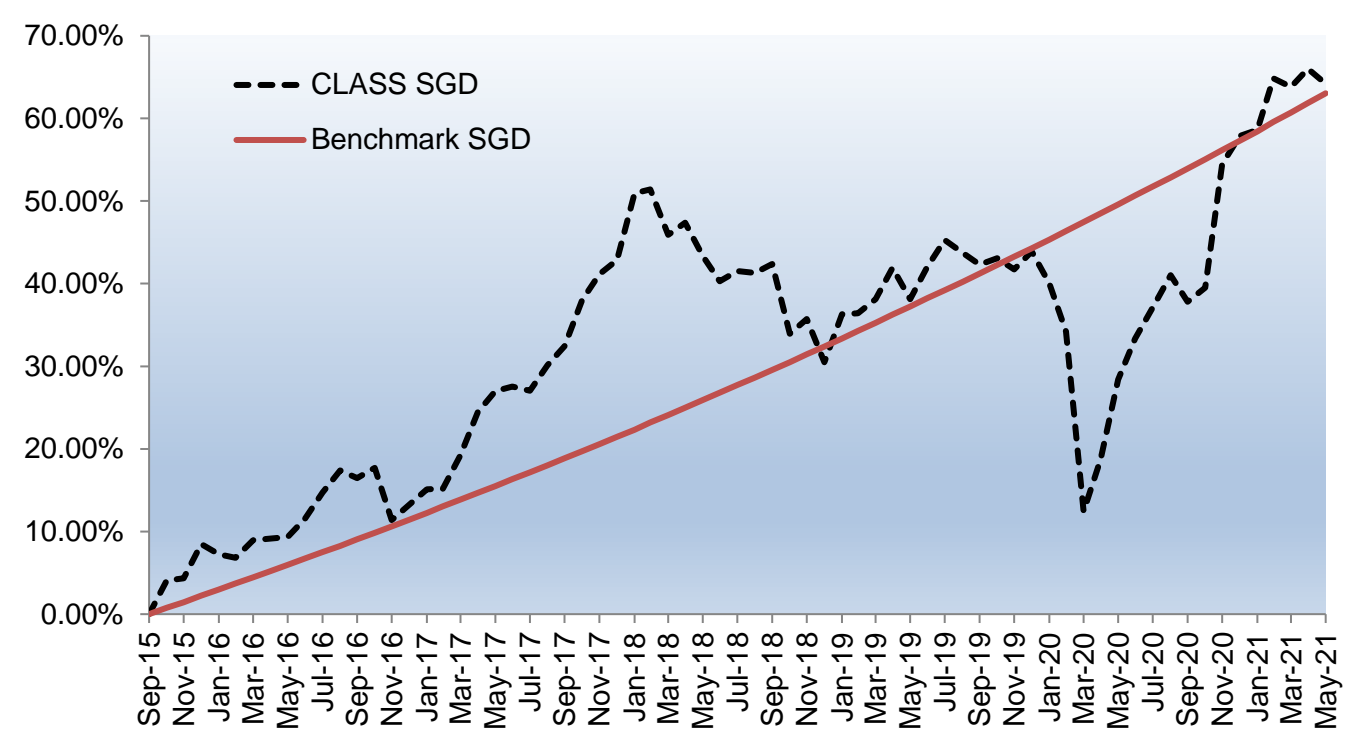
The Fund’s 6-months total return for Class MYR, Class SGD and Class USD were 8.84%, 6.31% and 7.51% respectively which outperformed the benchmark at 4.40%. The variance in performance of the three classes was due to volatility in currencies and different inception dates.

FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Class MYR

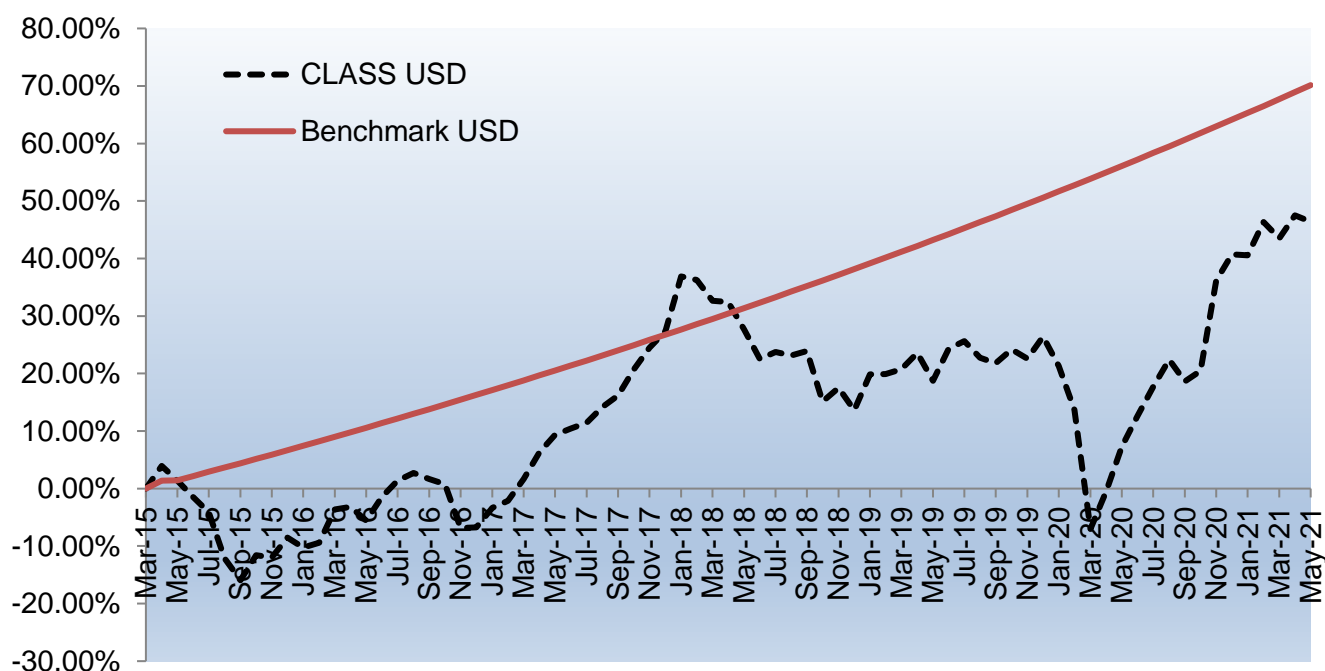


Class SGD



FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Class USD



Changes in NAV

Class MYR

	31.05.2021	30.11.2020 Audited	Changes %
NAV (USD Million)	14.52	9.07	60.09
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.1965	0.1829	7.44

Class SGD

	31.05.2021	30.11.2020 Audited	Changes %
NAV (USD Million)	0.41	0.44	(6.82)
NAV/Unit (USD)	1.2446	1.1565	7.62

Class USD

	31.05.2021	30.11.2020 Audited	Changes %
NAV (USD Million)	1.28	1.38	(7.25)
NAV/Unit (USD)	0.7323	0.6815	7.45

For the financial period under review, the Fund's NAV declined by 6.82% and 7.25% for Class SGD and Class USD, respectively, due to redemption. For Class MYR, the Fund's NAV rose by 60.09% due to inflow. The increase in NAV per unit for all 3 classes was due to positive investment performance.

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

**PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE****Asset allocation**

(% of NAV)	31.05.2021	30.11.2020 Audited
Quoted securities	88.45	82.65
Cash and other assets	15.89	21.65
Liabilities	(4.34)	(4.30)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

The Fund remained invested in quoted securities during the financial period under review.

**MARKET OUTLOOK\***

COVID-19 vaccination is key to economy reopening and vaccination rates in ASEAN are expected to improve over time. Central banks continued to maintain accommodative monetary policies. Earnings outlook is largely dependent on the pace of economy reopening.

ASEAN markets have seen weak foreign flows in recent months. ASEAN currencies and bond yields are currently largely stable. MSCI ASEAN is currently trading at 14.7 times forward Price-to-Earnings ("P/E") Ratio which is slightly above the 10-year historical average of 13.6 times. Meanwhile, in terms of Price-to-Book ("P/B") Ratio, it is still trading below 10-year average.

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

**INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

We believe ASEAN equities will provide investors a combination of recovery plays and long-term structural themes. Hence, we have adopted a barbell approach of cyclicals and growth. As economic activities continue to improve and vaccination progresses, we are increasingly more positive on cyclical sectors and stocks benefiting from reopening such as tourism-related. Cyclical sectors include financials, consumer, energy, basic materials, real estates. We continue to like structural growth themes of ASEAN e-commerce, Vietnam and technology & supply chain shift. From a technical viewpoint, ASEAN has been under-performing North Asia since 2018 and we do think that 2021 will be a year where this asset class will shine simply because it is under-owned and foreign investor positioning is too underweight.

**UNIT HOLDINGS STATISTICS**

Breakdown of unit holdings by size as at 31 May 2021 were as follows:

**CLASS MYR**

Size of unit holdings (units)	No. of unit holders	No. of units held (million)	% of units held
5,000 and below	163	0.43	0.58
5,001 to 10,000	148	1.09	1.48
10,001 to 50,000	500	12.17	16.48
50,001 to 500,000	164	15.35	20.79
500,001 and above	4	44.81	60.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>73.85</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**CLASS SGD**

Size of unit holdings (units)	No. of unit holders	No. of units held (million)	% of units held
5,000 and below	1	0.00*	0.00
5,001 to 10,000	-	-	-
10,001 to 50,000	1	0.02	6.06
50,001 to 500,000	2	0.31	93.94
500,001 and above	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**CLASS USD**

Size of unit holdings (units)	No. of unit holders	No. of units held (million)	% of units held
5,000 and below	2	0.00*	0.00
5,001 to 10,000	-	-	-
10,001 to 50,000	2	0.06	3.43
50,001 to 500,000	-	-	-
500,001 and above	1	1.69	96.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Note: 0.00\* denotes unit count less than 0.01 million.

**SOFT COMMISSIONS AND REBATES**

Principal Asset Management Berhad (the “Manager”) and the Trustee will not retain any form of rebate or soft commission from, or otherwise share in any commission with, any broker in consideration for directing dealings in the investments of the Principal Malaysia Funds (“Funds”) unless the soft commission received is retained in the form of goods and services such as financial wire services and stock quotations system incidental to investment management of the Funds. All dealings with brokers are executed on best available terms.

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 commissions 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.

**STATEMENT BY MANAGER TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF  
PRINCIPAL ASEAN DYNAMIC FUND**

We, being the Directors of Principal Asset Management Berhad (the “Manager”), do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Manager, the accompanying unaudited financial statements set out on pages 13 to 45 are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Deeds and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 May 2021 of its financial performance, changes in net assets attributable to unit holders and cash flows for the financial period then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) 134 - Interim Financial Reporting and International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 34 - Interim Financial Reporting.

For and on behalf of the Manager

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

**MUNIRAH KHAIRUDDIN**  
Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

**JUAN IGNACIO EYZAGUIRRE BARAONA**  
Director

Kuala Lumpur  
12 July 2021

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF  
PRINCIPAL ASEAN DYNAMIC FUND**

We have acted as Trustee of Principal ASEAN Dynamic Fund ("the Fund") for the financial period ended 31 May 2021. To the best of our knowledge, Principal Asset Management Berhad ("the Manager"), has operated and managed the Fund in accordance with the following:-

- a) limitations imposed on the investment powers of the Manager and the Trustee under the Deeds, the Securities Commission's Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 and other applicable laws;
- b) valuation/pricing is carried out in accordance with the Deeds and any regulatory requirements; and
- c) creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Deeds and any regulatory requirements.

For HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad

Yap Lay Guat  
Manager, Investment Compliance Monitoring

Kuala Lumpur  
12 July 2021

**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2021**

	Note	01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021 USD	01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020 USD
<b>INCOME/(LOSS)</b>			
Dividend income		173,567	110,606
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institutions at amortised cost		7,894	6,285
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	1,039,478	(1,370,321)
Net foreign exchange loss		(63,475)	(121,170)
		<u>1,157,464</u>	<u>(1,374,600)</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Management fee	4	126,345	93,987
Trustee & custodian fees	5	26,739	21,631
Transaction costs		96,535	133,506
Audit fee		1,286	2,382
Tax agent's fee		421	1,588
Other expenses		11,366	10,589
		<u>262,692</u>	<u>263,683</u>
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION</b>		894,772	(1,638,283)
Taxation	6	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXATION, REPRESENTING TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>		<u>894,772</u>	<u>(1,638,283)</u>
Profit/(Loss) after taxation is made up as follows:			
Realised amount		(285,375)	(2,256,233)
Unrealised amount		1,180,147	617,950
		<u>894,772</u>	<u>(1,638,283)</u>

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



**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 31 MAY 2021**

		31.05.2021	30.11.2020
	Note	USD	Audited USD
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	2,057,260	1,256,183
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	14,334,093	8,997,890
Amount due from stockbrokers		170,745	203,497
Amount due from Manager		308,300	890,067
Dividends receivable		39,704	7,199
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>16,910,102</u>	<u>11,354,836</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amount due to stockbrokers		587,156	254,305
Amount due to Manager		85,631	194,793
Accrued management fees		23,990	14,813
Amount due to trustee		803	497
Other payables and accruals		5,832	4,005
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)</b>		<u>703,412</u>	<u>468,413</u>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE OF THE FUND</b>		<u>16,206,690</u>	<u>10,886,423</u>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS</b>		<u>16,206,690</u>	<u>10,886,423</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
<b>FAIR VALUE OF OUTSTANDING UNITS (USD)</b>			
- Class MYR		14,517,128	9,070,588
- Class SGD		411,317	436,199
- Class USD		1,278,245	1,379,636
		<u>16,206,690</u>	<u>10,886,423</u>
<b>NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)</b>			
- Class MYR		73,851,985	49,582,766
- Class SGD		330,479	377,165
- Class USD		1,745,362	2,024,260
	9	<u>75,927,826</u>	<u>51,984,191</u>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (USD)</b>			
- Class MYR		0.1965	0.1829
- Class SGD		1.2446	1.1565
- Class USD		<u>0.7323</u>	<u>0.6815</u>
<b>NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES</b>			
- Class MYR		RM0.8002	RM0.7449
- Class SGD		SGD1.6642	SGD1.5464
- Class USD		<u>USD0.7323</u>	<u>USD0.6815</u>

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**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2021**

	<b>01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021 USD</b>	<b>01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020 USD</b>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	<u>10,886,423</u>	<u>11,617,149</u>
Movement due to units created and cancelled during the financial period:		
- Creation of units from applications		
- Class MYR	13,153,829	1,644,530
- Class SGD	536,822	456,765
- Class USD	35,833	17,728
	<u>13,726,484</u>	<u>2,119,023</u>
- Cancellation of units		
- Class MYR	(8,470,508)	(2,093,029)
- Class SGD	(593,949)	(144,170)
- Class USD	(236,532)	(248,958)
	<u>(9,300,989)</u>	<u>(2,486,157)</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period	<u>894,772</u>	<u>(1,638,283)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	<u>16,206,690</u>	<u>9,611,732</u>

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

**UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2021**

	<b>01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021 USD</b>	<b>01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020 USD</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from disposal of quoted securities	12,659,321	21,526,193
Purchase of quoted securities	(16,708,219)	(20,607,924)
Dividend income received	133,476	90,013
Interest income received from deposits with licensed financial institutions	7,894	6,286
Management fee paid	(117,168)	(97,736)
Trustee fees paid	(26,433)	(21,754)
Payments for other fees and expenses	(3,507)	(7,185)
Net realised foreign exchange loss	(57,151)	(172,137)
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities</b>	<b>(4,111,787)</b>	<b>715,756</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash proceeds from units created	14,307,988	2,196,588
Payments for cancellation of units	(9,393,959)	(2,514,169)
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) from financing activities</b>	<b>4,914,029</b>	<b>(317,581)</b>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	802,242	398,175
Effects of foreign exchange differences	(1,165)	(4,602)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period	1,256,183	1,108,416
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	<u>2,057,260</u>	<u>1,501,989</u>
<u>Cash and cash equivalents comprised of:</u>		
Bank balances	605,026	845,725
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	1,452,234	656,264
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	<u>2,057,260</u>	<u>1,501,989</u>

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2021****1. THE FUND, THE MANAGER AND ITS PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

Principal ASEAN Dynamic Fund (the "Fund") was constituted pursuant to the execution of a Deed dated 23 February 2015 and First Supplement Deed dated 28 August 2019 (referred to as the "Deed") between Principal Asset Management Berhad and HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad (the "Trustee").

The Fund will be managed with the aim of achieving a stable and positive investment returns over the medium to long term through investments in ASEAN region regardless of market conditions. The companies invested in must be domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the ASEAN region. For listed securities, the investment must be traded in an exchange that is a member of WFE. 'Significant operations' means major businesses of the company. For example, the Fund can invest in a company with significant operations in Thailand but listed on the NYSE. The threshold for 'significant operations' would be at least 25% of total group revenue to derive from countries in the ASEAN region. The calculation would be based on the most recent financial reports released by the companies (e.g. interim and annual reports).

Investment universe of the Fund will be in countries where the regulatory authority is an ordinary or associate member of the IOSCO which include but not limited to Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippine, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. If the investment is a listed security, the investment must be traded in an exchange that is a member of WFE. In the event the Manager is unable to obtain the necessary licenses or permits, or the licenses or permits are revoked or not renewed (as the case may be), the Manager will seek to invest in other accessible markets.

The Fund have the flexibility to adjust its investment exposure to equity and/or debt securities and money market instruments depending on market conditions. Under general market conditions, the Fund will invest in equities of companies which the Manager believe will exhibit good growth potential when compared to its industry or the overall market. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of the Fund's NAV in debt securities to be in line with the Fund's objective. The minimum credit rating for these debt securities must be at least "BBB" by an international rating agency as prescribed under the Standard of Qualifying collective investment schemes or its equivalent by other international rating agencies. The Fund may opt to access into the equities and/or debt securities market via investment in units of other collective investment schemes that is in line with the Fund's objective, subject to the requirements of the SC Guidelines and the Standards of Qualifying collective investment schemes .

The asset allocation strategy for this Fund is as follows:

- between 60% to 98% (both inclusive) of the Fund's NAV will be invested in equities;
- up to 20% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in debt securities; and
- at least 2% of its NAV will be invested in liquid assets for liquidity purpose.

All investments are subjected to the SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds, SC requirements, the Deed, except where exemptions or variations have been approved by the SC, internal policies and procedures and the Fund's objective.

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

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the MFRS as issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (“MASB”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with MFRS and IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period.

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

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

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for financial periods beginning on 1 December 2020 that have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

None of the standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for the financial period beginning on/after 1 June 2021 are applicable to the Fund.

Certain information as presented in the notes 7, 10 and 11 are prepared in accordance with the SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (“MAS”).

### (b) Financial assets and financial liabilities

#### Classification

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

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

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

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**Classification (continued)

The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest ("SPPI"). However, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

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

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

Recognition and measurement

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

Financial instruments are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

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

Financial liabilities are derecognised when it is extinguished, i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expired.

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

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

Quoted securities in Malaysia are valued at the last traded market price quoted on Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd ("Bursa Securities") at the date of the statement of financial position.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**Recognition and measurement (continued)

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

If a valuation based on the market price does not represent the fair value of the quoted securities, for example during abnormal market conditions or when no market price is available, including in the event of a suspension in the quotation of the investments for a period exceeding 14 days, or such shorter period as agreed by the Trustee, then the investments are valued as determined in good faith by the Manager, based on the methods or bases approved by the Trustee after appropriate technical consultation.

Deposits with licensed financial institutions are stated at cost plus accrued interest calculated on the effective interest method over the period from the date of placement to the date of maturity of the respective deposits.

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

Impairment for assets carried at amortised cost

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

Significant increase in credit risk

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

Definition of default and credit-impaired financial assets

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

Write-off

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

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****(c) Income recognition**

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

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Realised gain or loss on disposal of quoted securities is accounted for as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of investments, determined on a weighted average cost basis.

**(d) Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and deposits held in highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

**(e) Foreign currency****Functional and presentation currency**

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

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

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

**Transactions and balances**

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



**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****(f) Taxation**

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

Tax on investment income from foreign investments are based on the tax regime of the respective countries the Fund invest in.

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

**(g) Transaction costs**

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

**(h) Unit holders' contribution**

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

The Fund issues cancellable units, in three classes of units, known respectively as the Class MYR, Class SGD, and Class USD which are cancelled at the unit holder's option and do not have identical features subject to restrictions as stipulated in the Prospectus and SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds. The units are classified as financial liabilities. Cancellable units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV of respective classes. The outstanding units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the date of the statement of financial position if the member exercises the right to put back the unit to the Fund.

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

**(i) Amount due from/to stockbrokers**

Amount due from and amount due to stockbrokers represent receivables for quoted securities sold and payables for quoted securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the statement of financial position date respectively.

These amounts are subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from stockbrokers at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****(i) Amount due from/to stockbrokers (continued)**

Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by the Manager as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due.

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

**(j) Realised and unrealised portions of profit or loss after tax**

The analysis of realised and unrealised portions of profit or loss after tax as presented on the statement of comprehensive income is prepared in accordance with SC Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds.

**(k) Critical accounting estimates and judgments in applying accounting policies**

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

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

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

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

**3. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in the ASEAN region.

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

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

**3. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)****(a) Market risk****(i) Price risk**

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

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

**(ii) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate is a general economic indicator that will have an impact on the management of the Fund.

Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Fund's exposure to fair value interest rate risk arises from deposit with licensed financial institutions. The interest rate risk is expected to be minimal as the Fund's investments comprise mainly short term deposits with approved licensed financial institutions.

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Fund is not exposed to cash flow interest rate risk as the Fund does not hold any financial instruments at variable interest rate.

As at the end of each financial period, the Fund is not exposed to a material level of interest rate risk.

**(ii) Currency risk**

Currency risk is associated with investments that are quoted and/or priced in foreign currency denomination. Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Manager will evaluate the likely directions of a foreign currency versus USD based on considerations of economic fundamentals such as interest rate differentials, balance of payments position, debt levels, and technical chart considerations.

**3. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)****(b) Credit risk**

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

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

For amount due from stockbrokers, the settlement terms are governed by the relevant rules and regulations as prescribed by respective stock exchanges. The credit risk is minimal as all transactions in quoted securities are settled/paid upon delivery using approved stockbrokers.

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

**(c) Liquidity risk**

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

The Manager manages this risk by maintaining sufficient level of liquid assets to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of the units by unit holders. Liquid assets comprise bank balances and deposits with licensed financial institutions and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 7 business days. Generally, all investments are subject to a certain degree of liquidity risk depending on the nature of the investment instruments, market, sector and other factors. For the purpose of the Fund, the Manager will attempt to balance the entire portfolio by investing in a mix of assets with satisfactory trading volume and those that occasionally could encounter poor liquidity. This is expected to reduce the risks for the entire portfolio without limiting the Fund's growth potentials.

**(d) Capital risk management**

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

**(e) Fair value estimation**

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

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

3. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

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

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

(i) Fair value hierarchy

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Fair value hierarchy

	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
<b>31.05.2021</b>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted securities	14,334,093	-	-	14,334,093

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

**(e) Fair value estimation (continued)**

(i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
<b>30.11.2020</b>				
<b>Audited</b>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Quoted securities	8,997,890	-	-	8,997,890

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

(ii) The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amount due from stockbrokers, amount due from Manager, dividends receivable and all current liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short term nature.

**4. MANAGEMENT FEE**

In accordance with the Deeds, the Manager is entitled to a fee of up to 3.00% per annum, calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the Fund.

For the six months financial period ended 31 May 2021 and 31 May 2020, the management fee for the respective classes is recognised at the following rates:

Class MYR	Class SGD	Class USD
1.80%	1.50%	1.80%

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

**5. TRUSTEE FEE**

In accordance with the Deeds, the Trustee is entitled to a fee up to 0.20% per annum, calculated and accrued daily based on the NAV of the Fund. The Trustee's fee includes local custodian fees and charges but excludes foreign sub-custodian fees and charges.

For the six months financial period ended 31 May 2021, the Trustee fee is recognised at a rate of 0.06% per annum (31.05.2020: 0.06% per annum) for each unit class.

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

6. TAXATION

	01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021 USD	01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020 USD
Tax charged for the financial period:		
- Current taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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

	01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021 USD	01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020 USD
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	<u>894,772</u>	<u>(1,638,283)</u>
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24%	214,745	(393,188)
Tax effects of:		
- (Income not subject to tax)/Loss not deductible for tax purposes	(277,791)	329,904
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	32,306	40,005
- Restriction on tax deductible expenses for Unit Trust Funds	<u>30,740</u>	<u>23,279</u>
Taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	31.05.2021 USD	30.11.2020 Audited USD
At fair value through profit or loss:		
- Quoted securities	<u>14,334,093</u>	<u>8,997,890</u>

	01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021 USD	01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020 USD
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Realised gain/(loss) on disposals	1,076,473	(1,995,203)
- Unrealised fair value (loss)/gain	<u>(36,995)</u>	<u>624,882</u>
	<u>1,039,478</u>	<u>(1,370,321)</u>

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>31.05.2021</b>				
<b>QUOTED SECURITIES</b>				
<b>INDONESIA</b>				
<b>Communication Services</b>				
PT Elang Mahkota Teknologi Tbk <sup>1</sup>	918,400	149,140	151,106	0.93
PT Indosat Tbk <sup>1</sup>	87,600	39,295	38,946	0.24
PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Tbk <sup>1</sup>	1,391,000	336,362	335,017	2.07
PT XL Axiata Tbk <sup>1</sup>	796,900	112,634	137,252	0.85
	<u>3,193,900</u>	<u>637,431</u>	<u>662,321</u>	<u>4.09</u>
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
PT Astra International Tbk <sup>1</sup>	538,400	226,144	197,900	1.22
PT MAP Aktif Adiperkasa Tbk <sup>1</sup>	239,500	46,349	36,387	0.22
	<u>777,900</u>	<u>272,493</u>	<u>234,287</u>	<u>1.44</u>
<b>Consumer Staples</b>				
PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur Tbk <sup>1</sup>	250,600	159,078	143,872	0.89
<b>Financials</b>				
PT Bank Central Asia Tbk (AA+) <sup>2</sup>	304,900	629,542	680,438	4.20
PT Bank Jago Tbk <sup>1</sup>	232,689	139,677	197,940	1.22
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Tbk (BBB) <sup>2</sup>	1,659,000	412,568	494,808	3.05
	<u>2,196,589</u>	<u>1,181,787</u>	<u>1,373,186</u>	<u>8.47</u>
<b>Industrials</b>				
PT Jasa Marga Persero Tbk <sup>1</sup>	135,100	44,686	37,362	0.23
<b>Materials</b>				
PT Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa Tbk <sup>1</sup>	185,800	165,852	157,403	0.97
PT Merdeka Copper Gold Tbk <sup>1</sup>	1,136,300	187,135	214,802	1.33
PT Semen Indonesia Tbk <sup>1</sup>	118,200	89,154	80,273	0.50
	<u>1,440,300</u>	<u>442,141</u>	<u>452,478</u>	<u>2.80</u>
<b>TOTAL INDONESIA</b>	<b><u>7,994,389</u></b>	<b><u>2,737,616</u></b>	<b><u>2,903,506</u></b>	<b><u>17.92</u></b>



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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>31.05.2021 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>MALAYSIA</b>				
<b>Communication Services</b>				
Telekom Malaysia Bhd <sup>1</sup>	53,000	78,659	79,047	0.49
Time Dotcom Bhd <sup>1</sup>	20,600	55,341	69,441	0.43
	<u>73,600</u>	<u>134,000</u>	<u>148,488</u>	<u>0.92</u>
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
Bermaz Auto Bhd <sup>1</sup>	204,300	74,856	65,400	0.40
Genting Bhd <sup>1,2</sup>	339,800	385,014	402,140	2.48
Genting Malaysia Bhd <sup>1</sup>	112,800	63,803	76,321	0.47
Mr D.I.Y. Group (M) Bhd <sup>1</sup>	40,200	20,135	38,996	0.24
Mynews Holdings Bhd <sup>1</sup>	152,800	38,677	31,127	0.19
	<u>849,900</u>	<u>582,485</u>	<u>613,984</u>	<u>3.78</u>
<b>Consumer Staples</b>				
QL Resources Bhd <sup>1</sup>	46,450	61,298	67,588	0.42
<b>Energy</b>				
Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd <sup>1</sup>	1,237,016	180,622	185,995	1.15
Petronas Dagangan Bhd <sup>1</sup>	35,200	172,200	161,339	1.00
Yinson Holdings Bhd <sup>1</sup>	103,600	137,525	121,853	0.75
	<u>1,375,816</u>	<u>490,347</u>	<u>469,187</u>	<u>2.90</u>
<b>Financials</b>				
AMMB Holdings Bhd (AA3)	314,100	232,541	217,093	1.34
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd (AA1)	235,005	243,834	243,924	1.51
RHB Bank Bhd (AA2)	86,600	115,685	111,308	0.69
	<u>635,705</u>	<u>592,060</u>	<u>572,325</u>	<u>3.54</u>
<b>Health Care</b>				
IHH Healthcare Bhd <sup>1</sup>	155,400	197,475	199,738	1.23

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>31.05.2021 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>MALAYSIA (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Industrials</b>				
JAG Bhd <sup>1</sup>	320,900	33,040	31,129	0.19
Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd <sup>1</sup>	79,400	113,291	107,638	0.66
Pentamaster Corporation Bhd <sup>1</sup>	67,400	90,787	76,823	0.47
SKP Resources Bhd <sup>1</sup>	106,175	40,898	39,396	0.24
SKP Resources Bhd - Warrant <sup>1</sup>	85,420	-	4,350	0.03
	<u>659,295</u>	<u>278,016</u>	<u>259,336</u>	<u>1.59</u>
<b>Information Technology</b>				
GHL Systems Bhd <sup>1</sup>	183,700	80,943	77,962	0.48
Inari Amertron Bhd <sup>1</sup>	261,500	200,495	202,934	1.25
JHM Consolidation Bhd <sup>1</sup>	153,800	80,402	61,915	0.38
Malaysian Pacific Industries Bhd <sup>1</sup>	7,600	71,633	72,065	0.45
My Eg Services Bhd <sup>1</sup>	463,300	235,869	216,847	1.34
Revenue Group Bhd <sup>1</sup>	131,700	65,253	61,323	0.38
V.S. Industry Bhd <sup>1</sup>	137,400	46,851	40,985	0.25
Vitrox Corporation Bhd <sup>1</sup>	16,100	57,082	59,348	0.37
	<u>1,355,100</u>	<u>838,528</u>	<u>793,379</u>	<u>4.90</u>
<b>Materials</b>				
Ann Joo Resources Bhd <sup>1</sup>	67,500	37,610	39,614	0.25
Lion Industries Corporation Bhd <sup>1</sup>	360,100	68,412	54,144	0.33
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd <sup>1,2</sup>	305,600	285,618	385,381	2.38
	<u>733,200</u>	<u>391,640</u>	<u>479,139</u>	<u>2.96</u>
<b>Utilities</b>				
Tenaga Nasional Bhd <sup>1</sup>	54,900	140,819	132,474	0.82
<b>TOTAL MALAYSIA</b>	<u><b>5,939,366</b></u>	<u><b>3,706,668</b></u>	<u><b>3,735,638</b></u>	<u><b>23.06</b></u>
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>				
<b>Communication Services</b>				
Globe Telecom Inc <sup>1</sup>	2,665	112,155	100,847	0.62

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>31.05.2021 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>PHILIPPINES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
Jollibee Foods Corporation <sup>1</sup>	31,180	113,972	126,025	0.78
Wilcon Depot Inc <sup>1</sup>	253,400	82,129	97,695	0.60
	<u>284,580</u>	<u>196,101</u>	<u>223,720</u>	<u>1.38</u>
<b>Materials</b>				
D&L Industries Inc <sup>1</sup>	804,600	122,645	124,418	0.77
<b>Real Estate</b>				
SM Prime Holdings Inc <sup>1</sup>	157,900	114,625	119,106	0.73
<b>TOTAL PHILIPPINES</b>	<b><u>1,249,745</u></b>	<b><u>545,526</u></b>	<b><u>568,091</u></b>	<b><u>3.50</u></b>
<b>SINGAPORE</b>				
<b>Communication Services</b>				
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd <sup>1</sup>	84,300	152,183	153,884	0.95
<b>Financials</b>				
DBS Group Holdings Ltd (AA-) <sup>2</sup>	34,000	645,803	773,360	4.77
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd (AA-) <sup>2</sup>	117,100	861,639	1,096,284	6.76
United Overseas Bank Ltd (AA-) <sup>2</sup>	55,700	920,160	1,099,876	6.79
	<u>206,800</u>	<u>2,427,602</u>	<u>2,969,520</u>	<u>18.32</u>
<b>Industrials</b>				
ComfortDelGro Corporation Ltd <sup>1</sup>	245,600	298,444	316,246	1.95
Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd <sup>1</sup>	103,300	297,550	302,802	1.87
	<u>348,900</u>	<u>595,994</u>	<u>619,048</u>	<u>3.82</u>
<b>Information Technology</b>				
Aztech Global Ltd <sup>1</sup>	195,700	187,347	188,253	1.16

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>31.05.2021 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>SINGAPORE (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Materials</b>				
Nanofilm Technologies International Pte Ltd <sup>1</sup>	32,500	112,530	134,900	0.83
<b>TOTAL SINGAPORE</b>	<b>868,200</b>	<b>3,475,656</b>	<b>4,065,605</b>	<b>25.08</b>
<b>THAILAND</b>				
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
Home Product Center PCL <sup>1</sup>	440,900	206,827	196,377	1.21
Minor International PCL <sup>1,2</sup>	386,900	321,243	396,720	2.45
Minor International PCL - Warrant A <sup>1</sup>	11,537	-	1,804	0.01
Minor International PCL - Warrant B <sup>1</sup>	10,456	-	1,407	0.01
Siam Global House PCL <sup>1</sup>	107,936	72,418	73,322	0.45
	957,729	600,488	669,630	4.13
<b>Energy</b>				
PTT PCL <sup>1</sup>	50,500	68,655	63,918	0.39
<b>Financials</b>				
Tisco Financial Group PCL <sup>1</sup>	55,000	157,459	156,851	0.97
<b>Health Care</b>				
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services PCL <sup>1</sup>	458,900	312,394	317,619	1.96
<b>Industrials</b>				
Airports of Thailand PCL <sup>1</sup>	77,600	158,692	156,653	0.97
<b>Materials</b>				
PTT Global Chemical PCL <sup>1</sup>	38,300	79,678	77,624	0.48
<b>TOTAL THAILAND</b>	<b>1,638,029</b>	<b>1,377,366</b>	<b>1,442,295</b>	<b>8.90</b>

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>31.05.2021 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
<b>Communication Services</b>				
Sea Ltd <sup>1,2</sup>	1,992	333,766	504,454	3.11
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>333,766</b>	<b>504,454</b>	<b>3.11</b>
<b>VIETNAM</b>				
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
Phu Nhuan Jewelry JSC <sup>1</sup>	44,560	147,103	195,066	1.20
<b>Consumer Staples</b>				
Viet Nam Dairy Products JSC <sup>1</sup>	10,484	48,200	41,164	0.25
<b>Financials</b>				
Bank for Foreign Trade of Vietnam JSC (BB-) <sup>2</sup>	84,580	324,153	361,817	2.23
Military Commercial Joint Stock Bank (B+)	126,400	161,169	208,389	1.29
	210,980	485,322	570,206	3.52
<b>Materials</b>				
Hoa Phat Group JSC <sup>1</sup>	48,600	101,606	111,120	0.69
<b>Real Estate</b>				
Nam Long Investment Corporation <sup>1</sup>	91,600	129,595	154,990	0.96
Vincom Retail JSC <sup>1</sup>	90	107	115	0.00
Vinhomes JSC <sup>1</sup>	9,400	31,446	41,843	0.26
	101,090	161,148	196,948	1.22
<b>TOTAL VIETNAM</b>	<b>415,714</b>	<b>943,379</b>	<b>1,114,504</b>	<b>6.88</b>

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>31.05.2021 (CONTINUED) QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES</b>	<b><u>18,107,435</u></b>	<b><u>13,119,977</u></b>	<b><u>14,334,093</u></b>	<b><u>88.45</u></b>
<b>ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS</b>		<b><u>1,214,116</u></b>		
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS</b>		<b><u>14,334,093</u></b>		
<b>30.11.2020 Audited QUOTED SECURITIES</b>				
<b>INDONESIA</b>				
<b>Communication Services</b>				
PT Media Nusantara Citra Tbk <sup>1</sup>	<u>783,100</u>	<u>47,928</u>	<u>56,171</u>	<u>0.52</u>
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
PT Ace Hardware Indonesia Tbk <sup>1</sup>	<u>431,300</u>	<u>48,704</u>	<u>48,310</u>	<u>0.44</u>
<b>Consumer Staples</b>				
PT Astra Agro Lestari Tbk <sup>1</sup>	<u>126,100</u>	<u>97,003</u>	<u>109,833</u>	<u>1.01</u>
PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur Tbk <sup>1</sup>	<u>141,700</u>	<u>97,988</u>	<u>99,137</u>	<u>0.91</u>
	<u>267,800</u>	<u>194,991</u>	<u>208,970</u>	<u>1.92</u>
<b>Financials</b>				
PT Bank Central Asia Tbk (AA+) <sup>2</sup>	<u>211,000</u>	<u>415,609</u>	<u>462,620</u>	<u>4.25</u>
PT Bank Mandiri Tbk <sup>1,2</sup>	<u>510,300</u>	<u>179,939</u>	<u>228,095</u>	<u>2.10</u>
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Tbk (BBB) <sup>2</sup>	<u>1,741,200</u>	<u>377,469</u>	<u>503,271</u>	<u>4.62</u>
PT Bank Tabungan Pensiunan Nasional Tbk <sup>1</sup>	<u>663,100</u>	<u>163,553</u>	<u>193,535</u>	<u>1.78</u>
	<u>3,125,600</u>	<u>1,136,570</u>	<u>1,387,521</u>	<u>12.75</u>

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>30.11.2020 (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Audited (continued)</b>				
<b>QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>INDONESIA (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Materials</b>				
Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa <sup>1</sup>	150,100	135,727	151,686	1.39
<b>TOTAL INDONESIA</b>	<b>4,757,900</b>	<b>1,563,920</b>	<b>1,852,658</b>	<b>17.02</b>
<b>MALAYSIA</b>				
<b>Communication Services</b>				
Time Dotcom Bhd <sup>1</sup>	53,000	142,383	178,293	1.64
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
Genting Bhd <sup>1</sup>	74,000	74,550	73,773	0.68
Genting Malaysia Bhd <sup>1</sup>	248,400	136,930	149,436	1.37
Mr DIY Group (M) Bhd <sup>1</sup>	89,200	44,677	57,605	0.53
	411,600	256,157	280,814	2.58
<b>Consumer Staples</b>				
Carlsberg Brewery Malaysia Bhd <sup>1</sup>	18,100	91,357	85,511	0.78
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd <sup>1</sup>	22,300	122,616	128,680	1.18
QL Resources Bhd <sup>1</sup>	33,450	40,199	52,239	0.48
	73,850	254,172	266,430	2.44
<b>Energy</b>				
Dialog Group Bhd <sup>1</sup>	53,900	46,001	47,646	0.44
Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd <sup>1</sup>	576,500	83,062	84,936	0.78
Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd - Preference Shares <sup>1</sup>	161,000	39,002	47,045	0.43
Yinson Holdings Bhd <sup>1</sup>	121,200	151,855	155,350	1.43
	912,600	319,920	334,977	3.08

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>30.11.2020 (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Audited (continued)</b>				
<b>QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>MALAYSIA (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Financials</b>				
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd (AA1)	55,000	52,191	49,024	0.45
RHB Bank Bhd (AA2)	83,000	102,669	104,960	0.96
	<u>138,000</u>	<u>154,860</u>	<u>153,984</u>	<u>1.41</u>
<b>Health Care</b>				
Duopharma Biotech Bhd <sup>1</sup>	81,800	71,262	81,348	0.75
Hartalega Holdings Bhd <sup>1</sup>	20,000	73,029	70,718	0.65
Kossan Rubber Industries Bhd <sup>1</sup>	32,000	49,056	48,953	0.45
	<u>133,800</u>	<u>193,347</u>	<u>201,019</u>	<u>1.85</u>
<b>Industrials</b>				
Greatech Technology Bhd <sup>1</sup>	79,600	110,383	175,912	1.62
Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd <sup>1</sup>	75,500	101,321	96,588	0.89
Pentamaster Corporation Bhd <sup>1</sup>	21,500	26,677	26,133	0.24
SKP Resources Bhd <sup>1,2</sup>	450,700	153,466	225,765	2.07
UWC Bhd <sup>1</sup>	42,300	61,354	77,797	0.71
	<u>669,600</u>	<u>453,201</u>	<u>602,195</u>	<u>5.53</u>
<b>Information Technology</b>				
D&O Green Technologies Bhd <sup>1</sup>	138,500	35,041	60,535	0.56
Inari Amertron Bhd <sup>1</sup>	40,600	18,840	26,718	0.24
Vitrox Corporation Bhd <sup>1</sup>	7,200	25,070	26,873	0.25
	<u>186,300</u>	<u>78,951</u>	<u>114,126</u>	<u>1.05</u>
<b>Materials</b>				
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd <sup>1,2</sup>	143,000	164,192	245,795	2.26
<b>Real Estate</b>				
Sunway Bhd <sup>1</sup>	155,200	49,868	54,115	0.50
<b>TOTAL MALAYSIA</b>	<b><u>2,876,950</u></b>	<b><u>2,067,051</u></b>	<b><u>2,431,748</u></b>	<b><u>22.34</u></b>



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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>30.11.2020 (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Audited (continued)</b>				
<b>QUOTED SECURITIES</b>				
<b>(CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>				
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
Jollibee Foods Corporation <sup>1</sup>	37,650	108,976	147,821	1.36
Wilcon Depot Inc. <sup>1</sup>	544,000	172,752	203,414	1.87
	<u>581,650</u>	<u>281,728</u>	<u>351,235</u>	<u>3.23</u>
<b>Consumer Staples</b>				
Universal Robina Corporation <sup>1</sup>	31,570	83,711	93,126	0.86
<b>Financials</b>				
Bank Of Philippine Islands <sup>1</sup>	28,970	41,591	49,950	0.46
BDO Unibank Inc <sup>1</sup>	46,890	93,544	100,621	0.92
	<u>75,860</u>	<u>135,135</u>	<u>150,571</u>	<u>1.38</u>
<b>Real Estate</b>				
SM Prime Holdings Inc <sup>1</sup>	190,600	120,835	142,539	1.31
<b>TOTAL PHILIPPINES</b>	<b>879,680</b>	<b>621,409</b>	<b>737,471</b>	<b>6.78</b>
<b>SINGAPORE</b>				
<b>Financials</b>				
DBS Group Holdings Ltd (AA-) <sup>2</sup>	11,000	182,818	207,303	1.90
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation (AA-) <sup>2</sup>	71,800	465,215	541,249	4.97
United Overseas Bank Ltd (AA-) <sup>2</sup>	40,900	596,382	688,510	6.32
	<u>123,700</u>	<u>1,244,415</u>	<u>1,437,062</u>	<u>13.19</u>
<b>Industrials</b>				
ComfortDelGro Corporation Ltd <sup>1</sup>	159,300	178,230	196,567	1.81
<b>Information Technology</b>				
Venture Corporation Ltd <sup>1</sup>	11,800	172,419	166,167	1.53

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>30.11.2020 (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Audited (continued)</b>				
<b>QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>SINGAPORE (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Materials</b>				
Nanofilm Technologies International Pte Ltd <sup>1</sup>	18,100	34,586	43,315	0.40
<b>Real Estate</b>				
Ascendas REIT <sup>1</sup>	22,503	52,666	49,981	0.46
Capitaland Integrated Commercial Trust <sup>1</sup>	33,700	50,824	48,893	0.45
Capitaland Ltd <sup>1</sup>	56,200	129,918	131,550	1.21
Keppel DC REIT <sup>1</sup>	22,100	36,238	46,442	0.43
Lendlease Global Commercial REIT <sup>1</sup>	104,700	50,883	53,244	0.49
Mapletree Industrial Trust <sup>1</sup>	10,600	21,378	23,306	0.21
UOL Group Ltd <sup>1</sup>	8,600	42,296	47,400	0.43
	258,403	384,203	400,816	3.68
<b>TOTAL SINGAPORE</b>	<b>571,303</b>	<b>2,013,853</b>	<b>2,243,927</b>	<b>20.61</b>
<b>THAILAND</b>				
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
Minor International PCL <sup>1</sup>	196,000	133,068	160,507	1.47
<b>Energy</b>				
PTT Exploration & Production PCL <sup>1</sup>	32,600	99,603	104,149	0.96
<b>Financials</b>				
Bangkok Bank PCL <sup>1</sup>	12,500	47,735	51,389	0.47
<b>Industrials</b>				
Airports of Thailand <sup>1</sup>	53,500	103,260	113,063	1.04
<b>Information Technology</b>				
Hana Microelectronics PCL <sup>1</sup>	33,000	48,815	46,584	0.43
<b>TOTAL THAILAND</b>	<b>327,600</b>	<b>432,481</b>	<b>475,692</b>	<b>4.37</b>

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

Name of counter	Quantity Units	Aggregate cost USD	Market value USD	Percentage of NAV %
<b>30.11.2020 (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>Audited (continued)</b>				
<b>QUOTED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)</b>				
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
<b>Communication Services</b>				
Sea Ltd <sup>1,2</sup>	2,544	306,873	458,861	4.21
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>306,873</b>	<b>458,861</b>	<b>4.21</b>
<b>VIETNAM</b>				
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>				
Phu Nhuan Jewelry JSC <sup>1</sup>	38,360	121,995	129,142	1.19
<b>Consumer Staples</b>				
Viet Nam Dairy Products JSC <sup>1</sup>	39,774	181,540	185,985	1.71
<b>Financials</b>				
Bank for Foreign Trade of Vietnam (BB-) <sup>2</sup>	51,320	183,035	206,263	1.89
<b>Real Estate</b>				
Vincom Retail JSC <sup>1</sup>	107,900	122,731	131,499	1.20
Vinhomes JSC <sup>1</sup>	40,520	131,891	144,644	1.33
	148,420	254,622	276,143	2.53
<b>TOTAL VIETNAM</b>	<b>277,874</b>	<b>741,192</b>	<b>797,533</b>	<b>7.32</b>
<b>TOTAL QUOTED SECURITIES</b>	<b>9,693,851</b>	<b>7,746,779</b>	<b>8,997,890</b>	<b>82.65</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED UNREALISED GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS</b>		<b>1,251,111</b>		
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS</b>		<b>8,997,890</b>		

1 The quoted securities is not rated.

2 The quoted securities is one of the top 10 holdings of the Fund.

**8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	<b>31.05.2021</b>	<b>30.11.2020</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>Audited USD</b>
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	1,452,234	320,645
Bank balances	605,026	935,538
	<u>2,057,260</u>	<u>1,256,183</u>

**9. NUMBER OF UNITS IN CIRCULATION (UNITS)**

	<b>01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021</b>	<b>01.12.2019 to 30.11.2020</b>
	<b>No. of units</b>	<b>Audited No. of units</b>
Class MYR (i)	73,851,985	49,582,766
Class SGD (ii)	330,479	377,165
Class USD (iii)	1,745,362	2,024,260
	<u>75,927,826</u>	<u>51,984,191</u>
 (i) Class MYR		
At the beginning of the financial period/year	49,582,766	60,290,759
Add : Creation of units from applications	68,121,797	27,508,497
Less: Cancellation of units	(43,852,578)	(38,216,490)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>73,851,985</u>	<u>49,582,766</u>
 (ii) Class SGD		
At the beginning of the financial period/year	377,165	59,598
Add : Creation of units from applications	433,764	551,338
Less: Cancellation of units	(480,450)	(233,771)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>330,479</u>	<u>377,165</u>
 (iii) Class USD		
At the beginning of the financial period/year	2,024,260	2,641,623
Add : Creation of units from applications	49,420	428,167
Less: Cancellation of units	(328,318)	(1,045,530)
At the end of the financial period/year	<u>1,745,362</u>	<u>2,024,260</u>

10. MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO (“MER”)

**Pursuant to the SC Guidelines and to the MAS Guidelines**

	01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021 %	01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020 %
MER	<u>1.11</u>	<u>1.16</u>

MER is derived based on the following calculation:

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

- A = Management fee
- B = Trustee fee
- C = Audit fee
- D = Tax agent’s fee
- E = Other expenses excluded CDS transfer fee and withholding tax
- F = Average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis

The average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis is USD14,193,507 (31.05.2020: USD10,510,142).

11. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

**Pursuant to the SC Guidelines**

	01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021	01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020
PTR (times)	<u>1.05</u>	<u>1.92</u>

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

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

**Pursuant to the MAS Guidelines**

	01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021	01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020
PTR (times)	<u>0.89</u>	<u>1.90</u>

PTR is derived based on the following calculation:

$$\frac{\text{Lesser of total acquisition or total disposal for the financial period}}{\text{Average NAV of the Fund for the financial period calculated on a daily basis}}$$

where:

- total acquisition for the financial period = USD16,986,483 (31.05.2020: USD19,962,552)
- total disposal for the financial period = USD12,689,758 (31.05.2020: USD20,344,755)

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

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

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

Units held by the Manager and parties related to the Manager

	31.05.2021		30.11.2020 Audited	
	No. of units	USD	No. of units	USD
<b>Manager</b>				
Principal Asset Management Berhad				
- Class MYR	39,561	7,774	24,746	4,526
- Class SGD	502	625	501	579
- Class USD	90	66	90	61

In the opinion of the Manager, the above units were transacted at the prevailing market price.

The units are held beneficially by the Manager for booking purposes. Other than the above, there were no units held by the Directors or parties related to the Manager.

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

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

	01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021 USD	01.12.2019 to 31.05.2020 USD
<u>Significant related party transactions</u>		
Interest income from deposits with licensed financial institution:		
- CIMB Bank Bhd	37	31
	<b>31.05.2021</b>	<b>30.11.2020</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>Audited USD</b>
<u>Significant related party balances</u>		
Deposits with licensed financial institution:		
- CIMB Bank Bhd	988,046	-

**13. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS**

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the six months financial period ended 31 May 2021 were as follows:

Brokers	Value of trades USD	Percentage of total trades %	Brokerage Fees USD	Percentage of total brokerage fees %
CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd #	4,145,157	13.99	10,009	14.46
Instinet Pacific Ltd	3,978,871	13.43	10,941	15.80
Daiwa Capital Markets Singapore Ltd	2,887,252	9.74	7,218	10.43
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd	2,158,711	7.28	4,522	6.53
Citigroup Global Markets Ltd	1,262,918	4.26	667	0.96
KAF Equities Sdn Bhd	1,241,039	4.19	2,792	4.03
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	1,240,874	4.19	2,817	4.07
Macquarie Capital Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	1,228,948	4.15	2,403	3.47
PT Mandiri Sekuritas	1,208,633	4.08	3,022	4.36
Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd	1,203,881	4.06	2,709	3.91
Others #	9,079,446	30.63	22,134	31.98
	<u>29,635,730</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>69,234</u>	<u>100.00</u>

**13. TRANSACTIONS WITH BROKERS (CONTINUED)**

Details of transactions with the top 10 brokers for the six months financial period ended 31 May 2020 were as follows:

<b>Brokers</b>	<b>Value of trades USD</b>	<b>Percentage of total trades %</b>	<b>Brokerage Fees USD</b>	<b>Percentage of total brokerage fees %</b>
CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd #	4,603,045	11.42	12,462	13.21
Hong Leong Investment Bank Bhd	3,670,930	9.11	8,270	8.77
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd	3,269,824	8.11	7,367	7.81
RHB Investment Bank Bhd	3,232,552	8.02	7,273	7.71
Maybank Investment Bank Bhd	2,996,154	7.43	6,330	6.71
RHB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd	2,794,628	6.93	6,987	7.41
Daiwa Capital Markets Singapore Ltd	2,703,061	6.71	6,758	7.16
Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Ltd	2,431,091	6.03	5,786	6.13
CLSA Ltd	2,110,759	5.24	5,157	5.47
CLSA Securities (M) Sdn Bhd	1,587,019	3.94	3,311	3.51
Others #	10,905,355	27.06	24,662	26.11
	<u>40,304,418</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>94,363</u>	<u>100.00</u>

# Included in the transactions are trades conducted with CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd and CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd, fellow related parties to the Manager amounting to USD4,145,157 (31.05.2020: USD4,603,045) and USD387,595 (31.05.2020: USD429,898) respectively. The Manager is of the opinion that all transactions with the related companies have been entered into in the normal course of business at agreed terms between the related parties.

**14. SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE FINANCIAL PERIOD**

The COVID-19 pandemic and related lockdowns and movement restrictions have had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on global economic conditions and the environment in which the Fund operates. The Manager continues to closely monitor the macro-economic outlook as a result of COVID-19 pandemic and its impact to the Fund's performance and will be managing the risks to achieve the Fund's objective.



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