

Annual Report for

AmPRS - Islamic Equity Fund

31 August 2023



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PRS PROVIDER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

We are pleased to present you the PRS Provider's report and the audited accounts of AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund ("Fund") for the financial year ended 31 August 2023.

Salient Information of the Fund

Name	AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund ("Fund")
Category/ Type	Equity (Islamic) / Growth
Objective	<p>AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund aims to provide Long Term capital growth by investing primarily in Shariah Compliant equities and/or Shariah Compliant equity-related securities.</p> <p><i>Note: Any material change to the investment objective of the Fund would require Members' approval.</i></p>
Performance Benchmark	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40% FTSE Bursa Malaysia Emas Shariah Index ("40% FBM SI")• 30% MSCI AC Asia Pacific Islamic ex Japan Index ("30% MSCI AC AP Islamic ex-Japan")• 30% Quantshop Medium* GII Index ("30% MGII") (Available at www.aminvest.com) <p><i>Note:</i> * Medium means the duration is between three (3) years to seven (7) years.</p> <p><i>Source: FTSE International Limited ("FTSE") © FTSE 2023. "FTSE®" is a trade mark of the London Stock Exchange Group companies and is used by FTSE International Limited under licence. "BURSA MALAYSIA" is a trade mark of Bursa Malaysia Berhad ("BURSA MALAYSIA"). All intellectual property rights in the index values and constituent list vests in FTSE and BURSA MALAYSIA. Neither FTSE nor its licensors accept any liability for any errors or omissions in the FTSE indices and / or FTSE ratings or underlying data. No further distribution of FTSE Data is permitted without FTSE's express written consent.</i></p> <p><i>Source: MSCI. The MSCI information may only be used for your internal use, may not be reproduced or disseminated in any form and may not be used as a basis for or a component of any financial instruments or products or indices. None of the MSCI information is intended to constitute investment advice or a recommendation to make (or refrain from making) any kind of investment decision and may not be relied on as such. Historical data and analysis should not be taken as an indication or guarantee of any future performance analysis, forecast or prediction. The MSCI information is provided on an "as is" basis and the user of this information assumes the entire risk of any use made of this information. MSCI, each of its affiliates and each other person involved in or related to compiling, computing or creating any MSCI information (collectively, the "MSCI Parties") expressly disclaims all warranties (including, without limitation, any warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, timeliness, non-infringement, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose) with respect to this information. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall any MSCI Party have any liability for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, punitive, consequential (including, without limitation, lost profits) or any other damages. (www.msci.com).</i></p>

	<p>The blended returns are calculated by AmFunds Management Berhad using end of day index level values licensed from MSCI (“MSCI Data”). For the avoidance of doubt, MSCI is not the benchmark “administrator” for, or a “contributor”, “submitter” or “supervised contributor” to, the blended returns, and the MSCI Data is not considered a “contribution” or “submission” in relation to the blended returns, as those terms may be defined in any rules, laws, regulations, legislation or international standards. MSCI Data is provided “AS IS” without warranty or liability and no copying or distribution is permitted. MSCI does not make any representation regarding the advisability of any investment or strategy and does not sponsor, promote, issue, sell or otherwise recommend or endorse any investment or strategy, including any financial products or strategies based on, tracking or otherwise utilizing any MSCI Data, models, analytics or other materials or information.</p> <p>Note: Blended return refers to returns from blending the end of day index level values of: (i) one or more MSCI Index(es); and (ii) one or more non MSCI index (es).</p>
Income Distribution Policy	<p>Subject to availability of income, distribution (if any) is incidental.</p> <p>Note: Income distribution (if any) will be in the forms of units.</p>

Fund Performance Data

Portfolio Composition	Details of portfolio composition of the Fund as at 31 August are as follows:			
		As at 31 August		
		2023 %	2022 %	2021 %
	Consumer discretionary	4.97	4.53	4.74
	Consumer staples	7.83	9.73	2.33
	Energy	2.77	0.98	2.39
	Financials	2.71	1.68	3.34
	Health care	2.92	-	1.60
	Industrials	12.13	13.70	14.83
	Information technology	16.48	17.73	26.71
	Materials	6.98	7.11	2.76
	Real estate	11.40	12.04	9.74
	Telecommunication services	5.88	5.73	5.41
	Utilities	6.28	8.42	9.96
	Local collective investment scheme	1.03	1.03	1.19
Money market deposits and cash equivalents	18.62	17.32	15.00	
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	
	Note: The abovementioned percentages are calculated based on total net asset value.			

Performance Details

Performance details of the Fund for the financial years ended 31 August are as follows:

	FYE 2023	FYE 2022	FYE 2021
Net asset value (RM)			
- Class D	5,867,337	5,080,708	4,715,602*
- Class I	12,272,536	11,484,072	11,803,114*
Units in circulation			
- Class D	7,510,197	6,621,812	5,400,768*
- Class I	15,467,030	14,774,030	13,376,759*
Net asset value per unit (RM)			
- Class D	0.7812	0.7673	0.8731*
- Class I	0.7935	0.7773	0.8824*
Highest net asset value per unit (RM)			
- Class D	0.7834	0.8922	0.9885*
- Class I	0.7945	0.9019	0.9964*
Lowest net asset value per unit (RM)			
- Class D	0.7145	0.7226	0.8279*
- Class I	0.7241	0.7318	0.8361*
Benchmark performance (%)			
- Class D	3.58	-9.91	3.16
- Class I	3.58	-9.91	3.16
Total return (%) ⁽¹⁾			
- Class D	2.18	-12.36	3.80
- Class I	2.44	-12.15	4.08
- Capital growth (%)			
- Class D	2.18	-12.36	-6.85
- Class I	2.44	-12.15	-6.50
- Income distribution (%)			
- Class D	-	-	10.65
- Class I	-	-	10.58
Gross distribution (sen per unit)			
- Class D	-	-	10.00
- Class I	-	-	10.00
Net distribution (sen per unit)			
- Class D	-	-	10.00
- Class I	-	-	10.00
Total expense ratio (%) ⁽²⁾			
	1.63	2.12	1.56
Portfolio turnover ratio (times) ⁽³⁾			
	0.43	0.62	0.91

* Above prices and net asset value per unit are shown as ex-distribution.

Note:

- (1) Total return is the actual return of the Fund for the respective financial years computed based on the net asset value per unit and net of all fees.
- (2) Total expense ratio ("TER") is calculated based on the total fees and expenses incurred by the Fund divided by the average fund size calculated on a daily basis. The TER decreased by 0.49% as compared to 2.12% per annum for the financial year ended 31 August 2022 mainly due to decrease in expenses.
- (3) Portfolio turnover ratio ("PTR") is calculated based on the average of the total acquisitions and total disposals of investment securities of the Fund divided by the average fund size calculated on a daily basis. The decrease in the PTR for 2023 and 2022 were due mainly to investing activities.

Average Total Return (as at 31 August 2023)

	AmPRS - Islamic Equity Fund ^(a) %	40% FBM SI, 30% MSCI AC AP Islamic ex-Japan, 30% MGII ^(b) %
One year		
- Class D	2.18	3.58
- Class I	2.44	3.58
Three years		
- Class D	-2.41	-1.26
- Class I	-2.16	-1.26
Five years		
- Class D	4.84	1.17
- Class I	5.10	1.17
Since launch (25 November 2013)		
- Class D	5.87	2.58
- Class I	6.03	2.58

Annual Total Return

Financial Years Ended (31 August)	AmPRS - Islamic Equity Fund ^(a) %	40% FBM SI, 30% MSCI AC AP Islamic ex-Japan, 30% MGII ^(b) %
2023		
- Class D	2.18	3.58
- Class I	2.44	3.58
2022		
- Class D	-12.36	-9.91
- Class I	-12.15	-9.91
2021		
- Class D	3.80	3.16
- Class I	4.08	3.16
2020		
- Class D	37.67	13.25
- Class I	37.99	13.25
2019		
- Class D	-1.03	-2.80
- Class I	-0.77	-2.80

(a) Source: Novagni Analytics and Advisory Sdn. Bhd.

(b) 40% FTSE Bursa Malaysia Emas Shariah Index ("40% FBM SI"), 30% MSCI AC Asia Pacific Islamic ex Japan Index ("30% MSCI AC AP Islamic ex-Japan"), 30% Quantshop Medium* GII Index ("30% MGII").

(Available at www.aminvest.com)

The Fund performance is calculated based on the net asset value per unit of the Fund. Average total return of the Fund and its benchmark for a period is computed based on the absolute return for that period annualised over one year.

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

Fund Performance

Class D

For the financial year under review, the Fund registered a return of 2.18%^(a) which is entirely capital growth in nature.

Thus, the Fund's return of 2.18% has underperformed the benchmark's return of 3.58% by 1.40%.

As compared with the financial year ended 31 August 2022, the net asset value ("NAV") per unit of the Fund increased by 1.81% from RM0.7673 to RM0.7812, while units in circulation increased by 13.42% from 6,621,812 units to 7,510,197 units.

(a) Price based on published price (last business day).

Class I

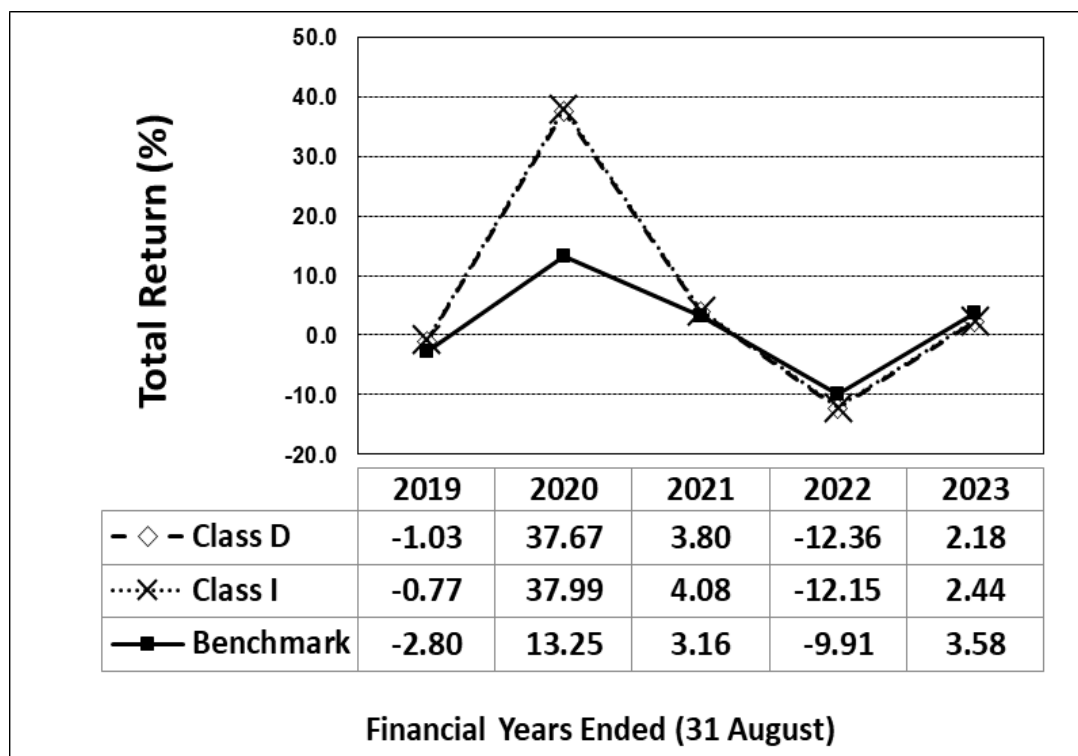
For the financial year under review, the Fund registered a return of 2.44%^(a) which is entirely capital growth in nature.

Thus, the Fund's return of 2.44% has underperformed the benchmark's return of 3.58% by 1.14%.

As compared with the financial year ended 31 August 2022, the net asset value ("NAV") per unit of the Fund increased by 2.08% from RM0.7773 to RM0.7935, while units in circulation increased by 4.69% from 14,774,030 units to 15,467,030 units.

(a) Price based on published price (last business day).

The following line chart shows comparison between the annual performances of AmPRS - Islamic Equity Fund for Class D and Class I and its benchmark, 40% FBM SI, 30% MSCI AC AP Islamic ex-Japan, 30% MGII, for the financial years ended 31 August.



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

Strategies and Policies Employed

For the financial year under review, the Fund invested its assets into a well-diversified portfolio comprising Shariah Compliant equities, Sukuk and Islamic money market instruments, Islamic REITs and Islamic Liquid Assets.

The Shariah Compliant securities that the Fund invests in are traded and/or listed in the following countries, which includes but not limited to Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand, with foreign investments (if any) will be limited to 50% of the Fund's NAV.

In order to achieve the investment objective, the investment manager opted to invest in the Shariah Compliant securities either directly or via Islamic collective investment schemes ("CIS") of AmFunds Management Berhad ("AFM") or other Islamic CIS such as ETF that comply with Shariah Principles.

Portfolio Structure

The table below is the asset allocation of the Fund as at 31 August 2023 and 31 August 2022.

	As at 31.08.2023 %	As at 31.08.2022 %	Changes %
Consumer discretionary	4.97	4.53	0.44
Consumer staples	7.83	9.73	-1.90
Energy	2.77	0.98	1.79
Financials	2.71	1.68	1.03
Health care	2.92	-	2.92
Industrials	12.13	13.70	-1.57
Information technology	16.48	17.73	-1.25
Materials	6.98	7.11	-0.13
Real estate	11.40	12.04	-0.64
Telecommunication services	5.88	5.73	0.15
Utilities	6.28	8.42	-2.14
Local collective investment scheme	1.03	1.03	-
Money market deposits and cash equivalents	18.62	17.32	1.30
Total	100.00	100.00	

For the financial year under review, 81.38% of its NAV was invested in Shariah Compliant securities and local collective investment scheme while the remaining 18.62% of its NAV was in money market deposits and cash.

During the period under review, the Fund initiated exposure in healthcare by 2.92% and decreased exposure in utilities stocks by 2.14%. Exposure in consumer staples and industrials sector was also lowered by 1.90% and 1.57% respectively. On the other hand, amid rising oil prices, exposure in energy sector rose by 1.79%.

Securities Lending / Repurchase Transactions

The Fund has not undertaken any securities lending or repurchase transactions (collectively referred to as "securities financing transactions").

Cross Trade

There were no cross trades undertaken during the financial year under review.

Distribution/ Unit splits	There is no income distribution and unit split declared for the financial year under review.
State of Affairs	There has been neither significant change to the state of affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the members during the financial year under review.
Rebates and Soft Commission	<p>During the year, the private retirement scheme provider received soft commissions by virtue of transactions conducted for the Fund, in the form of research services, systems and services relating to performance measurement of portfolios and subscription fees for fund's benchmark indices. All of these assist in the investment decision making process which are of demonstrable benefit to members of the Fund.</p> <p>The provider has soft commission arrangement with a total of 12 brokers, who execute trades for the Fund and other funds or investments managed by the provider. The soft commission received would be in the form of research services, systems and services relating to performance measurement of portfolios and/or subscription fees for fund's benchmark indices. All of these assist in the investment decision making process which are of demonstrable benefit to members of the Fund and other funds or investments managed by the provider.</p> <p>Soft commissions received were for the benefit of the Fund and there was no churning of trades.</p>
Market Review	<p>Market bearish sentiment continued to grow deeper in the beginning of the fund's financial year amid mounting fears of recession with United States (US) Federal Reserve and other central banks continued with the rapid pace of rate hikes to tame the elevated inflation. Warnings from companies of increasing macroeconomic headwinds and strengthening of United States Dollar (USD) against ASIAN currencies prompted further volatility and sell-offs in equity. Meanwhile, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) raised Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) by 25bps, keeping up with the Federal Reserve's rate hike and ensure Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) strength.</p> <p>While sentiment was still weak amid rising geopolitical tensions between US and China following a new measure to restrict sales of technology to China which triggered an industry sell off and Malaysia was busy for General Election which was set on 19 November 2022, market ended up mixed in the last month of 2022 with the recovery shoots seen in November onwards. The North Asia equity markets ended November in green in line with global markets, lifted by optimism that central banks would soon begin to lower the pace of future interest rate hikes amid signs of easing inflation pressure. China's earlier than expected easing of its "zero Covid" restrictions had spurred the rally in Hong Kong and Thailand market. In Malaysia, sentiment improved following the formation of a unity government post the Malaysian general election giving clearer mandate to Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim which helped restore investors' confidence that Malaysia will have a stable government.</p> <p>Going into 2003, equities had a positive start helped by prospect of a softer monetary tightening by Federal Reserve amid cooling inflation data, fueling hopes for the US economy to end with a soft landing. The positive momentum was also lifted by optimism of a re-rating in economic growth prospects on the back of strong revival in demand as China reopened its borders. Local equity market has also reacted positively and ended the month higher. However, in February the gains were reversed due to higher-than-expected inflation and concerns over the Federal Reserve's rate hikes, as well as higher than anticipated Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index reports in the U.S.</p>

	<p>Equities performance continued to be weak, dragged by slower than expected China economic recovery and negative sentiment following Silicon Valley bank fall out. However, some markets like Taiwan and Korea benefited from the technology rally buoyed by the surge in interest in Artificial Information theme. Malaysia suffered from decline in the commodity prices and overall global weak sentiment.</p> <p>Equities continued to slide down attributed to the risk-off sentiment on expectation that Federal Reserve may keep rates higher for longer causing a tech sector profit taking exacerbated by fears on China economic slowdown amid Country Garden property developer missing its interest payments and Zhengrong Trust missed its payments. Meanwhile, Malaysia did well for the quarter amid rise in oil price to >\$90/bbl levels whilst the Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) maintained its Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 3.00% during the September 2023 Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting.</p>
<p>Market Outlook</p>	<p>Despite worries of a recession, the United States (US) economy has remained resilient in Year to Date (YTD) 2023 due to the robust corporates earning and tight labor market. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting in September was perceived to be a hawkish pause, as Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecasts were upgraded; the dot plot indicated one more rate hike in 2023 and majority of the FOMC members expected the policy rate to remain above 5% next year. This relative hawkishness has sustained the strength of the United States Dollar (USD), translating to a reversal in money flows out of selected emerging markets recently. Nonetheless, we should be in the last stages of the interest rate hike cycle going into 2024. A peak in the Fed rate hike cycle typically signal an end to the USD uptrend.</p> <p>Asia Pacific equities markets will likely remain choppy for the remainder of 2023 as the US Federal Reserve maintained a hawkish stance and kept its policy rate “higher for longer”. We think the expected recovery in China’s economy will be protracted, but we remain optimistic on the central government growth-supportive stance and will keep a close eye on the tentative recovery signs as shown in the latest macro-economic data which surprised on the upside. While consumer confidence remains low for now, household savings is robust and with continuous support from the central government, the recovery in the Chinese economy will be positive not just for the country but also the exporters and commodities producers in the ASEAN region.</p> <p>On the local front, continued positive news flow from the Government in the form of National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) Phase 2 and the New Industrial Master Plan (NIMP) 2030 hint at policy direction for the near and medium term. The recently announced 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) Mid-Term Review (MTR) is another key policy document tailored to realise the aspirations of the Madani Economy initiatives. The MTR has long-term positive implications for the evolution of Malaysia’s economy and dovetails closely with the longer term NIMP that will run through 2030. While sentiment on the equity market is expected to improve as the market digests the positivity from the various government policy announcements, market may be volatile on global concerns.</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	<p>The following information was updated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) En Izad Shahadi Bin Mohd Sallehuddin, an Independent Non-Executive Director of Amlslamic Funds Management Sdn Bhd ('AIFM'), has resigned from the Investment Committee with effect from 30 June 2023. 2) Ms Tracy Chen Wee Keng, the Chief Executive Officer of AmInvestment Bank Berhad has been appointed as Member of the Investment Committee with effect from 30 June 2023.

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| | <p>3) Pn Azian Binti Kassim has been appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of AIFM and a member of the Fund Management Division's Audit and Risk Management Committee with effect 30 June 2023.</p> <p>4) The Second Supplementary Disclosure Document dated 31 August 2023 has been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia. The issuance of the Second Supplementary Disclosure Document is to be in line with the revised Guidelines on Private Retirement Scheme. Notice of the changes for the Second Supplementary Disclosure Document dated 31 August 2023 has been published on our website at www.aminvest.com and sent to the Members on 16 August 2023.</p> |
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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
AmFunds Management Berhad

19 October 2023

Independent auditors' report to the members of AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund (“the Fund”), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2023 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to members and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 14 to 47.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 August 2023, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for opinion

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

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

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

Information other than the financial statements and auditors’ report thereon

The Provider is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the annual report of the Fund, but does not include the financial statements of the Fund and our auditors’ report thereon.

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

**Independent auditors' report to the members of
AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund (cont'd.)**

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon (cont'd.)

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

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

Responsibilities of the Provider and the Trustees for the financial statements

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

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

The Trustee is responsible for ensuring that the Provider maintains proper accounting and other records as are necessary to enable true and fair presentation of these financial statements.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

**Independent auditors' report to the members of
AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund (cont'd.)**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

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

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

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

**Independent auditors' report to the members of
AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund (cont'd.)**

Other matters

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

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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
19 October 2023

AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
ASSETS			
Shariah-compliant investments	4	14,762,086	13,696,265
Amount due from Provider	5(a)	9,727	3,646
Dividend/Distribution receivables		8,991	10,160
Tax recoverable		2,776	2,593
Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution	6	2,655,429	2,321,140
Cash at banks		865,961	730,918
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>18,304,970</u>	<u>16,764,722</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amount due to Provider	5(b)	22,643	187,628
Amount due to a broker	7	133,255	-
Amount due to Trustee	8	611	584
Amount due to Private Pension Administrator (“PPA”)	9	611	584
Sundry payables and accruals		7,977	11,146
TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS)		<u>165,097</u>	<u>199,942</u>
NET ASSET VALUE (“NAV”) OF THE FUND ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		<u>18,139,873</u>	<u>16,564,780</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE FUND COMPRISE:			
Members’ contribution	11(a)(b)	16,584,300	15,414,382
Retained earnings	11(c)(d)	1,555,573	1,150,398
		<u>18,139,873</u>	<u>16,564,780</u>
NET ASSET VALUE			
- Class D		5,867,337	5,080,708
- Class I		12,272,536	11,484,072
		<u>18,139,873</u>	<u>16,564,780</u>
UNITS IN CIRCULATION			
- Class D	11(a)	7,510,197	6,621,812
- Class I	11(b)	15,467,030	14,774,030
NAV PER UNIT (RM)			
- Class D		0.7812	0.7673
- Class I		0.7935	0.7773

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
SHARIAH-COMPLIANT INVESTMENT INCOME/ (LOSS)			
Dividend/Distribution income		566,048	488,320
Profit income		59,063	35,963
Net gain/(loss) from Shariah-compliant investments:			
– Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”)	10	165,633	(2,162,652)
Other net realised losses on foreign currency exchange		(27,150)	(50,050)
Other net unrealised gains on foreign currency exchange		25	282
		<u>763,619</u>	<u>(1,688,137)</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Management fee	5	(225,475)	(220,997)
Trustee’s fee	8	(6,882)	(6,734)
PPA administrative fee	9	(6,882)	(6,734)
Audit fee		(4,500)	(4,500)
Tax agent’s fee		(16,410)	(95,473)
Brokerage and other transaction fees		(66,934)	(93,893)
Custodian’s fee		(1,859)	(4,447)
Other expenses		(17,906)	(17,630)
		<u>(346,848)</u>	<u>(450,408)</u>
Net income/(loss) before taxation		416,771	(2,138,545)
Taxation	13	<u>(11,596)</u>	<u>(13,280)</u>
Net income/(loss) after taxation, representing total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year		<u>405,175</u>	<u>(2,151,825)</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) comprises the following:			
Realised income/(loss)	11(c)	487,703	(532,136)
Unrealised losses	11(d)	<u>(82,528)</u>	<u>(1,619,689)</u>
		<u>405,175</u>	<u>(2,151,825)</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	Members' contribution – Class D RM	Members' contribution – Class I RM	Retained earnings RM	Total RM
At 1 September 2022		5,041,418	10,372,964	1,150,398	16,564,780
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		-	-	405,175	405,175
Creation of units	11(a)(b)	720,936	1,601,565	-	2,322,501
Cancellation of units	11(a)(b)	(53,547)	(1,099,036)	-	(1,152,583)
Balance at 31 August 2023		<u>5,708,807</u>	<u>10,875,493</u>	<u>1,555,573</u>	<u>18,139,873</u>
At 1 September 2021		4,007,638	9,208,855	3,302,223	16,518,716
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year		-	-	(2,151,825)	(2,151,825)
Creation of units	11(a)(b)	1,117,667	1,376,202	-	2,493,869
Cancellation of units	11(a)(b)	(83,887)	(212,093)	-	(295,980)
Balance at 31 August 2022		<u>5,041,418</u>	<u>10,372,964</u>	<u>1,150,398</u>	<u>16,564,780</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of Shariah-compliant investments		6,958,511	9,961,016
Purchase of Shariah-compliant investments		(7,752,595)	(11,797,249)
Dividends/Distributions received		555,646	469,573
Profit received		59,063	35,963
Management fee paid		(223,094)	(220,368)
Trustee's fee paid		(6,855)	(6,709)
PPA administrative fee paid		(6,855)	(6,709)
Tax agent's fee paid		(16,410)	(95,473)
Custodian's fee paid		(1,859)	(4,447)
Tax paid		(183)	(2,593)
Payments for other expenses		(92,509)	(112,385)
Net cash used in operating and investing activities		<u>(527,140)</u>	<u>(1,779,381)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from creation of units		2,316,420	2,506,743
Payments for cancellation of units		<u>(1,319,948)</u>	<u>(128,614)</u>
Net cash generated from financing activities		<u>996,472</u>	<u>2,378,129</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
		469,332	598,748
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR			
		<u>3,052,058</u>	<u>2,453,310</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR			
		<u>3,521,390</u>	<u>3,052,058</u>
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution	6	2,655,429	2,321,140
Cash at banks		<u>865,961</u>	<u>730,918</u>
		<u>3,521,390</u>	<u>3,052,058</u>

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund (“the Fund”) was established pursuant to a Deed dated 4 December 2012 as amended by Deeds supplemental thereto (“the Deed”), between AmFunds Management Berhad as the PRS Provider (“the Provider”), Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad as the Trustee and all members.

The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth by investing primarily in Shariah-compliant equities and/or equity-related securities. As provided in the Deed, the financial year shall end on 31 August and the units in the Fund were first offered for sale on 25 November 2013.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Provider on 19 October 2023.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except as otherwise stated in the accounting policies and comply with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) as issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (“MASB”) and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

Standards effective during the financial year

The adoption of the following MFRS which became effective during the financial year did not have any material financial impact to the financial statements:

Description	Effective for financial periods beginning on or after
Amendments to MFRSs contained in the document entitled “Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2018-2020”	1 January 2022
Reference to the Conceptual Framework (Amendments to MFRS 3 <i>Business Combinations</i>)*	1 January 2022
Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to MFRS 116 <i>Property, Plant and Equipment</i>)*	1 January 2022
Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to MFRS 137 <i>Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets</i>)	1 January 2022
Extension of the Temporary Exemption from applying MFRS 9 (Amendments to MFRS 4 <i>Insurance Contracts</i>)*	1 January 2022

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D.)

Standards issued but not yet effective

The standards and amendments to standards that have been issued but not yet effective up to the date of issuance of the Fund's financial statements are disclosed below. The Fund intends to adopt these new pronouncements, if applicable, when they become effective:

Description	Effective for financial periods beginning on or after
MFRS 17 <i>Insurance Contracts</i> and Amendments to MFRS 17*	1 January 2023
Initial Application of MFRS 17 and MFRS 9 - <i>Comparative Information</i> (Amendments to MFRS 17 <i>Insurance Contracts</i>)*	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements:</i> <i>Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements:</i> <i>Disclosure of Accounting Policies</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 108 <i>Accounting policies, Changes in Accounting</i> <i>Estimates and Errors: Definition of Accounting Estimates</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 112 <i>Income Taxes: Deferred Tax related to</i> <i>Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 16 <i>Leases: Lease Liability in a Sale and</i> <i>Leaseback*</i>	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements:</i> <i>Non-Current Liabilities with Covenants</i>	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 107 <i>Statement of Cash Flows</i> and MFRS 7 <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures: Supplier Finance Arrangements</i>	1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128: <i>Sale or Contribution</i> <i>of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*</i>	Deferred

* These MFRS and Amendments to MFRSs are not relevant to the Fund.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

3.1 Income recognition

Income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Fund and the income can be reliably measured. Income is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable.

(i) Dividend/Distribution income

Dividend/Distribution income is recognised when the Fund's right to receive payment is established.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

3.1 Income recognition (cont'd.)

(ii) Profit income

Profit income on Shariah-compliant deposits are recognised on an accrual basis using the effective profit method.

(iii) Gain or loss on disposal of Shariah-compliant investments

On disposal of Shariah-compliant investments, the net realised gain or loss on disposal is measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the Shariah-compliant investments. The net realised gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

3.2 Income tax

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the tax authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Current taxes are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that the tax relates to items recognised outside profit or loss, either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

3.3 Functional and presentation currency

Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions. The functional currency of the Fund is Ringgit Malaysia ("RM") which reflects the currency in which the Fund competes for funds, issues and redeems units. The Fund has also adopted RM as its presentation currency.

3.4 Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in currencies other than the Fund's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recorded in the functional currency using exchange rates prevailing at the transaction dates. At each reporting date, foreign currency monetary items are translated into RM at exchange rates ruling at the reporting date. All exchange gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss.

3.5 Statement of cash flows

The Fund adopts the direct method in the preparation of the statement of cash flows.

Cash and cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid Shariah-compliant investments that are readily convertible to cash with insignificant risk of changes in value.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

3.6 Members' contribution

The members' contribution of the Fund are classified as liabilities under the requirements of MFRS 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* ("MFRS 132").

Under MFRS 132, a unit trust fund with one common class of members is classified as equity as it meets the requirement of having identical features. In a multi-unit class fund, if any one class (or a group of classes) can be differentiated in terms of their features, then all the classes will be classified as liability.

The Fund issues cancellable units in two classes for which further details are disclosed in Note 11.

3.7 Distribution

Distributions are at the discretion of the Provider. A distribution to the Fund's members is accounted for as a deduction from the retained earnings and realised income as finance cost - distributions to members and recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, as the members' contribution are classified as financial liability as per Note 3.6. Realised income is the income earned from dividend/distribution income, profit income and net gain on disposal of Shariah-compliant investments after deducting expenses and taxation. A proposed distribution is recognised as a liability in the period in which it is approved. Distribution is either reinvested or paid in cash to the members on the distribution payment date. Reinvestment of units is based on the NAV per unit on the distribution payment date, which is also the time of creation.

3.8 Financial assets – initial recognition and measurement

(i) Initial recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised using trade date accounting or settlement date accounting. The method used is applied consistently for all purchases and sales of financial assets that belong to the same category of financial assets.

(ii) Initial measurement

All financial assets are recognised initially at fair value, in the case of financial assets not recorded at FVTPL, transaction costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of financial liabilities not recorded at FVTPL, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

3.8 Financial assets – initial recognition and measurement (cont'd.)

(iii) “Day 1” profit or loss

At initial measurement, if the transaction price differs from the fair value, the Fund immediately recognises the difference between the transaction price and fair value (a “Day 1” profit or loss) in profit or loss provided that fair value is evidenced by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability (i.e. Level 1 input) or based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets. In all other cases, the difference between the transaction price and model value is recognised in profit or loss on a systematic and rational basis that reflects the nature of the instrument over its tenure.

3.9 Financial assets – classification and subsequent measurement

The Fund subsequently measures its Shariah-compliant investments in equity investments and collective investment schemes (“CIS”) at FVTPL. Dividends/Distributions earned whilst holding the Shariah-compliant investments are recognised in profit or loss when the right to receive the payment has been established. Gains and losses on the Shariah-compliant investments, realised and unrealised, are included in profit or loss.

3.10 Financial assets under MFRS 9

Classification and measurement

The classification of financial assets depends on the Fund’s business model of managing the financial assets in order to generate cash flows (“business model test”) and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial instruments (“SPPP test”). The business model test determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both and the assessment is performed on a portfolio basis. The SPPP test determines whether the contractual cash flows are solely for payments of principal and profit and the assessment is performed on a financial instrument basis.

The Fund may classify its financial assets under the following categories:

Financial assets at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and profit on the principal amount outstanding. Financial assets include in this category are Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution, cash at banks, amounts due from brokers/financial institutions, amount due from Provider, dividend/distribution receivables and other receivables.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

3.10 Financial assets under MFRS 9 (cont'd.)

Classification and measurement (cont'd.)

The Fund may classify its financial assets under the following categories: (cont'd.)

Financial assets at FVOCI

A financial asset is measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (“FVOCI”) if its business model is both to hold the asset to collect contractual cash flows and to sell the financial asset. In addition, the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and profit on the outstanding principal.

These Shariah-compliant investments are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the profit or loss. Subsequent to initial recognition, these Shariah-compliant investments are remeasured at fair value. All fair value adjustments are initially recognised through OCI. Debt instruments at FVOCI are subject to impairment assessment.

Financial assets at FVTPL

Any financial assets that are not measured at amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVTPL. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value. Changes in the fair value of those financial instruments are recorded in “Net gain or loss on financial assets at FVTPL”. Dividend/Distribution revenue and profit earned elements of such instruments are recorded separately in “Dividend/Distribution income” and “Profit income” respectively. Exchange differences on financial assets at FVTPL are not recognised separately in profit or loss but are included in net gain or net loss on changes in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL.

Instruments that qualify for amortised cost or FVOCI may be irrevocably designated as FVTPL, if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency. Equity instruments are normally measured at FVTPL, nevertheless, the Fund is allowed to irrevocably designate equity instruments that are not held for trading as FVOCI, with no subsequent reclassification of gains or losses to profit or loss.

3.11 Financial liabilities – classification and subsequent measurement

Financial liabilities issued by the Fund are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost, where the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Fund having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the members. After initial measurement, financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective profit method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective profit rate.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

3.12 Derecognition of financial instruments

(i) Derecognition of financial asset

A financial asset (or, where applicable a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, or
- the Fund has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a “pass-through” arrangement; and either:
 - the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or
 - the Fund has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

For Shariah-compliant investments classified as FVOCI - debt instruments, the cumulative fair value change recognised in OCI is recycled to profit or loss.

(ii) Derecognition of financial liability

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are recognised, and through the amortisation process.

3.13 Financial instruments – expected credit losses (“ECL”)

The Fund assesses the ECL associated with its financial assets at amortised cost using simplified approach. Therefore, the Fund does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The ECL in respect of financial assets at amortised cost, if any, is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets together with the associated allowance are written off when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and there is no realistic prospect of future recovery. The Fund may also write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity when there is no reasonable expectation of full recovery. If a write-off is later recovered, the recovery is credited to profit or loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

3.14 Determination of fair value

For Shariah-compliant investments in local quoted securities, fair value is determined based on the closing price quoted on Bursa Malaysia Berhad. For Shariah-compliant investments in foreign listed securities, which are quoted in the respective stock exchanges, fair value will be determined based on the published market price quoted by the respective stock exchanges at the end of each business day. For Shariah-compliant investments in CIS, fair value is determined based on the closing NAV per unit of the CIS. Purchased cost is the quoted price that the Fund paid when buying its Shariah-compliant investments. The difference between purchased cost and fair value is treated as unrealised gain or loss and is recognised in profit or loss. Unrealised gains or losses recognised in profit or loss are not distributable in nature.

3.15 Classification of realised and unrealised gains and losses

Unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of financial instruments for the period and from reversal of prior period's unrealised gains and losses for financial instruments which were realised (i.e. sold, redeemed or matured) during the reporting period.

Realised gains and losses on disposals of financial instruments classified at FVTPL are calculated using the weighted average method. They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount.

3.16 Significant accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of the Fund's financial statements requires the Provider to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the reporting date. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability in the future.

The Fund classifies its Shariah-compliant investments as financial assets at FVTPL as the Fund may sell its Shariah-compliant investments in the short-term for profit-taking or to meet members' cancellation of units.

No major judgments have been made by the Provider in applying the Fund's accounting policies. There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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4. SHARIAH-COMPLIANT INVESTMENTS

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Financial assets at FVTPL		
Quoted Shariah-compliant equity securities - local	11,478,291	10,964,523
Quoted Shariah-compliant equity securities - foreign	2,314,207	1,863,447
Quoted Shariah-compliant CIS - local	782,759	698,044
Unquoted Shariah-compliant CIS - local	186,829	170,251
	<u>14,762,086</u>	<u>13,696,265</u>

Details of Shariah-compliant investments as at 31 August 2023 are as follows:

Name of company	Number of shares	Fair value RM	Purchased cost RM	Fair value as a percentage of NAV %
Quoted Shariah-compliant equity securities - local				
Consumer discretionary				
Berjaya Food Berhad	286,300	194,684	230,061	1.07
Bermaz Auto Berhad	120,100	269,024	184,858	1.48
DRB-Hicom Berhad	190,000	273,600	264,084	1.51
	<u>596,400</u>	<u>737,308</u>	<u>679,003</u>	<u>4.06</u>
Consumer staples				
AEON Co. (M) Bhd.	199,300	211,258	262,663	1.16
Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd.	6,800	173,400	139,896	0.96
PPB Group Berhad	14,700	231,084	239,942	1.27
QL Resources Berhad	64,000	345,600	359,315	1.91
Sarawak Oil Palms Bhd.	61,700	157,335	169,755	0.87
Ta Ann Holdings Berhad	82,900	300,927	264,423	1.66
	<u>429,400</u>	<u>1,419,604</u>	<u>1,435,994</u>	<u>7.83</u>
Energy				
Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad	340,600	325,273	336,007	1.79
PETRONAS Dagangan Berhad	8,000	177,600	175,223	0.98
	<u>348,600</u>	<u>502,873</u>	<u>511,230</u>	<u>2.77</u>

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4. SHARIAH-COMPLIANT INVESTMENTS (CONT'D.)

Details of Shariah-compliant investments as at 31 August 2023 are as follows: (cont'd.)

Name of company	Number of shares	Fair value RM	Purchased cost RM	Fair value as a percentage of NAV %
Quoted Shariah-compliant equity securities - local (cont'd.)				
Financials				
GHL Systems Berhad	240,600	180,450	253,870	1.00
Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Keluarga Berhad	83,500	310,620	355,908	1.71
	<u>324,100</u>	<u>491,070</u>	<u>609,778</u>	<u>2.71</u>
Health Care				
Duopharma Biotech Berhad	386,500	444,475	539,879	2.45
Hartalega Holdings Berhad	43,600	85,020	86,699	0.47
	<u>430,100</u>	<u>529,495</u>	<u>626,578</u>	<u>2.92</u>
Industrials				
CTOS Digital Berhad	235,800	334,836	386,358	1.84
Gamuda Berhad	60,300	271,350	218,640	1.50
Kerjaya Prospek Group Berhad	77,500	97,650	86,025	0.54
MISC Berhad	30,500	219,600	203,118	1.21
Sime Darby Berhad	141,400	325,220	320,427	1.79
Sunway Berhad	164,300	326,957	279,557	1.80
Sunway Construction Group Berhad	131,900	251,929	215,226	1.39
UWC Berhad	55,300	193,550	185,138	1.07
Westports Holdings Berhad	51,300	179,550	179,550	0.99
	<u>948,300</u>	<u>2,200,642</u>	<u>2,074,039</u>	<u>12.13</u>
Information technology				
Dagang NeXchange Berhad	800,000	360,000	517,946	1.98
Datasonic Group Berhad	644,200	312,437	317,760	1.72
Genetec Technology Berhad	120,600	287,028	318,819	1.58
Greotech Technology Berhad	75,200	338,400	423,774	1.87
SKP Resources Bhd.	258,100	249,066	390,912	1.37
UCHI Technologies Berhad	102,200	366,898	314,508	2.02
	<u>2,000,300</u>	<u>1,913,829</u>	<u>2,283,719</u>	<u>10.54</u>

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4. SHARIAH-COMPLIANT INVESTMENTS (CONT'D.)

Details of Shariah-compliant investments as at 31 August 2023 are as follows: (cont'd.)

Name of company	Number of shares	Fair value RM	Purchased cost RM	Fair value as a percentage of NAV %
Quoted Shariah-compliant equity securities - local (cont'd.)				
Materials				
PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad	55,500	395,160	461,529	2.18
Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad	56,600	274,510	315,278	1.51
	<u>112,100</u>	<u>669,670</u>	<u>776,807</u>	<u>3.69</u>
Real estate				
Lagenda Properties Berhad	186,200	242,060	256,581	1.33
Mah Sing Group Berhad	459,300	362,847	306,628	2.00
Matrix Concepts Holdings Berhad	189,850	290,471	252,625	1.60
Sime Darby Property Berhad	530,700	390,065	298,860	2.15
	<u>1,366,050</u>	<u>1,285,443</u>	<u>1,114,694</u>	<u>7.08</u>
Telecommunication services				
Telekom Malaysia Berhad	82,500	420,750	333,770	2.32
Time Dotcom Berhad	48,600	267,300	258,277	1.47
	<u>131,100</u>	<u>688,050</u>	<u>592,047</u>	<u>3.79</u>
Utilities				
Mega First Corporation Berhad	115,900	385,947	222,212	2.13
Tenaga Nasional Berhad	66,500	654,360	688,518	3.61
	<u>182,400</u>	<u>1,040,307</u>	<u>910,730</u>	<u>5.74</u>
Total quoted Shariah-compliant equity securities - local	<u>6,868,850</u>	<u>11,478,291</u>	<u>11,614,619</u>	<u>63.26</u>
Quoted Shariah-compliant equity securities - foreign				
Hong Kong				
Consumer discretionary				
Li Ning Company Limited	7,500	164,530	166,612	0.91
Utilities				
ENN Energy Holdings Limited	2,700	98,318	102,040	0.54
Total in Hong Kong	<u>10,200</u>	<u>262,848</u>	<u>268,652</u>	<u>1.45</u>

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4. SHARIAH-COMPLIANT INVESTMENTS (CONT'D.)

Details of Shariah-compliant investments as at 31 August 2023 are as follows: (cont'd.)

Name of company	Number of shares	Fair value RM	Purchased cost RM	Fair value as a percentage of NAV %
Quoted Shariah-compliant equity securities - foreign (cont'd.)				
Indonesia				
Materials				
PT Semen Indonesia (Persero) Tbk	85,242	176,444	178,388	0.97
Telecommunication services				
PT Telkom Indonesia (Persero) Tbk	333,300	378,433	365,381	2.09
Total in Indonesia	418,542	554,877	543,769	3.06
South Korea				
Information technology				
Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co., Ltd.	282	133,640	181,706	0.74
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	1,697	397,353	435,947	2.19
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	128	275,072	95,096	1.52
SK Hynix Inc.	634	270,274	257,914	1.49
	2,741	1,076,339	970,663	5.94
Materials				
LG Chem Ltd.	47	95,903	83,870	0.53
POSCO Holdings Inc.	160	324,240	181,425	1.79
	207	420,143	265,295	2.32
Total in South Korea	2,948	1,496,482	1,235,958	8.26
Total quoted Shariah-compliant equity securities - foreign	431,690	2,314,207	2,048,379	12.77

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4. SHARIAH-COMPLIANT INVESTMENTS (CONT'D.)

Details of Shariah-compliant investments as at 31 August 2023 are as follows: (cont'd.)

Name of trust	Number of units	Fair value RM	Purchased cost RM	Fair value as a percentage of NAV %
Quoted Shariah-compliant CIS - local				
REITs				
AME Real Estate Investment Trust	143,200	180,432	166,319	0.99
Axis Real Estate Investment Trust	322,100	602,327	614,799	3.33
	<u>465,300</u>	<u>782,759</u>	<u>781,118</u>	<u>4.32</u>
Total quoted Shariah-compliant CIS - local	<u>465,300</u>	<u>782,759</u>	<u>781,118</u>	<u>4.32</u>
Unquoted Shariah-compliant CIS - local				
Amlslamic Global SRI*	169,691	186,829	169,567	1.03
Total unquoted Shariah-compliant CIS - local	<u>169,691</u>	<u>186,829</u>	<u>169,567</u>	<u>1.03</u>
Total financial assets at FVTPL		<u>14,762,086</u>	<u>14,613,683</u>	<u>81.38</u>
Excess of fair value over purchased cost		<u>148,403</u>		

* This CIS is managed by the Provider.

5. AMOUNT DUE FROM/TO PROVIDER

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
(a) Due from Provider			
Creation of units	(i)	<u>9,727</u>	<u>3,646</u>
(b) Due to Provider			
Redemption of units	(ii)	-	167,366
Management fee payable	(iii)	<u>22,643</u>	<u>20,262</u>
		<u>22,643</u>	<u>187,628</u>

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5. AMOUNT DUE FROM/TO PROVIDER (CONT'D.)

- (i) The amount represents amount receivable from the Provider for units created.
- (ii) The amount represents amount payable to the Provider for units redeemed.

The normal credit period in the previous and current financial years for creation and redemption of units is three business days.

- (iii) Management fee is at a rate of 1.50% (2022: 1.50%) per annum for Class D and 1.25% (2022: 1.25%) per annum for Class I on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis. As the Fund invested in the CIS, the management fee related to the CIS has been charged by the Provider.

According to Securities Commission Malaysia's Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes, the management fee can only be charged once and hence, no management fee can be charged on the NAV of the unquoted CIS of this Fund to avoid double charging of management fee.

The normal credit period in the previous and current financial years for management fee payable is one month.

6. SHARIAH-COMPLIANT DEPOSIT WITH A LICENSED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

	2023 RM	2022 RM
At nominal value:		
Short-term deposit	<u>2,655,000</u>	<u>2,321,000</u>
At carrying value:		
Short-term deposit	<u>2,655,429</u>	<u>2,321,140</u>

Details of Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution are as follows:

Maturity date	Financial institution	Nominal value RM	Carrying value RM	Carrying value as a percentage of NAV %
2023				
Short-term deposit				
01.09.2023	CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad	<u>2,655,000</u>	<u>2,655,429</u>	<u>14.64</u>

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6. SHARIAH-COMPLIANT DEPOSIT WITH A LICENSED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (CONT'D.)

The weighted average effective profit rate and weighted average remaining maturities of short-term deposit are as follows:

	Weighted average effective profit rate		Weighted average remaining maturities	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	%	%	Day	Day
Short-term deposit	2.95	2.20	1	1

7. AMOUNT DUE TO A BROKER

Amount due to a broker arose from the purchase of Shariah-compliant investments. The settlement period is within two business days from the transaction date.

8. AMOUNT DUE TO TRUSTEE

Trustee's fee is at rate of 0.04% (2022: 0.04%) per annum for both Class D and Class I on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

The normal credit period in the previous and current financial years for Trustee's fee payable is one month.

9. AMOUNT DUE TO PPA

PPA administrative fee is at a rate of 0.04% (2022: 0.04%) per annum for both Class D and Class I on the NAV of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis.

The normal credit period in the previous and current financial years for PPA's administrative fee payable is one month.

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10. NET GAIN/(LOSS) FROM SHARIAH-COMPLIANT INVESTMENTS

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at FVTPL comprised:		
– Net realised gain/(loss) on sale of Shariah-compliant investments	268,297	(539,802)
– Net realised losses on foreign currency exchange	(20,111)	(2,879)
– Net unrealised losses on changes in fair value of Shariah-compliant investments	(156,371)	(1,574,647)
– Net unrealised gain/(loss) on foreign currency fluctuation of Shariah-compliant investments denominated in foreign currency	73,818	(45,324)
	<u>165,633</u>	<u>(2,162,652)</u>

11. NAV ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS

Total NAV attributable to members is represented by:

	Note	2023 RM	2022 RM
Members' contribution – Class D	(a)	5,708,807	5,041,418
Members' contribution – Class I	(b)	10,875,493	10,372,964
Retained earnings			
– Realised income	(c)	1,407,176	919,473
– Unrealised gains	(d)	148,397	230,925
		<u>18,139,873</u>	<u>16,564,780</u>

The Fund issues cancellable units in two classes as detailed below:

Classes of units	Currency denomination	Categories of investors	Distribution policy
Class D	RM	Distributor appointed by the PRS Provider	Incidental
Class I	RM	Employer-Sponsored Retirement Scheme and also employees of any employers with prior arrangement with the PRS Provider	Incidental

The different charges and features for each class are as follows:

- (i) Entry charges
- (ii) Management fees charges

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11. NAV ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS (CONT'D.)

(a) Members' contribution/units in circulation – Class D

	2023		2022	
	Number of units	RM	Number of units	RM
At beginning of the financial year	6,621,812	5,041,418	5,400,768	4,007,638
Creation during the financial year	958,980	720,936	1,320,652	1,117,667
Cancellation during the financial year	(70,595)	(53,547)	(99,608)	(83,887)
At end of the financial year	<u>7,510,197</u>	<u>5,708,807</u>	<u>6,621,812</u>	<u>5,041,418</u>

(b) Members' contribution/units in circulation – Class I

	2023		2022	
	Number of units	RM	Number of units	RM
At beginning of the financial year	14,774,030	10,372,964	13,376,759	9,208,855
Creation during the financial year	2,099,239	1,601,565	1,664,316	1,376,202
Cancellation during the financial year	(1,406,239)	(1,099,036)	(267,045)	(212,093)
At end of the financial year	<u>15,467,030</u>	<u>10,875,493</u>	<u>14,774,030</u>	<u>10,372,964</u>

(c) Realised – distributable

	2023 RM	2022 RM
At beginning of the financial year	919,473	1,451,609
Net realised income/(loss) for the financial year	487,703	(532,136)
At end of the financial year	<u>1,407,176</u>	<u>919,473</u>

(d) Unrealised – non-distributable

	2023 RM	2022 RM
At beginning of the financial year	230,925	1,850,614
Net unrealised losses for the financial year	(82,528)	(1,619,689)
At end of the financial year	<u>148,397</u>	<u>230,925</u>

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12. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

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

<u>Related parties</u>	<u>Relationships</u>
AmFunds Management Berhad	The Provider
AmInvestment Bank Berhad	Holding company of the Provider
AMMB Holdings Berhad (“AMMB”)	Ultimate holding company of the Provider
Subsidiaries and associates of AMMB as disclosed in its financial statements	Subsidiaries and associate companies of the ultimate holding company of the Provider

There are no units held by the Provider or any related party as at 31 August 2023 and 31 August 2022.

13. TAXATION

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Local tax	3,249	1,909
Foreign tax	8,347	11,371
	<u>11,596</u>	<u>13,280</u>

Pursuant to Paragraph 20 of Schedule 6 to the Income Tax Act (“ITA”), any income received by an approved scheme as defined under Section 2 of the ITA is exempted from income tax.

Withholding tax refer to taxable dividend/distribution income derived from countries including Hong Kong, Indonesia, South Korea and Malaysia calculated at the rates prevailing in these countries.

A reconciliation of income tax expense applicable to net income/(loss) before taxation at the statutory income tax rate to income tax expense at the effective income tax rate of the Fund is as follows:

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Net income/(loss) before taxation	<u>416,771</u>	<u>(2,138,545)</u>

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13. TAXATION (CONT'D.)

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Taxation at Malaysian statutory rate of 24% (2022: 24%)	100,025	(513,251)
Tax effects of:		
Income not subject to tax	(218,086)	(108,711)
Effect of different tax rates in other countries	(6,437)	(3,905)
Losses not allowed for tax deduction	52,850	531,049
Restriction on tax deductible expenses	49,675	48,967
Non-permitted expenses for tax purposes	28,050	53,691
Permitted expenses not used and not available for future financial years	5,519	5,440
Tax expense for the financial year	<u>11,596</u>	<u>13,280</u>

14. TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (“TER”)

The Fund’s TER is as follows:

	2023	2022
	% p.a.	% p.a.
Management fee	1.31	1.31
Trustee’s fee	0.04	0.04
PPA administrative fee	0.04	0.04
Fund’s other expenses	0.24	0.73
Total TER	<u>1.63</u>	<u>2.12</u>

The TER of the Fund is the ratio of the sum of fees and expenses incurred by the Fund to the average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis.

15. PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO (“PTR”)

The PTR of the Fund, which is the ratio of average total acquisitions and disposals of Shariah-compliant investments to the average NAV of the Fund calculated on a daily basis, is 0.43 times (2022: 0.62 times).

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16. SEGMENTAL REPORTING

The Provider and Investment Committee of the Fund are responsible for allocating resources available to the Fund in accordance with the overall investment strategies as set out in the Investment Guidelines of the Fund. The Fund is managed by three segments:

- A portfolio of Shariah-compliant equity instruments;
- A portfolio of Shariah-compliant CIS; and
- A portfolio of Shariah-compliant fixed income instrument, including Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution.

The investment objective of each segment is to achieve consistent returns from the Shariah-compliant investments in each segment while safeguarding capital by investing in diversified portfolios. There have been no changes in reportable segments in the current financial year.

	Equity portfolio RM	CIS portfolio RM	Fixed income portfolio RM	Total RM
2023				
Dividend/Distribution income	526,069	39,979	-	566,048
Profit income	-	-	59,063	59,063
Net gains from Shariah-compliant investments:				
- Financial assets at FVTPL	139,894	25,739	-	165,633
Other net realised loss on foreign currency exchange	(27,150)	-	-	(27,150)
Other net unrealised gain foreign currency exchange	25	-	-	25
Total segment investment income for the financial year	<u>638,838</u>	<u>65,718</u>	<u>59,063</u>	<u>763,619</u>
Financial assets at FVTPL	13,792,498	969,588	-	14,762,086
Dividend/Distribution receivables	6,671	2,320	-	8,991
Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution	-	-	2,655,429	2,655,429
Total segment assets	<u>13,799,169</u>	<u>971,908</u>	<u>2,655,429</u>	<u>17,426,506</u>
Amount due to a broker	133,255	-	-	133,255
Total segment liability	<u>133,255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,255</u>

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16. SEGMENTAL REPORTING (CONT'D.)

	Equity portfolio RM	CIS portfolio RM	Fixed income portfolio RM	Total RM
2022				
Dividend/Distribution income	459,434	28,886	-	488,320
Profit income	-	-	35,963	35,963
Net losses from Shariah-compliant investments:				
– Financial assets at FVTPL	(2,100,149)	(62,503)	-	(2,162,652)
Other net realised (loss)/gain on foreign currency exchange	(52,303)	2,253	-	(50,050)
Other net unrealised gain/(loss) foreign currency exchange	639	(357)	-	282
Total segment investment (losses)/income for the financial year	<u>(1,692,379)</u>	<u>(31,721)</u>	<u>35,963</u>	<u>(1,688,137)</u>
Financial assets at FVTPL	12,827,970	868,295	-	13,696,265
Dividend/Distribution receivables	10,160	-	-	10,160
Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution	-	-	2,321,140	2,321,140
Total segment assets	<u>12,838,130</u>	<u>868,295</u>	<u>2,321,140</u>	<u>16,027,565</u>

Expenses of the Fund are not considered part of the performance of any investment segment. The following table provides reconciliation between the net reportable segment income/(loss) and net income/(loss) after taxation:

	2023 RM	2022 RM
Net reportable segment investment income/(loss)	763,619	(1,688,137)
Less: Expenses	<u>(346,848)</u>	<u>(450,408)</u>
Net income/(loss) before taxation	416,771	(2,138,545)
Taxation	<u>(11,596)</u>	<u>(13,280)</u>
Net income/(loss) after taxation	<u>405,175</u>	<u>(2,151,825)</u>

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16. SEGMENTAL REPORTING (CONT'D.)

In addition, certain assets and liabilities are not considered to be part of the net assets or liabilities of an individual segment. The following table provides reconciliation between the net reportable segment assets and liabilities and total assets and liabilities of the Fund.

	2023	2022
	RM	RM
Total segment assets	17,426,506	16,027,565
Amount due from Provider	9,727	3,646
Tax recoverable	2,776	2,593
Cash at banks	865,961	730,918
Total assets of the Fund	<u>18,304,970</u>	<u>16,764,722</u>
Total segment liabilities	133,255	-
Amount due to Provider	22,643	187,628
Amount due to Trustee	611	584
Amount due to PPA	611	584
Sundry payables and accruals	7,977	11,146
Total liabilities of the Fund	<u>165,097</u>	<u>199,942</u>

17. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE PROVIDER, BROKERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Details of transactions with the Provider, brokers and financial institutions for the financial year ended 31 August 2023 are as follows:

The Provider/Brokers/ Financial institutions	Transaction value		Brokerage fee, stamp duty and clearing fee	
	RM	%	RM	%
CIMB Islamic Bank Berhad	514,080,000	97.19	-	-
RHB Investment Bank Berhad	5,071,116	0.96	23,053	34.40
Maybank Investment Bank Berhad	3,667,749	0.68	17,817	26.59
AmlInvestment Bank Berhad*	2,424,691	0.46	10,445	15.59
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad	1,313,098	0.25	5,710	8.52
Daishin Securites Co., Ltd	705,696	0.13	2,730	4.07
Affin Hwang Investment Berhad	451,427	0.09	2,131	3.18
J.P. Morgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.	418,973	0.08	1,805	2.69
Macquarie Securities (Australia) Limited	303,430	0.06	1,180	1.76
Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited	167,152	0.03	649	0.97
Other broker and financial institutions	328,267	0.07	1,493	2.23
Total	<u>528,931,599</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>67,013</u>	<u>100.00</u>

* A financial institution related to the Provider.

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17. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE PROVIDER, BROKERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CONT'D.)

The Provider is of the opinion that the above transactions have been entered in the normal course of business and have been established under terms that are no less favourable than those arranged with independent third parties.

The above transactions are in respect of Shariah-compliant listed securities, CIS and Shariah-compliant deposits. Transactions in Shariah-compliant CIS and Shariah-compliant deposits do not involve any commission or brokerage.

18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Classification of financial instruments

The significant accounting policies in Note 3 describe how the classes of financial instruments are measured, and how income and expenses, including fair value gains and losses, are recognised. The following table analyses the financial assets and liabilities of the Fund in the statement of financial position by the class of financial instrument to which they are assigned, and therefore by the measurement basis.

	Financial assets at FVTPL RM	Financial assets at amortised cost RM	Financial liabilities at amortised cost RM	Total RM
2023				
Assets				
Shariah-compliant investments	14,762,086	-	-	14,762,086
Amount due from Provider Dividend/Distribution receivables	-	9,727	-	9,727
Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution	-	8,991	-	8,991
Cash at banks	-	2,655,429	-	2,655,429
Total financial assets	<u>14,762,086</u>	<u>3,540,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,302,194</u>
Liabilities				
Amount due to Provider	-	-	22,643	22,643
Amount due to a broker	-	-	133,255	133,255
Amount due to Trustee	-	-	611	611
Amount due to PPA	-	-	611	611
Total financial liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,120</u>	<u>157,120</u>

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18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D.)

(a) Classification of financial instruments (cont'd.)

	Financial assets at FVTPL RM	Financial assets at amortised cost RM	Financial liabilities at amortised cost RM	Total RM
2022				
Assets				
Shariah-compliant investments	13,696,265	-	-	13,696,265
Amount due from Provider Dividend/Distribution receivables	-	3,646	-	3,646
Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution	-	10,160	-	10,160
Cash at banks	-	2,321,140	-	2,321,140
Total financial assets	<u>13,696,265</u>	<u>3,065,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,762,129</u>
Liabilities				
Amount due to Provider	-	-	187,628	187,628
Amount due to Trustee	-	-	584	584
Amount due to PPA	-	-	584	584
Total financial liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,796</u>	<u>188,796</u>
			Income, expenses, gains and losses	
			2023	2022
			RM	RM
Net gain/(loss) from financial assets at FVTPL			165,633	(2,162,652)
Income, of which derived from:				
– Dividend/Distribution income from financial assets at FVTPL			566,048	488,320
– Profit income from financial assets at amortised cost			59,063	35,963
– Other net realised losses on foreign currency exchange			(27,150)	(50,050)
– Other net unrealised gains on foreign currency exchange			25	282
			<u>25</u>	<u>282</u>

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18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D.)

(b) Financial instruments that are carried at fair value

The Fund's financial assets and liabilities are carried at fair value.

The Fund uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable; either directly or indirectly; or

Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments recorded at fair value by the level of the fair value hierarchy:

	Level 1 RM	Level 2 RM	Level 3 RM	Total RM
2023				
Financial assets at FVTPL	<u>14,575,257</u>	<u>186,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,762,086</u>
2022				
Financial assets at FVTPL	<u>13,526,014</u>	<u>170,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,696,265</u>

(c) Financial instruments that are not carried at fair value and whose carrying amounts are reasonable approximation of fair value

The following are classes of financial instruments that are not carried at fair value and whose carrying amounts are reasonable approximation of fair value due to their short period to maturity or short credit period:

- Amount due from/to Provider
- Dividend/Distribution receivables
- Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution
- Cash at banks
- Amount due to a broker
- Amount due to Trustee
- Amount due to PPA

There are no financial instruments which are not carried at fair value and whose carrying amounts are not reasonable approximation of their respective fair value.

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19. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Fund is exposed to a variety of risks that include market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, single issuer risk, regulatory risk, country risk, management risk, non-compliance risk and Shariah non-compliance risk.

Risk management is carried out by closely monitoring, measuring and mitigating the above said risks, careful selection of Shariah-compliant investments coupled with stringent compliance to Shariah-compliant investment restrictions as stipulated by the Capital Market and Services Act 2007, Securities Commission Malaysia's Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes, Securities Commission Malaysia's Guidelines on Islamic Capital Market Products and the Deed as the backbone of risk management of the Fund.

(a) Market risk

The Fund's principal exposure to market risk arises primarily due to changes in the market environment, global economic and geo-political developments.

The Fund's market risk is affected primarily by the following risks:

(i) Price risk

Price risk refers to the uncertainty of an investment's future prices. In the event of adverse price movements, the Fund might endure potential loss on its quoted Shariah-compliant investments. In managing price risk, the Provider actively monitors the performance and risk profile of the investment portfolio.

The result below summarised the price risk sensitivity of the Fund's NAV due to movements of price by -5.00% and +5.00% respectively:

Percentage movements in price by:	Sensitivity of the Fund's NAV	
	2023 RM	2022 RM
-5.00%	(738,104)	(684,813)
+5.00%	<u>738,104</u>	<u>684,813</u>

(ii) Profit rate risk

Profit rate risk will affect the value of the Fund's Shariah-compliant investments, given the profit rate movements, which are influenced by regional and local economic developments as well as political developments.

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19. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONT'D.)

(a) Market risk (cont'd.)

(ii) Profit rate risk (cont'd.)

Domestic profit rates on Shariah-compliant deposits and placements with a licensed financial institution are determined based on prevailing market rates.

The result below summarised the profit rate sensitivity of the Fund's NAV, or theoretical value due to the parallel movement assumption of the yield curve by +100bps and -100bps respectively:

Parallel shift in yield curve by:	Sensitivity of the Fund's NAV, theoretical value	
	2023 RM	2022 RM
+100 bps	(70)	(62)
-100 bps	71	63

(iii) Currency risk

Currency risk is associated with the Fund's assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than the Fund's functional currency. Currency risk refers to the potential loss the Fund might face due to unfavorable fluctuations of currencies other than the Fund's functional currency against the Fund's functional currency.

The result below summarised the currency risk sensitivity of the Fund's NAV due to appreciation/depreciation of the Fund's functional currency against currencies other than the Fund's functional currency.

Percentage movements in currencies other than the Fund's functional currency:	Sensitivity of the Fund's NAV	
	2023 RM	2022 RM
-5.00%	(151,070)	(128,912)
+5.00%	151,070	128,912

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19. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONT'D.)

(a) Market risk (cont'd.)

(iii) Currency risk (cont'd.)

The net unhedged financial assets of the Fund that are not denominated in Fund's functional currency are as follows:

Assets denominated in	2023		2022	
	RM equivalent	% of NAV	RM equivalent	% of NAV
Hong Kong Dollar				
Shariah-compliant investments	262,848	1.45	176,191	1.06
Dividend receivables	1,756	0.01	-	-
Cash at bank	895	-*	862	0.01
	<u>265,499</u>	<u>1.46</u>	<u>177,053</u>	<u>1.07</u>
Indonesian Rupiah				
Shariah-compliant investments	<u>554,877</u>	<u>3.06</u>	<u>606,479</u>	<u>3.66</u>
South Korean Won				
Shariah-compliant investments	1,496,482	8.26	1,080,777	6.53
Dividend receivables	-	-	1,651	0.01
	<u>1,496,482</u>	<u>8.26</u>	<u>1,082,428</u>	<u>6.54</u>
New Taiwan Dollar				
Cash at bank	<u>704,531</u>	<u>3.88</u>	<u>710,347</u>	<u>4.30</u>
United States Dollar				
Cash at bank	<u>5</u>	<u>-*</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

* represents less than 0.01%.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss to the Fund by failing to discharge an obligation. Credit risk applies to Shariah-compliant deposits and dividend/distribution receivables. The issuer of such instruments may not be able to fulfill the required profit payments or repay the principal invested or amount owing. These risks may cause the Fund's Shariah-compliant investments to fluctuate in value.

For Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution, the Fund makes placements with a licensed financial institution with sound rating of P1/MARC-1 and above. Cash at banks are held for liquidity purposes and are not exposed to significant credit risk.

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19. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONT'D.)

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. Exposure to liquidity risk arises because of the possibility that the Fund could be required to pay its liabilities or redeem its units earlier than expected. The Fund maintains sufficient level of liquid assets, after consultation with the Trustee, to meet anticipated payments and cancellations of units by members. Liquid assets comprise of Shariah-compliant deposit with a licensed financial institution and other instruments, which are capable of being converted into cash within 5 to 7 days. The Fund's policy is to always maintain a prudent level of liquid assets so as to reduce liquidity risk.

The Fund's financial liabilities have contractual maturities of not more than six months.

(d) Single issuer risk

Internal policy restricts the Fund from investing in securities issued by any issuer of not more than a certain percentage of its NAV. Under such restriction, the risk exposure to the securities of any single issuer is diversified and managed based on internal/external ratings.

(e) Regulatory risk

Any changes in national policies and regulations may have effects on the capital market and the NAV of the Fund.

(f) Country risk

The risk of price fluctuation in foreign securities may arise due to political, financial and economic events in foreign countries. If this occurs, there is possibility that the NAV of the Fund may be adversely affected.

(g) Management risk

Poor management of the Fund may cause considerable losses to the Fund that in turn may affect the NAV of the Fund.

(h) Non-compliance risk

This is the risk of the Provider or the Trustee not complying with the respective internal policies, the Deed and its Supplemental Deed, securities laws or guidelines issued by the regulators relevant to each party, which may adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

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19. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONT'D.)

(i) Shariah non-compliance risk

This is the risk of the Fund not conforming to Shariah Investment Guidelines. The Shariah Adviser for the Fund would be responsible for ensuring that the Fund is managed and administered in accordance with Shariah Investment Guidelines. Note that as the Fund can only invest in Shariah-compliant instruments, non-compliance may adversely affect the NAV of the Fund when the rectification of non-compliance results in losses.

20. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The primary objective of the Fund's capital management is to ensure that it maximises members' value by expanding its fund size to benefit from economies of scale and achieving growth in NAV from the performance of its Shariah-compliant investments.

The Fund manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund may issue new or bonus units, make distribution payment, or return capital to members by way of redemption of units.

No changes were made in the objective, policies or processes during the financial years ended 31 August 2023 and 31 August 2022.

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STATEMENT BY THE PROVIDER

I, Goh Wee Peng, being the Director of and on behalf of the Board of Directors of AmFunds Management Berhad (“the Provider”), do hereby state that in the opinion of the Provider, the accompanying financial statements are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund (“the Fund”) as at 31 August 2023 and the comprehensive income, the changes in net assets value attributable to members and cash flows for the financial year then ended.

For and on behalf of the Provider

GOH WEE PENG

Executive Director

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

19 October 2023

THE SCHEME TRUSTEE’S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF AMPRS – ISLAMIC EQUITY FUND (“Fund”)

We have acted as the Scheme Trustee of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 August 2023 and we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, AmFunds Management Berhad has operated and managed the Fund during the year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the following:-

1. Limitations imposed on the investment powers of the PRS Provider under the deed, securities laws and the Guidelines on Private Retirement Schemes;
2. Valuation and pricing is carried out in accordance with the deed; and
3. Any creation and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the deed and any regulatory requirement.

For Deutsche Trustees Malaysia Berhad

Ng Hon Leong
Head, Fund Operations

Sylvia Beh
Chief Executive Officer

Kuala Lumpur
19 October 2023

SHARIAH ADVISER'S REPORT FOR ISLAMIC PRIVATE RETIREMENT SCHEME FUND

To the members of AmPRS – Islamic Equity Fund (“Fund”),

We hereby confirm the following:

1. To the best of our knowledge, after having made all reasonable enquiries, AmFunds Management Berhad has operated and managed the Fund during the period covered by these financial statements in accordance with the Shariah principles and requirements and complied with the applicable guidelines, rulings or decisions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia pertaining to Shariah matters: and
2. The assets of the Fund comprise instruments that have been classified as Shariah-compliant.

For Amanie Advisors Sdn Bhd

Tan Sri Dr Mohd Daud Bakar

Executive Chairman

Date: 19 October 2023

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