# **Precious Metals Securities**



### **Fund Overview**

### Investment Objective

Precious Metals Securities (the "Fund") aims to achieve capital appreciation by investing in a portfolio of global Shariah-compliant equity and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities (including, without limitation, Islamic depository receipts, but excluding Shariah-compliant preferred shares and sukuk), of companies engaged in activities (exploration, mining and processing) related to gold, silver, platinum or other precious metals or minerals.

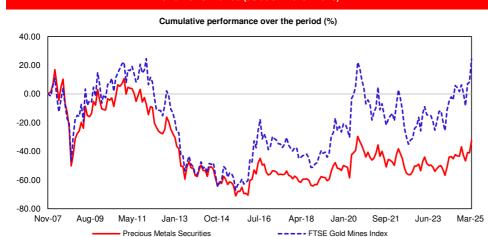
### The Fund is suitable for investors:

- · seeking global investment strategy that conforms to Shariah principles.
- · seeking potential medium to long-term\* capital appreciation.
- · willing to invest in gold, silver, platinum and other precious metals equities, and their related equities.

Note: \*Medium to long-term refers to a period of at least three (3) years.

Any material change to the investment objective of the Fund would require Unit Holders' approval

### Fund Performance (as at 31 March 2025)



Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Unit prices and investment returns may go down as well as up Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

#### Performance Table (as at 31 March 2025) YTD 1 Year 5 Years Cumulative Return (%) 1 Month 6 Months 3 Years 26.73 19.34 38.36 9.32 62.62 Fund \*Benchmark 35 60 14 90 22.36 39 92 20.92 78 34 Annualised Return (%) 10 Years 3 Years 5 Years Since Inception 3.01 10.22 6.24 -2.24 Fund \*Benchmark 6.53 12.26 11.45 1.25 Calendar Year Return (%) 2024 2023 2022 2021 2020 Fund 6.53 0.63 -5.45 -11.45 18.45 \*Benchmark -10.46 3.90 13.97 -9.7321.11

Source Fund Return: Novagni Analytics and Advisory Sdn. Bhd.
Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. The performance is calculated based on NAV-to-NAV using Time Weighted Rate of Return ("TWRR")

### **Fund Facts**

### Fund Category / Type

Feeder (Global Islamic equity) / Growth

### **Base Currency**

MYR

### Investment Manager

AmIslamic Funds Management Sdn Bhd

#### Launch Date

15 November 2007

#### **Initial Offer Price**

MYR 1.0000

### Minimum Initial Investment

### MYR 1.000

### **Minimum Additional Investment** MYR 500

### **Annual Management Fee**

Up to 1.80% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund

### Annual Trustee Fee

Up to 0.08% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund

## **Entry Charge**

Up to 5.00% of NAV per unit of the Fund

#### Exit Fee

### Redemption Payment Period

Within ten (10) Business Days of receiving the redemption request.

#### Income Distribution

Income distribution (if any) will be reinvested

#### \*Data as at (as at 31 March 2025) NAV Per Unit\* MYR 0.6234 Fund Size\* MYR 130.85 million Unit in Circulation\* 209.90 million

1- Year NAV High\* MYR 0.6287 (28 Mar 2025) 1- Year NAV Low\* MYR 0.4888 (02 Apr 2024)

Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

The above fees and charges may be subject to any applicable taxes and/or duties (imposed by the Government of Malaysia which are payable by the unit holder(s) and/or the Fund (as the case may be) at the prevailing rate.

### Income Distribution History

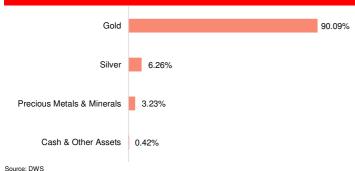
Year	Total Payout per unit (Sen)	Yield (%)
2024	N/A	N/A
2023	N/A	N/A
2022	N/A	N/A
2021	N/A	N/A
2020	N/A	N/A

Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

Historical income distribution is not indicative of future income distribution payout. The income could be in the form of units or cash. Unit prices and income distribution, if any, may rise or fall. Where an income distribution is declared, investors are advised that following the distribution the net asset value per unit will be reduced from cum-distribution NAV to ex-distribution NAV.

# Asset Allocation (as at 31 March 2025) **DWS Noor Precious Metals Securities Fund** 91.46% Money market deposits and cash equivalents Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

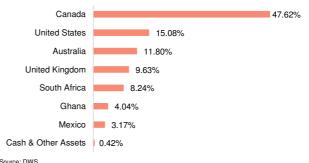
## Target Fund's Sector Allocation\* (as at 31 March 2025)



\*As percentage of NAV. Please note that asset exposure for the Target Fund is subject to frequent change on a daily basis

#### Target Fund's Top 5 Holdings (as at 31 March 2025) Franco-Nevada Corp. 9.37% Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. 9.10% Newmont Corp. 7.94% Barrick Gold Corp 7.07% Northern Star Resources Ltd. 6.05%

# Target Fund's Country Allocation\* (as at 31 March 2025)



Source: DWS

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<sup>\*</sup>FTSE Gold Mines Index

Source Benchmark: \*AmFunds Management Berhad

## Target Fund Manager's Commentary (as at 31 March 2025)

#### Market Review

- •During the month of March, Silver, Gold, Palladium, and Platinum each had positive returns of 9.42%, 9.30%, 7.43%, and 5.10%, respectively.
- •Gold and precious metals equities, as measured by the S&P BMI Gold and Precious Metals Index (non-Sharia compliant), gained 15.71% during the period.
- •Gold ETFs had net inflows of 2.48mm oz, or about 2.9% of total known gold ETFs.

### Current Gold & Precious Metals Themes

Precious Metals performance led the way for Commodities with Silver claiming the top spot, followed by Palladium, Gold, and Platinum. Risk off sentiment transpired across equity markets around the world and precious metals proved to be a good hedge vs. other risky assets.

We hold a positive view on gold on a long-term paradigm shift, the drivers are central bank reserve accumulation, asset flows, and a flight-to-safety bid during risk-off events. However, gold prices have moved in sync with other risky assets, but gold is also a liquid asset for generating cash at times of distress. The physical gold premium should recede with gold bullion been excluded from tariffs. However, favoritism for physical gold should keep physical gold in premium vs. future contracts. Top-extensions and positioning show more risk to a pullback, but we remain bullish medium term and see pullbacks getting bought by investors.

Silver and Palladium/Platinum more exposed to weaker growth and 25% tariffs on autos. Industrial demand of Silver from areas such as solar panels, wind power generators, etc. may decline due to slow down in global GDP. On the flip side, should countries such as China apply fiscal measures to counter tariff impact, silver demand may benefit from additional infrastructure spending programs

#### Consolidation Fever: Why M&A Could Be Mid-Cap Gold

Despite historical concerns about high debt levels among gold miners, many now have improved balance sheets and exceptionally strong margins thanks to soaring metal prices. However, many haven't invested adequately in finding new gold deposits, potentially jeopardizing future production growth. This opens the door for potential consolidation. With valuations, particularly in mid- and small-cap equities, still lagging their larger counterparts, the stage is set for potential mergers and acquisitions, and we are already seeing the announcement of some deals. Larger miners, flush with cash and facing limited organic growth opportunities, may look to acquire exploration-focused mid-cap companies or consolidate existing assets, propelling a wave of deals across the sector. This presents savvy investors with the chance to unlock significant value, especially in undervalued mid-cap equities poised to be absorbed by bigger players. In a gold market poised for both growth and consolidation, we meticulously select established producers who, unlike many peers, have already invested in securing future production. They now enjoy falling capital expenditures as cash flow and production steadily climb, all while demonstrating exemplary cost control and consistent target-beating. These companies, boasting ample reserves and long mine lives, are prime targets in the predicted mid-cap M&A wave. As larger players seek established growth, these producers stand to be acquired at a premium, unlocking significant value for our investors. While the market might bask in the general upward trend, our focus on proven winners, operational efficiency, and future-proofed reserves positions us to deliver alpha as the gold story unfolds.

The outlook for gold miners has risen alongside gold spot price. While share prices have risen, they haven't maintained pace with gold price. Gold miners faced pressure from rapid cost expansion in the past 2 years, keeping margins subdued and valuations low. Cost inflation, however, has stabilized while gross margins and free cash flow yields have risen on account of rising gold and silver prices. Current spot prices imply high upside for gold miners at today's valuations, creating a very favorable outlook for the sector. The gold mining sector is still lacking in names that can boast a strong growth profile past the one- to two-year time horizon. A lack of recent investment in growth and discovery may cause companies to face shrinking production as large miners continue to seek growth through M&A of smaller names instead of discovery.

### Fund Performance and Contributors

- •During the month of March, the Target Fund gained 16.01% in USD.
- The top 3 individual contributors to the Target Fund were Impala Platinum Holding Ltd., Fortuna Mining Corp., and Anglo American Platinum Ltd. The top 3 detractors were Skeer Resources Ltd., MAG Silver Corp., and B2Gold Corp.

Source: DWS

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Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 31 March 2025, the Volatility Factor ("VF") for this Fund is 25.8 and is classified as "Very High" (Source: Lipper). "Very High" includes funds with VF that are more than 16.460 (Source: Lipper). The VF means there is a possibility for the Fund in generating an upside return or downside return around this VF. The Volatility Class ("VC") is assigned by Lipper based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision and VC will be revised every six months. The Fund's portfolio may have changed since this date and there is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to have the same VF or VC in the future. Presently, only funds launched in the market for at least 36 months will display the VF and its VC.

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